

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

—Mahatma Gandhi

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

You will no longer hear me speak of a 2020 vision for Hainesville Lutheran Church. You're welcome! There is no other way for me to say it: 2020 challenged us in every way imaginable - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Who could have imagined everything that would happen this past year? The world has been changed. We have been changed. Nothing will be exactly as it was before.

In the coming months ahead, decisions will need to be made. As vaccines for the coronavirus become more widely distributed and communities become immunized, there will be plans set in motion for many communities of faith to gather again for in-person worship with safety protocols in place. The leadership of this congregation is already working on developing plans and protocols to have in place to allow for this to happen when the conditions have been met to move forward into the next

phase. We need to get this right. Rushing into something without fully considering the consequences could be devastating. On a personal note, four members of my extended family have died from COVID-19 in the past few months. Other members of Hainesville have shared with me similar stories of lost friends and extended family members from this unforgiving virus.

I ask for your prayers and your patience as we continue to monitor the progress being made to get the pandemic under control. Believe me. No one wants to get back to being together in person more than me. I long for our time together. I long to see you face to face when preaching a Sunday sermon. A video camera does not respond to the message with emotions, facial expressions, or bodily gestures. I long to be able to stand in front of you face to face, saying the words "Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you. Take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you." The holy meal has been

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THIS MONTH

- **Sunday morning on-line worship available by 8 AM through our web site or Facebook or YouTube**
- **Parking lot worship on January 24th ????? at 9:30 AM**
- **Sunday morning coffee hour on ZOOM beginning at 10:30 AM**
- **Book Club Tuesday January 5th at noon online using ZOOM**
- **Women's Bible study: Tuesday January 12th at NOON online using ZOOM (Discuss favorite Proverbs)**
- **Church Council Tuesday January 19th 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:

Hope and Patience: 2021

missing as a regular part of our sacramental life together and I crave it now more than ever before. I long to share visions and dream dreams together in the fellowship hall, discussing and discerning the possibilities of where God may be leading us out into the world to serve our neighbors in love beyond our wildest imaginations.

As we yearn for a new year with different outcomes, hope is on the horizon. A new day is dawning for us as the people of God. Along with all the challenges from the past year comes opportunities. The members of this congregation have always been generous in sharing out of God’s abundance by supporting the church both financially and with God-given talents whenever a need arises and I pray that will continue.

My challenge for the people of Hainesville Lutheran Church is to move to the next level of generosity by fully giving ourselves to others. This is done by being fully present with one another in our current relationships and when cultivating new ones. Being fully pre-

sent doesn’t necessitate physical presence, nor does being physically present mean one is fully present. Being fully present means listening deeply to the voice of the other. Being fully present means creating a safe space for people to share their stories – their hopes and dreams and their deep hurts and fears. Being fully present means standing with others in their pain and truly hearing them rather than jumping in and trying to fix their problems for them, without understanding what it is they are saying they truly need. Most of the time, we just might learn that listening deeply and standing alongside others to be the presence of Christ for them in their lives is all they are really looking for – and that is everything.

As we walk together into 2021, moving toward post-pandemic life, let us be prayerful, let us be patient, let us be prudent, and let us be fully present with one another.

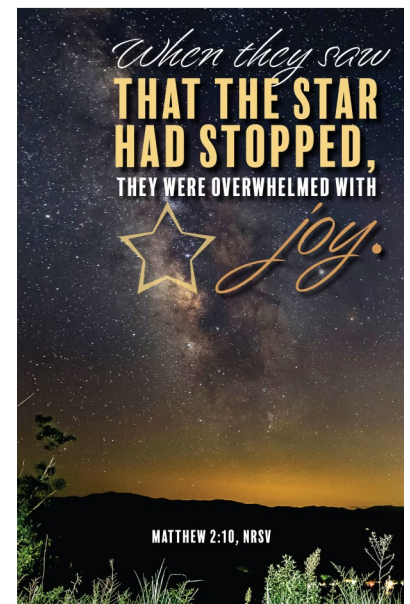
Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Trent



Birthdays for January

Jan 1st	Ed Stawikowski
Jan 3rd	Matt O’Hern
Jan 4th	Elsie Wagner
Jan 10th	Justine O’Hern
Jan 12th	Vicki Hannemann Roberta Roalkvan
Jan 18th	Mathilde Hannemann
Jan 19th	Mary Verken Tyler Ashman
Jan 20th	Nolan Schultz
Jan 22nd	Sharon Albert
Jan 26th	Betty Livingston
Jan 27th	Bob Petersen
Jan 30th	Marla Vogel Greg Adlon



From the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee would like you to know that in 2021 the church will need to elect

- president (2 year term) ,
- a property trustee (3 year term) ,
- a deacon for evangelism (3 year term),
- and an auditor (2 year term).

If you would like a job description one will be made available to you. Please begin to prayerfully consider how you can help your church during this interesting time that we are living through. Nominating committee members are Bill Albert, Russ Klister and Deb Grunwald. You can contact them if you have any questions or are interested in being on council.



Anniversaries for January
None on record this month





December 15th, 2020 Church Council Un-approved Minutes

Present: Pastor Trent, Jim Vogel, Bonnie Kohn, Linda Monahan, Gene LaPlante, John Melland, Ellen Klistner, April Mascorro
Absent: Marie Weber, Rick Hannemann, Frank Pudlo
Opening prayer; Call to order by Jim at 6pm.
Due to COVID-19, Stay at Home order, council met today, via ZOOM (video conferencing application).
Agenda accepted; motion by Linda, 2nd by April
Drive-in service; FM radio frequency (92.3)

Worship report (Bonnie): No updates
Social Ministry report (Marie): No updates
Evangelism report (Linda): No updates

Property report (Rick/Gene):

- Culvert river rock will be placed
- Will replace GFI in bell room
- Gene will handle replacing lightbulbs
- Gene will check on ceiling rust
- Gene will schedule a furnace check-up

Education report (Frank):
No changes, per Pastor Trent

Vice President report (John):
Periodically flushing toilets and turning on faucets

Secretary report (April):
Motion to approve November minutes; by Ellen, 2nd by Bonnie

Treasurer report (Ellen):
Motion to approve November financials; by April, 2nd by Bonnie
Since the local CPA won't provide the church an invoice, whom assists with payroll, year-end W2s and 1099's; as a good gesture, council approved buying a \$100 gift card for the resource
2020 financial audit won't be completed until January 2021; however, 2020 reports are due to Paula by 12/31. If any 2020 reporting discrepancies are identified by the auditor, Ellen will explain the modifications during the annual church meeting in February 2021.
2021 budget approved, motion to approve by Bonnie, 2nd by John
Note; no planned salary increases; will be revisited in Dec 2021, possibly an increased bonus can be approved by council.

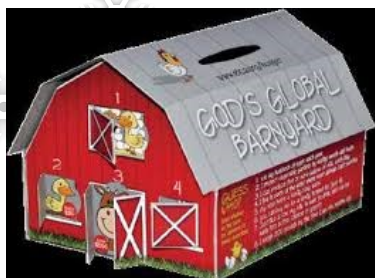
President report (Jim):
COVID task force committee is meeting monthly:
Future meet in person guidelines continue to be reviewed; will provide an update at the next Council meeting.
2 suggestions were submitted, motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Ellen.
Jim will report back to the committee:
Allow maximum of 10 people to attend in-person baptisms and funerals
Allow 2 groups, maximum of 4 people per group, to use the

church (for church related activities), using different areas and different times, on the same day. Ellen will continue serve as gatekeeper.
Contacted The Pulse regarding advertising; there is money in escrow, which will remain. We will continue as is, without ads. When we want to start running ads again, someone needs to contact The Pulse at that time
Christmas decorations won't be placed this year; outdoor nativity scene didn't work out
Sunday school room updates look good
Annual church meeting (2/7/2021) will be held via Zoom (members can join by just phone, or by video/audio). Bonnie and Ellen will help compile/staple reports.
Annual report will be emailed to HLC members with the exception of hard copies printed/mailed to same households that have received it this way in the past. Voting will be handled verbally. Jim will submit the required form, for ZOOM approval, to be used for the annual meeting
Nominating committee is making phone calls for open council positions
Secret Santa raised \$755 (highest amount ever). Gifts were purchased and delivered to the school. Next year, need to consider adopting more than 1 family.
Fire in church on 12/4 from a spotlight that tipped over:
There is a \$1000 insurance deductible
There won't be any parking lot services until all fire related issues are addressed
Floor and support beam need to be repaired. Gene and George may be able to handle.
Rick is discussing with a restoration company; they felt the odor would be fully removed from material items, by their ozone treatment process. However, if the odor isn't removed completely, then dry cleaning would be necessary, which is an additional expense.
Will confirm if Rick is in contact with insurance company
Material things such as banners may need to be dry cleaned
Painting may be needed
Will check into proper stain glass cleaning
Pastor's report (Trent):
Emailed Pastor's report to council members
Emailed 2021 Pastor schedule; it's a work in progress
DC Broadband coming 1/4/2021, to test internet signal
DC Broadband suggested a new router; they offer a rental program for \$6.95 a month with a 1-year contract. There is question if we should pursue or not. Will check into guarantee. Purchased router from Quantum PC quote is \$200
Closed with prayer; meeting adjourned @ 7:06 pm., motion by April, 2nd by Bonnie.
Next meeting is 1/19 @ 6pm. We will meet virtually.
April Mascorro (Council secretary)

God's Global Barnyard Update



As part of ELCA World Hunger, we lifted up God's Global Barnyard during Advent as an ELCA ministry that we support as a congregation. You had received a letter with a stamped envelope addressed **God's Global Barnyard** c/o Hainesville Lutheran Church in late November detailing our congregational intent to collect offerings for this and send a gift as a congregation. If you still plan on making a financial contribution to God's Global Barnyard, please mail in your envelope to the church when you are able. We will announce what was received and given as a gift in the February newsletter.



The story of the Magi is our story. God has used his supernatural means to draw us unto himself. ... On one glorious day, when we were exhausted and wearied in our sin, God led us to gaze upon

Jesus just as the Magi did. We see the glory of God manifested through Jesus Christ in the internal work of the Holy Spirit. We see our utter sinfulness and God's abounding grace offered in the Messiah. We are filled with joy as this grace sinks into our hearts.

We fall down on our knees and confess our need of this Messiah. We worship him and offer up our lives as our greatest offering to him. Then we continue on in our lives, carrying the truth about the Messiah.

—Travis Cunningham, tvcre-sources.net

Remembering Pastor Don Haines

Reverend Donald O. Haines, age 82, passed away on December 19, 2020. He was a Sturgeon Bay native and a retired ELCA pastor who served congregations in Saskatchewan Canada, Storden MN, Ishpeming MI, Wausau, and Milwaukee WI. After retirement from parish ministry, he and his wife Miriam moved to the Twin Cities to be closer to family. Don also enjoyed spending time at his family's property on Sand Bay. He helped out Hainesville by serving as a guest preacher from time to time.

Secret Santa Results

Once again, Hainesville adopted a local family in need for Christmas. \$755 was collected from the members of the congregation for this family with three children. Gifts were purchased, wrapped, and delivered to the school the children attend to be sent to their home. Thank you for your generosity! Thank you, also, to Lana Ferry, Linda Freier, and Jim and Marla Vogel for making the arrangements and purchasing, wrapping, and delivering the gifts to the school.


In Our Prayers!

Families, Friends & Neighbors....



Rusty (Allen), **Riley** (A), **Lindsay** (A), **Trudy** (Berkhahn), **Nancy** (Bontempo), **Shirley** (Brandt), **John** (Breider), **Karen & Del** (Brewer), **Dennis** (Buckingham), **Eugene** (Clark), **Danielle** (Davis), **Mike** (Grainger), **Ruth** (Grainger), **Joanne** (Huhta), **Cindy & Terry** (Kinney), **Ellie** (Krull), **Judy** (Larson), **Natalie** (Markham), **Janet** (Mettelmann) **Francine** (Meyer), **Ken** (Overland), **Jodi** (P), **Mary Lee** (Riddle), **Elaine** (Roalkvan), **Matthew** (Roque), **Alice** (Roque-Angermeier), **Troy**, **Deanna**, **Lexi, & Laci** (Schuesser), **Eric** (Thorson), **Dorothy** (Twiton), **Kari** (Uetz), **Aubrey** (W), **Laddie** (Watson), **Judy** (Willacker), and **Jeanine**.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>PARKING LOT SERVICE: USE FM STATION 92.3 TO LISTEN TO THE SERVICE FROM THE CHURCH PARKING LOT. BRING YOUR OWN ELEMENTS OF GRAPE JUICE AND CRACKER/BREAD FOR COMMUNION.</p>					1 	2
3 9:30 Worship online only 10:30 AM ZOOM coffee hour	4	5 ZOOM Book Club at noon <i>Fly Girls by Keith O'Brien</i>	6 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Confirmation 6:30 PM on Zoom Grades 6-8	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship online only 10:30 AM ZOOM coffee hour	11	12 ZOOM at NOON (Note new time) Women's Bible Study from Proverbs <i>ZOOM Covid-19 Task Force 6:30</i>	13 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Confirmation 6:30 PM on Zoom Grades 6-8	14	15	16
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24 9:30 Worship Parking lot ??? & online 10:30 AM ZOOM coffee hour	25	26	27 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Confirmation 6:30 PM on Zoom Grades 6-8	28	29 <i>Newsletter Printed</i>	30
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ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th at 10:30 AM using Zoom platform: Links to connect to the meeting will be sent several days before the meeting. You can also call in using your phone if you have no Internet access

COVID-19 Task Force Minutes from Dec 2020

Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Task Force meeting

Attendees: Matt Dixner-Young, Pastor Trent, Jim Vogel, Marie Weber, George Sincock, Bill Aune, Bonnie Kohn Absent: Kirsten Dixner-Young

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Hainesville Covid 19 Task Force (HCTF)

To recommend guidelines to the Church Council for reopening the church for in house worship services and the use of its facilities.

The Church Council has the responsibility to make all final decisions on what procedures will be adopted.

The meeting was called to order by Leader Matt Young shortly after 6:30. Pastor was asked to open our meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting: no changes made

Marie reported on the current status of Door County: 21 new cases reported for Monday; still in very high risk. Wisconsin as a whole is still in critically high risk category.

Tonight we considered possible changes to the Small Group guidelines. Out of this discussion, two motions were made and passed.

Currently, only 1 group can use the building per day.

Jim Vogel moved, seconded by George Sincock that two groups of four or less (members only) may use the building in one day IF they are there at different times and different areas of the church are used. (Ellen Klistner to remain as the gatekeeper.) This motion was passed unanimously.

We then discussed allowing 10 people or less (CDC guideline) for essential services.

Bonnie moved and George seconded that we allow up to 10 people to attend a funeral or baptismal service. (All must follow safety protocol.) This also passed unanimously.

Jim Vogel shared his suggested list of protocols to be followed as we consider in-house. I will attach Jim's list to the minutes rather than retype. Jim said he would e-mail copy to all Task Force members.

We will probably need to check into hand sanitizer stations again. We did not order previously because there was a shortage of the bottles of sanitizer for this equipment. Pastor indicated that we had plenty of sanitizer materials for those currently using the church.

We also discussed what number of members could safely attend an indoor service, keeping the 6' distances.

George indicated 22 if you had only one family per pew. That number could perhaps be doubled when you consider that 2 single people, for example, could sit in one pew.

The service will be very different, of course, no singing or congregational readings. It was suggested that perhaps a whisper could be used! All this to be discussed at future meetings. Next meeting to be on January 12th at 6:30 via ZOOM.

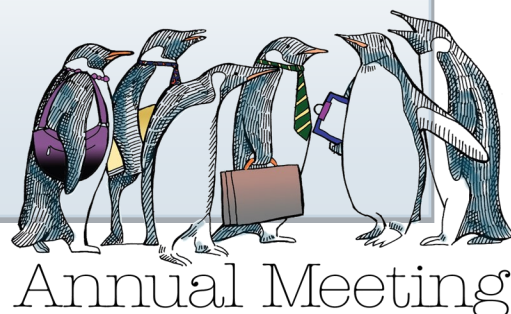
Marie thanked Matt for the great job he did leading the meeting and keeping us on track.

We joined in the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Kohn, Secretary

Annual Meeting February 7th at 10:30 AM using Zoom

The Hainesville annual meeting will be taking place on Sunday February 7th, via Zoom at 10:30am. There will be a link to the meeting to join the meeting online as a video conference call via computer or other digital device as well as a meeting ID, Passcode, and telephone number for those who choose the dial-in option via telephone to participate in the meeting by voice only. This information will come along with the annual report that will be sent to you at least 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting. For those currently receiving church communications via email, the annual report and Zoom meeting information will come via email. For those currently receiving church communications in hardcopy form via U.S. postal service, your will receive the annual report and the Zoom meeting information in the same fashion that you have been receiving all other church communications.



Lunch & Literature Book Discussion

Books to be read and discussed for January and February

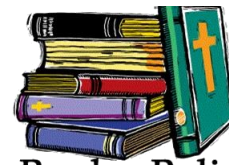
January 5th at Noon... *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien, Discussion Leader is Deb Grunwald

The untold story of five women who fought to compete against men in the high-stakes national air races of the 1920s and 1930s — and won.

Between the world wars, no sport was more popular, or more dangerous, than airplane racing. Thousands of fans flocked to multi-day events, and cities vied with one another to host them. The pilots themselves were hailed as dashing heroes who cheerfully stared death in the face. Well, the men were hailed. Female pilots were more often ridiculed than praised for what the press portrayed as silly efforts to horn in on a manly, and deadly, pursuit. *Fly Girls* recounts how a cadre of women banded together to break the original glass ceiling: the entrenched prejudice that conspired to keep them out of the sky.

O'Brien weaves together the stories of five remarkable women: Florence Klingensmith, a high school dropout who worked for a dry cleaner in Fargo, North Dakota; Ruth Elder, an Alabama divorcee; Amelia Earhart, the most famous, but not necessarily the most skilled; Ruth Nichols, who chafed at the constraints of her blue-blood family's expectations; and Louise Thaden, the mother of two young kids who got her start selling coal in Wichita. Together, they fought for the chance to race against the men — and in 1936 one of them would triumph in the toughest race of all.

Like *Hidden Figures* and *Girls of Atomic City*, *Fly Girls* celebrates a little-known slice of history in which tenacious, trail-blazing women braved all obstacles to achieve greatness.



**Books Belief
Belonging**

February 2nd at Noon...

The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson, Discussion Leader is Jan Shusta

"...a hauntingly atmospheric love letter to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the fierce, brave packhorse librarians who wove their way from shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and — just as importantly — a compassionate human connection." —Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants*

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scarp for everything — everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter.

Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere — even back home.

Lunch & Literature Notes

HLC Lunch and Literature Future Reading List

March... *The Woman in the Green Dress* by Tea Cooper, Discussion Leader is Margie Reynolds

April... *Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder* by JoAnne Fluke, Discussion Leader is Linda Monahan

*These were chosen because they are available to us through the library app Hoopla and with the uncertainty of many issues facing us, we thought this the safest option.

A Word for the Year

Every January, some people pray and ask God to provide a word for their year ahead. Friends have shared theirs with me, but I was hesitant to embrace the practice myself. I'd love to receive a word like flourish; then again, I might be like the friend who heard health and then faced many physical challenges that year. But I tried it for 2020 and heard prepare. My first reaction was that the word wasn't very exciting, which possibly confirmed I hadn't orchestrated it. Indeed, 2020 ended up full of significant, unexpected change for our family, with careers, school, church and friends. Prepare reminded me that amid chaos, God had prepared me for each moment and continues to prepare me for what's next. Give it a try! Regardless of the word you receive or what lies ahead, you can trust that God loves you and is ultimately in control for 2021 and beyond. —Janna Firestone

January Newsletter



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

Love in action

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

King distinguished between true love and “empty sentimentalism,” however. He taught — and showed — that love is “the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.” He also said: “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate “active outpouring” of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

“Because of Calvary I’m free to choose,” writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. “No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.”

