

**"If you want your children to listen,
try talking softly to someone else."**

—Ann Landers

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"Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us." (Acts 1:21,22 NIV)

TRUSTING THAT WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE

Do some things sound too good to be true? You receive a phone call that you are related to a prince who passed away and has left you a large sum of money. That sounds too good to be true. Someone who is usually really mean to you walks up, gives you a hug, and apologizes for everything he or she has done wrong to you in the past. It sounds too good to be true.

As we think about God's promise to always be with us, that also seems too good to be true, doesn't it?

For the disciples after the ascension, they remember Jesus' words, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). But Jesus isn't standing in the room anymore. Were Jesus' words to them too good to be true?

God knew that people would doubt, and so he was very careful when he chose a disciple to replace Judas. It had to be someone who was with them "the ...whole time the Lord Jesus was living among [them]." This person had to be an eyewitness. That way, when the apostles testified about Christ, each could say, "I was there as a firsthand eye—and earwitness. I saw everything Jesus did; I heard everything Jesus taught us."

Maybe there are some questions you have about your faith. Maybe there are some doubts you have about some facts or promises in the Bible that seem just too good to be true.

To remove those doubts, God gave us his Word in writing (the Bible), written by men such as the apostles, who by the Holy Spirit's guidance wrote down what they actually saw and heard.

So when you read the Lord's promises in the Bible that he will provide, forgive, and return for you to bring to heaven, you know that you are reading his absolute truth.

May the Holy Spirit continue to increase our trust in these true events recorded by real people who were with Jesus and were his eyewitnesses so that we may not doubt but firmly believe God's promises.

Lord, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief. Amen. (Mark 9:24)



THIS MONTH

- **Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.**
- **BOOK CLUB: May 6th at noon. See page 6 for more information**
- **BIBLE STUDY: May 13th at 9:30 the Wired Word**
- **CHURCH COUNCIL May 19th at 6:00 PM**
- **WELCA: May 20 at noon set up for the luncheon**
- **SALAD LUNCHEON MAY 21st at noon. \$15**
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church**
- **QUILTERS: May 27th 9 AM to make quilts for missions**

Upcoming Events for Spring/Summer

MAY 21st

Salad Luncheon Noon—1 PM

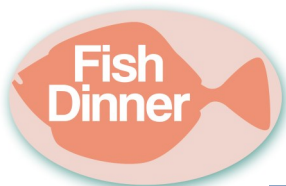
Suggested donation \$15.00. Sign up in the basement for bringing salads or bars. Also sign up to help with the set up, serving, and clean-up. Thank you for your support.



May 6th Joshua Degrave
Kurt DeGrave
May 10 Karin Heldmann
Delaney Wilke
May 11th Jessica Jacobson
May 16th Barbro Wilson
May 19th Roy Jilburg
Dan Lindal
May 25th Jim Monahan
May 31st John Melland



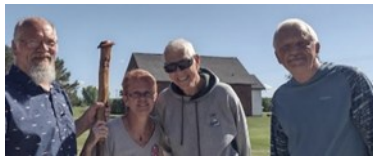
May 20th Carolyn & John Melland
Tiffany & Nick Schultz
May 23rd Jill & Kurt Degrave



FISH BOIL Friday June 6th at 5:00 PM

Suggested \$20 for fish; \$12 for hamburger

Reserve your spot by June 2nd. Call Evelyn Breider at 920-743-8548



CAR SHOW—June 14

Preregister by May 31st (See page 8 for more information or check out our website)

GOODS AND GOODIE SALE: Saturday July 19th

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 12th. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING**

- * Clothing of any kind
- * Microwave ovens
- * Exercise Bikes or Treadmills
- * Heavy Sofa
- * Computers/Peripherals
- * TV sets/Monitors
- * Refrigerators
- * Freezers
- * Organs
- * Air conditioners

- * Mattresses
- * Cribs
- * Car seats (they have an expiration date)

All other items are very much appreciated and we thank you. If putting things in the schoolhouse or garage please make sure the door is locked behind you. If any larger items or questions please call Carolyn Melland at 920-743-4470 920-495-2871

Outdoor Services this summer

June 15th
July 27th
August 24th
September 14th

Put these on your calendar and invite friends and family to not only enjoy the goodness of God but also the beauty that he surrounds us with.





HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

March 17th, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, George Sincock, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Ellen Klister, Dean Larson, John Melland, Gene La Plante, Lora Schaefer, Lori Flick-Langer

Absent: Heather Haese, Sue Nusbaum

Open Forum: No report

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon with the Council Prayer at 5:57 pm. Motion was made to accept the Meeting Agenda by George & 2nd by Gene. Motion accepted.

Pastors Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Visits to Shut-ins & hospital patients.
- 19 attendees at the Ash Wed service.
- Bible Study will continue with 6 more weeks of NOOMA videos

Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Quantum visited and advised of upgrades. Dean will work with George.
- Easter Lillies will remain at \$10.

Social Ministry: (Lora Schaefer)

- Food Pantry – 2 large batch were brought in and greatly appreciated. Comment was given that Mac & Cheese is a hot item
- Ride Program – Lora and P Mary Lou will work on guidelines and will inform congregation how we will manage.

Evangelism: (Lori Flick-Langer)

- Cards were mailed out
- There is a new family in our neighborhood, and a card will be sent to them.
- Suggested that letters be mailed to all youth about our youth Sunday events.
- Cards will be sent to members that we have not seen in awhile

Property: (John Melland, Gene La Plante)

- Ditches are draining nicely.
- Thank you to Jerry Gutschow for the maintenance on our lawn tractor.
- Orkin has been hired to handle our pest problems.

Education: (Heather Haese) (Joanne)

- The last Youth Sunday will be in May and then break for the summer

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- 6 brick orders have been placed
- Office Manager Job Description was handed out. Point of contacts for the Office manager will be the Pastor, Presi-

dent and Exec Leadership of the council.

Vice-President: (George Sincock)

A HUGE thanks to everyone for EVERYTHING!

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- The financials for February were in very good shape.
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by George & 2nd by Gene. Motion accepted.

Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion to accept the February minutes was made by George & 2nd by Gene. Motion accepted.

UPCOMING CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.)

- March 20 – 1st Hainesville Lunch Bunch at Wave Point Gilmo's 11:30
- Apr 13 – Youth Sunday and Palm Sunday, Mac & Cheese with hotdogs will be our after service lunch – Egg decorating contest
- Oct 5 – Bob & Becca commitment ceremony

OLD BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS from previous meetings:

- Nordic Grant – site visit should happen soon
- Stained Glass Windows - The windows are scheduled to be installed the week before Easter. (The week of April 14th.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Copy Machine Lease – Joanne will research
- Locked Mail box will be installed
- Church Cleaning – other options are being pursued. 2 individuals from our membership are interested. Ellen will work with them to determine if it is a fit.
- Hope Church is having CPR training in April. Joanne, Lori & John will attend.

TABLED ITEMS:

Lighting assessment (will be done once Stained Glass windows are installed)

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George & 2nd by Lora. Meeting adjourned

The Council Meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Joanne Adlon at 7:21 pm.

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2025, at 6 pm.

Celebrating Easter

Over 2 dozen white lilies decorated our sanctuary Easter Sunday morning.



The new stained glass windows were on display Easter morning as well. The dedication of the windows will be held May 4th. This will be a meaningful service.

Introducing...



A new adult Bible Study is being made available beginning in May. ***The Wired Word*** is a study provided by Communication Resources that brings scripture to stories appearing in the news. (No, not political stories!) Providing both Old and New

Testament scriptures, this study inspires conversation and thoughtful reflection on what is going on in this wonderful world God creates for us.

The Bible Study arrives in the emails of those who sign up to receive it. Delivery of the study is usually on Thursdays. Our Tuesday morning Bible Study group will discuss the study arriving on the Thursday preceding our class. Join us on the second Tuesday at 9:30 am and enjoy an uplifting conversation on the topic for that week. Or, feel free to use the studies with your friends – the possibilities of its use are endless!

Sign up today!

Name: _____

Email: _____

(Please Print Clearly)

HAINESVILLE LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us on May 15th at Belgium Delight in Brussels at 11:30. Please save your place with Marla Vogel by Tuesday May 13th so she can make the reservations. As an added bonus this month the Pioneer Pantry in Brussels will have plants ~ flowers ~ wonderful outdoor items available for sale. Please come and enjoy the fun!!

YOUTH SUNDAY



Hard at work
decorating



Judging

Some of the Winners Are.....



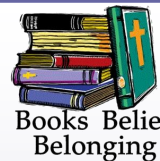
Vincent Zirbes age 17,
grandson of Deb and
Dave Grunwald re-
ceived 4 Gold Key
Awards for art at the
state level. Moving on
to Nationals one of his
drawings was chosen
as a National Gold Key
Award winner. Cere-
mony in June at Car-
negie Hall.



Book Club Discussion

Tuesday May 6th at Noon

Book title: The Next Ship Home by Heather Webb



Ellis Island, 1902: Two women band together to hold America to its promise: “Give me your tired, your poor...your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...”

A young Italian woman arrives on the shores of America, her sights set on a better life. That same day, a young American woman reports to her first day of work at the immigration center. But Ellis Island isn't a refuge for Francesca or Alma, not when ships depart every day with those who are refused entry to the country when corruption ripples through every corridor. While Francesca resorts to desperate measures to ensure she will make it off the island, Alma fights for her dreams of becoming a translator, even as women are denied the chance.

As the two women face the misdeeds of a system known to manipulate and abuse immigrants searching for new hope in America, they form an unlikely friendship-and share a terrible secret-altering their fates and the lives of the immigrants who come after them.

This is a novel of the dark secrets of Ellis Island, when entry to “the land of the free” promised a better life but often delivered something drastically different, and when immigrant strength and female friendship found ways to triumph even on the darkest days.

Inspired by true events and for fans of Kristina McMorris and Hazel Gaynor, The Next Ship Home holds up a mirror to our own times, deftly questioning America's history of prejudice and exclusion while also reminding us of our citizen's singular determination.

Here is a sample of what has been collected at one of our special collection Sundays. Feel free to drop off at any time in the basket in the fellowship area.



Did you know.....

On the table by the elevator and on the table in the narthex in the back of the church you can find....

1. Christ in Our Home
2. The Lutheran Message
3. Current copy of the church directory
4. Brick order forms
5. Registration forms for the Motor Show
6. Copy of the current Newsletter



Please feel free to take a copy. They are replenished weekly.



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 offering every 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 last Sunday of the month is a special collection Sunday. There are drop-off bins at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of this expanded effort.



2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9 AM Church clean-up
4 9:30 am Worship/ Communion/ Dedication of stained-glass windows Name tags A-K	5	6  NOON: Book Club The Next Ship Home By Heather Webb	7 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	8	9	10 9:30 Family Choir Rehearsal
11 9:30 am Worship/Youth Sunday Council Provides	12	13 9:30 Bible Study The Wired Word	14 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	15 11:30 Hainesville Lunch Bunch @ Belgium Delight in Brussels	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship/ Communion L-Z	19 6 PM Church Council	20 NOON: WELCA meets; set up for tomorrow	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study NOON: Salad Luncheon \$15	22	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship/ Food Drive A-K	26 	27 9 AM—Noon Quilting for missions	28 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	29	30	31

Keep Them in Your Prayers

Tom & Alice (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Meredith** (Bartos), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Bridgette** (Jones), **Charlotte** (K), **Keith** (Knapp), **Bonnie** (Kohn), **Amie** (M), **Kenny** (Meyer), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Roque), **Mike** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Irene** (Thorson), **Brenda** (Weaver), **Betty**, **Carole**, and **Russ**.



May 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 our 2nd Annual Motor Show Saturday June 14 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



Congratulations to Heidi Hintz our faithful keyboard player. She has been named one of only 100 educators statewide to receive the distinguished 2025 Herb Kohl Fellowship Award!

This honor recognizes teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, leadership in their schools, and a lasting impact on student achievement and engagement. Her passion for music education, her commitment to student success, and her vibrant presence in the Sturgeon Bay music community make her incredibly deserving of the award.

Whether it's leading the marching band, organizing concerts, or inspiring students to reach their full potential, Heidi brings energy, creativity, and heart to everything she does. If you see her take the time to tell her how proud we are of her and how blessed we are to have her with us in worship.