

“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 2023 Edition

May the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you...(1Thessalonians 3:12 EHV)

ASK GOD TO INCREASE YOUR LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

Let us look at how Paul prayed that God would increase the Thessalonian Christians' love for *all* people.

Just think about what that meant for the Thessalonian Christians. It meant showing love to those who were persecuting them! In his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), Jesus instructs us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Is it really possible to be kind and compassionate to those who hate us? YES!! After all, Paul prayed that *God* would grant this increase in love, not that the Thessalonians would somehow generate this love on their own.

It is, of course, God's will that we also show increased love for *all* people—love for the coworker who snickers at our faith; love for the relative who keeps making bad choices that mess up our daily routine; for someone who has hurt us with gossip. But our sinful nature would rather have us hold a grudge than forgive. It would rather that we be standoffish than kind. Like a dog that buries a bone so that no other dog will take it, we'd rather bury our love than generously share it.

So how do we show increased love to all people, when our enemies? By recalling what God did for us in our baptism. In Baptism, God washed us clean from the sin of not loving our enemies. Not only that, he loosened the sinful nature's control over us, just as soaking a pot in soapy water loosens the cooking grease.

Satan doesn't want us to remember the power of our baptism. He wants us to believe that our sinful nature's demands are as nonnegotiable as the demands of the gun-waving bank robber. But here's the thing: our sinful nature is brandishing a gun with no bullets because Baptism has emptied our sinful nature of its power to control us. We are not helpless victims of our sinful nature anymore. We can say "no" to our sinful nature because we are children of God and servants of Christ. He calls and empowers us to love *all* people, even our enemies.

Lord Jesus, help me always remember that I love because you loved me first. In the power of your love, help me show love to all people—even those who make my life difficult. Help me love willingly, not grudgingly. Amen

A Prayer of Thanksgiving



MEETING SCHEDULES

- 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 7th at noon at church
- Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM
- Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus Bible Study lead by Pastor Plummer meets November 14 at 9:30 AM
- W-ELCA Tues Nov 21st at noon at church; Thank offerings will be collected
- Church Council meets Monday Nov 20th at 6:00 PM
- Quilting for LWR: Tues Nov 28th at 9 AM
- COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Sunday Nov 19th at Tanum-Forest Lutheran Church at 5 PM.

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HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 18th, 2023 6:00 PM MEETING

Present: Joanne Adlon, Marie Weber, Linda Monahan, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Gene LaPlante, John Melland, George Sincock, Gordon Hughes & Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Ellen Klister, Heather Haese Sund

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm. Joanne led us into the meeting with the Council Prayer.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda, by Marie, 2nd by Gene. Agenda accepted.

Pastor's Report: (Pastor Mary Lou Plummer)

- Pastor will be attending the "Nordic Heritage" grant session in Lonsdale, Minnesota, with George Sincock & Bill Nusbaum, September 22 & 23, (Friday & Saturday). Pastor will present the session's information to the congregation after a future Sunday service.
- The Bible Study program "Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus" on September 12th had 12 attendees. There was good participation & discussion. Next session is Oct. 10th.

Reports from Council Members

Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy Hughes)

- Council meeting notes need to be approved by All council members. Going forward Sue will send out the council meeting notes to the members. Then members will send back corrections & the notes will be altered. And at the following months Council Meeting the notes will be approved by the members. The notes will be sent to Lana to be published in the monthly newsletter.
- Fall Festival - there will be no Festival this year. But the Women's group will have a "Chili Sunday" tentatively scheduled for October 15th.
- Calendar dates for 2024 must be submitted to Lana by November. (ie. Marie will submit the December date for the "Gift Exchange for the Women's group. We need to decide if we will have a Christmas Eve service, (Sunday)&/or a Christmas Day service, (Monday).)
- A complaint on Sunday: tripping hazard of the cord behind the altar. The cord will be taped to the floor. We need to have the Sunday service projected onto the TV in the basement during services for the people helping in the kitchen. George strung the cable cord through the ceiling to the TV to correct this problem. Thank you so much, George!!!

Social Ministry: (Marie)

- "God's Work Our Hands" outside work needs to be re-scheduled due to the bad weather.
- The indoor work was done. Blankets (9) were tied, & 40 quilts were boxed up for delivery to missions. As well as 6 quilts were readied for Golden House in Green Bay.
- The "School Bags" were filled, 110 of them. These will be sent to overseas missions. The "Chicken Croissant Luncheon" was a real success. About seventy people attended,

Evangelism: (Linda)

- 62 crocheted baby & adult hats along with 6 quilts were

delivered to Golden House in Green Bay. And 6 quilts were delivered to New Community Shelter in S.B. in March.

- One thank you note was sent for a donation by a non-member, for the "Stained Glass Window" fund.

Property: (John/Gene)

- Mulch will be distributed on the garden areas around Church.
- John has purchased the blower for the pavilion. Bees at the side door have been sprayed.

Education: (Heather)

- Gordy has spoken to Heather regarding the students learning acolytes' duties & ringing the bells during services. Rick Hannemann (acolytes) & Roy Jillburg (bell ringing) will be teaching these duties to the students.

Church Officers Reports:

President: (Joanne)

- Joanne will be picking up a finished brick for the Memorial Wall tonight.
- Jean Hovik has given Joanne the Church history papers she has had stored. These papers include many statistics & history of Hainesville Lutheran Church.

Vice President: (George)

- All of the exterior of the windows have been primed. The finished painting will hopefully happen in November.
- The new brick will be installed in November.

Treasurer: (Ellen)

No report

Secretary: (Sue)

Motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Motion by George, 2nd by Gordy. Minutes approved.

Upcoming Church Special Events: Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.

- "Nordic Heritage" road trip, September 21 & 22, to Lonsdale, Minnesota. Expenses are reimbursed up to \$500. by the "Nordic Heritage" project. Motion made by Marie to have Hainesville Lutheran Church cover any expenses over \$500. Seconded by Linda. Motion approved.
- The Women's group is having a "Chili Sunday" on October 15th.

Old Business:

- The "Stained Glass Window" contract with Conrad Schmitt Studio, was reviewed & signed. The contract will be given to Ellen & she will send the deposit to start the project.
- Non-participating members who are counted under their parents as members; this will be addressed next month.

New Business:

- November & December calendar (see Gordy's report)
- Discussion about an installation ceremony for the Sunday

School teachers. It was decided not to hold a ceremony. The Confirmation Class students are: Elliot, Donovan, Ben, & Reese.

Meeting adjourned & closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:45 pm.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6 pm.

Tabled Items:
Church history



Birthdays in November

Nov 6th	Brenda Clark 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



Griefshare

12-week group sessions

November 12—Sunday 1:00-3:00

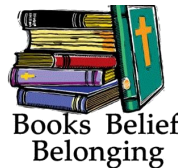
Surviving the Holidays

Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season
Held at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay
There is no charge
See flyer in the fellowship area for more information



Wedding Anniversaries in November

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



December Book for Book Club A Life Without Water by Marci Bolden

Carol Denman divorced her husband over twenty years ago and has never looked back. But on the day before their daughter's thirtieth birthday, John barges back into Carol's life with a request that threatens the fragile stability she has built.

John Bowman is sick. Very sick. While he still can, he has some amends to make and some promises to fulfill. But to do that, he not only needs his es-wife's agreement...he needs her.

With the past hovering between them like a ghost, Carol and John, embark on a decades-overdue road trip. Together they plunge back into a life without water...but which my ultimately set them free.



Bill (Albert), **Rusty** (Allen), **Tom** (Angermeier), **John** (B), **Devin** (Bartos), **Lyle** (Berndt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Eugene** (Clark), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Robert** (Connrey), **Danielle** (Davis), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Donna** (Kaat), **Shari** (Krueger), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Ellie** (Krull), **Joe** (May), **Fran** (McCarthy), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Sandy** (Pierre), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeier), **Lexi & Laci** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Charlotte, Erik, Joe, and the family of Marjorie Horn.**

CHRISTMAS “Secret Santa” SHARING PROJECT

Greetings!

2023 ~ Holiday Season! We will be having a “Secret Santa” project this Holiday Season. It’s a great way to spread the love and blessings that we have been given through this special “project”

Please place contributions in the offering plate labeled “Secret Santa” in the memo line or put directly into one of the containers found in the church. Wrapping will take place following worship one Sunday morning.

Deadline: December 3, 2022
Thank you as always.....God Bless



Deadline December 3rd

LOOKING AHEAD
Advent Concert
Featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds
December 10
4PM
Hainesville Lutheran Sanctuary
Free will offering collected for the stained glass window fund



From the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee would like you to know that in 2024 the church will need to elect



- Vice President (2 year term)
- Evangelism (2 year term)
- Social Concerns (2 year term)
- Auditor (2 year term)
- Nominating committee (3) 1 year each
- Synod delegates (2) 1 year each

Please prayerfully consider taking an active role in the function and continuing life of our church. What will you do to make Christ known in our community?



2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation class after worship A-K	6	7 Noon Book Club	8 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	9	10	11 9:30 Family Choir Rehearsal
12 9:30 am Worship Confirmation class after worship L-Z	13	14 9:30 AM Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus	15 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation class and acolyte instruction A-K	20 <i>Community Thanksgiving Worship Service 5 PM Sunday at Tanum-Forest Lutheran Church</i>	21 NOON: Women of the ELCA thank offerings collected	22	23 	24 <i>Office closed</i>	25
26 9:30 am Worship Confirmation class after worship L-Z	27	28 9 AM—Noon: quilting for Missions	29	30		



November Newsletter

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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed



tance 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!

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will be upon us soon! With them comes the sound of The Salvation Army ringing bell! Door County families needing emergency assistance

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.

Many locations available throughout Door County including Main Street Market, Walmart, Walgreens, Tadych's Econo Foods and Pick 'N Save. Starting Friday, November 19th through Friday, December 24th, weekdays and weekends 8 or 9 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m.—by location.



Ring starts Friday, November 17th and runs through Saturday December 23rd. Early ringers are especially needed. Sign