

Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

MARCH 2026

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV)

TEMPTED? GOD IS FAITHFUL

“God won’t allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear.” People who recite those words to a Christian brother or sister are trying to be helpful. After all, they are quoting the Scriptures in that person’s time of temptation. But what they’re saying is only half-true.

No, the problem is not with the passage being paraphrased from God’s Word. The problem is that the people quoting it are not offering the entire content of the wonderful promise St. Paul first shared with the Corinthian Christians so many centuries ago. Saying to someone, “God won’t allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear” can sound as if you’re saying, “If you’re a real Christian, you should be able to handle this.” But that’s not Paul’s point at all. He knew that spiritual self-reliance is deadly!

The apostle was intimately familiar with the utter weakness of sinful flesh. He knew from personal experience that even Christians are never able to overcome the power of temptation by themselves. He openly lamented his own inability to do so. “I do not understand what I do,” he confessed in his letter to the Romans. “For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate to do. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep doing.” By himself, the great apostle was unable to bear any temptation he faced, much less the heaviest ones. He fell every time, prompting him finally to cry out, “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?” His answer? “Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:15,19,24-25).

And that’s the answer to temptation that Paul wanted the Corinthians and us to have as well. The answer will never be found in ourselves or in our own spiritual capacity to overcome temptation. We can’t. The only answer is always found in Jesus. “God is faithful” Paul reminds us. “When you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

In Jesus, and through his strength alone, we can never fall or fail!

Jesus, empower me to humble myself before you and others and to rely on your strength alone in every temptation. Amen.

March at a glance

- Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube
- Mondays “He Chose the Nails” Bible Study at 9:30
- March 3rd Book Club at 10:00
- Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church
- March 10th “The Wired Word” Bible Study at 9:30
- March 16th Church Council at
- March 17th WELCA at noon
- March 19th Grief Support Group at 6:00
- March 24th & 301st quilting for missions at 9:00
- March 26th Hainesville Lunch Bunch

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HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

January 19, 2026 Hainesville Lutheran Church Council Minutes

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

Absent: Heather Sund, Sue Nusbaum

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

A motion was made to accept the Meeting Agenda with changes by George & 2nd by Dean, motion approved.

Pastors Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Discussion ensued regarding recent burial at Hainesville Cemetery.
- Memorial Service for Evelyn Breider was held.

Worship, Music, Arts: (Dean Larson)

- Communion assistants were assigned for February.
- Easter Lillies will remain at the same price with church paying the difference.

Social Ministry: (Lora Schaefer)

- An abundance of food has been given by Hainesville. Lori Flick has helped with the delivery.
- Inquired about expanding the volunteer driving to Sundays to church.

Evangelism: (Lori Flick)

- Continues to write thank you notes on behalf of Hainesville for Evelyn Breider memorials.

Property/Maintenance: (John Melland, Gene LaPlante)

- No updates.

Education: (Heather Sund) via Mary Lou

- Confirmation date to be determined. Oliver and Elliott are to be confirmed.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- Installation of new council members – Feb 8th

Vice-President: (George Sincock)

- No report.

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Monies from checkbook will be moved to Investments

Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion to accept the December minutes was made by George & 2nd by Dean. Motion accepted.

UPCOMING CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS

(Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.)

- Youth Sunday – Jan 25th. Mary Lou and Joanne are providing the event with Ellen and Cheryl L providing the lunch.
- February 1 – Annual Meeting

Old Business & Action Items from Previous Meetings

- Nordic Grant: Will not participate in future grants
- Interfaith Partnership for Housing. Renovations to be complete in approx. 3 months.

New Business:

- Lent – Mary Lou will determine if any interest in an additional Bible Study during Lent.
- Ash Wed – Helper needed to collect commitments.

Tabled Items:

- New Computer for Church secretary. This item is in the budget for next year.
- Lighting Assessment- need to contact a lighting specialist regarding the upgrade.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by George & 2nd by John. Motion accepted. The meeting was closed at 6:24 pm.

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

Next Council Meeting: February 16, 2026 at 6 pm.



Birthdays for March

Mar 11th John Breider
Oliver Wilke
Mar 14th Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th Deb Grunwald
Mar 26th Lori Lauscher
Mary Ann Leary
Mar 28th Reese Sund
Mar 29th Barbara Dunlap



Anniversaries for March

March 20 John & Laura Borkovetz



Installation of new Church Council members was held on February 8th. The current list of Church Council members is: President – Joanne Adlon, Vice President – Jim Vogel, Secretary – Lana Ferry, Treasurer – Ellen Klister, Worship – Dean Larson, Social Ministry – Lora Schaefer, Evangelism – Lori Langer-Flick, Property – John Melland and Don Heldmann. Please feel to contact any of these individuals with questions or concerns about our church life.

In Our Prayers! Families, Friends & Neighbors....



Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom & Alice** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), John (B), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Dianne** (D), **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), **Matthew** (Roque), **Todd** (S), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Mary** (Zirbel), **Brixanna & Marley**, **Carole & Russ**.



Lilies will be available again this year to adorn our sanctuary for Easter. There will be a flyer in the bulletin soon. As in past years the cost of a lily will be \$10.00. What a beautiful way to celebrate the resurrection of Our Savior.



The Hainesville Lunch Bunch meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at a different restaurant for food and fellowship. Please let Marla Vogel know by the preceding Tuesday if you are planning on attending so she will be able to get reservations. This is great fun for all.

YOUTH SUNDAY

February brought a game much like the old Newly Wed Game to our activities for Youth Sunday. “Couples” whether they be siblings, friends, parent, child, or married couples were tested to see how well they knew each other. It was a fun and interesting way to see how all responded. Only one of these “couples” won the prize for knowing how the other one would answer the questions. Can you guess who?



If you guessed Matt and Kirsten Dixner-Young you are correct. Come March 8th and see what fun event is being planned. It is never the same 2 months in a row!



2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am worship/Holy Communion Name tag Sunday A-K	2 He Chose the Nails Bible Study at 9:30	3 Book Club at 10:00	4 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:30 am worship Youth Sunday Council provides meal	9 He Chose the Nails Bible Study at 9:30	10 "The Wired Word" Bible Study at 9:30	11 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	12	13	14
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March Newsletter



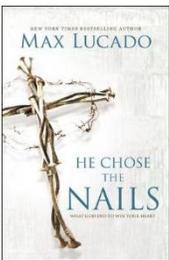
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fellowship of
Christians,
empowered by
the Gospel,
who share
their faith
through
witness,
service and
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LENTEN BOOK STUDY



Looking for a spiritual discipline for Lent this year? Consider picking up author Max Lucado's book *He Chose the Nails; What God Did to Win Your Heart* as entry into a good discussion into our Christian faith with the aim of deepening our Lenten journey. In the book, Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance. This is an opportunity to linger on the hill of Calvary and see just how much God did to win our hearts.

We will be gathering Mondays from 9:30 am to 11 am concluding March 30th.

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