



The Hainesville Crossroads

Month at a Glance

- Sunday morning worship 9:30 AM; YouTube live broadcast beginning at 9:30 or available on demand following the service;
- Saturday Dec 2 decorate for Christmas
- Tuesday Dec 5 Book Club
- Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM
- W-ELCA Christmas Lunch Celebration December 19th Noon
- Church Council meets Mon Dec 18th at 6:00 PM
- **CHRISTMAS EVE** worship service on Dec 24th at 4:00 PM.



Nominating Committee

The nominating committee would like you to know that in 2024 the church will need to elect:

- Vice President (2 year term)
- Evangelism (2 year term)
- Social Concerns (2 year term)
- Auditor (2 year term)
- Nominating committee (3) 1 year each
- Synod Delegates (2) 1 year each

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I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. (Psalm 130:6NIV)

HOPE WAITS FOR THE LORD

We are reminded that *patient* is the first word of Christian love attributes in the well-known list in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Patience is not one of my strong suits, maybe not your either. Waiting in line at the store or in highway traffic jams seems like such a waste of time. When others irresponsibly delay me and others, it's frustrating.

Of course, it makes a big difference for whom or what you are waiting. A child waiting for Christmas or a birthday will do so with a far different attitude than a murderer waiting to be executed. Waiting for a dear friend is much easier than waiting for an obnoxious coworker.

How about waiting for the Lord? Do you ever get impatient with him? I am ashamed that I do sometimes get impatient waiting for the Lord. Often that impatience rears up when I think he hasn't removed my pain or problem soon enough. I get impatient waiting for the Lord to carry out justice or stop persecution against believers and blatant evil rebellion against God's Word.

I kick myself for getting impatient with my family and loved ones. I kick myself for getting impatient with God and not calmly trusting in his power and timing to act. I suppose Old Testament believers grew impatient waiting for the promised Messiah. But God kept that biggest promise of all to send my Savior "when the set time had fully come" (Galatians 4:4). Even as I look back at impatient periods with God in my own life, I can see he always answered my prayers, always blessed me, always loved me, and always forgave me—even for my impatience, which displays an underlying lack of trust in his Word and a lack of respect for my always faithful Lord.

"How long, Lord how long?" was King David's cry in the Psalms when he was waiting for the Lord (6:3). Now believers are waiting for the Lord to return on the Last Day, wondering how long before it happens. Some scoff or fall asleep spiritually, impatiently waiting. Our Lord makes it clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return, but, as with all his other promises, his promised return will come. Then believers will enjoy their redemption in full. With risen, glorified bodies, we will live with him in fullest joy. Wait for it in sure hope.

Oh Lord, grant me patient trust as I wait for you. Amen

CHRISTMAS “Secret Santa” SHARING PROJECT



Greetings!

2023 ~ Holiday Season! We will be having a “Secret Santa” project this Holiday Season. It’s with hope we can continue this “project” at Hainesville Church. We have 2 families that we will helping this Christmas.

Please send all contributions directly to Hainesville Church by check in the mail. Or leave an offering in the offering plate on Sunday morning. (Memo section write Secret Santa)

Deadline: December 3, 2023
Thank you as always.....God Bless



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The WELCA will be meeting on December 19th with their Christmas celebration. All are welcome to this event. They will be having a gift exchange of \$10.00 or less as part of the activities. A Sign-up sheet is posted in the basement for the goodies for the day. Come and enjoy this fun day with family and friends.

Book Club for December



“A Life Without Water” by Marci Bolden

Carol Denman divorced her husband over twenty years ago and has never looked back. But on the day before their daughter’s thirtieth birthday, John barges back not Carol’s life with a request that threatens the fragile stability she has built.

John Bowman in sick. Very sick. While he still can, he has some amends to make and some promises to fulfill. But to do that, he not only needs his ex-wife’s agreement...he needs her.

With the past hovering between them like a ghost, Carol and John embark on a decades-overdue road trip. Together they plunge back into a life without water...but which may ultimately set them free.

Book Club for January

“The Thread Collectors” by Shaunna Edwards, Alyson Richman

1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, an ingenious young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities, Stella has to hide not only her efforts but her love for William, a Black soldier and brilliant musician.

Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her sewing circle for other soldiers, too, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.

As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us.



Reports Due soon for Annual Report

Please have your year end report into the office by the first week of January. Besides council committees, there should be reports from all aspects of the life of Hainesville: Sunday school, men’s breakfast, quilters, book club, the Women’s group, and the Family Choir.

Council Minutes from Oct 26, 2023

Present: Joanne Adlon, Ellen Klister, Marie Weber, Linda Monahan, John Melland, Gordon Hughes, Gene La Plante, & Sue Nusbaum
 Absent: Heather Haese Sund, George Sincock, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

Meeting was opened at 6:04 pm. By Joanne, with the Council Prayer.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda by Gene, 2nd by Marie.

Pastor’s Report: (Joanne read Mary Lou’s report)

- No home visits since the last council meeting. But will schedule more visits for the 3rd week in October. Alice Angermeier & her dog are accompanying Pastor on the visits.
- Pastor attended the “Nordic Church Project” sessions in Lonsdale, Minn. on Sept 22 & 23. There will be a follow up session by Zoom for our attendees, which has not been scheduled as of yet, the last session that was missed so the team could return home on Saturday at a reasonable hour. We are approved for a matching grant for up to \$15,000. But I need further information regarding the requirements; these should be made apparent during the future Zoom session. The \$500.00 stipend to cover travel expenses has been received.
- An “Advent Series” service, rotating between Bay View Lutheran & Hainesville is in the planning stages. (No evening service time - decided by Council)
- An ecumenical Thanksgiving service, November 19, is being arranged between Tanum Forest, the

Moravian Church, Hainesville, & Hope United Church. Information to follow.

- The “Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus” class is going well! Good attendance. Next class is Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 am.
- A possible Advent Concert by Mama J & the Praise Hounds has been offered, gratis, with the freewill offering to go toward the Stained Glass Window fund. This will be coordinated by Luke Brown & Gordy & Jim, & Pastor Plummer. Information to follow.
- I will make up for the time I’ve missed because of COVID. Thanked Ellen for her help getting replacement pastors while I was ill.

Reports From Council Members Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy)

- Jim Hanstad is planning for rehearsal & music with our choir for November. But timing is dependent on Jim’s recovery schedule.
- Christmas Eve service will be a candle light event. Music will be planned by Gordy & Jim.
- Church Christmas decorating date is Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9 am. (Decoration Take Down date is Saturday, Jan. 6, at 9 am.)
- November communion assistants and ushers were volunteered & assigned.

Social Ministry: (Marie)

- Dave Grunwald cleaned the ditches last week, thanks Dave!

Evangelism: (Linda)

- No report.

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Birthdays for December

Dec 6th	Sandy Swagel
Dec 7th	Luke Brown Daylia Sund
Dec 11th	Jeff Gutschow
Dec 12th	David Grunwald Emily Hanson
Dec 13th	Bill Nusbaum
Dec 15th	Jeff Espe
Dec 16th	Lyle Berndt Becca Larson
Dec 18th	Bob Larson
Dec 20th	Colleen Melland
Dec 21st	Dave Freier
Dec 22nd	Bill Albert
Dec 27th	Rick Hannemann
Dec 30th	Dony Antholt
Dec 31st	William Markham



Anniversaries for December

Dec 3rd	MarJean & Jerry Gutschow
Dec 18th	Dianne & Merle Eskildsen



*In the event of weather related closings at church—
 please listen to WDOR for cancellation notices and check our Facebook page*

Property: (John/Gene)

- Timer for the outside lights is set: “on” at 3:45 pm- “off” at 10:45 pm.
- The lines for the water at the pavilion have been blown out.
- The electric cord behind the altar has been taped down.
- GFL has been called to empty the full dumpster.
- The chairs which have been outside of the garage have been moved inside the garage.
- John Melland will continue to mow the lawn for 2024. Beyond that is questionable.

Education: (Heather)

- Elliot Brown & Donovan Anholt are waiting to do confirmation until next year.
- Heather will be doing Sunday School when needed.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne)

- The new Memorial Brick will be installed in November, weather permitting or in Spring.
- The “Church History” has been picked up from Jean Hovik & given to Linda Monahan, who will review it.
- The sign for the “use of the pavilion” will be ordered and purchased next year.
- Lana will be instructed to send the newsletter to the people who are still under their parents membership as congregants.

Treasurer: (Ellen)

- The Financial reports for July, August, September were presented for review. A motion to accept the reports was made by Gene & 2nd by Gordy. Reports accepted.
- It was noted that the Stained Glass Window fund is now at \$52,000.

Secretary: (Sue)

- Motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting by Ellen, 2nd by Gene. Minutes approved.

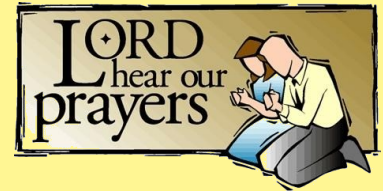
**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:
(WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, ETC.)**

- October 29, Sunday, Mama J & the Praise Hounds
- November 14, Tuesday, Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus
- November 19, Sunday, ecumenical Thanksgiving service
- December 2, Saturday, Christmas church decorating, 9 am.
- December 24, Sunday, Christmas Eve candlelight service

Old Business:

- Discussion about asking our cleaning service, Country Acres, to do an additional ½ hour, concentrating efforts on the kitchen and bathroom areas. Motion made by Marie to offer Country Acres Cleaning the extra half hour. We will pay \$200./ cleaning. 2nd by Ellen . Motion accepted. Sue will call Cora.
- Discussion - Grant money from “Nordic Heritage Project” we would like to use the funds toward the Stained Glass Window fund. Pastor Mary Lou was not in attendance, so we don’t know what the requirements for the grant will be. Gene suggested it will still be necessary to get the old window frames fixed before the windows are installed. It was suggested we have a feasibility study done to prepare the window frames correctly. Gene made the motion to contact an architect to go ahead with this part of the project, 2nd by Ellen. Motion accepted. Gene will find a company & get an estimate for the study.

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Bill (Albert), Rusty (Allen), Tom (Angermeier), John (B), Devin (Bartos), Lyle (Berndt), Mary (Bosben), Karen & Del (Brewer), Elaine & Jim (C), Eugene (Clark), Mike & Rina (Clumpner), Robert (Connrey), Danielle (Davis), Pat (Fenrich), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Joe (May), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Lexi & Laci (S), Lori (Snyder), Eric (Thorson), Charlotte, Erik, Joe, and the family of Sandy Pierre.

A HUGE thank you to all who donated to make Christmas extra special for my daughter and her family. The generosity and love that is poured from this congregation is truly remarkable. I love you all and am proud to call you my adopted family. You are a blessing to me and I love you.

Thanks again,
Lana



- There was a question as to whether the newsletter should be sent out to the non-participating members who are counted under their parents' names. Lana will email/mail the newsletter to these people.
- The November - December calendar was updated (see Upcoming church events)

New Business:

- Discussion regarding the Hainesville Church Ad for the Pulse paper. After much talk it was decided that the cost (@\$1500./year) was too high. We will check into the “free event ads” in the Pulse, Facebook, & WDOR radio to place our event advertising. A motion was made by Marie to discontinue the Pulse ad after this December. 2nd by Sue.

- An Advent Concert suggested by Luke Brown, Mama J & the Praise Hounds, was again discussed. This is a possibility for December 3 at 3 pm. Our choir would also sing. Freewill offering will go toward the Stained Glass Window fund. With coffee and treats after the event.

Tabled Items: Church History

- Joanne picked up the information from Jean Hovik & it has been passed along to Linda Monahan who will review it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm. Motion by Marie, 2nd by John. Council meeting closed with the Lord’s prayer.

Next Council meeting: November 20, at 6 pm.

Christmas Concert

Christmas Concert featuring Mama J and the Praise Hounds and the Family Choir will be held on December 10th at 4:00 PM here at Hainesville. There will be a freewill offering to help with the cost of the Stained-Glass Windows. Come, bring family and friends to share in the celebration of the season.



Orders are being taken for poinsettias for the Christmas Season. Orders need to be into the church office before December 10th. They will be available for pick up following worship on December 31.

Children’s Christmas Program

Children’s Christmas Program will take place during the worship service on December 17th. Come and support our youth as they tell the Christmas Story.





We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 2nd at 9:00 AM. Come and help make our church home festive for the holiday season. There are all kinds of jobs to be done for all age and skill levels.

MID WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship begins at noon and is about a half hour long

December 6 at Bay View

December 13 at Hainesville

December 20 at Tanum Forest



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 4:00 PM. Celebrate the birth of our Risen Lord!!!!



December 19th is the WELCA Christmas gathering. Please sign up in the fellowship area for our noon meal. We will be exchanging a \$10.00 Christmas gift at this time. All are welcome to attend. Come and see what a fun time this group has celebrating each other and the Christmas Season.



Looking Ahead to 2024

- Last day for 2023 donations is December 31.
 - Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the Church Council. Please consider being part of this important group. They are looking for
 - Vice President (2 year term)
 - Evangelism (2 year term)
 - Social Concerns (2 year term)
 - Auditor (2 year term)
 - Nominating Committee [3] (1 year each)
 - Synod Delegates [2] (1 year each)
- See Bill Albert, Deb Grunwald or John Breider



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 AM Decorate Sanctuary
3 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion Confirmation class after wor- ship A-K	4	5 Book club Noon	6 8 AM Men's Breakfast group Mid-week Ad- vent service at Bay View at noon	7	8	9 9:30 Family Choir Practice
10 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Worship Confirmation 4:00 Advent Concert featur- ing Mama J and the Praise Hounds L-Z	11	12 9:30 AM Be Like Jesus Live Like Jesus	13 8 AM Men's Break- fast group Mid-week Ad- vent service at Hainesville at noon	14	15	16
17 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30 am Wor- ship W/Holy Communion Confirmation class after worship A-K	18 6 PM Church Council	19 Noon W-ELCA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION	20 8 AM Men's Breakfast group Mid-week Ad- vent service at Tanum-Forest at noon	21	22	23
24 4 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service 31 9:30 Worship L-Z	25	26 9:00 AM Quilting for Missions	27 8 AM Men's Breakfast group	28 Annual report submissions due next week	29	30



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VOLUNTEER 2 HOURS OR MORE! TO “RING IN” THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASON!

THE SALVATION ARMY’S RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN IN DOOR COUNTY, WITH HELP FROM COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU, PROVIDES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH:

RENT FOOD AUTO UTILITIES SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND MANY OTHER AREAS

PLEASE HELP THE SALVATION ARMY SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Ask others to help too! Bring a friend, family member, a boom box of Christmas music, dress in uniform or holiday attire, play your flute, trumpet or guitar, sing carols, read poetry, etc.

Contact Nancy by phone or text at 920-883-7886 or nakc1@icloud.com to sign up to help