



The Hainesville Crossroads

Month at a Glance

- Mid-week Advent worship Wednesdays at noon
- Book Club Noon Dec 3rd
- Women’s Bible Study Dec 10th
- Cookie Sale Sun Dec 22nd
- W-ELCA Christmas Potluck Lunch Dec 17th; bring a guest & \$5 gift
- Church Council 6 PM Dec 17th
- Children’s Program Sun Dec 22nd
- Candlelight Service 4 PM Christmas Eve

HOW you can HELP

“Do a world of good” so says the opening picture on the Lutheran World Relief web site. “Investing in families” and “uniting for impact” say other titles as you scroll through the pictures of families trying to overcome their life of poverty. “In a world of crisis, do a world of good.”



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From Pastor Trent Ready for Christmas ???

7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

It is that time of year again. The Thanksgiving meal has been served. The dishes have been washed. The day is almost here - Black Friday! Christmas gift lists are being prepared and plans are being drawn up how to best check each item off the list, one gift at a time. Gift giving season is coming!

Inevitably, every year I will be asked the question with respect to my Christmas list, “Are you ready for Christmas?” And every year, regardless of how close it is to the fast approaching date, I respond by saying, “No, not yet, I still have time.” With regard to this process, I tend to put things off. I get about the business of busyness, and before I realize it, there are no more days left on the calendar and Christmas is here. How about you? Are you ready for Christmas?

December 1st marks the beginning of Advent this year and we are reminded that Christ has come and is coming again – let earth receive her King! We are also reminded that God’s gift of grace comes to us in the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives wrapped up

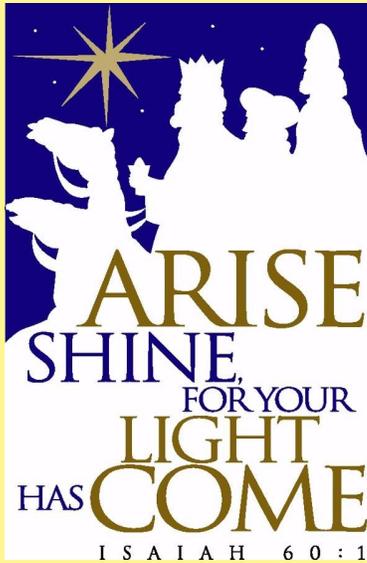


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Christmas Worship Schedule

Advent mid-week worship services are Wednesdays Dec 4th—18th starting at 12:05. A light lunch follows worship.
 Dec 4th at Bay View
 Dec 11th at Hainesville
 Dec 18th at Tanum-Forest

Christmas Eve at Hainesville at 4:00 PM Tuesday Dec 24th
Christmas Day at Bay View at 10 AM. Wednesday Dec 25th
Lessons & Carols Sunday Dec 29th 9:30 worship at Hainesville

All I Want for Christmas ..



From Pastor Trent *(continued from page one)*

in relationship. As we are invited into relationship with Christ, we are called into relationship with all our human siblings. While kindling our relationships with family and friends around the fireplace, we must also hold our distant and not-so-distant neighbors in our hearts as well.

Relative to much of the world, we live out of a place of privilege. We live out of an abundance of resources that provide us with unparalleled opportunities. During this season of gift giving, we have an opportunity to share out of the abundance with which we have been entrusted. There are people who suffer hunger, food insecurity, and lack of access to the nutrition necessary for life and health. With the Holy Spirit working in, with, and through us, we have an opportunity to bring relief, instill hope, and end hunger and poverty wherever it exists.

This Advent, we will have the opportunity participate in the ELCA World Hunger campaign by supporting God’s Global Barnyard. Resources, which include a family Advent calendar, an Advent study booklet, and a “Barnyard

Bank”, will be distributed at church and mailed upon request. If you have people in mind that you would like to remember this Christmas, but don’t know what to get them, how about some chicks, a pig, or a goat given in their names to a family in need across the globe? As a family, if you would simply like to help out by contributing to God’s Global Barnyard, prayerfully consider setting some money aside each day and putting it in the “Barnyard Bank” to purchase an animal that will change a family’s life by giving them a livelihood.

Before we go “all in” on Black Friday — a day of sales, buying, and consumption — let us take time to reflect prayerfully on the difference between wants and needs, on generosity toward our neighbors, on stewardship of wealth and abundance, on everything God has entrusted to us, and on our true identity as children of God who are loved, forgiven and granted a new vision of life.

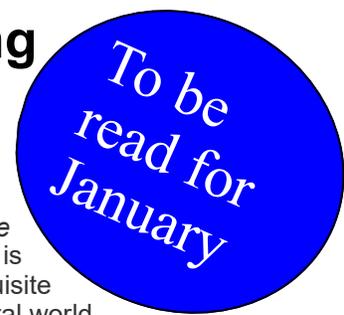
Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Trent

Books, Beliefs & Belonging

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens Date: Tuesday, January 7th
 Time: 12 noon Leader: Lana Ferry
 Lunch: Bring your own

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls

home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.



In This Season of Thankfulness

The church has received several thank you cards recently.

FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY— DOOR COUNTY: “God bless you for your continued partnership and trust. We’ll put your gifts to work immediately. We are very close to approving our 43rd family and we have 6 home preservation projects on the schedule. We are planning for another busy year in 2020. God Bless You” - David

FROM LAKESHORE CAP: Our Food Pantry clients, staff, and volunteers thank you so much for your continued support with the Faith and Fellowship donation. This donation will allow the pantry to purchase more than 800 pounds of

meat, coffee, cereal, baking goods, personal care items etc. from Feeding America.

In 2018, with your help, the pantry provided more than 72 tons of food to 5,968 Door County residents.

Thank you again for your concern for our friends and neighbors in Door County. The congregation’s generosity not only nourished our client’s bodies but their spirit as well.

*Sincerely
Sandi Soik—Lakeshore CAP*



Rusty (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Sandy** (Anderson), **Lorna** (Bahr), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Taylor** Brunette), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Barbara** (Foster), **Arnold** (Germain), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Dr. Charles** (Hannemann), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Ken** (Karas), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Marty** (K), **Ellie** (Krull), **Harold** (Larsen), **Judy** (Larson), **Judy** (LaVine), **Melba** (Lundeen), **Francine** (Meyer), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Michelle** (Raasch), **Mary Lee** Riddle), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeir), **Char** (S), **Lexi and Lacy** (Schiesser), **Shanna** (Schmitz), **Cherie** (Shusta), **Alberta** (Streckert), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), and **Aubrey** (W).



Hainesville Church will be hosting one Advent Service on December 11th. There will be a lunch served after the service and food will be needed. Please call Marla Vogel for more information at # 920-427-8155.

A family has been chosen for the Secret Santa Christmas gifting this year. There are three boys in the family ages 4, 11 and 14 from the Southern Door school district. If you wish to contribute money towards purchasing gifts for the families there is a container in the kitchen near the coffee area to put your cash or check in. The spirit of Christmas and Christianity can be expressed in many ways and this is your opportunity to participate in one of them. Collections will continue up to December 8th. Thank you.

Jim Vogel - Council President



Area Advent activities: THE LIVING NATIVITY A live presentation of the story of Christ’s birth. Outdoors and under an open sky. SATURDAY & SUNDAY December 14th & 15th. Two 15-minute presentations nightly at 5:00 and 6:00 PM. Presented by the First Baptist Church of Sturgeon Bay on the corner of Fifth Avenue & Georgia St. FREE ADMISSION and refreshments.

An Advent Devotional Booklet: There are a number of hard copies of this devotional booklet, put together by James Gomez, the pastor from Prince of Peace Lutheran church– Sturgeon Bay. Contributors include pastors from the Door and Kewaunee area. The title is CHRISMONS: A devotional booklet for Advent.





Books Belief Belonging

Lunch & Literature FOR DECEMBER

.The Forgotten Seamstress by Liz Trenow

Date: Tuesday, Dec.3rd Time: Noon

Leader: Margie Reynolds

Place: Hainesville Lutheran Lunch: Bring your own

She Kept Her Secret for a Lifetime... A shy girl with no family, Maria knows she's lucky to have landed in the sewing room of the royal household. Before World War I casts its shadow, she catches the eye of the Prince of Wales, a glamorous and intense gentleman. But her life takes a far darker turn, and soon all she has left is a fantastical story about her time at Buckingham Palace.

Decades later, Caroline Meadows discovers a beautiful quilt in her mother's attic. When she can't figure out the meaning of the message embroidered into its lining, she embarks on a quest to reveal its mystery, a puzzle that only seems to grow more important to her own heart. As Caroline pieces together the secret history of the quilt, she comes closer and closer to the truth about Maria.

Page-turning and heartbreaking, *The Forgotten Seamstress* weaves together past and present in an unforgettable journey.

Sunday Church School Service Project  March 1 - April 26, 2015

God's Global Barnyard

Goats are valuable for families living in dry, drought-prone climates. Fresh milk from a goat provides great nutrition for children who are growing.



GOAT / \$50

There is a lot more information about GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD on line through the ELCA web site. At church there are other resources to help you decide how to support this mission. There are GOOD GIFTS catalogues, children's coloring books, Advent devotional booklets, an Advent calendar, and even a barn for you to color in which to save your loose change. Look for the display downstairs or go the web site ELCA.org/goodgifts

Women of Hainesville (W-ELCA)

The December meeting of the Hainesville women (women of the ELCA or W-ELCA) will be Tuesday December 17th. Luncheon starts at 12:00 with a meeting to follow. It is our Christmas Potluck party. **Please bring a dish to pass.** Invite a friend to join you for this fun meeting. Good food, good fellowship and a devotional time is being planned. Please bring a jar of spaghetti sauce for the food pantry. **There will also be a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift in value of \$5 or less.**

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- Remember to drop of Econofoods receipts in the basket near the piano.
- January Women's Bible study continue to look at the book of Job.



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Worship Assistants for December

Please sign up or contact Bonnie

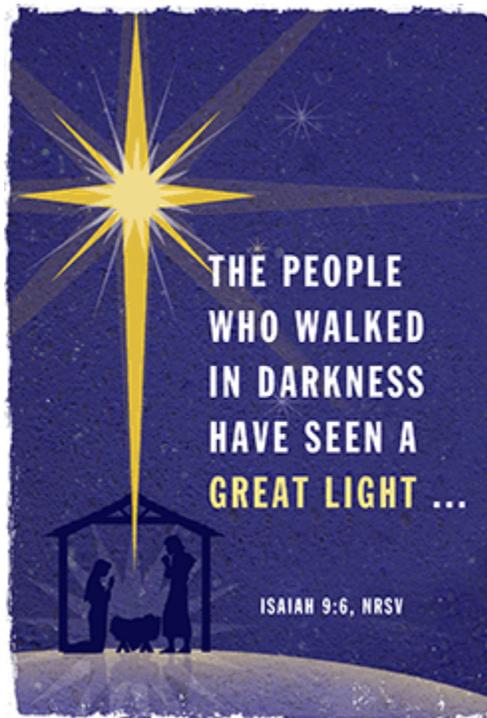
DATE	PRESIDING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	READERS	ACOLYTES
Dec 1st	Pastor DavidR	Rick Hannemann	Roy Jilburg, & Margie Reynolds	Marie Weber	Kya Borkovetz
Dec 8th	Pastor Trent	X	Bonnie Kohn	Roy Jilburg	Finley LaVine
Dec 15th	Pastor Trent	???	Pam & Emery Freiberg	Pam Freiberg	Daylia Sund
Dec 22nd Children's Program	Pastor Trent	X	David & Jason Freier	Roy Jilburg	Adley LaVine
Dec 24th	Pastor Trent	???	???	??	x
Dec 29th	Pastor Trent	x	Russ & Ellen Klister	???	Wyatt Wilke

Council Minutes *not available this month*

Holly

Holly was first used by pagans to decorate for the festival of Saturnalia. When Christians began celebrating Christmas in

honor of Christ, they adapted that decorating practice to reflect Jesus' life and death. Holly's pointed leaves symbolize the crown of thorns and its red berries symbolize Christ's blood shed on the cross. Because holly thrives and its berries retain their brilliance even in harsh winter conditions, non-Christians saw it as a symbol of eternity — which is fitting for Christians as well.



Birthdays for December

- Dec 4th Kimberly Heindl
- Dec 6th Sandy Swagel
- Dec 7th Daylia Sund
Pastor Trent Zeitler
- Dec 11th Jeff Gutschow
- Dec 12th Emily Hanson
David Grunwald
- Dec 13th Lorraine Bremer
Bill Nusbaum
- Dec 15th Jeff Espe
- Dec 16th Lyle Berndt
Becca Larson
- Dec 18th Bob Larson
Pastor Phil Peterson
- Dec 20th Colleen Melland
- Dec 20th Carrol Verken
- Dec 21st Dave Freier
- Dec 22nd Bill Albert
- Dec 27th Rick Hannemann
- Dec 31st William Markham

The annual church meeting in February 2020 is quickly approaching. I ask that each of you consider serving on the church council as there will be several positions open. I think most of you are more than qualified to serve in some of these positions.

In 2020 the openings available are Vice President (2yr), Secretary (2yr), Property Trustee (3yr), Education Deacon (3yr), Auditor (2yr) and three people for next years Nominating Committee (1yr). If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact our current nominating committee consisting of Jan Shasta, Russ Klister, and Bill Albert. You may also contact a Council member. Please pray that our Lord will encourage you to offer your service to our church. Jim Vogel - Council President



Anniversaries for December

- Dec 3rd MarJean & Jerry Gutschow

Poinsettias Orders Due Dec 15th

COST IS \$7.00 per plant (Please attach payment or place in envelop along with the form) Place order in offering plate or leave in church office. Plants may be picked up and taken home following worship on December 29th **LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY December 22nd** . Only red poinsettias will be purchased this year. Plants may be given: **IN MEMORY/HONOR OF INDIVIDUALS** or **IN THANKSGIVING FOR INDIVIDUALS** or **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**



Operation Shoebox Summary

There were 46 shoebox gifts that were collected from the members of Hainesville for Operation Christmas Child as well as the \$414 needed for shipping and handling. A BIG Thank You to the members of the congregation for their generosity and compassionate hearts. AND Thank You to Marie Weber for transporting the shoeboxes to the drop off site.

Kid's Corner

Share this page with your children, grandchildren, or other young people in your life.



Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



- shepherd's staff _ _ _ _ _
- tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- shines to lead the way _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- green for eternal life, red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ _ _ & _ _ _ _ _
- sounds to announce good news _ _ _ _ _
- has no beginning or end _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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indesc ba le gif !

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

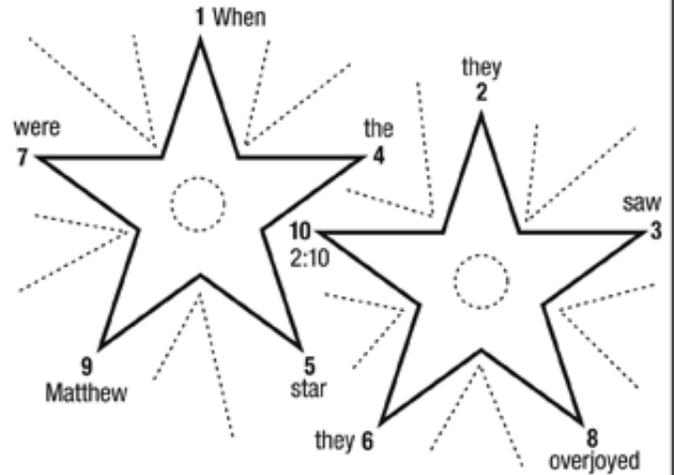
Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV



The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.



" _____

_____ : _____, NIV

Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV

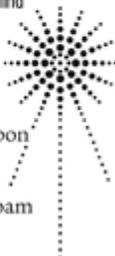
"That the Creator himself comes to us and becomes our ransom — this is the reason for our rejoicing." —Martin Luther

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

What you need:

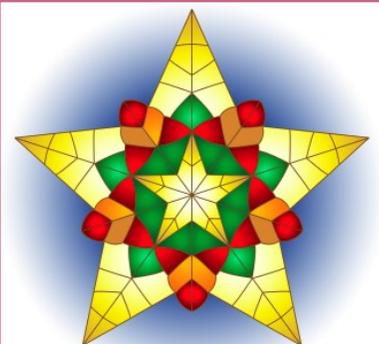
- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



What you do:

1. With the paper plate upside down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.

4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.



DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM Worship w/ Communion <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> A-K	2	3 Office Hours Trent: 2:30—4:00 Paula out of town Noon—Book Club Bring bag lunch to church “The Forgotten Seamstress”	4 8 AM Men’s Breakfast/ Bible Study Office Hours: Trent by appointment only Advent Worship held at Bay View	5	6 Paula Office Hours 9:00 am — 1:00 pm 9 AM Family Choir Practice	
8 9:30 AM Worship Family Choir Sings <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> L-Z	9	10 1 PM Women’s Bible Study Office Hours Trent 2:00—4:00 Paula 1:30—4:30	11 8 AM Men’s Breakfast/ Bible Study Office Hours: Trent by appointment only Advent Worship held at Hainesville	12 10 AM Grief Support group held at BVLC	13 Paula Office Hours noon—3 PM	14
15 9:30 AM Worship w/ communion <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> A-K	16	17 Office Hours Trent: 2:00—4:00 Paula 1:00—4:30 12:00 Women of ELCA Bring spaghetti sauce for food pantry 6 PM Church Council	18 8 AM Men’s Breakfast/ Bible Study Office Hours: Trent by appointment only Advent Worship held at Tanum Forest	19	20 Paula out of town Newsletter deadline	21 9 AM Family Choir Practice Bring cookies for bake sale to church 9:30—11 AM
22 Cookie Sale 9:30 AM Children’s Program <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> L-Z	23 	24 4 PM Candlelight Worship Service	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 Paula Office Hours 9:00 AM —1:00 PM Newsletter Printed	28
29 9:30 AM Lessons & Carols Worship Service A-K	30 	31 OFFICE CLOSED	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Advent worship times: • 12:05 at Bay View week 1, Hainesville week 2 and Tanum-Forest week 3 • Lunch to follow provided by host church </div>			

In case of inclement weather—PLEASE LISTEN TO WDOR for any weather related closings. Also check the church Facebook page. If possible, we may send out a notification by email as well.



December Newsletter

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A Light Shines in the Darkness



In Nepal, where blindness is prevalent due to under-funded medical care and a lack of eye doctors, ophthalmologist Sanduk Ruit has made it his mission to treat poor people. He’s performed more than 130,000 cataract surgeries to restore sight, sometimes walking for a week with surgical equipment in tow to reach patients. Dr. Ruit also found a way for replacement lenses to be made locally for less than \$3 each, rather than buying them internationally for 100 times as much. The physician brings healing to remote villages and celebrates “big eye-opening festivals” with people who “were blind yesterday, and ... are seeing today.”

At Christmas we celebrate the Word of God who came to live among us as Jesus, the light of the world. In countless ways since, God has brought light to those living in literal or figurative darkness.

We celebrate people, such as Dr. Ruit and the 650 doctors he has trained, whom God uses to cause “light [to shine] in the darkness” (John 1:5)