

# Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

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**And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand time ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. (Revelation 5:11 EHV)**

**STAGGERING!**

“Worst day ever!” Unforgettable! It’s branded in our memories. We’re scarred. A test was positive. The doctor’s words were ‘palliative and hospice.’ Something happened to our child(ren). The answer was “No.” The job was lost. The business tanked. The relationship ended. The marriage split. The health plummeted.... On that worst day ever, the evil one sneered as you were left crushed, staggering.

All of us have had our worst days ever. John, who was going through some of his own worst days ever, was shown and so he in turn shows us a vision of our best day ever. Our eyes, swollen, pained, and persecuted, are lifted to look at paradise.

This glimpse of glory leaves us staggering in a good way. There are so many! The numbers are staggering, “Ten thousand times then thousand, and thousands upon thousands.” Countless angelic hosts praise the God of heaven for goodness and help given to us! Its’s not angels that God helps. They’ve never experienced worst days ever, but they’ve witnessed ours. Their joy is over our rescue. They praise the Holy One whose love and power delivered us. The angelic choir of staggering numbers sings anthems of honor, glory, and blessing to the Lord!

What a sight for our sore eyes! This side of heaven has so often left us wounded and hurt. John’s vision shows us that side of heaven with perfect safety and restful peace. That best day ever will forever be ours. It’s already ours through Jesus. He went through his worst day ever on that Friday we call “Good” in order to make it ours. Jesus made our hell his so that his heaven will be ours. Jesus’ worst day ever means our best day ever. Jesus’ love for us is as staggering as the number of heavenly hosts!

God the Spirit calls us to his side through John’s pen to fill us with sure hope, comfort, and certainty. What is to come sustains us now! It’s so wonderful it’s staggering! What a blessed assurance: we’re counted among the countless!

**O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**



- **Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.**
- **BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, April 2nd at Noon; The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom**
- **Be like Jesus, Live Like Jesus Bible Study Tuesday, April 9th at 9:30**
- **Church council meets Monday April 15th at 6:00 PM**
- **W-ELCA meets Tuesday, April 16th at noon**
- **Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church**
- **Quilters meet Tuesday April 23rd and April 30th at 9 AM**



# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## "The Little Church with a Big Heart"

### Church Council Meeting—February 19, 2024

Meeting was called to order by the President at 5:57 pm, followed by the Council prayer.

In Attendance: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Joanne Adlon, George Sincock, Ellen Klister, Sue Nusbaum (Zoom), Gordy Hughes, Marie Weber, Lori Langer (Flick), Gene LaPlante, John Melland.

Absent: Heather Haese

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Gene LaPlante and seconded by George Sincock. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report: (Pastor Mary Lou)

\* The Ash Wednesday Service noon start time was questioned by a parishioner. Discussion followed whether services should be held Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday. Doing the extra services was deemed to put too much pressure on church resources. Future special services would be voted on by the congregation for next year, and then noted in the bulletin.

### Worship, Music Report: (Gordy)

\*Communion helpers for March and April were selected.

\* Palms were ordered for Easter.

\*Discussion regarding having dogs come to the June 6<sup>th</sup> outside service was not approved.

\*The Car show needs volunteers. \$250 cost for insurance rider and other expense will come out of church budget. The Possibility of adding kid games and placing entry form on web site were discussed.

### Social Concerns Report: (Marie)

\*Feed My People has been very appreciative of the food donations left at church.

\* President will check on moving the noisy can weekly offering to the Door County Food Coalition.

### Evangelism Report: (Lori)

\*An anniversary card was sent to the Hannemanns.

### Property Report: (John/Gene)

\*Painting the basement support posts will be looked at.

### Education Report: (Heather)

\*Confirmation Kids will handle the ushering for the April 21<sup>st</sup> service.

### CHURCH OFFICER REPORTS

#### Presidents Report: (Joanne)

\* It was decided the church would not donate to a non-member from Sister Bay.

### Treasurers Report: (Ellen)

\*Stained Glass Window goal has been reached. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Gene LaPlante and seconded by Gordy Hughes. Motion carried.

### Secretary's Report: (Sue)

\*The motion to approve last month's minutes was made by George Sincock and seconded by Marie Weber. Motion carried.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms):

\*Easter Sunday, March 31, will include Communion

\*Confirmation, May 19

\*Car Show June 15th

### Old Business:

\*Application for maintenance planning grant will be submitted by Mary Lou Plummer and George Sincock. Bill will follow through contacting potential vendors for site review.

\*Capital Grant application is due by June 15<sup>th</sup>. A Grant update meeting will be held in Eden Prairie, Minnesota on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Mary Lou and George are planning to attend.

\*It was noted the church must be active in community events and fund-raising efforts to qualify for the Capital Grant funding.

### New Business:

\*A monthly or recurring food drive was discussed.

\*The CPR training needs to be updated.

\*Donations to Memorials will be going to the general fund, but Easter Lilies will still be available. Recognition will be in the quarterly bulletin.

\*Jim Vogel will work with two young boys to form a committee aimed at getting younger families interested in the church.

### Tabled Items:

\*A Pavilion for Rent sign was put on hold pending a review of what is covered under our insurance.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Klister and seconded by George Sincock. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Next Council Meeting Is March 18, 2024, at 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY May 7th AT NOON**

Book title: Beyond the Tracks by Michael Reit

Berlin, 1938 It's no longer safe here.

When the Jewish families of Berlin start disappearing in nightly raids, 21-year-old Jacob Kagan knows it's only a matter of time before the trucks come for him. Along with his family and best friend, he flees the country he's always called home to find shelter in a Dutch refugee camp. Before long, the Netherlands falls to the Nazi war machine—Jacob's new home is transformed into a transit camp with weekly trains bound for the horrors of the Eastern concentration camps.

Handpicked by the cruel new SS regime to police the camp's Jewish population, Jacob has the opportunity to save his parents and best friend from the dreaded transport lists—but at what cost? Based on true events, Beyond the Tracks is a redemptive story of unconditional loyalty and a will to survive at impossible odds.



**Books Belief Belonging**



**Birthdays in April**

- April 1st April Mascorro  
Mary Lou Plummer
- April 2nd Jim Hanstad
- April 3rd MarJean Gutschow  
Peggy Odegaard
- April 4th Joe Korte
- April 8th Tom Angermeier
- April 10th Bonnie Kohn
- April 11th Eric Schmitz
- April 13th Kristor Larson
- April 14th Tiffany Schultz
- April 17th Jordan Degrave
- April 18th Ken Overland
- April 22nd Kayla Houston
- April 23rd Deb Kirsch
- April 25th Patrick Markham  
Kathy Schmitz
- April 30th Jan Shusta



**Upcoming Events at Hainesville**

**Looking ahead for the summer events**

MAY 22nd-Salad Luncheon - Noon-1-\$12.00

JUNE 7th - Fish Boil - 5-6:30PM - \$18.00  
reservations are due May 26th

JUNE 15th– Motor Show 9:00AM - 2:00PM  
See page 6 of the newsletter for more information

JULY 20th - Goods & Goodies - 9:00AM-1:00PM; bake sale, lunch, craft sale, silent auction



**From Carolyn concerning the July Goods & Goodies sale:**

To anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale...Please leave donations by the memorial wall no later than July 13th. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING**

- \* Clothing of any kind
- \* Microwave ovens
- \* Computers/Peripherals
- \* TV sets/Monitors
- \* Refrigerators
- \* Freezers
- \* Organs
- \* Air conditioners
- \* Mattresses



**All other items are very much appreciated and we thank you. If you have any larger items or questions please call Carolyn Melland at 920-743-4470  
920-495-2871**

AUGUST 21st - Croissant Luncheon -  
Noon-1:00PM - \$15.00 per ticket



**Wedding Anniversaries in April**

- April 16th Rick & Vicki  
Hannemann
- April 19th Bob & Leslie  
Petersen



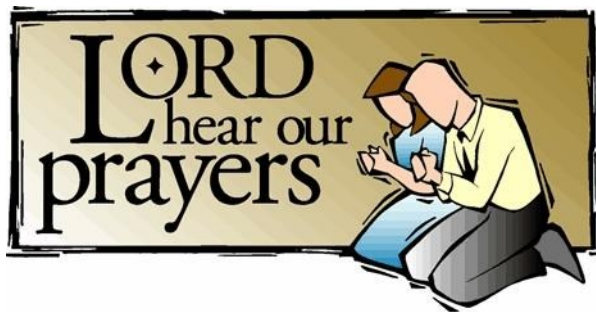
Now is the time to order your bricks for the memorial wall for spring installation. It is easier to do many at one time. There are order forms on the table by the elevator. Please fill it out and return to the office.

## NORDIC CHURCH PROJECT (NCP) UPDATE #2

In late February the application for the NCP planning grant was completed and submitted by George Sincock and Pastor Mary Lou. This grant offers a 2:1 payout for the purpose of planning future projects, maintenance or otherwise, and tops out at \$5,000. This means that if we raise \$2500, we can be eligible for the full \$5000 from NCP. This money can be used then to hire an engineer or architect to provide us with a 25-year maintenance plan as well as offering suggestions for installing the new stained-glass windows using historical preservation techniques. Bill Nusbaum is getting names of qualified professionals that we can contact for this maintenance plan. Bill's son is offering us his expertise in finding an engineer or architect – Thank you, Bill Jr.!

Two construction companies were contacted by George Sincock and Gene LaPlante for the purpose of estimates of upcoming projects like the installation of the windows. Both companies have been onsite and we're waiting for the estimates. None have been received to date.

In mid-March, George Sincock and Pastor Mary Lou were interviewed by a reporter from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel who received our name from the NCP director. The reporter is interested in doing an article on churches involved with the NCP. At the end of the 45-minute interview, the reporter was interested in coming up in June for our annual Fish Boil and to talk more about our church and ongoing ministries and projects. George even offered to pay for her and her cameraman's tickets to the boil – it's in print now so it's a commitment! Thank you, George!



## Keep Them in Your Prayers

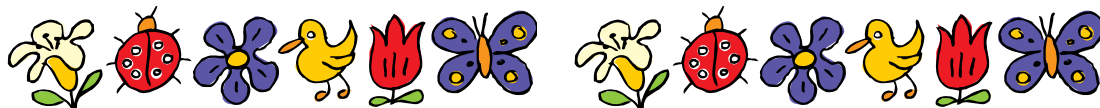
“Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers” *Ephesians 6:18*

**Tom** (Angermeier), **Elaine & Jim** (C), **Danielle** (D), **Garrison** (Dixner), **Lynn** (Eskildsen), **Pat** (Fenrich), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Charlie** (H), **Charlotte** (K), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Donna** (S), **Barb** (Salzer), **Lexi** (Schiesser), **Ellie** (Schneider), **Ernie** (Watson)

Starting with the new year we have reinstated the prayer request policy of the past. This means that your prayer request will be on the list for 3 months unless you state otherwise. You can re-request to keep them on the list or put them back on if they have come off and you would like them on again. Prayer request forms are found on the back of each pew on colorful card stock. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate or on the desk in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this worthwhile ministry for those who are struggling among us.



Barb Salzer (Emery Freiberg's Sister) with her prayer shawl.



We are becoming 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 it is 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 fourth Sunday of each month will be a special emphasis on the hungry. There will be a collection box at each entrance to the sanctuary for your donations. Please make any checks made out to Feed My People. Thank you for your help with this expanded project.

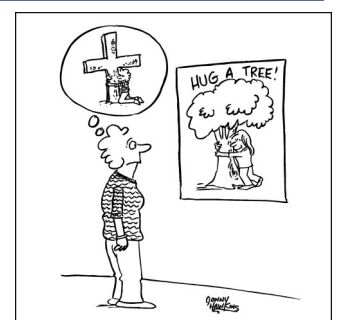


# APRIL

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <b>BOOK CLUB: meets at NOON:</b>	3 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	4	5	6
7 <b>9:30 Worship/ communion</b> <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> A-K	8	9 <b>9:30 Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus Bible Study</b>	10 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	11	12	13 <b>9:30 Family Choir rehearsal</b>
14 <b>9:30 Worship</b> <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> L-Z	15 6 PM Church Council	16 <b>NOON W-ELCA dessert provided</b>	17 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	18	19	20
21 <b>9:30 Worship/ communion</b> <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> A-K	22	23 <b>9AM—Noon Quilting for missions</b>	24 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	25	26	27
28 <b>9:30 am Worship</b> <i>Confirmation class after worship</i> L-Z	29	30 <b>9AM—Noon Quilting for missions</b>	1	2	3	4 <b>9:00 Spring Clean up</b>

Spring clean-up is tentatively planned for May 4th beginning at 9:00. If the weather is bad we will reschedule as soon as possible. For Family Choir Members, you can practice first and then help with the clean-up. We realize that they are scheduled for the same time.



# April Newsletter



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PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

## HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOTOR SHOW NEWS!

I am excited to share with you that we are hosting a Motor Show Saturday June 15 on the grounds at Hainesville Lutheran Church. The show hours are 9am to 2pm with Trophies awarded at 2pm. We will have a concession stand, baked goods, crafts, games for kids and families to play, along with cars, trucks and motorcycles to judge. We have a flyer posted on the church web site as well as a registration form you can download and enter to join the fun. We also will need volunteers to do various jobs for set up on Friday June 14th and Saturday for the show. I will also have a planning meeting before Friday June 14th to organize volunteer jobs. Most jobs will only be a few hours of your time and then enjoy the people and the show. Please contact Gordy Hughes with any questions at (612) 237 8999. Thank You

