

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?”

—Corrie ten Boom

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This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Matthew 21:4,5 EHV)

YOUR KING CAME IN HUMILITY

Kings aren't usually acclaimed for being gentle. The most famous kings are known for their power, pomp, and prestige. They are hailed for their military victories and territorial expansion. They like to flex their power. Worldly leaders seldom boast of their humility.

But look at Jesus. How different this King is! He came to this earth in humility. He was born in a stable with a manger for his crib. He lived as a common carpenter's son. He lay his head wherever he was welcome.

On Palm Sunday his humility was again on display. Jesus didn't come with a sword leading an army. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, a beast of burden, in a procession comprised of common people. He did not resist riding into Jerusalem in such a humble procession or balk at what was about to happen to him that week. His betrayal, the trial, the thorns, the nails, and the cross—that was the cup his Father wanted him to drink, and he drank it willingly. He was passive to his Father's will. He allowed it all to happen.

This kind of rule was unexpected. That's why the Jewish leaders shouted "Crucify!" when they stood before Pontius Pilate. Do our shouts of praise ever shift to slander when Jesus is not what we expect, when he doesn't flex his muscles as we'd like? We may expect certain things in life: a good marriage, a healthy body, obedient children, nice possessions. But when things don't turn out the way we'd like, we mumble, "This isn't what I expected, Lord. I deserve better! Where is your kingly power in my life?"

In response to our sometimes misguided expectations, Jesus gave us something we truly could never have expected. Our King "did not come to serve, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus didn't come to amaze us with feats of earthly power; he came to save us from sin and guilt. He didn't come to rule with an iron fist and sword; he came to rule us by the message of his mercy and grace.

King Jesus, you came in obedience to your Father's will to suffer for the sins of the world. Help me to be humble before you, admit my sin, and rejoice in your forgiveness. Amen

March

- **Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.**
- **Church Council 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM**
- **Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church**
- **First Tuesday at noon Book Club meets**
- **Second Tuesday at 9:30 Bible Study Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus**
- **Third Tuesday at noon WELCA meets**
- **Fourth Tuesday at 9 AM quilting for missions**

Members of the 2024 Church Council are:

President:	Joanne Adlon
Vice-president:	George Sincock
Secretary:	Sue Nusbaum
Treasurer:	Ellen Klister
Education:	Heather Haese
Social Ministry:	Marie Weber
Evangelism:	Lori Langer (Flick)
Worship:	Gordy Hughes
Property:	John Melland, Gene LaPlante

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Big Thank You!

Thank You All!

As of February 4, your donations for the Stained Glass Windows have met our goal. Thanks to your heartfelt generosity, \$68,935 was given in just over a year's time!

Window ideas from our committee, Pastor Mary Lou and others have been submitted to Conrad Schmitt Studios. We look forward to sharing those exciting plans with all of you.

With many thanks,
Linda Monahan, Bill Albert, Evelyn Breider, Jim Vogel



Birthdays for March

Mar 9th	Richard Hannemann
Mar 11th	John Breider
	Oliver Wilke
Mar 14th	Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th	Deb Grunwald
Mar 26th	Lori Lauscher
Mar 28th	Reese Sund
Mar 30th	Barbara Dunlap



Anniversaries for March

March 20th	John & Laura Borkovetz
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We celebrated with Evelyn Breider on February 25th!!!!



We are becoming more aware of the problem of hunger in our own county. We are therefore beginning to make a more concerted effort to help those who are in need around us. Our noisy offering will be now used to help feed those here in Door County. We also have a basket in the fellowship area where nonperishable items and personal hygiene needs can be dropped off.

In Our Prayers! Families, Friends & Neighbors....

Tom (Angermeier), **Lyle** (Berndt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Elaine & Jim** (C), **Eugene** (Clark), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Danielle** (Davis), **Garrison** (Dixner), **Lynn** (Eskildsen), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Charlie** (H), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Charlotte** (K), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Ellie** (Krull), **Joe** (May), **Ken** (Overland), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Lexi** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Ernie** (Watson), **Dave**, and **Erik**.

Remember if you want your loved one to remain on this list you MUST submit them to the church office. See page 6 of this newsletter for explanation.





January 15, 2024 Church Council Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, Ellen Klister, Linda Monahan, John Melland, Gene La Plante, George Sincock

Absent: Heather Haese, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Marie Weber, Gordon Hughes, & Sue Nusbaum

Meeting was opened at 6:00 pm. By Joanne, with the Council Prayer.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda by George Sincock, 2nd by Linda Monahan. Agenda accepted.

Pastor's Report: (Joanne read Mary Lou's report)

- Advent services held with Hainesville hosting 12/13. Hainesville had a good turnout.
- Attended WECLA Christmas Party.
- Have not been able to reach Eugene Clark after his surgery.
- Visited 2 homebound members and in-patient at Door County Medical – communion provided.
- Attended Book Club
- Met with New members.
- Helped undecorated the church 1/6.
- Wrote Be Like Jesus Bible Study articles. Had to cancel the Bible Study due to weather.
- Met with Jim Hanstad and Lana Ferry to go over settings for worship during Lent.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy)

- Working on ideas for upcoming musical opportunities.
- Working on behind-the-scenes for the June car show. Thanks Joanne for creating the great flyer.

Social Ministry: (Marie)

No Report

Evangelism: (Linda)

1 visitor card and 2 thank you cards sent

Property: (John/Gene)

- DeLeers coming to discuss repairs for outside North window.
- Working with contractors for spring Lawn Rolling.

Education: (Heather)

No report

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne)

- Delegates needed for Synod Assembly in May
- Crossways looking for donations. They are closing their physical locations
- A HUGE thanks to Linda for her time on the council.

Treasurer: (Ellen)

- The Financial reports for Dec was presented for review. A motion to accept the reports was made by John & 2nd by Linda. Reports accepted.
- It was noted that the Stained Glass Window fund is short \$5000.

Secretary: (Sue)

- Motion to approve the minutes from the Dec meeting by Ellen, 2nd by George. Minutes approved.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS: (WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, ETC.)

Annual Meeting – reports are in process.

Old Business:

- Church records – on going. Linda has agreed to work on the records. She will give the council updates ever couple of months.

New Business:

- Annual meeting – all reports are in.
- Pastor contract – Joanne will work with Mary Lou and the synod to create a new contract. Council agreed to new terms within guidelines. Motion by George, 2nd John. Motion accepted.
- Rental sign for Pavilion will be worked on in spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm. Motion by George, 2nd by John. Council closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next Council meeting: Feb 19 – 6pm

Submitted – Ellen Klister (acting Secretary)

NORDIC CHURCH PROJECT UPDATE

Hainesville Lutheran Church applied for and was accepted into the Nordic Church Project (NCP) which is under the auspices of Partners for Sacred Places (PSP). PSP is dedicated to bringing people together to maintain and utilize America's houses of worship. The NCP provides grant money to churches of Nordic heritage who are wanting to preserve/maintain their church. Two grants are available through NCP: a *planning grant* offering a 2:1 match up to \$5000 and a *capital grant* offering a 1:1 grant up to \$15,000.

In September, 2023, George Sincock, Bill and Sue Nusbaum and Pastor Mary Lou attended a conference held in Minnesota outlining the requirements of the grants. We learned that working with an architect or engineer knowledgeable about historic preservation is an asset to any building project and is strongly encouraged by NCP. Bill is in the process of searching for a person with the qualifications we need. We hope to use that person's expertise to develop a 25-year maintenance schedule for our church and grounds. Capital work projects the council has in mind are fortifying the window frame in readiness for the new stained-glass windows and maintenance of the steeple. George and Mary Lou have completed and submitted a planning grant application that would be used for the architect/engineer's fees. Please look for updates on this project as we move forward.

Keep in mind that the NCP requires us to be actively involved in the community in which our church is located and this includes providing fundraisers that draw the larger community into the restoration process. The Advent Concert held last December which raised money for the stained-glass windows is one example of fulfilling this requirement. The Car Show scheduled for June 15th also fulfills NCP's expectations. God has blessed us with being accepted into this project and we are blessed to be a blessing to the wider Nasewaupsee community.



WELCA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at noon. They would be very pleased to have you come and check them out. It is a fun and active group.



"The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom (April book)

What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared? In Mitch Albom's profound new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him.

Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, nine people struggle for survival at sea. Three days pass. Short of water, food, and hope they spot a man floating in the waves. They pull him in.

"Thank the Lord we found you," a passenger says. "I am the Lord," the man whispers.

So begins Mitch Albom's most beguiling and inspiring novel yet.

Albom has written of heaven in the celebrated number of bestsellers *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *The First Phone Call from Heaven*. Now, for the first time in his fiction, he ponders what we would do if, after crying out for divine help, God actually appeared before us? What might the Lord look, sound, and act like?

In *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*, Albom keeps us guessing until the end: Is this strange and quiet man really, who he claims to be? What actually happened to cause the explosion? Were the survivors already in heaven, or are they in hell? The story narrated by Benji, one of the passengers, who recounts the events in a notebook that is later discovered, a year later, when the empty life raft washes up on the island of Montserrat.




It falls to the island's chief inspector, Jarty LeFleur, a man battling his own demons, to solve the mystery of what really happened. A fast-paced, compelling novel that makes you ponder your deepest beliefs, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* suggests that answers to our prayers may be found where we least expect them.



Books Belief
Belonging

MARCH

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am worship/Holy Communion <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> L-Z	4	5 Book Club at NOON	6 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	7	8	9 Family choir 9:30 
10 9:30 am worship <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> A-K	11	12 9:30 Bible Study Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus	13 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	14 Church in use 10:30-4:00	15	16
17 9:30 am worship/Holy communion <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> L-Z	18 6 PM Church Council	19 WELCA at NOON	20 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:30 am worship <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> A-K	25	26 9AM—Noon "Crazy Comfort Creators" - Quilting for Missions	27 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	28	 GOOD FRIDAY	30
31 9:30 am worship/Holy Communion 						



Installation of our church council February 18, 2024.

*In the event of weather related closings at church—
 please listen to WDOR for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page*

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**LET US CELEBRATE OUR RISEN
LORD**

March 31st
Easter Sunday

Holy Week services
will be held at
Tanum Forest
and Bay View

Starting with the new year we have reinstated the prayer request policy of the past. This means that your prayer request will be on the list for 3 months unless you state otherwise. You can re-request to keep them on the list or put them back on if they have come off and you would like them on again. Prayer request forms are found on the back of each pew on colorful card stock. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate or on the desk in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this worthwhile ministry for those who are struggling among us.