

Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

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On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. (Isaiah 25:6 EHV)

A BANQUET OF THE BEST FOR ALL

At a national hot dog eating contest recently, the winner gulped down over 60 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes. The year before he managed over 70! Not my idea of an enjoyable meal. It sounds more like a bad case of indigestion.

The prophet Isaiah portrays a “banquet of rich food” in our reading. The menu gushes forth with mouthwatering entrees. It is a banquet of the best, and it is “for all peoples.” It is served “on this mountain.” God’s people, his church, are often pictured in the Bible as Mount Zion, the mountain on which Jerusalem stood. This banquet pictures the rich plate of blessings that God has prepared for all people, blessings served up because of Easter.

The problem is, no one deserves to attend this banquet. Isaiah’s first readers and we readers today will recognize that clearly if we glance at the previous 24 chapters of his book. There the rebellion of all people and God’s resulting punishment are spelled out in the damning clarity that will take your appetite away. We sinners deserve not a bite of God’s Easter banquet of blessings.

Idolatry was the glaring sin committed by the people of Isaiah’s day. They’d fallen for the false gods of their often more powerful, more successful-looking neighbors. They’d dined on junk food by worshiping, trusting, and giving first place to worthless false gods that caused them to lose out on the true God’s Easter banquet.

Satan and our own sinful nature try to make us hunger for the non-nutritious, unsatisfying, worthless idols of our day – money, pleasure, self achievement, and earthy fame – that appear to offer delicious power, success, and fulfillment. All these are garbage in the end and cannot compare with the banquet of blessings God has prepared. We sinners deserve no invitation to God’s Easter banquet of blessings, but it is freely ours through Spirit-filled faith.

Right before the first Easter, Jesus enjoyed a banquet – the Last Supper – with his disciples, but he pointed them forward to the much greater banquet for those in his kingdom. Easter’s victory, Jesus’ glorious triumph over death and hell, sets the table for a banquet of blessings with which no earthly banquet or blessings can compare. By faith that banquet of blessings is yours. **Lord, move us to always hunger for the blessings only you can serve and to never be led astray by the world’s empty fare. Amen.**



April at a glance

- Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.
- Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church
- BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, April 7th at Noon; “The Measure” by Nikki Erlick
- Bible Study Tuesday, April 14th at 9:30 “The Wired Word”
- Grief Support Group Thursday, April 16th at 6:00
- Church Council Monday, April 20th at 5:30
- WELCA Tuesday, April 21st at noon
- Hainesville Lunch Bunch Thursday, April 23rd at 11:30
- Quilters meet Tuesday April 28th at 9:00

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HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

Hainesville Lutheran Church Council Meeting – February 16, 2026

Present: Joanne Adlon, Jim Vogel, Ellen Klister, John Melland, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Don Heldmann, Dean Larson, Lana Ferry, Lora Schaefer via Zoom

Absent: Lori Langer-Flick

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon at 6:00p.m. leading the Council Prayer.

Motion was made by Ellen, 2nd by Dean to approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Visits to John Breider, Joanne Adlon, and Marie Weber following recent illnesses.
- Trying to make contact with Sharon Albert
- Everything is set for Ash Wednesday
- Payment for those who do extra work to make music work when there is no keyboard. Motion made by Ellen, 2nd by Jim. Motion approved.
- There will be a Peace & Justice Vigil on February 28th

Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Bob Petersen & Linda Ciccone have asked to furnish flowers in honor of their mother Irene Peterson's 100th birthday.
- Communion assistants assigned
- Easter Lily forms will begin in the March 8th bulletin
- We have no keyboard player for March 29th

Social Concerns: (Lora Schaefer)

- Continues to take donations to Feed & Clothe My People

Evangelism: (Lori Langer-Flick)

- No report

Property/Maintenance: John Melland, Don Heldmann

- Don fixed the chairs in the Gathering area and floor trim
- Mays will pick up the lawn mowers on Wednesday for Spring maintenance
- Don will be the new contact person for Orkin
- Suggestion was made to make a log of all the maintenance things that are done so that it is written down

Education: (Mary Lou)

- She will meet with Elliott and Oliver in March prior to their confirmation
- May 3rd will be Confirmation Sunday council will provide the meal

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- She ordered a brick to be installed in the Spring

Vice President: (Jim Vogel)

- The Stained-Glass Window committee has met and they will have Conrad Schmidt come and assess what needs to be done before windows can be installed

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Motion by Lana, 2nd by John to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Secretary: (Lana Ferry)

- Motion by Dean, 2nd by Joanne to approve the secretary's report. Motion approved.

Upcoming church special events: (weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.)

- February 18th – Ash Wednesday Noon
- February 23rd – Weekly Lenten Bible Study at 9:30
- May 3rd – Confirmation

Old Business & Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Nordic Grant – nothing new
- Interfaith Coalition for Housing – Nothing new

New Business

- Put in 7 handicap spaces when we redo the blacktop

- When CD’s mature Ellen will check into investing some monies in Thrivent
- Application for new membership has been received

Tabled Items

- Dean will check with Quantum for pricing on a new computer
- Lighting Assessment – need to contact a lighting specialist regarding upgrade

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: Motion by Jim, 2nd by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00

The Council Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: March 16th at 6pm



Tuesday, April 7th, Book Club at 10:00

Book Title: The Measure by Nikki Erlick

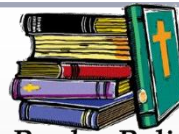
Age of Miracles meets The Immortalists in this spirit-lifting, high-concept blockbuster debut set in a world where people can find out how much time they have left to live.

Would you choose to find out the length of your life?

One spring day, small wooden boxes arrive for every person, all over the world, from suburban doorsteps to desert tents. All the boxes feature the same inscription, “The measure of your life lies within,” and vary in only two ways: the name of the recipient and the length of the single string inside. Instantly, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy, first to ascertain their origin and meaning, and then to confront the truth of the strings.

Told through multiple perspectives, The Measure introduces an unforgettable cast of characters whose lives weave and interlock with one another upon the arrival of the strings: a doctor who cannot save himself, a couple, who thought they didn’t have to rush, best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding the refuge in the unknown, and a politician, whose string becomes a powder keg in an increasingly turbulent world.

As society divides itself, the truth has the power to unravel their long-held beliefs and relationships all while forging new alliances and philosophies about our time on this earth and our place in the community. Both heartbreaking and profoundly uplifting. The Measure is a sweeping, ambitious meditation on life, family and society that challenges us to consider the best way to live life to the fullest



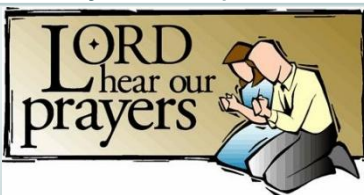
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Birthdays in April

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| April 1 st | Mary Lou Plummer |
| April 2 nd | Jim Hanstad |
| April 3 rd | MarJean Gutschow Peggy Odegaard |
| April 4 th | Joe Korte |
| April 7 th | Cathy Lindal |
| April 8 th | Tom Angermeier |
| April 10 th | Bonnie Kohn |
| April 11 th | Eric Schmitz |
| April 13 th | Kristor Larson |
| April 14 th | Tiffany Schultz |
| April 17 th | Jordan Degrave |
| April 18 th | Ken Overland |
| April 22 nd | Kayla Houston |
| April 23 rd | Deb Kirsch |
| April 25 th | Patrick Markham Kathy Schmitz |
| April 30 th | Jan Shusta |

Keep Them in Your Prayers

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



Sharon (Albert), Linda (Anderson), Tom & Alice (Angermeier), Bill & Sue (Aune), Cindy (B), John (B), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Dan (Fenrich), Pam (Freiberg), Alan (G), Barbara (Hughes/Dean), Dawn (Jeanquart), Charlotte (K), Patricia (Kehl), Cindy (Knapp), Keith (Knapp), Kenny (Meyer), Beth (Pachniak), Monika (Perry), Delores (Schuyler), Irene (Thorson), Debby (Z), Mary (Zirbel), Brixanna, Marley, Carole, Russ, Sophia, and the family of Todd S.



Wedding Anniversaries in April

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

These beautiful flowers were given in recognition of Irene Petersen's 100th birthday. They were donated by Bob and Ron Peterson and Linda Ciccone and families.



A large group gathered for the monthly Hainesville Lunch Bunch on March 26th. I know they would love to have you join them next month. Contact Marla Vogel for more information.



YOUTH SUNDAY brings youth of all ages together to play some sort of game and share lifelong memories. May 3rd will be Confirmation Sunday.



APRIL

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study | 2 | 3 | 4 9:30 Family Choir Rehearsal |
| 5 9:30 Worship/Easter Sunday/ Communion/ Treats only | 6 9:30 "Risen" Movie* | 7 10:00 Book Club | 8 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:30 Worship/Youth Sunday Council Provides | 13 | 14 | 15 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study | 16 6:00 Grief Support Group | 17 | 18 |
| 19 9:30 Worship/ Communion A-K | 20 5:30 PM Church Council | 21 NOON WELCA dessert provided | 22 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study | 23 11:30 Hainesville Lunch Bunch | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:30 Worship/Food Drive L-Z | 27 | 28 9AM—Noon Quilting for missions | 29 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study | 30 | 1 | 2 Spring Clean up at 9:00 |

*April 6th at 9:30 "Risen" a motion picture depicting the fictional character of Clavius who is charged by Pilot to keep track of the body of Jesus after the crucifixion. This powerful movie gives insight to the possible events following the death of Christ.

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Upcoming Events at Hainesville

**Outdoor worship
will be the 2nd
Sunday of each month
June thru September
weather permitting.**



Looking ahead for the summer events

MAY 20th -Salad Luncheon - Noon-1

JUNE - Fish Boil - 5-6:30PM

JUNE 13th – Motor Show 9:00AM - 2:00PM

JULY 18th - Goods & Goodies - 9:00AM-1:00PM
rummage sale, bake sale, lunch, craft sale, silent auction

SEPTEMBER 15th – Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon



FROM the WINDOW COMMITTEE

The stained-glass window committee is looking for possible themes for the windows at the back of the church sanctuary. Please pass on your suggestions to Jim Vogel, Jim Hanstad, Linda Monahan, or George Sincock.