

**"To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement.**

—St. Augustine

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# Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

## FEBRUARY 2020 WINTER EDITION

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the 9:30am worship service at Hainesville Lutheran church, the place where they first met at a church picnic and the place where they were married, Richard and Tillie Hannemann will be celebrating 70 years of marriage by renewing their wedding vows. As they renew their commitment to

*From  
Pastor Trent*

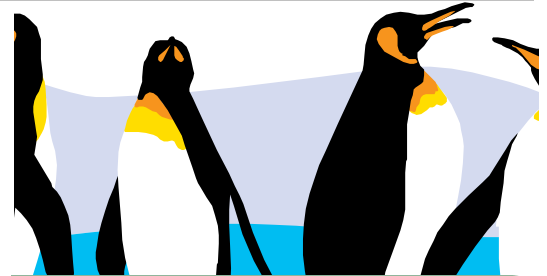
Christ and one another in their marriage, it is also a time for all of us to reflect on our commitments to God, to one another, to our neighbors, and to our selves.

As children of God, all humanity is connected. Created in the image of God, we have been made to be in relationship – to live in communion with our siblings and our Creator. As a human being looking at myself

through the lens of relationship with God, I see three identities that I share in common with all people: blessed, beloved, and broken. It is only by God's grace, mercy, and unending love that this "works". As we will be moving from Epiphany into Lent, we find Jesus, the Light of the World, as the revelation of God at work in the world, making all things new. Recently, we heard Jesus say in Matthew 4:17, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.*" To repent, is to be made new – a new way of being, a total reorientation and a radical transformation in how we see, think, and respond to the world, seeing all people as they are: blessed, beloved, and broken.

Jesus has drawn near to us, to live among us, to show us the way to be in the world as the reign of God moves closer to fulfillment. Jesus is the promise God made to us, the promise, which we are to take seriously, the promise, which we are called to trust. This "works" when we stop

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### THIS MONTH .....

- **Sunday morning worship 9:30 AM with fellowship luncheon at 10:30**
- **Sunday School for children age 3 thru grade 5 during worship time**
- **Annual meeting Feb 2nd 10:30 AM with Soup-er Bowl meal**
- **Book Club meets noon on Tues Feb 4th at church**
- **W-ELCA: Women meet Tues. Feb 18th 12:30 pm**
- **Church Council Monday Feb 18th 6:00 PM**
- **Men's Bible Study & breakfast meets each Wednesday at 8 AM**

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FROM THE PASTOR (continued):

## “Blessed are those who ....”

from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount

seeing relationships as transactional and start seeing them as life-giving. In his book *Life of the Beloved*, Henri Nouwen writes, “Our lives find their fulfillment in giving ourselves to others.” In my own life, I am finding this to be true. True happiness is found outside the walls of self-centeredness. As we will be hearing from Matthew again very soon in our Gospel reading, Jesus’ leads off his Sermon on the Mount with the *Beatitudes*. Jesus shares a vision that is radically different than the way the world sees, reminding us that come what may, in our brokenness we are blessed and we are beloved.

In *Life of the Beloved*, Henri Nouwen is on to something as he writes, “As the Beloved ones, our greatest fulfillment lies in becoming bread for the world. That is the most intimate expression of our deepest desire to give ourselves to each other.... Our real gift is not so much of what we can do, but who we are. The real question is not “What can we offer each

other?” but “Who can we be for each other?” Richard and Tillie Hannemann have learned the answer to this question in 70 years of marriage. Yet, the question is not reserved for marriage. It is a central question for all relationships, placing Christ at the center, holding true with parents and children, brothers and sisters, friends, and neighbors. For all of us, it even goes beyond that. In Christ, who journeys to the cross to give himself in love, we are called to turn the world’s expectations upside down, asking the question, “Who can we be for our enemies?” The love of Jesus knows no boundaries.

*Pastor Trent*



Feb 4th	Regan Markham Bill Lawson
Feb 5th	Pete Larson
Feb 11th	Isaak Aune
Feb 13th	Ben Young
Feb 15th	Pam Freiberg
Feb 16th	Margery Reynolds
Feb 19th	Jerry Gutschow
Feb 20th	Rev. Jim Rasmus
Feb 23rd	Evelyn Breider
Feb 23rd	Sue Larsen
Feb 29th	Kari Pudlo



Feb 1st	Richard & Elsie Wagner
Feb 14th	Gerry & Patricia Barlament
Feb 15th	Debbie & Larry Jones
Feb 18th	Mathilde & Richard Hannemann

## Worship Assistants February and March 2020

DATE	PASTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	READERS	ACOLYTES
Feb 2nd	TrentZ	Marie Weber	Jim & Marla Vogel	Pudlo Family	Reese Sund
Feb 9th	TrentZ	x	Gene & Gloria LaPlante	Roy Jilburg	Will Markham
Feb 16th	MikeZ	Bonnie Kohn	Pete & Marlene Larson	???	Nolan Schultz
Feb 23rd	Transfigura- tion Sunday	???	???	Roy Jilburg	Ben Dixner- Young
Ash Wed	Feb 26th	5:30 Soup Supper	6:30 Worship	x	x
Mar 1st	HowardBatt	???		Pudlo Family	Oliver Wilke
Mar 8th	TrentZ	x		Roy Jilburg	Kya Borkovetz
Mar 15th	TrentZ	???		???	Finley LaVine
Mar 22nd	TrentZ	x		Roy Jilburg	Daylia Sund
Mar 29th	MikeZ	x		???	Adley LaVine

Please sign up to help usher or be a reader



# January 14, 2020 Church Council Un-approved Minutes

Present: Jim Vogel, Marie Weber, Kim Heindl, Pastor Trent Zeitler, George Sincock, Bonnie Kohn, Ellen Klister, Rick Hannemann

Absent: Lori Flick-Langer, Kari Pudlo, Dan Kostichka

Opening prayer was said by all. Call to order by Jim Vogel.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as outlined by George, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim

Social Concerns/Special Events:

God's Global Barnyard donations have been collected and was a success

Annual Hainesville meeting 2/2/20 following church service

Installation of new council officers will be part of the 2/9/20 church service

Properties:

Ceiling tile in lower level will be replaced

North door, right side, not catching when locking without using a key. Please use the key if last to leave church until repaired.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Marie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve pending audit by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim 2020 budget discussion. Budget will be submitted with amendments. Motion to approve by Marie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George to accept amended budget.

Pastor Trent Zeitler's Report:

Facilitated Women's and Men's Bible studies, made hospital visit at St Vincent's in Green Bay and homebound visits

Discussed possible water softener for the church and lectern microphone concerns

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Closed with prayer.

Next meeting 2/18 @ 6 PM

Kim Heindl (Council Secretary)

## Members of the 2020 Church Council are:

President: Jim Vogel

Vice-president: John Melland

Secretary: April Mascorro

Treasurer: Ellen Klister

Property: Rick Hannemann, Gene LaPlante

Social Ministry: Marie Weber

Evangelism: Linda Monahan

Education: Frank Pudlo

Worship: Bonnie Kohn



## Important Happenings in February!

Families, Friends & Neighbors....



Annual Meeting Sunday  
Feb 2nd 10:30

### Bold Women of the ELCA

As a confirmed female member of an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) you are a member of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA). February is **Bold Women Month** with the fourth Sunday of February being Bold Women's Day. What are you doing to celebrate the BOLD WOMEN in your life? Some women send notes to other women they consider as bold women in their life, thanking them for all they do and what they represent to other women. I sent out many cards last year to acknowledge these women. Here is a link to the ELCA website so you can look for ideas and read more about being a BOLD WOMAN: <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/bold-womens-day> Each month in 2020 we will be addressing topics that the Women of the ELCA are lifting up. Please watch for these snippets of information and let me know what you have done as well. We will share ideas. *Sent from Paula Vander Grinten, Secretary of the ECSW SWO(Synodical Women's Organization) board and member of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Howard/Green Bay WI*

### Women of Hainesville (W-ELCA)


HVLC Women's Group - 2020 will be meeting on February 18th - 12:30 pm for lunch followed by business meeting and devotions. The Officers will be serving that month. Please bring a can of soup for Feed My People. All women are invited to attend.



# Annual Meeting



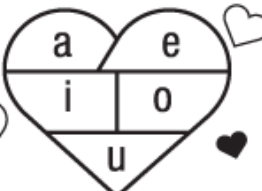
# February Activities



## A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

*Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



“Y \_ \_ r \_ my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f  
y \_ \_ d \_ wh \_ t \_ c \_ mm \_ nd. ...  
Th \_ s \_ s my c \_ mm \_ nd:  
L \_ v \_ \_ ch \_ th \_ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV



**Equipping People in Congregations:**  
A workshop for all congregational leaders/members, youth, pastors & deacons

Here’s just a sample of some of the break-out sessions being offered at the conference in Shawno on Saturday March 14th 8:30 AM—3:45 pm

- 1C “A Sower Went Out to Sow: How to Get Away with Throwing Confetti in the Sanctuary” Rev. Kerri Parker
- 3C “Governance as Leadership” Cathy Cowling
- 4C “Noticing God: Guided by the Spirit” Rev Grant Van Lishout, Pat Pintens, Marla Lang
- 5C “Social Issues: What does the Church Have to Say?” Cindy Crane
- 6C “Youth are Part of Church NOW!” Jess Throlson
- 7C “Walking Together in Faith: Our South African Connection” Rev Rich Block and Claudette Harring
- 10C “Managing Media and Increasing Public Communication” Ben Stepanek
- 11C “Best Church Practices and Legal Concerns” Michael Lokensgard

## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES BEGIN FEBRUARY 26TH

### Week of Lent 1: Change of Season

“For everything there is a season.” We hear those familiar words telling us that life is full of changes. Jesus’ parables are also filled with images of life transformed. Just as the mustard seed grows into a tree or yeast turns flour into bread, we too are called to be agents of change in the kingdom of God. Christ did not come to earth to maintain the status quo, but rather to usher in a change of season.

**Week of Lent 2: Change of Habit** Bad habits are hard to break. The letter to the Galatians urges us to replace them with the fruits of the Spirit. Love, patience, generosity, and self-control are just some of the good habits practiced by those whose foundation is built on Christ.

**Week of Lent 3: Change of Circumstances** We move from elementary to middle school, or from our hometown to a new community. We lose a job, or gain a child, or accomplish a goal, or relinquish a dream. Through it all, we learn to give thanks to God in all circumstances.

**Week of Lent 4: Change of Heart** Jesus’ words to the Pharisees give us pause: “You honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far from me.” Jesus invites us to experience a change of heart that will in fact change every part of our lives.

**Week of Lent 5: Change of Plans** God’s ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with something better and deeper than anything we could imagine.



## Books Belief Belonging

**February Lunch and Literature Book Discussion: *The Devil in Pew Number Seven* by Rebecca Nichols Alonzo**  
2011 Retailers Choice Award winner!

Date: Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Time: 12 noon Leader: Jan Shusta  
Place: Hainesville Lutheran Church Lunch: Bring your own






Rebecca never felt safe as a child. In 1969, her father, Robert Nichols, moved to Sellerstown, North Carolina, to serve as a pastor. There he found a small community eager to welcome him—with one exception. Glaring at him from pew number seven was a man obsessed with controlling the church. Determined to get rid of anyone who stood in his way, he unleashed a plan of terror that was more devastating and violent than the Nichols family could have ever imagined. Refusing to be driven away by acts of intimidation, Rebecca’s father stood his ground until one night when an armed man walked into the family’s kitchen . . . And Rebecca’s life was shattered. If anyone had a reason to harbor hatred and seek personal revenge, it would be Rebecca. Yet *The Devil in Pew Number Seven* tells a different story. It is the amazing true saga of relentless persecution, one family’s faith and courage in the face of it, and a daughter whose parents taught her the power of forgiveness.

The book for next month (March 3rd) is:

***Becoming* by Michelle Obama.**

Discussion leader is Gloria LaPlante.

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30 Worship w/communion & Sunday School <i>Annual Meeting and Soup-er Bowl Meal</i> 	3	4 Office Hours Trent: 1:30– 4:30 PM Paula: 1:30–4:30 Noon Book Club "Lunch & Literature" The Devil in Pew 7	5 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group Trent: Office hours by appointment	6	7 Paula office hours 9 AM–1 PM	8 9 AM Family Choir practice "Seek First" 
9 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Family Choir sings <b>A-K</b>	10	11 Office Hours Trent: 2:30– 4:30 Paula: 1:30–4:30 1 PM Women's Bible Study	12 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group Trent: Office hours by appointment	13 Loss of Spouse grief support group 10 AM at BVLC	14 Paula office hours 9 AM–1 PM 	15
16 9:30 Worship W/Communion & Sunday School <b>L-Z</b>	17	18 Office Hours Trent: 2:30 –4:30 Paula: 1:30–4:30 12:30 W-ELCA Lunch & Meeting 6 PM Church Council 	19 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group Trent: Office hours by appointment	20	21 Paula office hours 9 AM–1 PM <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	22
23 9:30 Worship & Sunday School <i>Fellowship meal sponsored by Richard &amp; Tillie Hannemann</i>	24	25 Office Hours Trent: 1– 4 PM Paula: 1:30–4:30 9 AM–noon "CCC" make quilts for LWR	26 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group Trent: Office hours by appointment 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 	27	28 Paula office hours 9 AM–1 PM <b>NEWSLETTER PRINTED</b>	29

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

**Rusty** (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Sandy** (Anderson), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Danielle** (Davis), **Barbara** (Foster), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Dr. Charles** (Hannemann), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Ellie** (Krull), **Harold** (Larsen), **Judy** (Larson), **Judy** (LaVine), **Francine** (Meyer), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Michelle** (Raasch), **Mary Lee** (Riddle), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeir), **Cherie** (Shusta), **Alberta** (Streckert), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), and **Aubrey** (W).



God Hears and Answers Prayers

# February Newsletter



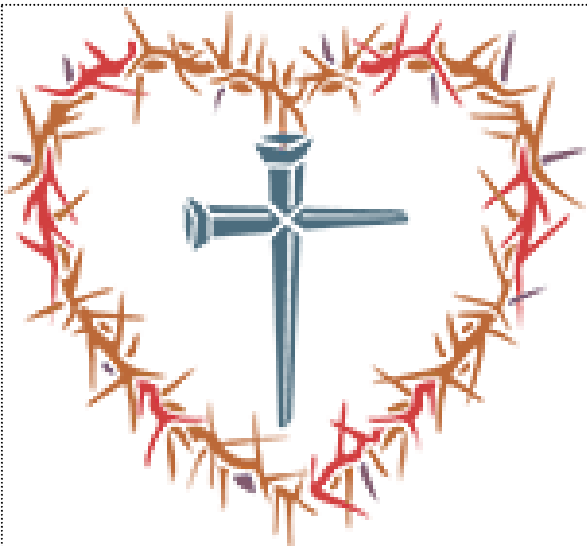
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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF



Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."