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Hainesville Lutheran is a fellowship of Christians, empowered by the Gospel, who share their faith through witness, service and hospitality.

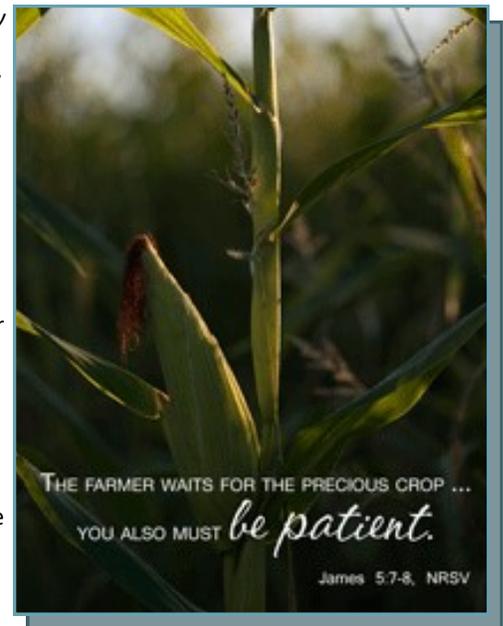
Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness and born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

- James 3:13-18

Friends, it's been a long time, a really long time, since we have gathered together in the place we call our church home. Right now, it is difficult to predict when we may be gathering together for Worship in the sanctuary again. We do know this: we will be gathering again. Looking ahead, church leadership will be making plans to reopen the church doors for Worship and life together. There will be many aspects to consider when making these decisions: the next steps, the best practices, and the safeguards that need to be in place before reopening. Consideration will be given to the guidance provided by denominational and ecumenical religious authorities, health organizations, agencies, and departments, and federal, state, and local governments. There is a lot to process. I am asking you to pray for the Church Council as its members discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us as a community of faith in the weeks and months ahead.

In our lifetime, no member of Hainesville Lutheran Church has ever experienced what is happening right now in the world, but we have all experienced God's Word, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. We would not be members of this community of faith if we didn't. God has promised us that we will never walk alone in this journey, no matter how hard the road may be. The power of the Holy Spirit is working in us, with us, and through us right now. We are God's people. We are the body of Christ. We are Spirit lead and Spirit filled.

I will not be preaching this week, as Pastor David Raben will be bringing you the Good News through our YouTube Worship service this Sunday. The Gospel text from John that he will be preaching on begins with Jesus speaking to his disciples in his farewell address, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) In the preceding Chapter, Jesus states with Divine authority, "I give



From Pastor Trent (continued)

you a new commandment, that you love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35) This morning I cannot get these verses out of my head, nor do I want to. As followers of Jesus, as children of God, and as Spiritual creatures, we have been created out of love, experienced love, sent out into the world in love, and taught to speak the truth in love.

Speaking the truth in love, there is a hard reality that must be stated: the contentiousness of tongues, twitter posts, and Facebook rants right now are infecting humanity and leaving a deadly wake of destruction at a rate that greatly outpaces the Coronavirus. From the Book of James:

“How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire.... With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.” James 3:5b-6a, 9-10

We need to recognize that we all react and respond differently to the new challenges we face every day due to the Coronavirus. Our individual experiences are our own. Yet, we are all in this together. We are all called to show one another empathy, compassion, and patience during this time and in all times. We are all called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are all called to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life’s needs. We are called to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light. Not only are we called to do these things, we are commanded by Divine authority. Right now, we need to remember this, hold on to it, speak it, and live it. This goes for ALL of God’s people and ALL who are called to lead - pastors, politicians, and presidents included.

Peace and Love,
Pastor Trent



**500
FACE
MASKS**

The more face masks I
sew, the longer the beard
gets.



Mighty Mask Makers

I got a delightful text this week from Lana Ferry and she was happy to report on the great mask making efforts that have been going on in the congregation. George and Jane Sincock have been busy making hundreds of masks. Lana Ferry, Lori Flick and Peggy Odegaard have also been busy making masks. They have been made for family members, neighbors and friends and for the million mask effort. I’m not sure where they will be dropped off and how these masks will be distributed. Maybe one of the masks– makers can fill us in.

*I believe they
have made about
750 masks to
date. Their goal
is 1000 masks.*

I DO KNOW that if you need a mask, they would love to get one to you. If you were to contact Lana, Lori or George they will make arrangements to get them to you. Their contact information is in the new church directory that we emailed out last month.

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

May 5th Linda Freier
 May 6th Joshua DeGrave
 May 6th Kurt DeGrave
 May 8th Lance LaVine
 May 10th Delaney Wilke
 May 11th Jessica Jacobson
 May 12th Rylee O'Hern
 May 16th Barbro Wilson
 May 16th Karyn Wilson
 May 17th Adley LaVine
 May 19th Roy Jilburg

May 20th Luke Fawcett
 May 25th Linda Monahan
 May 27th Paula Eggert
 May 31st John Melland

Anniversaries

May 15th George & Jane Sincock
 May 20th John & Carolyn Melland
 May 20th Nick & Tiffany Schultz
 May 23rd Kurt & Jill DeGrave
 May 23rd Rev Jim & Martha Rasmus
 May 27th Mark & Kari Pudlo

Prayers for Our Church Family



Rusty (Allen), Riley (A), Lindsay (A), Sandy (Anderson), Trudy (Berkhahn), Nancy (Bontempo), Shirley (Brandt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Dennis (Buckingham), Eugene (Clark), Danielle (Davis), Barbara (Foster), Mike (Grainger), Ruth (Grainger), Joanne (Huhta), Cindy & Terry (Kinney), Ellie (Krull), Harold (Larsen), Judy (Larson), Judy (LaVine), Natalie (Markham), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Michelle (Raasch), Mary Lee (Riddle), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Alberta (Streckert), Eric (Thorson), Dorothy (Twiton), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Laddie (Watson), and Jeanine.

How do I send in my weekly offering during this time of Being the Church at Home?

We may not be gathering in our church building right now, but we are still being the church together even when we are apart. While we will be gathering together in person again some time in the future, we still have our financial commitments that need to be met in order to maintain the facilities and operations of the church until then. However, making financial contributions to the church is much more than simply maintaining a building and supporting church programs. Giving to the church is mostly about making a difference in people's lives. It is about supporting ministries that serve the local and global communities out of Christ's call for us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please remember your offering to the church during this time.

There are two ways to submit your offering:

1. Mail in your offering to church:

Hainesville Lutheran Church
 3944 County Rd M
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

2. Sign Up for *Simply Giving* automatic withdrawal program. Please contact Church Treasurer Ellen Klister for more information and assistance with enrollment. A SIMPLY GIVING form will be available with this newsletter as an attachment or included in the postal mailing.



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The Little Church with a Big Heart



Five tips to feel stronger and more connected during this pandemic

- GET THE THREE GOODS. THAT'S GOOD-FOR-YOU FOODS, A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, AND A GOOD AMOUNT OF EXERCISE EVERY DAY.
- USE TECHNOLOGY TO STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR SUPPORT SYSTEM. REACH OUT TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN—CALLS, TEXTS, VIDEO CHATS, AND MORE.
- SPEND TIME IN SPACES WHERE COVID-19 IS NOT THE FOCUS. DON'T LET THE PANDEMIC TAKE OVER WHAT YOU READ, WATCH, OR TALK ABOUT. AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.
- REDUCE ANXIETY BY REDUCING YOUR RISK. STAYING SAFER AT HOME. WASHING YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS. COVERING YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE. STAYING AT LEAST 6 FEET APART WHILE RUNNING ESSENTIAL ERRANDS AT THE STORE, PHARMACY, OR GAS STATION. KNOWING YOU'RE DOING EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO STAY HEALTHY CAN HELP YOU WORRY LESS.
- MONITOR YOUR ANXIETY LEVELS. EVERYONE'S REACTION TO STRESS IS DIFFERENT. DIFFICULTY CONCENTRATING OR SLEEPING, IRRITABILITY, FATIGUE, AND EVEN STOMACHACHES CAN BE NORMAL. BUT IF YOU FIND THAT PERSISTENT ANXIETY IS OVERWHELMING YOUR ABILITY TO COPE WITH EVERYDAY LIFE, OR LEADING TO THOUGHTS OF SELF-HARM OR SUICIDE, REACH OUT FOR HELP RIGHT AWAY. TEXT HOPELINE TO 741741 OR CALL THE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE AT 1-800-273-8255.

Information provided from Wisconsin Department of Health Services

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Messengers of God

In *Half Broke Horses*, Jeannette Walls tells how her grandmother Lily, at age 10, and Lily's younger siblings were bringing cows in for milking when the animals suddenly ran for high ground. Lily realized a flash flood was coming.

She directed her brother and sister to climb a tree, where they clung all night as water and wind slammed against them. Lily helped her siblings stay awake and hopeful. As dawn broke, the water subsided and the children waded home. Their mother prayed gratefully, telling them to thank their guardian angel. Young Lily protested that *she* had saved them all. But her father answered wisely, "Maybe the angel was you."

The Hebrew word for *angel* literally means messenger. Through words and deeds, we all can be God's angels for one another.



Home Tips & Mental Health



1. Open all shades, curtains, etc.
2. Play music all day in kitchen.
3. Shower, clean clothes.
4. Drink water in a fancy glass.
5. Call at least one friend a day.
6. Movie time is 4-6pm.
7. At least 1 walk or bike ride.

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Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power;
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way,
watching for the dawning of eternal day.

—William Pennefather