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[Look for the Hainesville Lutheran Worship service online either on our Facebook page or on the church web site.](#)

Hainesville Lutheran is a fellowship of Christians, empowered by the Gospel, who share their faith through witness, service and hospitality.

Hello again. It's me.

I want you to know that I've been missing you, which is kind of a unique thing to say considering that I am someone who enjoys a more solitary lifestyle. I'm the person who usually enjoys activities like reading, painting, playing piano, bike riding and the such. Hanging out in a large group... not so much.

But what I DO miss are the collaborative things that we can make happen when we work and play together. My soul aches to make music together as a group, or to be a part of corporate worship and prayer. I enjoy being with family and friends as they share the stories of their lives; as their faces light up when they recount the events that have shaped their days; the concerns that make their foreheads crinkle or their smiles turn into a frown. Don't get me wrong, zoom gatherings have been the highlight of my day, but there's nothing like a good old fashioned face-to-face coffee klatch.

Tuesday I had what Pastor Trent called a holy convergence; I had three different devotionals all use and speak to the word "community." One pastor from North Minneapolis titled his thoughts on "the church has left the building" as he spoke to redefining our concept of community. He spoke as a guest of a morning devotional that I watch from two ELCA pastors and brothers from North Carolina. You can watch the June 9th video by right-clicking on the "Morning watch" logo and then click on the "open hyperlink." (in the PDF format, I just clicked on the picture to go to YouTube)



During these times we ache to see our family and friends, even from 6 feet away. But God still calls us to be church within the community we are placed and to even expand our circle of contacts. From the book of Acts we are encouraged to go and tell about Jesus in Jerusalem (our immediate home area) Samaria (our wider geographical area), and to the ends of the earth (even to places we have yet to explore). Jesus was always calling people into a deeper relationship with God and finding ways to meet their needs, both physical and spiritual.

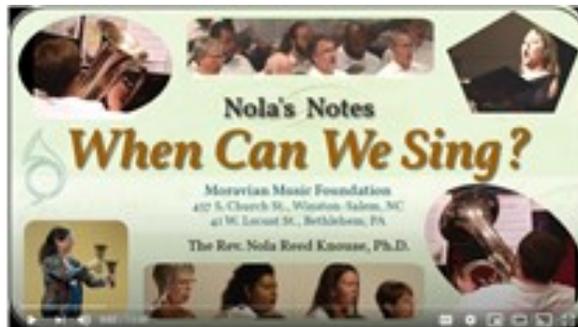
In the wake of recent events that began on a street in Minneapolis, we have been



From Pastor Trent (continued)

called to examine our own definition of community. Jesus expanded his definition of community when he asked the question, “just who is our neighbor.” For me I’ve been challenged to think outside of my comfort zone and to look at my own circle of contacts. The reality of our covid-19 sheltering-at-home is in serious conflict with the call of being community. Community requires people, something we are supposed to avoid at the moment. Arrrrgh... it’s so maddening. But I feel compelled to do something...anything...

I listened to a YouTube video titled “When Can We Sing? - Nola’s Notes; Moravian Music Lecture” and as the speaker was summarizing her talk, she challenged us to think about how we can use the gifts that we *have* been given, in new and helpful ways. Her talk was aimed at church musicians, but could certainly apply to anyone. She complimented musicians on their powerhouse level of community and tolerance. How can that energy and drive be refocused into the community around us? She stated that musicians are collaborative- we are aware that we are better together than alone and can accomplish more by working together. We are hospitable- we practice open-armed forgiveness and acceptance with those with whom we make music; we are resourceful (creative, energetic, versatile, adaptable, flexible, collaborative,) we are disciplined - we keep learning and do so just with baby steps and patience, maintaining our daily practice to meet our long term goals; we are perceptive - we can see and hear and rejoice in tiny moments of beauty all around us. Again, you can listen to her talk by right-clicking the picture above and then opening the hyperlink. (in the PDF format, I just clicked on the picture to go to YouTube)



COLLABORATION HOSPITALITY RESOURCEFULNESS DISCIPLINE PERCEPTION these are all gifts and talents that our world can use. And to me, those qualities sound a lot like the good people of Hainesville. Find a way to use those gifts in the church that has left the building. And above all, add love because it is by love that Jesus is known.

Pastor Trent will be leading next months book discussion. Here is the information on the book:

Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving

Discussion held by ZOOM Meeting

Tuesday July 7th at NOON

Waking Up White is the book Irving wishes someone had handed her decades ago. By sharing her sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, she offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As Irving unpacks her own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, she reveals how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race. She also explains why and how she's changed the way she talks about racism, works in racially mixed groups, and understands the antiracism movement as a whole. Exercises at the end of each chapter prompt readers to explore their own racialized ideas. Waking Up White's personal narrative is designed to work well as a rapid read, a book group book, or support reading for courses exploring racial and cultural issues.

If you have other people that believe would like to be part of this discussion, please share this info with them and share the ZOOM info with them when we send it out. Copies of the book can be found on Hoopla. If you have any questions about accessing the book or the zoom meeting, contact Pastor Trent.



**Books Belief
Belonging**

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

June 1st Frank Pudlo
 Rilynn Brunette
 June 4th Marge Horn
 June 10th Sue Nusbaum
 Linda Ciccone
 June 11th Marlene Larson
 June 13th Harold Larsen
 June 14th Russell Pudlo
 June 15th Kyanna Borkovetz
 June 16th Marie Weber
 June 17th Ted Morrison

June 19th Gene LaPlante
 June 21st Jane Roalkvan-Sincock
 June 24th Russ Klister

Anniversaries

June 6th Bill & Sharon Albert
 June 7th Jeff & Heidi Gutschow
 Carrol & Mary Verken
 June 12th Jim & Marla Vogel
 June 22nd Emery & Pam Freiberg
 Pastor Mike & Linda Zolnosky

Prayers for Our Church Family



Rusty (Allen), Riley (A), Lindsay (A), Sandy (Anderson), Trudy (Berkhahn), Nancy (Bontempo), Shirley (Brandt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Dennis (Buckingham), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Barbara (Foster), Mike (Grainger), Ruth (Grainger), Joanne (Huhta), Cindy & Terry (Kinney), Ellie (Krull), Harold (Larsen), Judy (Larson), Judy (LaVine), Natalie (Markham), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Michelle (Raasch), Mary Lee (Riddle), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Eric (Thorson), Dorothy (Twiton), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Laddie (Watson), Jeanine and Marla Vogel and her family on the loss of her mother Alberta Streckert.

How do I send in my weekly offering during this time of Being the Church at Home?

We may not be gathering in our church building right now, but we are still being the church together even when we are apart. While we will be gathering together in person again some time in the future, we still have our financial commitments that need to be met in order to maintain the facilities and operations of the church until then. However, making financial contributions to the church is much more than simply maintaining a building and supporting church programs. Giving to the church is mostly about making a difference in people's lives. It is about supporting ministries that serve the local and global communities out of Christ's call for us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please remember your offering to the church during this time.

There are two ways to submit your offering:

1. Mail in your offering to church:

Hainesville Lutheran Church
 3944 County Rd M
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

2. Sign Up for *Simply Giving* automatic withdrawal program. Please contact Church Treasurer Ellen Klister for more information and assistance with enrollment. A SIMPLY GIVING form will be available with this newsletter as an attachment or included in the postal mailing.



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The Little Church with a Big Heart



Swaddled in God's law of love

Pastor John Edgerton tells of swaddling his 2-week-old baby to help her feel secure. She loved being wrapped tightly in a soft blanket and would lie quietly — until she managed to work a tiny arm loose. Then she'd scream until someone rewrapped her.

Edgerton likens that behavior to his own connection with God's law, given so people can live in peace. "I know that I'm supposed to do the right thing, but I'm always wiggling out of it," he writes. "And very quickly my life falls into a state of disarray."

We've all experienced this. We know we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we often ignore their needs. Jesus says to love our enemies, but we wiggle around it: "That's too naïve for this day and age." But then relationships crumble, life feels crazy and we recognize that, in large part, we've done it to ourselves. Over and over, we wiggle out of the soft swaddle of God's law of love, only to flail. Thankfully, like a loving parent, God wraps us up anew, holds us close and saves us from ourselves — again.

Rain or Shine

Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.



In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.