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From Pastor Trent

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Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. - Romans 6:3-5

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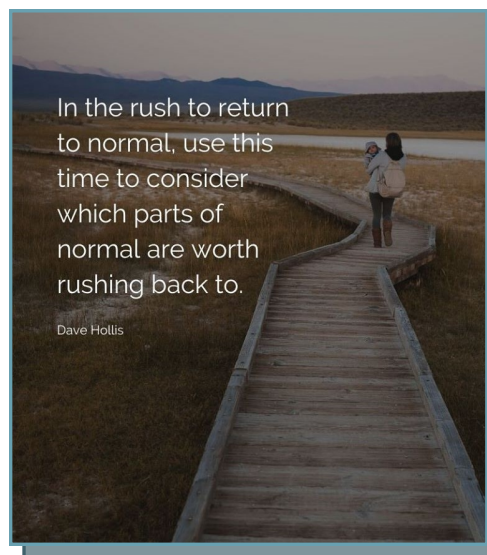
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[Look for the Hainesville Lutheran Worship service online either on our Facebook page or on the church web site.](#)

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Do we really want to get back to “normal”? I don’t know about you, but I sure don’t! It’s funny how we can get into a routine and just not think about it. For the past several years, I have to confess, that had become the case for me. Each day was laid out in front of me. I knew what I had to do. Sure, there would be surprises and things would come up that would alter plans, but even those things that came up were just incorporated into the daily agenda. Nothing was ever a major disruption in what was going to happen from week to week.



That was then. This is now. The Coronavirus has become the ultimate disruption in our lives. Our routines have been either re-routed or placed on hold altogether. I have heard some people say that this is our “new normal”. I don’t think that there is anything “normal” about this. We are in the middle of the greatest societal change of our lifetimes. How we respond during this indefinite time of social isolation will go a long way to define what our lives will look like on the other side of this current crisis.

There are three ways that we can respond:

- 1) We can lament the past and long for what once was.
- 2) We can make the best of this time right now, get back to the way things were once

From Pastor Trent (continued)



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the Coronavirus passes, and pick up where we left off.

3) We can take the time we have right now to reflect upon the past, think about the present, name the things that have been and continue to be life-giving and the things that are not, envision new life after the Coronavirus, let go of those things which are not life-giving, and move forward into a new way of being.

It has been a work in progress, but I have been working on option 3 in my own life. This week I am thinking about those things that have been life-giving for me and those things that are not. I am being intentional about what I am doing and envisioning life after the Coronavirus and what that will look like moving forward.

We are now in the season of Easter. This is the season of resurrection and new life, but

resurrection and new life only come after death – letting go of those things that are not life-giving, letting those things die. What are the things you have been doing that are life-giving for you? What are the things you have been doing that are not? What does new life look like for you?

Peace and Love,
Pastor Trent

So what 3 things are you glad are out of your life right now?

What 3 things do you miss the most (okay family and friend gatherings are top on most lists...) What would come after that?

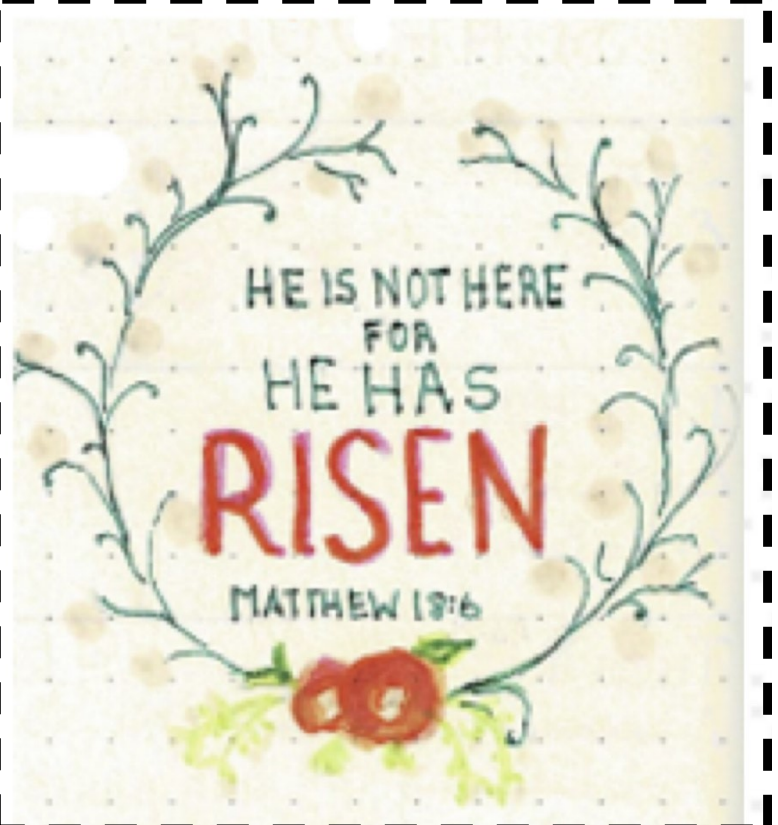
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at officehlc12@gmail.com

What Have You Been Up To? Hope From Our Friends

Here's where we get a chance to share with each other what this time at home has allowed us to catch up on, or things we've found that made us chuckle, or made us smile and helped us keep hope alive.

- Margery Reynolds shared her art with us
- Bonnie & Jan both commented on how much they enjoyed the services with music added
- **PLEASE SEND YOUR THOUGHTS– STORIES– HINTS TO PAULA AT officehlc12@gmail.com**

Drawn by Margery Reynolds





Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

April 10th	Bonnie Kohn
April 11th	Eric Schmitz
April 13th	Kristor Larson
April 14th	Tiffany Schultz
April 15th	Elaine Roalkvan
April 17th	Jordan DeGrave
April 18th	Gerry Barlament
April 22nd	Michaela Hudson
April 22nd	Sandy Pierre
April 23rd	Deb Kirsch

April 25th

Patrick Markham

April 25th

Kathy Schmitz

Anniversaries

March 31st	Jean & Bill Hovick
April 16th	Vicki & Rick Hannemann
April 19th	Bob & Leslie Petersen
April 19th	Pastor Trent & Jessica Zeitler



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 (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeir), 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

Daffodil hope

In Lisa Genova's novel *Love Anthony*, Olivia lives on Nantucket Island, where winter is long but daffodils bloom even while it's still cold. In one scene, she watches the flowers "shivering in the wind, impossibly bright and fragile and brave against the cold grayness."

Struggling with deep grief, Olivia finds hope in the bright yellow blooms after a long, bleak winter. She embraces the daffodil as a sign that summer will come again — and that "life will return to her as well."

In Christ, God gives us hope that sometimes appears vibrant against the grayness of earthly life. We cling to it because we've seen the promise made good before — winter yielding to summer, a new beginning granted — and we trust that new life will return to us, as well.



May Lunch and Literature Book Discussion: *How To Walk Away* by Katherine Center. *We will do this meeting via ZOOM. An email a day or two before meeting will be sent out with information on how to connect so we can hold*

our virtual Lunch and Literature.

Date: Tuesday, May 5th Time: 12 noon Leader: Bonnie Kohn

Place: Your Own Home Lunch: If you would like

During this meeting, we will choose a book for each of the next few months.

Margaret Jacobsen is just about to step into the bright future she's worked for so hard and so long: a new dream job, a fiancé she adores, and the promise of a picture-perfect life just around the corner. Then, suddenly, on what should have been one of the happiest days of her life, everything she worked for is taken away in a brief, tumultuous moment.

In the hospital and forced to face the possibility that nothing will ever be the same again, Maggie must confront the unthinkable. Sometimes the last thing you want is the one thing you need. Sometimes we all need someone to catch us when we fall. And sometimes love can find us in the least likely place we would ever expect.

How to Walk Away is Katherine Center at her very best. A masterpiece of a novel that is both hopeful and hilarious; truthful and wise; tender and brave.

FACEBOOK FINDS

Gannett, the owner of the Milwaukee Journal, USA TODAY and more than 260 daily local media properties, has launched a nationwide effort to help communities support local small business owners during the coronavirus crisis. The media company announced a new website supportlocal.usatoday.com that allows users to select local businesses in their community to support by buying gift cards for use at a later date. Visitors and business owners can also add local businesses to the platform.

