

Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

HAINESVILLE CROSSROADS — October 2026 Edition

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect the fruit.” (Matthew 21:33, 34 NIV)



THE RENT IS DUE

The Lord had blessed the people of Israel. He had given them a wonderful place to live, and he had given them promises of blessing. Best of all, he had given them his Word. He had put them in a rich and green vineyard. They were to work his vineyard and enjoy its fruit, but the vineyard still belonged to the Lord. The people of Israel were his tenants. They owed God rent on the vineyard.

So what's the point Jesus is making in the first part of his parable, our reading this month? Let's go back to the Old Testament and listen to what God said to the people of Israel through the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah wrote: "I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?" (Isaiah 5:1-4)

For centuries God had been looking for good grapes from his vineyard, but it had yielded only bad grapes.

As Jesus continued to teach in the temple courts that Tuesday of Holy Week, someone asked him which was the greatest commandment. The people still didn't get it. They thought Jesus would narrow down the rent they owed to one of the Ten Commandments God gave the Israelites on Mount Sinai or to one of the ceremonial laws he gave them to obey. Jesus responded, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Matthew 22:37-39). This is the rent God was looking for, but he never found it.

Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to work powerfully in me that I might love you above all things. Amen

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"

Hainesville Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 17, 2026

Present: Joanne Adlon, Jim Vogel, Don Heldmann, John Melland, Lora Schaefer, Lori Langer Flick, Dean Larson, Lana Ferry

Absent: Ellen Klister, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

The meeting was opened by Joanne at 5:30 p.m. leading the Council Prayer

Motion was made by Dean, 2nd by Jim to approve the Meeting Agenda Approved

Pastor's Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Started *Tour de Hainesville* visiting close members on e-bike. 2 households were visited.
- Fielded a number of calls from members with easy answer questions. Contacted Kathy Schmitz after the fire they had to their unattached garage.
- Held a service on August 2nd at Sturgeon Bay Health Services. Irene and Mathilde were able to attend. Gloria LaPlante and Rilynn Brunette brought cookies. 15 additional members attended. Communion was served. 2 ideas came from this 1.) Hold a similar service during different seasons and 2.) Christmas Caroling at facilities where members are living
- Will be assisting Louann Brown in a Grief Support Group at Prince of Peace from 10:00-11:00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month that will be specializing in people who have lost their spouse. They have been busy spreading the word.
- Youth Group: Met with Rev. John Cofield regarding a gathering of Southern Door high schoolers. This would take place here around suppertime when school activities are finished for the day. This is in the beginning stages
- Smoothed out upset feelings about the project items in the pavilion when outdoor worship was being planned.

Worship: (Dean Larson)

- Assigned Communion Assistants for September
- Continue to have request for help with the streaming in the bulletin.

Social Concerns: (Lora Schaefer)

- Continues to take food to Feed My People

- God's Work our Hands will be held on September 13. We will be picking up in the ditches, tying blankets, filling and packaging school kits.

Evangelism: (Lori Langer Flick)

- Sent 1 card to visitor

Property/Maintenance: (Don Heldmann & John Melland)

- Blacktop is finished and planted grass next to new blacktop. Will get hoses to be able to water the seed.
- Steps are finished
- Will trim trees so you can see the sign coming down the road
- Will order additional dumpster for behind the church during construction

Education:

- No report

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- Plow truck was donated by a member

Vice President: (Jim Vogel)

- September 21 is the target date for the refurbishing of the north windows.
- Report from the Interfaith Housing Coalition. Kitchen supplies are being donated from Hainesville. Need help to clean the house contact Marla Vogel.

Treasurer's Report: (Ellen Klister)

- Motion by Jim, 2nd by Lora to approve. Motion carried

Secretary's Report: (Lana Ferry)

- Motion by Dean, 2nd by John to approve. Motion carried
- Pictures are being wrapped up will take to Pack & Ship for printing 50 copies.

Upcoming Church Special Events

- August 20th – Grief Support Group
- August 27th – Lunch Bunch at Stone Harbor
- September 13th – Outdoor Worship, God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Ice Cream Social
- September 23rd – Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon
- October 25th – Trunk or Treat

Old Business and Action Items from Previous Meetings

- Interfaith Housing Coalition of Sturgeon Bay – See Vice President report

New Business

- August 22nd meeting at Bay View for organizing the Community Dinner
- Results of the Outdoor Worship Survey
32 in favor of the service 7 against

We will have the congregation stand only for the Gospel because it is harder to stand outside as suggested.

Open Property Items

- Sign front church – in process electrician to wire now

- Parking lot – paving/stripping - 2027
- Cedar shakes – replacement in process

Tabled Items

- Lighting assessment – waiting until west windows are finished
- Painting – basement, office, and hallway
- Internet Service

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: Motion by Dean, 2nd by Jim to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31.
Next Meeting September 21st at 5:30



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 November 3rd at 10:30

Book title: The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate



**Books Belief
Belonging**

ECPA Christian book Award Finalist, Christy Award Finalist, Christianity Today Book Award Finalist!

When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house. Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days.

Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper—the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything.

Discussing the book last month with the author Margaret Magle was a treat for everyone!



Hainesville Lunch Bunch meets on October 22nd at 11:30 at the Sandbox. Please contact Marla Vogel by Tuesday the 20th if you would like to attend so she can make the appropriate reservations. Thank you

God's Work Our Hand's Sunday

We filled school bags, tied blankets, and cleaned ditches. Sorry didn't get a picture of the ditch workers this year.



Our last Outdoor Worship of the Summer



Restoration work being done on the west windows to get ready for the stained glass to come later.



Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon

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



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



Sharon (Albert), Linda (Anderson), Tom (Angermeier), Bill & Sue (Aune), Cindy (B), John (B), Elaine (Caelwaerts), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Dan (Fenrich), Pam (Freiberg), Alan (G), Pastor Hankermeyer, Betty (J), Charlotte (K), Patricia (Kehl), Cindy (Knapp), Keith (Knapp), Don (L), Joel (L), Kenny (Meyer), Beth Pachniak, Monika (Perry), Kristin (Reinert), Matthew (Roque), Delores (Schuyler), Irene (Thorson), Arnie (Zahn), Brixanna, Marley, Russ, Christina, Joanne, Katlyn, Marissa, Sophia, the families of Mathilde Hannemann and Carole (Larson) Skovera.

Dear Pastor Mary Lou and Hainesville Friends,

I've just been through my second major medical event in 2026, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the visits, prayers, words of encouragement, well-wishes, cards, texts, calls, hugs, healing thoughts, and love stitched into my prayer shawl. Your sincere caring has truly lifted my spirits, and I know my recovery is being carried along right up to the heart of God.

I am beyond grateful to be part of this congregation at the "Little Church with the Big Heart"!

Thank you – and God's Blessings,
Pam Freiberg

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





2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	1	2	3 Family Choir 9:30
4 9:30 Worship/ Communion/ Nametag A-K	5	6 12:00 Book Club "A Murder Most Fowl"	7 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship L-Z	12	13 "Grace" Bible Study 9:30 Chapters 7&9	14 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	15 Grief Support Group 6PM	16	17 Celebration of Life for Mathilde Hannemann at 11:00
18 9:30 Worship/Com munion A-K	19 5:30 PM Church Council	20 NOON WELCA	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	22 Hainesville Lunch Bunch at 11:30 at Sandbox	23	24
25 9:30 Worship/Youth Sunday/Trunk or Treat Council provides	26	27 9AM—Noon Quilting for missions	28	29	30	31 Family Choir 9:30

There will be a Celebration of Life for Mathilde (Tilly) Hannemann here at Hainesville on Saturday October 17th. There will be visitation at 10:00 with the service to follow at 11:00. She will be missed by many as she was the longest member of the congregation.

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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 25

The church is holding their first ever "Trunk or Treat" on October 25th. We are encouraging youth from the community to participate. We are asking the church to provide treats. The church council will be providing the meal for this Sunday. If you need ideas for decorating your trunk please see Joanne Adlon.

