"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 CROSSROADS — November 2026 Edition

"Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed.' His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest.'" (Matthew 25:24,26,27 EHV)

FOR BEING HARSH?

I have often heard it said, "I could never believe in a God who is so hateful that he punishes people eternally." The people who say this are troubled by the idea that God punishes people for rejecting him and going against his will. Have you ever felt that temptation to reject and rebel against God?

This lazy servant in out text gave in to that temptation. In his opinion, the master was expecting far more than was reasonable, so much that it was impossible for the servant to give the master everything he wanted. The servant effectively paralyzed himself into doing nothing. His only recourse was to justify his inactivity by blaming the master and calling him harsh. And that is the route that many take today.

Is God harsh? The answer is no. Consider that he sent his Son to take on himself the punishment we all rightly deserve. No harshness here. Now he credits the work of his Son to all people, who with empty hands accept his gift and rest in his promises. No harshness here. And then to sinners saved by his grace, he gives gifts to help others know about that same saving grace—everything they need to succeed in their mission for him. No harshness here.

So why did the servant consider his master harsh? The master put his finger on the reason. It was because the servant was "wicked and lazy." The servant had rejected the master's assignment, he had rejected the gifts the master gave him to carry out the assignment, and he was too lazy to put the money in the bank so it could earn interest, and he wickedly charged his master with being a harsh and unfair man.

Dear fellow believer, never let such a wicked and lazy attitude creep into your heart. Focus on the wondereful gifts you have in your Savior, think about the eternal responsibilities he has entrusted to you. Reflect on the gifts he has given you to carry out his work.

Dear Lord, Jesus, how gacious and patient you are. May that truth drive out every bit of wickedness and laziness from our hearts. Amen.



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 3rd at 10:00 "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate
- Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM
- Bible Study "Grace" lead by Pastor Mary Lou meets November 10th at 9:30 AM. Please read chapters 10 & 11.
- Church Council meets Monday Nov 16th at 5:30 PM
- WELCA Tues Nov 17th at noon. Thank offerings will be collected
- Hainesville Lunch Bunch Thursday Nov 19th at 11:30 at Rennard's Bistro
- Grief Support Group November 19th at 6:00
- Quilting for missions Tues Nov 24th at 9 AM

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 21st, 2026 5:30 PM MEETING

Present: Joanne Adlon, Jim Vogel, John Melland, Lora Schaefer, Lori Langer Flick, Dean Larson, Lana Ferry

Absent: Ellen Klister, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Don Heldmann

The meeting was opened by Joanne at 5:42 p.m. leading the Council Prayer

Motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Jim to approve the Meeting Agenda

Pastor's Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- The Surviving the Loss of a Spouse met for the first time on the second Tuesday of September and had one person attending. I also spent some time prior to the gathering distributing flyers for the group and meeting with Louann Brown in preparation.
- I made three hospital calls and checked in with them later by phone.
- Met with a couple (Rick Jones and fiancé Lucia) who are moving into the Nasewaupee area and are interested in possibly coming to Hainesville Lutheran.

Worship: (Dean Larson)

- Assigned Communion Assistants for October
- You Tube had issues and we were not able to stream for 2 weeks. This has been fixed by getting a new account.

Social Concerns: (Lora Schaefer)

- Continues to take food to Feed My People will alternate with Other Worlds Blessing Box
- God's Work our Hands was a success. We cleaned the ditches, tied 8 blankets, and filled 101 school bags.

Evangelism: (Lori Langer Flick)

- Sent out cards

Property/Maintenance: (Don Heldmann & John Melland)

- Planted grass next to new blacktop and put down straw.
- They continue to mow
- They got the scaffolding up to fix the window on the west side.

Education:

- Becky is thinking of doing a giving basket type thing in December with the youth
- Sunday School will be the 3rd Sunday of the month

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- Extra chairs for outdoor worship came from Costco
- Stained glass on the steeple may be reinstalled on Thursday
- Inscriptions for the windows on the north side

Vice President: (Jim Vogel)

- Scaffolding was put up last Tuesday.
- Window people will be here tomorrow to fix the window on the north side.

Treasurer's Report: (Ellen Klister)

- Motion by Lana, 2nd by Lora to approve. Motion carried

Secretary's Report: (Lana Ferry)

- Motion by Lora, 2nd by Jim to approve. Motion carried
- Pictures are finished and sitting on the table at each entrance to the sanctuary

Upcoming Church Special Events

- September 23rd – Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon
- September 24th – Lunch Bunch at White Birch Inn
- October 15th – Grief Group at 6pm
- October 25th – Trunk or Treat 10:30-noon. We will be serving hot dogs, hot cocoa, and smores. We encourage members to decorate your trunk and give treats. Joanne has ideas for trunk decorations.

Old Business and Action Items from Previous Meetings

- Interfaith Housing Coalition of Sturgeon Bay – Just got hot water and will post a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area for help with clean up

New Business

- Next year we will be needing positions on the church council filled. They are President, Property, Auditor, Education, and Evangelism. Lori is able to do one more term for Evangelism.

Open Property Items

- Parking lot – paving/striping - 2027
- Landscaping – Sund

Tabled Items

- Lighting assessment – waiting until west windows are finished
- Painting – basement, office, and hallway
- Internet Service

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: Motion by Lora, 2nd by Dean to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32.

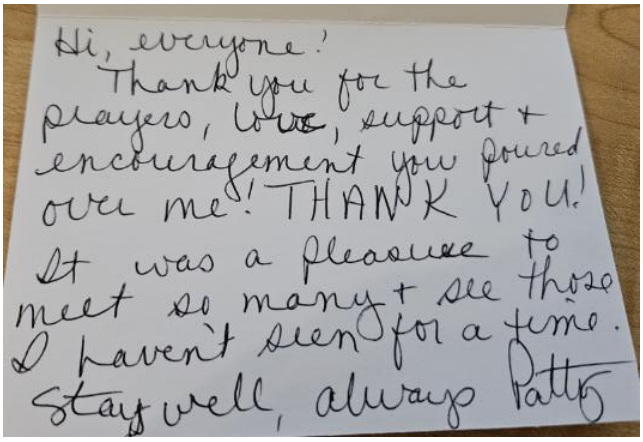
Next Meeting October 19th at 5:30

SECRET SANTA



The Secret Santa project is set to begin again this year. We will be choosing a family in need to make their Cristmas 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 6th to allow time for shopping and wrapping. Thank you.

The church office received the thank you note below from Patty Tebon. She is the Door County native who is a missionary to Swaziland, Africa. She was with us for a Sunday in July. If you missed it go back and view the service from that week on You Tube or on our web page. It is a very moving story she tells.



November ANNIVERSARIES

Wedding Anniversaries in November

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

From the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee would like you to know that in 2027 the church will need to elect

·President (2 year term)
·Property (3 year term)
·Education (3 year term)
Evangelism (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.



TUESDAY December 1st AT 10:00
Book title: "Christmas Ivy" by Judy DuCharme

This Door County author will be present at out Book Club meeting on December 1.
How can one visit alleviate the trials of the past few years? How can one quilt reveal truths never realized? It had to be a dream…Her grandparents passed away a few years earlier, but here in the family kitchen on the dawn of Christmas morning, they greet her with the same love and sage advice she grew up with. Their presence captivates reality and brings Ivy to complete confusion.

November BIRTHDAYS

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

Trunk or Treat

Here are some great pictures from our successful Trunk or Treat. There were many non-members who came. Looks like this may become an annual event. Thank you to all the photographers who took pictures when I wasn't available.











Happy Birthday Joanne.



NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **9:30 Worship/ Communion/ Baptism** **L-Z**	2	3 **BOOKCLUB at 10:00 The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate**	4 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	5	6	7 **Funeral for Dave Sandlund**
8 **9:30 Worship Chili Feast** **Sign up**	9	10 **9:30 Bible Study "Grace" Chapters 10 & 11**	11 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	12	13	14
15 **9:30 Worship/Holy Communion** **A-K**	16 5:30 PM Church Council	17 **NOON WELCA**	18 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	19 **Grief Support Group 6PM**	20	21
22 **9:30 Worship** **L-Z**	23	24 **9AM Quilting for missions**	25 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	26 	27 **Office closed**	28
29 **9:30 Worship** **A-K**	30	1 **Book Club 10:00 Christmas Joy by Judy Ducharme**	2 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	3	4	5 **Decorate Church for Christmas 9:00 Family Choir 11:00**

Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Pastor Hankermeyer**, **Betty** (J), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Joel** (L), **Pat** (M), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Monika** (Perry), **Dale** (Peterson), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Arnie** (Zahn), **Brixanna, Marley, Christina, Gretchen, Joanne, Katlyn, Marissa, Russ, Sophia, and the family of Cindy Knapp.**





November Newsletter

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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

There will be an Ecumenical Worship service at Tanum-Forest on Sunday November 22nd at Tanum Forest on Sunday November 22nd at 5:00. Father Bill will be preaching. There is an old-fashioned hymn sing before the service beginning at 4:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HAINESVILLE

November 8	Chili Fest	
November 19	Lunch Bunch (note date change)	
November 27	Office closed for Thanksgiving	
December 5	Decorate Church	9:00
December 5	Family Choir	11:00