

“It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.” - Nelson Mandela

October 2023
VOL 2#10

Hainesville Crossroads

Hainesville Lutheran Church ELCA Sturgeon Bay, WI

HAINESVILLE CROSSROADS — October 2023 Edition

“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.’ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:16,17 NIV)

LOOK HOW HAPPY THEY ARE

Have you ever heard of the law of the farm? It is simply this: You reap what you sow. If you plant potatoes, you are going to get potatoes.

But it’s not just the law of the farm, it’s the law of life: You reap what you sow. Sow criticism into a marriage, anger into a childhood, lies into a friendship, sexual immorality into life, and stand back to learn the law of the farm. The critical marriage winds up loveless, the merciless parent fails, forgiveness is hard to come by, the liar can’t be trusted, and the promiscuous person can’t find real love in life. It brings tears. We are not always happy, because of our sin.

The worst part is that it does not just result in a harvest of pain, guilt, anger, and sadness. Our sin would have resulted in a harvest of hell. Eternal separation from God. But God reaped what we sowed. He sent Jesus, the Lamb of God, to suffer our harvest of hell on the cross

so that we would win his harvest in heaven. In this life we have joy in knowing that perfect happiness awaits us in heaven because of Jesus. For now, we are not always happy because we live in a world suffering sin’s effect. For now, we have tears.

It’s why it is so important to see the perfect happiness of heaven that John describes. God’s goal is to rescue us from this world of tears and bring us into happiness of heaven. I don’t know how exactly, but he will even use those tears to keep you close to him.

Have you ever been in a town with a Glockenspiel, or “playing bells”? When you are right next to it, the bells sound harsh and dissonant. But when you hear them from a distance, you can hear the harmonious tune. That is like the tears of life. They seem harsh and cruel now, but in heaven God will reveal how he was making harmonious music in our lives. Today, look at the saints in heaven. Look how happy they are as they worship before the Lamb.

Lord Jesus, you live to silence all my fears; you live to wipe away my tears. You live to calm my troubled heart; you live all blessings to impart. Amen.

(adapted from CW 152:5)



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Sunday morning worship 9:30 AM in person worship in the sanctuary; YouTube live broadcast beginning at 9:30 or available on demand following the service**
- **Book Club Tuesday Oct 3rd at noon**
- **Men’s Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM**
- **Be Like Jesus, Live Like Jesus Study Tuesday Oct 10 at 9:30**
- **Church Council Monday Oct 16th at 6PM**
- **W-ELCA Tuesday Oct 17th at NOON**
- **Quilting for missions: Tuesday Oct 24th at 9 AM**



Hainesville Lutheran Church Council Meeting - August 21, 2023

Present: Joanne Adlon, Marie Weber, Linda Monahan, John Melland, Gordon Hughes, Gene LaPlante, George Sincock, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, & Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Ellen Klister, Heather Haese

Meeting opened at 6:02 pm. Joanne led us into the meeting with the Council Prayer.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda, by George, 2nd by Gordy, Motion accepted.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer

- Pastor attended the Ladies WELCA meeting in July.
- The baptism for new member Donovan Antholt has been postponed. Scheduling issue.
- The "Nordic Church's Grant" program application was sent in on July 21, 2023. Mary Lou will be sending additional photos of our church, as requested.
- Visited with shut-ins, accompanied by Alice Angermeier & her dog. They visited with the Hannemann's & Pat Malley. Ken Overland was contacted but is still recovering from health issues & is attending church with his daughter.
- A disabled member of our church has asked if communion could be served to him where he is seated in church, of course we will do this.
- Beginning September 12, Pastor Plummer will present the program "Be Like Jesus Live Like Jesus". It will be held the second Tuesday of each month, for 11 months. Time: 9:30-11:00 am.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy Hughes)

- Roy Jillburg & Rick Hannemann have agreed to teach the confirmands the procedures for bell ringing & acolyte duties.
- Requested communion assistants for Oct. 1 & Oct. 15. Joanne will assist Oct. 1 & Gene will do the 15th.

Social Ministry: (Marie)

- 85 School bags have been filled for distribution this fall.
- Chicken Croissant Luncheon is a go, for Wednesday, August 23rd.
- God's Work Our Hands is scheduled for Sunday, September 10. We will clean ditches, sand & paint outside window trim, tie blankets, & clean & weed the gardens.
- The Ice Cream Social is set for Sun-

day, September 17th. After service.

Evangelism: (Linda)

Sent one card to a visitor.

Property: (John/ Gene)

- Grass has been growing too well because of the rain, so lots of mowing has been done.
- Gene will contact the contracted cleaning company regarding cleaning the kitchen mats as well as underneath them.
- While mowing the grass, stones get blown up on the pavilion cement floor. Motion was made by Gordy for John to purchase a 20 volt cordless blower to remove the stones from the concrete. The motion was 2nd by George. Motion accepted.

Education: (Heather)

No report

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne)

- The Council breakfast, August 13th, was a hit!!! Many compliments were received.
- Joanne placed another order for bricks for our "Memory Wall". These bricks should be ready in 30-45 days.
- Joanne will meet with Jean Hovik to get more material to update the church history.

Vice President: (George)

George has examined the windows which will hold the new stained glass. He will replace/rebuild the rotted parts of the upper windows with treated lumber. Additional work is also needed for the lower windows on the north side of the building. Scaffolding is set up for the project.

Treasurer: (Ellen)

No report.

Secretary: (Sue)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting by Gene, 2nd by Marie. Motion approved.

UPCOMING CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS: WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, ETC.)

- August 23rd, Wednesday, Chicken Croissant Luncheon
- September 10th, Sunday, "God's Work Our Hands" & last outdoors Worship for the year.



Oct 2nd	Heather Haese
Oct 4th	Debra Larson
Oct 5th	Linda Kohn
Oct 8th	Emery Freiberg
Oct 9th	Clint Hanson
	Wyatt Hanson
Oct 10th	Brock Aune
	Gordy Hughes
Oct 12th	Bill Aune
Oct 17th	Joanne Adlon



Oct 21st	Eugene Clark
Oct 21st	Richard Dunlap
Oct 25th	Gloria LaPlante
Oct 31st	Paul Klapatch



Oct 2nd	Tim & Rachel Hanson
Oct 5th	Riley & Meggie Sawyer
Oct 10th	Pete & Marlene Larson
Oct 16th	Bill & Sue Aune
Oct 21st	Jeff & Val Espe
Oct 23rd	Kraig & Amy Aune

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

- September 17th, Sunday, Ice Cream Social, after Sunday services.

Old Business:

The Stained Glass Window contract with Conrad Schmitt Studios, of Milwaukee, will be finalized & signed, within the month. The window frames are fixable & we are moving ahead with the order. Estimated completion is Easter 2025. "Jesus Among Us", and "Water" will be the themes for the new windows.

New Business:

- A suggestion was made to start a schedule of volunteers for the kitchen on Sundays. The volunteers would be "assistants to Irene Thorsen, to help keep the kitchen running smoothly. The Ladies ELCA group will work on getting volunteers.
- Again, the floors in the kitchen, as well as the floor mats need better care. Gene will call the cleaning people to make sure this gets done.

Tabled Items:

- Hainesville Church History, the information from Jean Hovik, still needs to be updated. And we will form a committee to handle this project.
- John said we need to have a "sign-out" sheet for tables and chairs from the garage, so he knows when people have taken them for use at home. A "sign-out" will be posted in the garage.
- Gordy made the suggestion that we have a sign made stating that our "pavilion is for rent." This sign will fit in the frame that stands along the highway. Joanne will look into having a sign prepared.
- George will look into getting the lumber for the window framing. He feels the cost will not exceed \$500.

Meeting adjourned and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:37 pm.

Next Council Meeting: September 18, 2023, at 6 pm.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY



Book Discussion Group

Meets at noon—first Tuesday of the month



Lunch and Literature Book Discussion Tuesday October 3rd at Noon

Book choice: "The Life She Was Given" by Ellen Marie Wiseman

From acclaimed author Ellen Marie Wiseman comes a vivid, daring novel about the devastating power of family secrets—beginning in the poignant, lurid world of a Depression-era traveling circus and coming full circle in the transformative 1950's. On a summer evening in 1931, Lily Blackwood glimpses circus lights from the grimy window of her attic bedroom, Lilly isn't allowed to explore her attic bedroom. Lilly isn't allowed to explore the meadows around Blackwood Manor. She's never even ventured beyond her narrow room. Momma insists it's for Lilly's own protection, that people would be afraid if they saw her. But on this unforgettable night, Lilly is taken outside for the first time—and sold to the circus sideshow.

More than two decades later, nineteen-year-old Julia Blackwood has inherited her parents' estate and horse farm. For Julia, home was an unhappy place full of strict rules and forbidden rooms, and she hopes that returning might erase those painful memories. Instead, she becomes immersed in a mystery involving a hidden attic room and photos of circus scenes featuring a striking young girl.

At first, The Barlow Brother's Circus is just another prison for Lilly. But in this rag-tag, sometimes brutal world, Lilly discovers strength, friendship, and a rare affinity for animals. Soon, thanks to elephants Pepper and JoJo and their handler, Cole, Lilly is no longer a sideshow spectacle but the circus's biggest attraction...until tragedy and cruelty collide. It will fall to Julia to learn the truth about Lilly's fate and her family's shocking betrayal, and find a way to make Blackwood Manor into a place of healing at last.

Moving between Julia and Lilly's stories, Ellen Marie Wiseman portrays two extraordinary, very different women in a novel that, while tender and heartbreaking, offers moments of joy and indomitable hope.

Outreach and spreading JOY!!!!



We will be having a new member Sunday soon. Do you or someone you know want to be included in our church family?!? Please let the office know.



FALL CELEBRATIONS !!!




**October 15
Chili Sunday**

**October 29
Mama J and the Praise Hounds**



OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship/ Holy Communion Confirmation class after worship A-K	2	3 NOON: The Life She Was Given by Ellen Marie Wiseman 	4 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group held at church	5	6	7 9:30AM Family Choir Rehearsal
8 9:30 Worship Confirmation class after worship L-Z	9	10 9:30 Be Like Je- sus, Live Like Jesus Study	11 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group held at church	12	13	14
15 9:30 Worship/ Holy Communion Confirmation class after worship Chili Luncheon	16 6:00 Church Council	17 NOON: Women of the ELCA	18 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group held at church	19	20	21
22 9:30 Worship Confirmation class after worship A-K	23	24 9 AM—Noon: Quilting for Lu- theran World Relief	25 8 AM Men's Breakfast Group held at church	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship/ REFORMATION SUNDAY/Mama J and the Praise Hounds Confirmation class after worship L-Z	30 	31 				

Council members for 2022: *President*-Joanne Adlon ; *Vice-President*-George Sincock; *Secretary*-Sue Nusbaum; *Treasurer*-Ellen Klister; *Property*— Gene LaPlante & John Melland; *Music/Worship*—Gordy Hughes; *Education*—Heather Haese; *Social Ministry*—Marie Weber; *Evangelism*—Linda Monahan

Order your bricks today for the memorial wall. Order blanks can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary.



October Newsletter

Hainesville Lutheran Church –ELCA

3944 County Rd M
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Phone: (920) 743-9806
www.hainesvillelc.com

Hainesville Lutheran is a fellowship of Christians, empowered by the Gospel, who share their faith through witness, service and hospitality



GUEST COPY
PLEASE HELP YOURSELF



O Lord, we pray....



God Hears and Answers Prayers

Rusty (Allen), **Tom** (Angermeier), **John** (B), **Devin** (Bartos), **Lyle** (Berndt), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Eugene** (Clark), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Robert** (Connrey), **Danielle** (Davis), **Emery** (Freiberg), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Mathilde & Richard** (Hannemann), **Jim** (Hanstad), **Donna** (Kaat), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Shari** (Krueger), **Ellie** (Krull), **Joe** (May), **Fran** (McCarthy), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Sandy** (Pierre), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Alice** (Rocque-Angermeier), **Lexi & Laci** (S), **Lori** (Snyder), **Eric** (Thorson), **Charlotte, Erik, Joe, and the family of Mike Monahan.**

