

Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

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“Do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.” (Matthew 23:3,4 NIV)

LEGALISM 101: PUT AWAY LOVELESS DEMANDS

“God is love,” the Bible says (1 John 4:16). Everything he is and does emanates from love. Even God’s desire that we follow his law flows from love. Legalism, however, it never flows from love. Legalism sets forth laws and expectations without a hint of love in sight. Jesus pointed out this problem as he evaluated the teachers of the law and the Pharisees of his day. They explained to others in detail the laws and commands of Moses, but they didn’t obey God in their own lives. They laid unreasonable burdens on others while they themselves were unwilling to help these poor people carry their burdens.

One of the hallmarks of legalism is placing expectations on others without a Spirit of loving empathy, detaching ourselves from how those laws are making others feel. If we are unwilling to live by rules we proclaim, not only do we lose credibility but we also show a callous attitude toward those who are struggling to keep them. We must ask ourselves, “Are we willing to walk the walk or only talk the talk?” Indeed, we must ask, “Are we even able to walk the walk we are talking about?”

Jesus did both! He never shied away from proclaiming God’s law in all its truth. But along with that, he took his place alongside every sinner, walking the walk of holy obedience. More than that, he invited them to come to him to be unburdened and find peace in his obedience in our place. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). When a woman caught in adultery was about to be stoned, Jesus said to her accusers, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first” (John 8:7,9).

Putting away legalism means compassion, not just commanding. It means releasing from guilt, not adding on more layers of guilt. All of this can only flow from love for the sinner, as Jesus has loved us.

Dear Savior, you lifted the burden of sin from us and love us perfectly. With that same spirit of empathy and love, may we reach out to others with your love and forgiveness. Amen.



THIS MONTH at a glance...

- Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.
- BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, Sept 2nd at Noon; Dead Air by Mary L. Hamilton we will be Zooming with the author
- Bible Study Tuesday, Sept 9th at 9:30 “The Wired Word”
- Church Council meets Monday, Sept 15th at 6:00
- WELCA meets Tuesday, Sept 16th at noon
- Wednesday, Sept 17th Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon 12-1
- Grief Support Group Thursday, Sept 18th at 6
- Quilters meet Tuesday, Sept 23rd & 30th at 9
- Hainesville Lunch Bunch meets Thursday, Sept 25th at 11:30
- Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church





HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

July 21st – Hainesville Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Lori Flick-Langer, Lora Schaefer, Dean Larson, Ellen Klister, & Sue Nusbaum

Absent: John Melland, Gene LaPlante, George Sincock, Heather Sund

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon leading the Council Prayer at 6 pm. The motion was made to accept the meeting agenda by Lori & 2nd by Ellen. Motion accepted.

Pastors Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Pastor visited & gave communion to Irene Thorsen, Tilly Hannemann, & Gary Hannemann at the Dorchester Golden Living Center.
- Pastor has volunteered to do a Bayview Lutheran Church Sunday service, since their Pastor has taken another call.
- Pastor participated at the Goods & Goodies Sale, July 19th.

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Quantum Technologies has updated our office computer.

Social Ministry: (Lora Schaefer)

- Lora read a thank you note from Feed & Clothe my People for the generous grocery items that have been donated by our congregation.

Evangelism: (Lori Flick-Langer)

- Lori sent a thank you note to a visitor to our church service.
- Lori will send a sympathy card to Pastor Raben whose mother-in-law has passed away.

Property: (John Melland, Gene LaPlante)

- Gene has finished the wood window frames on the exterior windows. Thank you!
- George & Gene will continue to clean out the culverts & ditches. Thank you!

Education: (Heather Haese)

- Discussion regarding getting more children involved in our youth program.
- Becky Brown will continue to do "Youth Sundays" along with Pastor Plummer.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- No report.

Vice-President: (George Sincock)

- No report.

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Expenses were under budget.
- Of the large donation (\$273,600.) received last month, an amount of \$246,000. has been put into 2 CD's at 4%, at Nicolet Bank. The rest of the money (\$27,600.) has been set aside to pay for maintenance projects around the church.
- Pastor Plummer made a motion to tithe 10% of the total donation back to the community as Council & congregation see fit. So, \$1000. Has already been sent to the Ecumenical Partnership on Housing. And, \$26,600. will be set aside in a "Good Samaritan Fund". Our church members will be asked to submit names of local Charities to donate to. Motion made by Pastor Plummer & Dean & 2nd by Ellen. Motion accepted.
- Lana will put this information in the newsletter and ask the church members to submit suggestions to Council members, as to what local charities this money should be donated to.

Upcoming Church Special Events (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.)

- Sunday, July 27th- Outdoor Services
- Sunday, August 24th, Outdoor Services & Ice Cream Social - NO BRUNCH
- Sunday, Sept. 7th, Council provides Chicken Brunch
- Sunday, Sept. 14th, Outdoor Service
- Wednesday, Sept. 17th, Croissant Lunch, noon
- Sunday, Oct. 5th, Bob & Becca Commitment Ceremony, after services

Old Business & Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Nordic Grant - Update - Gene sent video of the exterior painting & window woodwork to Emily. Now we will wait & see if anything happens.
- Copy Machine - We will be keeping the old machine for now & we will update the contract.
- Ecumenical Partnership for Housing - A check for \$1000. has been sent.

New Business:

- Sunday Brunch meal will be provided on Sept. 7 by the Council.
- "No Dogs" signs have been posted on all church doors, according to the Health Dept. These will be laminated & reposted.

Tabled Items:

- Sanctuary Lighting Assessment- A Donation of \$3000. was made to upgrade the ceiling lighting to help those members with sight issues, especially since the north windows have been installed. We will contact a lighting specialist regarding an upgrade.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ellen & 2nd by Lora. Motion accepted. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

The Council Meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Joanne Adlon.

Next Council Meeting: August 18th, 2025, at 6pm.



Birthdays in September

Sept 5th	Heidi Gutschow Edward Sawyer
Sept 7th	Jon Klister
Sept 10th	George Sincock Liam Schultz
Sept 11th	Julia Jacobson
Sept 12th	Arne Odegaard
Sept 15th	Taylor Brunette
Sept 16th	Carolyn Melland
Sept 18th	John Borkovetz Charley Carey Bransen Sawyer
Sept 22nd	Matt Dixner Young
Sept 24th	Tim Hanson
Sept 29th	Alice Angermeier Lana Ferry Jerry Langer
Sept 30th	Sue Peterson

TUESDAY Sept 2nd AT NOON

Book title: Dead Air by Mary L. Hamilton



Kit Squires never imagined her husband capable of murder. Did her ultimatum drive him to it?

A year after loosing his job as a local radio host, Jeff stubbornly clings to the hope of being re-hired and refuses to take any other job. But Kit can't support the family alone on what she makes as a physical therapist. And their bank account is streaking toward the danger zone, much like her respect for Jeff. Desperate, Kit demands that he get a job or move out.

Then gunshots blast across the airwaves of Jeff's former show. And in the dead air that follows, Kit recognizes the voice in his troubling last words.

Torn between believing the overwhelming evidence against Jeff or trusting the character of the man she thought she knew, Kit's choice puts her at odds with their son, Bryce. One of them has to be wrong...which means that the killer might still be out there.

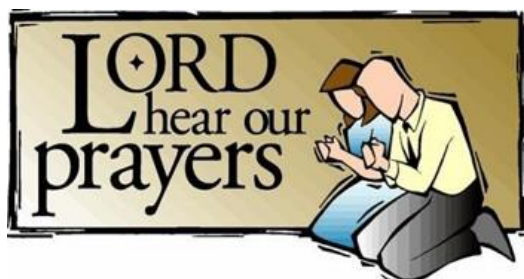
Join the book club as we meet with the author by way of Zoom Sept 2nd at noon.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Prevent Suicide - Door County will have its annual Walk for Hope and Awareness on Sunday, September 7th, 2:00-4:30 p.m. at Sawyer Park in Sturgeon Bay. For more information please contact the church office.

There will be a Golf Tournament to benefit Nasewaupsee Fire and Rescue on September 20th at Idlewild Golf Club. See George for details.



Linda (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **John (B)**, **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Joan** (Goessel), **Barbara** (Hughes/Dean), **Barth** (Jeanquart), **Dawn** (Jeanquart), **Charlotte** (K), **Judy** (Krahn), **Myriah** (Krueger), **Amie** (M), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Roque), **Mike** (S), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Deb** (Ulrich), **Irene** (Thorson), **Betty, Carole & Russ, Chelsa, Jeff, and Laurie.**

The Synod Golf Outing



All 8 of the participants from our congregation had a great time. One of the teams did quite well in the standings. The other one took last prize. There were some very impressive shots.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



God's Work. Our Hands Sunday will be September 7th. There will be work opportunities for everyone. All ages and abilities will be welcome to help. We will have a shorter than normal worship service and then the fun begins. The Church Council will be responsible for the lunch this Sunday.



The Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 17th from 12-1. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship area for when you would like to help with this fund-raising project. Tickets are available from Evelyn Breider. Please invite a friend or family member and bring them with you. Tickets are \$20.00.



Youth Sunday begins on September 14th. This will also be our last outdoor worship for the season. If the weather is too windy, cool, or wet we will meet as usual in the sanctuary. The activity for this month will be to paint rocks to spread around the community. The Church Council will be providing lunch this week. Watch for information about upcoming events. New things are being planned for this year.

SEPTEMBER

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  LABOR DAY	2 BOOK CLUB: meets at NOON: Dead Air by Mary L. Hamilton we will Zoom	3 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship/ Communion/ God's Work Our Hands/ Nametag Council Provides	8	9 9:30 Bible Study "The Wired Word"	10 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:30 Worship/ Youth Sunday Council Provides	15 6 PM Church Council	16 NOON WELCA	17 CHICKEN SALAD CROISSANT LUNCHEON 12-1 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	18 Grief Support Group 6PM	19	20
21 9:30 Worship/ Communion L-Z	22	23 9AM—Noon Quilting for missions	24 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	25 Hainesville Lunch Bunch at 11:30	26	27
28 9:30 Worship/Food Drive A-K	29	30 9AM—Noon Quilting for missions	1	2	3	4

We have become more aware of the problem of hunger in our own county. We are therefore beginning to make a more concerted effort to help those who are in need around us. Our noisy offerings each time they are taken will be now used to help feed those here in Door County. We also have a basket in the fellowship area where nonperishable items and personal hygiene needs can be dropped off. The last Sunday of each month will be a special emphasis on the hungry. Please make any checks made out to Feed My People. Thank you for your help with this expanded project.



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Christians,
empowered by
the Gospel,
who share
their faith
through
witness,
service and
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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

Upcoming Events at Hainesville

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| September 7th | God's Work Our Hands Sunday |
| September 14th | Youth Sunday and our last Outdoor Worship |
| September 17th | Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon |
- (More information on each event inside the Newsletter)**