

Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

HAINESVILLE CROSSROADS — October 2025 Edition

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard.’ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will sir,’ but he did not go.” (Matthew 21:28-30 NIV)

“I DON’T WANT TO”

It doesn’t take long for a child to learn the meaning of the word *no*. Parents teach their children not to touch a hot stove or to stop whining. “No. Don’t touch,” they’ll say. Or “No. That’s naughty.”

It is estimated that some toddlers hear the word *no* up to four hundred times a day. It shouldn’t surprise us that children soon begin to use that word themselves. “No, I don’t want to go to bed.” “No, I don’t want to pick up my toys.”

Jesus told his enemies a story about someone who said no. A father asked his two sons to go and work for him in his vineyard. The first son clearly knew the meaning of the word *no*. “I will not,” he said. “I don’t want to.” But at some point this son had a change of heart. He honored his father’s request and went off to work.

That’s a picture of repentance. The Greek word for *repent* means “to have a change of mind.” This son had a change of mind from no to yes. He changed his mind about doing what his father wanted, and this change of mind showed in his actions.

Jesus told this story to illustrate how some people who had lived sinful lives—like the tax collectors and prostitutes of his day—had repented. They humbled themselves before the Lord and admitted their guilt. When they turned to Jesus in faith, his forgiving love changed their lives from no to yes. If only the chief priests and elders had done the same thing!

When the Lord tells us what he wants us to do, the natural reaction of our sinful nature is to say no. “I don’t care what God says. I don’t want to do what he wants. I want to do things my way. I’m going to do things my way. I’m going to do what I want to do.”

It takes a miracle of the Holy Spirit to bring about repentance and faith. Thank God he’s in the business of miracles! Rejoice in the change the Holy Spirit has made in your heart. Let the peace of forgiveness be the light of your life.

Dear Lord, teach me more and more to say yes to your will and no to the will of my sinful nature. Amen.

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THIS MONTH at a glance...

- Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.
- BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, Oct 7th, at Noon
- Bible Study Tuesday, Oct 14th, at 9:30 “The Wired Word”
- Grief Support Group Thursday, Oct 16th, at 6
- Church Council meets Monday, Oct 20th, at 6:00
- WELCA meets Tuesday, Oct 21st, at noon
- Hainesville Lunch Bunch meets Thursday, Oct 23rd, at 11:30
- Quilters meet Tuesday, Oct 28th, at 9
- Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church



HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

August 18, 2025 - Hainesville Church Council Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Lori Flick-Langer, Heather Sund

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

Open Forum: No representatives

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

Pastor Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- The pastor visited with Ardy & Don Lauscher & gave them communion.
- The pastor preached midweek at Bay View Church.
- Pastor (& interested church members) were invited by Cru Military (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) for a coffee on Thur. Aug. 28th at 10 am. at First Baptist church of Sturgeon Bay. Cru is an outreach ministry for the military & its veterans (Coast Guard) in our area.

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Communion assistants for September & October were assigned.
- Per the Quantum Contract, Dean took Lana's PC into Quantum & security was added.
- And the streaming PC was upgraded to Windows II by Quantum.

Social Ministry: (Lora Schaefer)

- Lora took the donations for food to Feed & Clothe My People.
- September 7th, will be "God's Work Our Hands"

Evangelism: No report.

Property: (John Melland, Gene LaPlante)

- Gene reported that he received a letter from the Nordic Grant project. Required forms were sent to them & we should be receiving the first check for \$7,500. shortly. The second check for the additional \$7,500 will be sent on the completion of our windows.
- John has received the donation of a Gravelly commercial riding lawnmower from a local landscaper. Great! John trimmed the bushes around the church.

Education: (Heather Sund)

- Heather, Joanne, Pastor Mary Lou, & Becky Brown have

set Sunday school & Confirmation class dates beginning September 14 thru May 3, 2026. Heather will handle Oliver Wilke's confirmation classes. With a confirmation date of May 17, 2026.

Elliot Brown will be doing classes on-line & will also be confirmed on the above date

- A "Trunk or Treat" event is scheduled for October 26. It will be advertised in the paper & in grocery stores & on the local radio station. The activity is aimed at attracting more youth & families to our church. Activities will include Pumpkin carving, treats, & s'mores.
- Becky has scheduled "Youth Sundays" for: Sept. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, & Dec. 14. More upbeat contemporary music will be played on those Sundays.
- Mary Ann Leary will help with Sunday School on the 4th Sunday of the month.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- Joanne walked the church's Insurance company representative (Auto Owners) through the church. All was good except for an exit sign on the side door. This has been installed. Our insurance is due in September & we will renew with Auto Owners.
- Lana has learned the "Word" program for her PC & did an excellent job with the church bulletin. Great job!

Vice-President: (George Sincock)

- George has kept the ditch cleared. Thank you George!

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Our budget is in good shape. The expenses were up because of the cost of the gas for heating. Motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Dean & 2nd by Sue. Motion accepted.

Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion was made by Joanne to accept the minutes from the July meeting & 2nd by George. Motion accepted.

UPCOMING SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS: (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Etc.)

- Sunday, Sept. 7th, "God's Work Our Hands"
- Wednesday, September 17th, Croissant Luncheon
- Sunday, Oct. 5th, Bob & Becca Commitment ceremony
- Youth Sundays - Sept. 14th, Oct. 26th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 14th.

Old Business & Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Nordic Grant - Update- The first check for \$7500. Should be received shortly. The second check for \$7500 will be

sent after our windows are done.

- Ecumenical Partnership for Housing - Update- The project continues. George & Marla have attended the meetings. The project is now considering an apartment complex.
- Lighting Assessment- Tabled

etc. Gene will check with the requirements from the County for any new signage.

Tabled Items:

- New computer for the church secretary.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George & 2nd by John. The meeting adjourned.

Old Business:

- Church insurance policies - They will be renewed with Auto Owners.
- Outdoor signage for our individual events. - Discussion regarding the signs for the car show & luncheons,

The Council Meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Joanne Adlon at 6:47 pm.

Next Meeting: Sept. 15, 2025 at 6 pm.



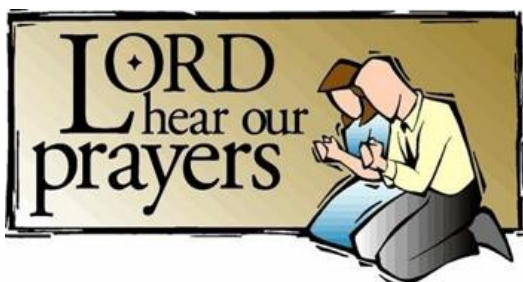
Birthdays in October

Oct 2 nd	Heather Haese
Oct 4 th	Debra Larson
Oct 5 th	Linda Kohn
Oct 8 th	Jill Degrave
	Emery Freiberg
Oct 9 th	Clint Hanson
	Wyatt Hanson
Oct 10 th	Brock Aune
	Gordy Hughes
Oct 12 th	Bill Aune
Oct 17 th	Joanne Adlon
Oct 21 st	Richard Dunlap
	Lora Schaefer
Oct 25 th	Gloria LaPlante



Wedding Anniversaries in October

Oct 2 nd	Tim & Rachel Hanson
Oct 10 th	Riley & Meggie Sawyer
Oct 10 th	Pete & Marlene Larson
Oct 16 th	Bill & Sue Aune
Oct 21 st	Jeff & Valerie Espe
Oct 23 rd	Kraig & Amy Aune
Oct 25 th	Robert & Sue Peterson



TUESDAY October 7th AT NOON

Book title: Pendant by M. L. Hamilton



**Books Belief
Belonging**

A field trip gone awry. A student gone missing. Every teacher's worst nightmare. Elaine Sutterfeld's teaching skills are surpassed only by her passion for her middle grade students. But she's never gotten over the disappearance of one of her favorite students—from a field trip Elaine supervised.

Now, years later, Elaine spots Jenny's distinctive pendant hanging from the neck of another young girl and she vows to find out the truth. But someone else is desperate to keep the truth buried, desperate enough to kill.

When threats begin to mount, Elaine must decide whether to play it safe or avenge Jenny's fate, even if it kills her.



Hainesville Lunch Bunch meets on October 23rd at 11:30 at Sonny's Italian Kitchen. Please contacts Marla Vogel by Tuesday the 21st if you would like to attend so she can make the appropriate reservations. Thank you



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

God's Work Our Hand's Sunday

Just a few of the projects and workers who did an excellent job



Our last Outdoor Worship of the Summer



The ladies of the congregation meet each 3rd Wednesday of the month for WELCA. They plan many of the events that happen here. Come be a part of this active group and fun group.



YOUTH SUNDAY

Our first Youth Sunday of the fall offered outdoor games for children of all ages to participate in. It was a great day. Youth Sunday in October will be the 26th with “Trunk or Treat”. We are inviting children from the community to come and have a great time. There will be pumpkin carving, treats in trunks, and a movie. We are asking the congregation to decorate your trunk and bring a treat for the youngsters.



Preparing for the Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon. Many jobs and many smiling workers!! Thank you to all who worked to make it a success.



Many satisfied eaters. Everyone said that the food was delicious!!

The Ice Cream Social that was held in August. Everyone loves ice cream.





2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	2	3	4 Family Choir 9:30
5 9:30 Worship/ Communion/ Nametag/Bob & Becca Commitment Sign-up	6	7 12:00 Book Club "Pendant"	8 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship L-Z	13	14 "The Wired Word" Bible Study 6:30	15 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	16 Grief Support Group 6PM	17	18
19 9:30 Worship/Com munion/Chili Fest Sign-up	20 6 PM Church Council	21 NOON WELCA	22 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	23 Hainesville Lunch Bunch at 11:30 at Sonny's Italian Kitchen	24	25
26 9:30 Worship/Youth Sunday/Trunk or Treat Council provides	27	28 9AM—Noon Quilting for missions	29	30	31	

We have become 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 offerings each time they are taken are 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. The last Sunday of each month will be a special emphasis on the hungry. Please make any checks made out to Feed My People. Thank you for your help with this expanded project.



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the Gospel,
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GUEST COPY
PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

Just a reminder that the church is collecting the receipts from Tadych's Market Place. These receipts are turned back into the store who in turn gives the church money. There is a basket in the fellowship area for the receipts. Thank you to Dianne Eskildsen who does the adding and takes them in. Pick'n Save is no longer doing this promotion so please do not bring those receipts.

Community Event at Hainesville on October 26

The church is holding their first ever "Trunk or Treat" on October 26th. We are encouraging youth from the community to participate. We are asking the church to provide treats. Please look inside the Newsletter for more information.