

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."
—St. Therese of Lisieux

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Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

HAINESVILLE CROSSROADS — November 2025 Edition

Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" (John 18:33-35 EHV)

THANKFUL TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS THE KING

I don't know whether Pilate was really looking for all the answers. It seems his only concern was to keep the peace as the Roman governor. Pilate certainly had dealt with many of these cases, and he was just trying to sift through the evidence to determine whether Jesus of Nazareth was really a threat.

Don't you wish there had been somebody to speak on Jesus' behalf? Don't you wish someone would have explained to Pilate how important Jesus really was? For the most part, Pilate only heard the false accusations against Jesus.

You and I know who Jesus truly is. We know the entire story. We know Jesus came to this earth to be our Savior. We know he perfectly obeyed God because we did not. We know he took our place and died so we would be forgiven and made children of God. We know how he triumphantly rose from the dead, conquering death so that we will live forever.

It is so good to know all of this about Jesus. It gives us a new purpose for our lives. It comforts us in our troubles and sorrows. It brings us peace and joy, even with so many heartaches in our lives.

Many people in our world do not have this same purpose, comfort, peace, and joy. They may have heard about Jesus, but they don't really know who he is. They may think that he had some wise sayings or that he did some good things. They don't realize how important Jesus really is.

It is amazing that God puts his Word into our hearts and then gives us the joy of telling others about Jesus the King. What a wonder that we get to explain who Jesus truly is—the Savior of all. Thank God that he gives us the true peace and joy that are found only in Jesus the Savior—King.

Dear Lord, thank you for the wonderful blessings we receive because Jesus is our King. Give us a heart that yearns to share these blessings with others. Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving



Month at a Glance

- Sunday morning worship 9:30 AM in the sanctuary; YouTube live broadcast beginning at 9:30 or available on demand following the service
- Book Club meets Tuesday Nov 4th at noon at church
- Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM
- Bible Study "The Wired Word" lead by Pastor Mary Lou meets November 11th at 9:30 AM
- Church Council meets Monday Nov 17th at 6:00 PM
- WELCA Tues Nov 18th at noon at church; Thank offerings will be collected
- Hainesville Lunch Bunch Thursday Nov 20th 11:30 at Belgium Delight
- Grief Support Group November 20th at 6:00
- Quilting for LWR: Tues Nov 25th at 9 AM



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HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15th, 2025 6:00 PM MEETING

Present: Joanne Adlon, Mary Lou Plummer, Lora Schaefer, John Melland, Lori Flick, George Sincock, Ellen Klister, Dean Larson, & Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Heather Haese, Gene LaPlante

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon leading the "Council Prayer" at 6:00 pm.

Open Forum: No report

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion was made by George & 2nd by Ellen to approve the meeting agenda. Motion approved.

Pastor Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Visited with Bob Pachniak & Becca Anderson regarding their upcoming commitment ceremony on Oct. 5th, 2025.
- Pastor Mary Lou did phone visits with some of our shut-ins.
- Pastor Mary Lou will swap out Sunday with Pastor Raben as needed because of conflict in her schedule.
- Pastor Mary Lou may do acolyte training with Bay View Lutheran congregants in the future.

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVES:

Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Dean reprinted the instructions & procedures for streaming Sunday services for the video personnel.
- Dean & Ellen will be taking over the sign-ups for the ushering duties.

Social Ministry: (Lora Schaefer)

- Sept. 7th, "God's Work Our Hands" went very well. The ditches were cleaned; blankets were tied & the church grounds were tended to. And the congregation enjoyed the chicken dinner provided by the Church Council.
- Donations for "Feed & Clothe My People" have been well received.

Evangelism: (Lori Flick)

- Lori is planning a sewing project with the students, (making winter scarves) for Oct. 26.

Lori will coordinate with Becky Brown for this project.

Property: (John Melland & Gene LaPlante)

- The new to us, used lawnmower is a great asset. It works well!

Education: (Heather Haese)

- No Report.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- No Report

Vice-President: (George Sincock)

- No report

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- The Nordic Grant Project has sent Hainesville \$7,500. per the agreement. The remainder will be sent when the outside painting is finished.
- The church's insurance with Auto-Owners Insurance was paid as well as the tree cutting & trimming bill was paid explaining the larger deductions.
- Suggestions for the next budgeting cycle made to black top the gravel drive from the schoolhouse to the present parking lot. And also, re-topcoat the existing parking lot. Motion was made by George & 2nd by John to get estimates & proceed with this project. Motion approved.

Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion was made by George & 2nd by Ellen to accept the secretary's report from August. Motion approved.

UPCOMING SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS: WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, ETC.

- Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Croissant Luncheon
- Sunday, Oct. 5th, Becca & Bob Commitment Ceremony, after Sunday services.
- Sunday, Oct. 26, Youth Sunday (After "Trunk or Treat") - Joanne made signs for the event, they will be distributed around town. A movie, pumpkin decorating, s'mores, popcorn, & a meal of mac & cheese will all be included. Please decorate your car trunk, dress in costumes & join in the fun event!

OLD BUSINESS 7 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Nordic Grant: Received \$7,500.00
- Ecumenical Partnership for Housing- George reported that he will be inspecting the proposed housing.
- Outdoor Signage for the individual events - No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hire landscaper- Motion was made to contact Sund Landscaping for an estimate to have the gardens cleaned & thinned out in the future. Motion was made by Ellen & 2nd by Lori. Motion approved. Ellen will contact them.
- The pine tree on the north side of the church needs trimming & possible removal, in order to have the church painted. Plus its roots grow into the drain tile. George will trim the tree.

TABLED ITEMS:

- New computer for Church Secretary.
- Lighting Assessment- need to contact a lighting specialist regarding upgrade.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dean & 2nd by Joanne; Motion approved.

The Council meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Joanne Adlon at 6:38 pm.

Next Council Meeting: October 20, 2025, at 6 pm.



The Hainesville Lunch Bunch will be meeting on the Third Thursday in November because of Thanksgiving. They will be meeting at Belgium Delight on November 20th at 11:30. Please let Marla Vogel know before the 18th if you are planning on attending. The Lunch Bunch will meet again in February. We will let you know the location at that time.



Birthdays in November

Nov 2nd	Robert Peterson
Nov 6th	Kirsten Dixner Young
	Hannah Grohman
Nov 10th	Rachel Hanson
Nov 18th	Kayla Wilke
Nov 20th	Pat Malley
Nov 21st	Greg Jacobson
Nov 26th	Nancy Keyser



Wedding Anniversaries in November

Nov 4th	Kim & Greg Jacobson
Nov 10th	Alice & Tom Angermeier
Nov 27th	Ellen & Russ Klister





Linda (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Evelyn** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Tom** (D), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Joan** (Goessel), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Barth** (Jeanquart), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Judy** (Krahn), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Amie** (M), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Kathy** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler) **Deb** (Ulrich), **Irene** (Thorson), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Betty, Bill, Carole & Russ, Chelsa, Gladie, Jay Jeff. and Laurie.**

TUESDAY November 4th AT NOON

Book title: "[Book Club for Troublesome Women](#)" by Marie Bostwick



Four dissatisfied sixties-era housewives form a book club turned sisterhood that will hold fast amid the turmoil of a rapidly changing world and alter the course of each of their lives.

By early 1960s standards, Margaret Ryan, Viv Buschetti, and Bitsy Cobb, suburban housewives in a brand-new "planned community" in Northern Virginia, appear to have it all. The fact that "all" doesn't feel like enough leaves them feeling confused and guilty, certain the fault must lie with them. Things begin to change when they form a book club with Charlotte Gustafson-the eccentric and artsy "new neighbor" from Manhattan, and read Betty Friedan's just-released book, "The Feminine Mystique".

Controversial and groundbreaking, the book struck a chord with an entire generation of women, helping them realize that they weren't alone in their dissatisfactions, or their longings, lifting their eyes to new horizons of possibility and achievement. Margaret, Charlotte, Bitsy, and Viv are among them. But is it really the book that alters the lives of these four very different women? Or is it the bond of sisterhood that helps them find courage to confront the past, navigate turmoil in a rapidly changing world, and see themselves in a new and limitless light?

Wednesday, November 4th, the Interfaith Coalition of Housing (formally known as the Ecumenical Partnership on Housing) ~ Sturgeon Bay is having the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 12:30. The address is:

133 S 16th Place

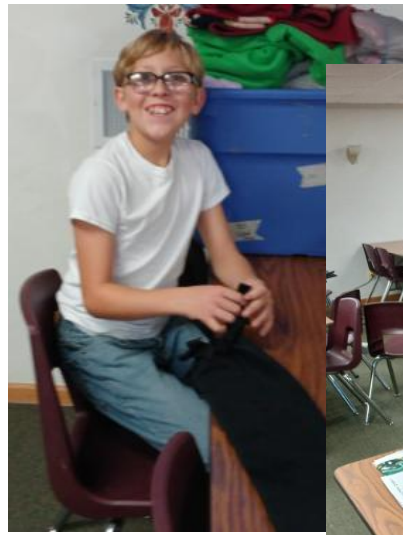
Sturgeon Bay

Together with community partners, we are working to provide Transitional Long-Term Housing! If you have any questions please see Marla Vogel, Linda Kohn, or George Sincock. Thank you to these three for representing our congregation.



Youth Sunday

A service project of making scarves for those who may need them was done by the youth.



Trick or treating is always fun for kids of all ages.



Pumpkin carving is always part of the experience.

Youth Sunday will be November 16th. They are planning on making blessing bags. They are asking for donations of warm socks, hand warmers, travel-size toiletries, and granola bars. Please bring these items to the church by November 9th.



SECRET SANTA



The Secret Santa project is set to begin again this year. We will be choosing a family in need to make their Christmas just a bit brighter. There will be a can in the fellowship area for donations. If you are writing a

check please put Secret Santa in the memo line.

Donations

need to be to the church by December 7th to allow time for shopping and wrapping. Thank you.

From the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee would like you to know that in 2026 the church will need to elect

- Vice President (2 year term)
- Secretary (2 year term)
- Property (3 year term)
- Education (3 year term)
- Auditor (3 year term)
- Nominating committee (2) 1 year each
- Synod delegates (2) 1 year each

Please prayerfully consider taking an active role in the function and continuing life of your church. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see: Linda Monahan, Deb Grunwald, or Marie Weber.

Congratulations to Bob & Becca on their commitment to each other. It was a great day with lots of food and friends and family. May you be as happy as you are now always.





2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Family Choir Rehearsal at 9:30
2 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion A-K	3	4 Noon Book Club	5 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Worship L-Z	10	11 9:30 Bible Study "The Wired Word"	12 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	13	14	15
16 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion/Youth Sunday Council Provides	17 Church council 6:00	18 NOON: WELCA thank offerings collected	19 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	20 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Grief Support 6:00	21	22
23 9:30 am Worship A-K	24	25 9 AM—Noon: quilting for Missions	26 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	27 	28 <i>Office closed</i>	29
30 9:30 am Worship L-Z						



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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Be a Bell-Ringer this season for the Salvation Army



The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will be upon us soon! With them comes the sound of The Salvation Army ringing bell! Let's help our neighbors in need by volunteering to ring! Door County families needing emergency assistance and shoes for children returning to school benefit from the proceeds from local bell-ringing,

and your help is needed! Volunteer to ring at one of many locations in Door County. It's fun and rewarding! Ringing starts Friday, November 21st and runs through Wednesday, December 24th. Early ringers are especially needed. Sign up to ring by contacting Nancy by text or call at 920-883-7886 or email nakc1@icloud.com for questions and to sign up.

