

"When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure."

—Peter Marshall

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# Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

**HAINESVILLE CROSSROADS — September 2020 Edition**

*Siblings in Christ,*

*I want to express my gratitude to Paula Eggert for writing the article for the September Crossroads Newsletter. The past several weeks, and this week in particular, have been a significant challenge for me as I am struggling with the various hats that I have needed to wear in the midst of the turmoil in our country and our communities, the needs of the con-*

## From Pastor Trent

*gregation, the needs of the pharmacy I work for, and the needs of my family. Paula's offer to write the article was significant in helping me do what I needed to accomplish this week.*

*After previous hospitalizations of twenty-one and seven days, yesterday was the eighteenth and final day of my mother's third hospital stay since the beginning of July as she was transferred to a skilled nursing facility for rehab yesterday afternoon. I am grateful for the prayers, phone*

*calls, texts, emails, and cards from the members of the congregation during this difficult time. They have lifted my spirit as well as the spirit of my family. Thank you!*

*Peace and Love,  
Pastor Trent*



My father died 18 years ago today.

And in many ways, I'm glad he is gone. We miss him every day. But I would not want him to see what has happened to the world he loved. The organization he spent his life building up is now bankrupt in ways that are more than financial.

The country he loved is torn apart and flounders to be civil in even the most fundamental kindnesses. Conversations are riddled with profanities, with contempt, with little patience and compassion, and with no desire to listen deeply to those who hold different opinions.

I ache for our world. There is pain and suffering of 180,000 American families that have had to endure a death because of COVID-19. There is a weariness to the very depths of our souls for the things



- **Sunday morning worship available by 8 AM online through our web site or Facebook or YouTube**
- **Book Club Tuesday September 1st at noon online using ZOOM**
- **Bible study: Tuesday September 8th at 1:00 PM online using ZOOM**
- **Church Council Tuesday Sept 15th at 6:00 PM using ZOOM**
- **Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM online using ZOOM**



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FROM THE PASTOR:

# Serving God, Serving Others

we have lost during these past six months. Is it really only six months? Seems like every hour is a week long.

Many, many of us have been spared the misery of contracting the virus, but we all have experienced the sorrow in some form. Loss of family and friend contact, the uncertainty of jobs, the knowledge that we might unknowingly be the cause of another's suffering. And there is confusion, and anger, and contempt and fear that does not go away, even for a nano-second. My mind tries to tell me that this season is temporary, that there will be an end, there will be a way through, but for the moment, I am empty of hope.

"Oh soul are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's a light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace."

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Text & Music: Helen Lemmel; © Public Domain; CCLI Song #15960, copyright license #1694880-B

I need to sit with my own anguish for a while and name the fact that I am in a season of lament. The Bible acknowledges

this is a very real part of being human. The Psalms of lament cry out to God in their pain and sorrow. There's even a whole book of the Bible that is named "Lamentations". Not every psalm paints a rosy picture. Not every psalm is filled with praise. But every psalm acknowledges God. Every psalm assumes that God is listening and that God is still God and creator and sustainer of all.

There are immediate things that I am struggling with. There is a real sorrow and sadness that seems to accompany me every moment. Family members are hurting, friends are struggling, our community and state is in turmoil, but I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES.

This I can cling to. I am not abandoned by God. I may not know how to help but I know WHO I can depend on. God sustains me. God holds me in the palm of His hand. God whispers His love for me into my emptiness. I am loved and I am treasured and I am worth dying for. And He loves you that deeply as well.

*From a fellow sojourner  
Paula Eggert*



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| Sept 2nd  | Bill Hovik     |
| Sept 5th  | Heidi Gutschow |
| Sept 7th  | Jon Klister    |
| Sept 10th | George Sincock |
|           | Liam Schultz   |
| Sept 11th | Julia Jacobson |
| Sept 12th | Arne Odegaard  |



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| Sept 13th | Hunter O'Hern               |
| Sept 15th | Taylor Brunette             |
| Sept 16th | Carolyn Melland             |
| Sept 17th | Heather LaVine              |
| Sept 18th | John Borkovetz              |
|           | Charley Carey               |
| Sept 22nd | Matt Young                  |
| Sept 24th | Tim Hanson                  |
| Sept 27th | Jason Freier                |
| Sept 29th | Jerry Langer                |
|           | Alice Rocque-<br>Angermeier |



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| Sept 5th  | Bob & Deb Larson    |
| Sept 15th | Sam & Heather Sund  |
| Sept 22nd | Don & Ardy Lauscher |
| Sept 30th | Jerry & Lori Langer |



## Women's Bible Study—Gospel of Mark

Using the Zoom platform, the women's Bible study has been reading and discussing the Gospel of Mark. READ CHAPTERS 3—4—5—6 of the Gospel of Mark for the next meeting. Come with questions and be ready to discuss these chapters.

**WHEN: Tuesday Sept 8th**  
**TIME: 1:00—2:00 PM using Zoom format**

If you would like to be sent the link to join the Bible study, contact Pastor Trent and he will send you an invitation to the zoom session.

# Volunteers Needed

- Pastor Trent is looking for more people to be readers for the worship service. If you are not comfortable with doing your own recording at home, or do not have the technology to do so, **WE CAN HELP YOU OUT.** Jessica Zeitler can make arrangements to meet with you and she can do the recording here in Door County. Please contact Pastor Trent if you'd like to help.
- **SYNOD ANNUAL MEETING**— 2 Delegates needed to attend the on-line meeting. The Synod Assembly that was to take place in May is rescheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Assembly will be held online using the Lumi Platform. You will need your own device (laptop, tablet, IPAD) and a strong internet connection to participate in the assembly. We need two participants, if you are interested and have the means to do so please contact Jim Vogel.  
[JimHVogel@gmail.com](mailto:JimHVogel@gmail.com) or Pastor Trent. Registration has to be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.



I am sorry that there is no information at the moment about faith formation for the Hainesville students.

FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:  
(from the Bay View Newsletter)

Deacon Donna Van Ramshorst  
Director of Faith Formation  
youth@bvlc.org

**MANDATORY** zoom meeting for ALL Confirmation parents AND students Grades 6-8 Wednesday, September 16, 2020 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Rusty** (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Carole** (Biddick), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Barbara** (Foster), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Ellie** (Krull), **Judy** (Larson), **Judy** (LaVine), **Natalie** (Markham), **Christina** (Madsen), **Francine** (Meyer), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Michelle** (Raasch), **Mary Lee** (Riddle), **Elaine** (Roalkvan), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Troy** (Schiesser), **Eric** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), **Aubrey** (W), **Laddie** (Watson), **Judy** (Zeitler), and **Jeanine**.



God Hears and Answers Prayers

# Fleece Blankets: Assemblers Needed



Fleece blanket helpers needed!

Interested in tying a fleece blanket or cutting and tying a fleece blanket? We need you. We are making blankets to be distributed to those in need this fall or early winter. Lana Ferry and Marie Weber will be determining where the needs are.

Blankets will be assembled in your own home.

If interested in helping assemble a blanket, please contact one of the following;

- Ellen Klister - 495-9161
- Lana Ferry - 746-0508
- April Mascorro - 715-571-8338
- Marlene Larson - 823-2314

# HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Trent, Jim Vogel, Marie Weber, Rick Hanemann, Linda Monahan, Bonnie Kohn, Ellen Klister, April Mascorro

Absent: Gene LaPlante, Frank Pudlo, John Melland

Opening prayer: Call to order by Jim Vogel at 6:05pm.

Due to COVID-19, Stay at Home order, council met today, via ZOOM (video conferencing application).

COVID-19 Task Force provided materials via email to council regarding an outdoor service and a drive-in (parking lot) service. Council determined outdoor services will be tabled at this time. **Drive-in (parking lot) service was approved by council with a few modifications to the procedure provided.**

Motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick.

Modifications include:

- 1) Both school and north entrance will be blocked
- 2) Pastor Trent will ring the church bell
- 3) An attendant will be stationed at the church entrance to prevent entry except for emergency bathroom use only. This same attendant will also be responsible to count the number of vehicles along with number of people at the service.
- 4) Drive-in (parking lot) Service will not be offered when we have guest Pastors. Guest Pastors will only handle recorded YouTube services (as they currently do).

Drive-in (parking lot) services will begin in September. Scheduled dates are the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. April Mascorro volunteered to be the door attendant and attendance counter for both September services.

A volunteer is needed to handle the drive-in service FM radio/ audio setup. Jim will ask George Sincock to handle. Council approved spending up to \$500. Motion by Ellen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick.

Linda's report: (Evangelism)

No updates

Marie's report: (Social Ministry)

No updates

Worship report (Bonnie):

No updates

**Property report (Rick):**

Culvert work is near completion

Current building insurance policy is \$6237 annually with coverage up to 1.8 million.

Other quotes include: \$4748 and \$3179.

Council approved the \$3179 quote, with the intent to revisit when we return to in person worship, since this policy doesn't include sexual misconduct coverage.

Motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellen.

**President's report (Jim):**

Couch and loveseat have been placed in the Sunday school

room

Before Sunday school room painting begins, a picture will be taken of existing handprints on the wall, so it can be transferred to a canvas, as a keepsake, to be hung on the wall. Motion to approve by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda.

**Secretary's report (April):**

Motion to approve July minutes by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick  
April checked with local police regarding a need for them to enter church in the event of an emergency. We can provide a list of people for them to call. 3 names with door keys, were suggested. Jim will confirm if all 3 people are comfortable being listed and what phone number they'd like used. If so, April will contact police dispatch to provide names and phone numbers.

**Treasurer's report (Ellen):**

Motion to approve July financials by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick  
A gift of \$1,000 was received, which could be used towards digital equipment

A small committee is handling tied blankets for donation. Ellen is coordinating. Lana, Marlene and April are helping.

**Pastor's report:**

Virtual synod meeting is scheduled for 9/26. Cost is \$75 a person to attend. Request for a volunteer will be included in the newsletter with a 9/10 deadline. Rick will attend if nobody else volunteers

Quantum PC proposal for digital work to allow continued online presence will be pursued. The estimate was \$4800. It was approved by council to use \$2500 from the Kohn memorial towards the total cost. Motion by Marie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda

Crossroads newsletter from Paula will move to mid-month. From Pastor Trent will move to monthly.

A local funeral home will have 2 burials (8/30 and 9/19) at Hainesville Cemetery. They asked if they could use the pavilion for fellowship. Pastor Trent declined their request, due to COVID concerns.

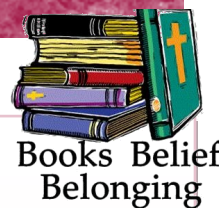
Last month, we spoke about Pastor Trent working 35+ hours a week, when it should be 25 hours. He provided a list of all the things he's doing and a proposed new list. One suggestion was to change his preaching schedule from 3 weeks a month, to 2 weeks a month. Approved by council, motion by Ellen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie. The rest of the list will be reviewed by council and discussed at the next meeting.

Closed with prayer; meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm., motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen.

Next meeting is 9/15 @ 6pm. We will meet virtually.

April Mascorro (Council secretary)

## Zoom Book Discussion—September 1st at noon



**SEPTEMBER 1st Zoom at noon – *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan**  
**Discussion Leader: Linda Monahan**

A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

*Lime green plastic flower-shaped hair bobbles*—Found, on the playing field, Derrywood Park, 2nd September. *Bone china cup and saucer*—Found, on a bench in Riveria Public Gardens, 31st October.

Anthony Peardew is the keeper of lost things. Forty years ago, he carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée, Therese. That very same day, she died unexpectedly. Brokenhearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects—the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind—and writing stories about them. Now, in the twilight of his life, Anthony worries that he has not fully discharged his duty to reconcile all the lost things with their owners. As the end nears, he bequeaths his secret life’s mission to his unsuspecting assistant, Laura, leaving her his house and all its lost treasures, including an irritable ghost.

Recovering from a bad divorce, Laura, in some ways, is one of Anthony’s lost things. But when the lonely woman moves into his mansion, her life begins to change. She finds a new friend in the neighbor’s quirky daughter, Sunshine, and a welcome distraction in Freddy, the rugged gardener. As the dark cloud engulfing her lifts, Laura, accompanied by her new companions, sets out to realize Anthony’s last wish: reuniting his cherished lost objects with their owners.

Long ago, Eunice found a trinket on the London pavement and kept it through the years. Now, with her own end drawing near, she has lost something precious—a tragic twist of fate that forces her to break a promise she once made.

As the Keeper of Lost Objects, Laura holds the key to Anthony and Eunice’s redemption. But can she unlock the past and make the connections that will lay their spirits to rest? Full of character, wit, and wisdom, *The Keeper of Lost Things* is heartwarming tale that will enchant fans of *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake*, *Garden Spells*, *Mrs. Queen Takes the Train*, and *The Silver Linings Playbook*.

## Zoom Book Discussion—October 5th at Noon

**OCTOBER - *The Jesus Cow* by Michael Perry**  
**Discussion Leader: Jan Shusta**

Life is suddenly full of drama for low-key Harley Jackson: A woman in a big red pickup has stolen his bachelor’s heart, a Hummer-driving predatory developer is threatening to pave the last vestiges of his family farm, and inside his barn is a calf bearing the image of Jesus Christ. His best friend, Billy, a giant of a man who shares his trailer house with a herd of cats and tries to pass off country music lyrics as philosophy, urges him to avoid the woman, fight the developer, and get rich off the calf. But Harley takes the opposite tack, hoping to avoid what his devout, dearly departed mother would have called “a scene.”

Then the secret gets out—right through the barn door, and Harley’s “miracle” goes viral. Within hours pilgrims, gifters, and the media have descended on his quiet patch of Swivel, Wisconsin, looking for a glimpse (and a percentage) of the calf. Does Harley hide the famous, possibly holy calf and risk a riot, or give the people what they want—and raise enough money to keep his land—and, just possibly, win the woman and her big red pickup truck?

Harley goes all in, cutting a deal with a major Hollywood agent that transforms his little farm into an international spiritual theme park—think Lourdes, only with cheese curds and t-shirts. Soon, Harley has lots of money . . . and more trouble than he ever dreamed.



# Optimism grounded in hope



“I am fundamentally an optimist,” said anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela. “Part of being optimistic is keeping one’s head pointed toward the sun, one’s feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair..”

Some say optimism is naïve, “a generic good idea about the future” (Walter Brueggemann, *Reverberations of Faith*), and distinguish it from hope. But Mandela’s 27 years in prison and other sufferings would indicate that, in his case, optimism is anchored in deep hope.

Our hope is grounded in God’s power to bring life from death, primarily in Jesus’ resurrection, and in other acts of deliverance. God brings joy from sorrow, healing from brokenness, love from hate. We can’t fathom what goodness awaits us down the road (Could Mandela, in prison, imagine becoming South Africa’s first black president?!), so we keep looking up and moving forward. Such optimism is rooted in profound hope – and is a gift of God.

**PUZZLE**

**WISDOM FROM THE WORD**

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

|         |          |
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| school  | --○----  |
| paper   | --○--    |
| wisdom  | --○--    |
| read    | -----○   |
| play    | -----    |
| learn   | ○-----   |
| grow    | --○----- |
| pencils | -----    |
| pray    | --○--    |
| art     | -----    |
| student | -----○-- |
| kids    | -----○-- |
| apple   | --○----  |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful.”

**JOSHUA 1:8, NIV**

# All Workers are Essential—According to Martin Luther

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call,” previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance – and even sanctity – of *all* types of labors. The reformer pointed out that “God doesn’t need our good works, but our neighbor does.”

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled “God Makes Pizza,” describes how this looks today: “God is busy about *his* work in the midst of *your* work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your coworkers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work that you do, no matter what that work is.”

“Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.”

—Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

# SEPTEMBER

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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
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|  |  | <b>1</b><br><br>Books Belief Belonging<br>Zoom Book Club<br>Noon— <i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i> | <b>2</b><br>Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                     |
| <b>6</b><br>9:30 Worship on Facebook<br>Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM<br>Service created by our synod and Bishop Mansholdt               | <b>7</b><br><br>LABOR DAY | <b>8</b><br>ZOOM 1 PM Women's Bible Study: Mark Chapters 3-6  | <b>9</b><br>Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group  | <b>10</b><br>Registration deadline for synod Assembly | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>                                    |
| <b>13</b><br>9:30 Worship<br><b>PARKING LOT</b><br>Zoom coffee Hour 11 AM<br>Online worship available in afternoon               | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>Zoom 6 PM Church Council   | <b>16</b><br>Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>                                    |
| <b>20</b><br>9:30 Worship on Facebook<br>Zoom coffee Hour 9 AM<br>Service created by churchwide to celebrate "Care for Creation" | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Newsletter deadline  | <b>23</b><br>Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>Zoom Meeting for Synod Assembly |
| <b>27</b><br>9:30 Worship<br><b>PARKING LOT</b><br>Zoom coffee Hour 11 AM<br>Online worship available in afternoon               | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>Newsletter Printed   | <b>30</b><br>Zoom 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group |   |  |  |

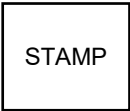
PARKING LOT WORSHIP SEPT 13TH & 27TH 9:30 AM. TUNE IN TO AM RADIO STATION \_\_\_\_\_ TO HEAR THE SERVICE



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## Parking Lot Worship Service

The Covid-19 Task Force held its monthly meeting on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> and had a very productive discussion. The guidelines and recommendations we sent to the church council lead to interesting discussion at their meeting as well, and the church council did approve holding parking lot worship services, potentially several times a month.

The parking lot worship services will hopefully be held several times in September. There is equipment that needs to be purchased and set up before a definite date can be announced. Please be patient and we are hoping to send out a letter next week with more detailed information. This is all a “holy experiment.”

Its an exciting development. Stayed tuned for more details. A letter will be sent out to all in the congregational members with more details early in September.

