

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

—Corrie ten Boom

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I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly. (Psalms 85:8)

THE LORD LOVES US—NO MATTER WHAT!

"I am my own worst enemy." Have you ever thought that or said those words? It is a phrase that acknowledges a fact that, at times, the cause of our own problems or bad things in our lives is our own fault. For example, when we drive too fast on the interstate, we may be pulled over by the police and receive a speeding ticket. We were the cause of our problem. It is easy to acknowledge our fault in this type of situation. But what about the problems in our lives that are much deeper and the result of our character issues? The problems that arise because of our anger, selfishness, jealousy, or pride?

The psalmist echoes our desire to "listen to what the Lord says." We want to show our love for God by following his Word. We desire to do good in our lives and the lives of others. But the reality is, too often, we do not. We "turn to folly." We often are selfish, more concerned with our own interests than those of others. This might sound harsh, but that is the reality.

The apostle Paul explains this reality for himself too: "I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out" (Romans 7:18). We all have been born in original sin. It is not a mere blemish or stain on our character. It is a deep-seated tendency to do evil.

The God of free and faithful love does not leave us in such a terrible state. He brought us to faith with the gospel message that Jesus died for us. He comforts us with the pure gospel that he has forgiven the guilt of our sin. The damage of original sin begins to be undone. The apostle Paul again explains this too: "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25). We now have the power and desire to "listen to what God the LORD says."

Every day we will be tempted to follow our own desires. Yet the God of free and faithful love will never leave us. He has given us the gift of faith and the desire and ability to follow him.

Dear heavenly Father, today let me not return to my folly but follow your Word. Amen.

March

- **Sunday morning worship in sanctuary at 9:30 and is being livestreamed via YouTube.**
- **Church Council 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM**
- **Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church**
- **First Tuesday at noon Book Club meets**
- **Third Tuesday at noon WELCA meets**
- **Fourth Tuesday at 9 AM quilting for missions**

Members of the 2023 Church Council are:

President:	Joanne Adlon
Vice-president:	George Sincock
Secretary:	Sue Nusbaum
Treasurer:	Ellen Klister
Education:	Heather Haese
Social Ministry:	Marie Weber
Evangelism:	Linda Monahan
Worship:	Gordy Hughes
Property:	John Melland, Gene LaPlante



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Church Family News



Baptism of Edward Lee



Birthdays for March

Mar 9th	Richard Hannemann
Mar 11th	John Breider Oliver Wilke
Mar 14th	Kim Jacobson
Mar 18th	Deb Grunwald
Mar 26th	Lori Lauscher
Mar 28th	Reese Sund
Mar 30th	Barbara Dunlap

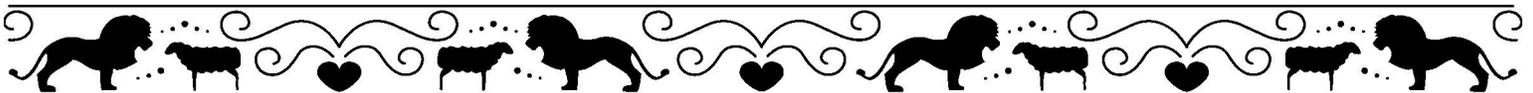


Anniversaries for March

March 20th	John & Laura Borkovetz
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Men's Breakfast meets Wednesday mornings at 8:00 for breakfast and discussion of a Bible text of their choosing. Much lively discussion is had. Come join this group



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



God Hears and Answers Prayers

Rusty (Allen), Lindsay (A), Tom (Angermeier), Devin (Bartos), Karen & Del (Brewer), Eugene (Clark), Robert (Conrey), Danielle (Davis), Carol (Dennis), Emery (Freiberg), Ruth (Grainger), Ellen (Groewoldt), Mathilde & Richard (Hannemann), Cindy (Knapp), Shari (Krueger), Ellie (Krull), Linda (M), Larry (Mallien), Joe (May), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Pastor Raben, Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Deanna, Lexi, & Laci (S), Hans (Sawitzki), Eric (Thorson), Kari (Uetz), Nick (Vogel), Jeanine, and Joe.



February 20, 2023 Church Council Un-approved Minutes

Present: Joanne Adlon, George Sincock, Gordon Hughes, John Melland, Linda Monahan, Gene LaPlante, Ellen Klister, Marie Weber, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Sue Nusbaum (virtually)

Absent: Heather Haese

Meeting opened with prayer at 6 pm. By Joanne Adlon

Agenda accepted by George, 2nd by Gene

Pastor Report: Pastor Mary Lou:

Discussion on visiting shut-ins, Council members were asked to help & volunteers agreed upon

Reports from the Trustees & Council members:

Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy)

- Discussion about the altar candles; Advice has been given to those involved & directions given
- Flag in Sanctuary needs to be replaced, Gene will contact Fly-Me-Flag in Green Bay & replace it
- Discussion on upgrading the cabling for the audio broadcast through U-Tube. Quantum in Sturgeon Bay will finish the job that was begun during the last Pastor's term. This will include WIFI in the pavilion & the ability to show videos in the Pavilion. The quote to finish the job is \$3444.87. Motion to approve cabling by Gordy 2nd by George, 1- opposed, Approved
- Discussion about having a "Car Show", Gordy will try to schedule for this year.
- A Choir get-together with other local church choirs is scheduled for April 16, 6-7:30 pm. Pastor Mary Lou is helping to coordinate this event

Social Ministry: (Marie)

- Peggy Odegaard is making more school bags for our "back to school " project. Collecting for the bags contents will start this summer

Evangelism: (Linda)

- A thank you note was sent to a on-line streaming viewer, for their donation to Hainesville

Property: (John/ Gene)

- The Culligan water softener has been installed
- The toilets were thoroughly cleaned, this may need to be repeated because of rust that remains in the lines
- Light ballasts & light bulbs have been replaced in the social room & hallways
- There was one elevator incident, the occupants were helped out

Education: (Heather)

- No report

Church Officers Reports:

President: (Joanne)

- The job descriptions of officers & deacons have been updated, according to the Church Constitution
- Reviewed the things that needed to be done from previous meetings:
 - kneeler to be recovered, George will take care of this
 - gas station credit card, John will set up account at the B-P station
 - lawn mower replacement, Gene will oversee this, a fund with yearly deposits, is being set aside to pay for the replacement mower in a couple of years, Ellen will put this in the budget
 - discussed - Mondays for Council meetings, everyone was in agreement
 - discussed renting a Port-a-Potty for the Goods & Goodies Sale placed behind the school house- Joanne will handle this

Vice-President: (George)

- Keys have been ordered for the new fireproof filing cabinets. They were purchased from a company in Canada

Treasurer: (Ellen)

- Member contributions have been coming in well and expenses have been under budget
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Marie, 2nd by Gordy, approved

Secretary: (Sue)

Motion to accept the January Secretaries report, by Ellen, 2nd by Marie, approved

Upcoming Events: (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.)

- Ash Wednesday Service is February 22, at 7 pm. Pastor Raben presides. If it needs to be canceled because of imminent snowstorm, Ellen will call radio station
- On March 12 & March 26, Mama J & the Praise Hounds, will be at our Sunday services
- On March 12, Jim will set up the service unless a pastor becomes available
- Red Hatters Group is scheduled for Thursday, March 16
- Discussion on renting out the facilities (pavilion, kitchen, or downstairs hall) for events, rental agreement needs to be reviewed

Old Business:

- AC/Heat wireless remote is in the process of getting fixed
- Window plaques have arrived & have been installed
- Linda Monahan will head up the "stained glass" committee to do the west sanctuary window

New Business:

- Discussed cleaning issues; flies on window sills, toilet cleaning, etc. Ellen will speak with our cleaning person about these things
- Discussed Sunday School for young children attending services, we need a plan for activities, crafts, etc. Mary Lou will look into some possible materials
- Discussion on improving the interior of the school house, tabled until a plan can be drawn up & funds raised

Tabled Items:

- Lana is working on the Church records

Closing Prayer & Adjourned: Motion by George, 2nd by Gene, approved, adjourned at 7:58 pm

Next Council Meeting: March 20, 2023



"The Book Haters' Book Club" by Gretchen Anthony

All it takes is the right book to turn a Book Hater into a Book Lover...

That was what Elliot—the beloved co-owner of Over the Rainbow Bookshop—believed before is untimely passing. He always had the perfect book suggestion for the self-proclaimed Book Hater. Now his grief-ridden business partner, Irma, has agreed to sell the cozy Over the Rainbow to condo developers.

But others won't give up the bookshop without a fight. When Irma breaks the news to her daughters, Bree and Laney, and Elliot's romantic partner, Thom, they are aghast. Over the Rainbow has been Bree and Laney's sanctuary since childhood, and Thom would do anything to preserve Elliot's legacy. Together they conspire to save the bookshop, even if it takes some snooping, gossip and minor sabotage.

Filled with humor, family hijinks and actual reading recommendations. The book Haters' Book Club is the ideal feel-good read. It's a love letter everyday heroes—those booksellers and librarians dedicated to putting the right books in the right hands every day.



**Books Belief
Belonging**

MARCH

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	2	3	4 Family choir 9:30
5 9:30 am worship/Holy Communion <i>Confirmation class after wor- ship</i> L-Z	6	7 Book Club at NOON	8 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30 am worship/ Mama J and the Praise Hounds <i>Confirmation class after wor- ship</i> A-K	13	14	15 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	16 Church in use 10:30-4:00	17	18
19 9:30 am worship/Holy communion <i>Confirmation class after wor- ship</i> L-Z	20 6 PM Church Council	21 WELCA at NOON	22 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:30 am worship/ Mama J and the Praise Hounds <i>Confirmation class after wor- ship</i> A-K	27	28 9AM—Noon "Crazy Comfort Creators" - Quilting for Missions	29	30	31	



Remember to move your clocks ahead on March 12th. You don't want to be late for worship on this fun day of worship!!!

March Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12th
Mama J and the Praise Hounds

March 26th
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April 2nd
Palm Sunday

April 9th
Easter Sunday

