

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

—C.S. Lewis

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We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 NIV)

WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY!

The end of the year is full of celebration. People look back. People remember the year in review, right? Those who look back celebrate the greatest athletes in the world of sports, the greatest achievements in the world of entertainment, and the greatest accomplishments in the world of politics. Television shows produce Top Ten lists. Magazines publish a Person of the Year. Montages celebrate the lives of those who died in the past 12 months. Glory. It's all about glory. The New Year's celebration is a time to celebrate the glory.

"We have seen his glory," John said, "the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father." a far different glory, wouldn't you say? His is a far different glory than what the world would ever celebrate: the birth of a baby boy to poor parents amidst the noise and stench and filth of animals, wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger? Nothing glorious about that. Just the opposite.

That was the first day of his life. The last day of his life? Things only got worse. It was brutal and humiliating, hardly glorious: a betrayal by a close friend, an arrest in the dark of night by armed men, put on trial for crimes he did not commit, false accusation after false accusation, blindfolds, slaps to the face, spit running down his cheeks, a soldier's whip, mock praise, that crown of thorns. And more: the hammer, the nails, the wood, the blood, abandoned, forsaken, crucified, died, buried. No glory in any of that; nothing to celebrate, says the world.

But us? We see glory in all of that. We see a reason to celebrate in all of that. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us! God became one of us to save us. His birth was all about his death. That's how much God loves the world—that's how much God loves us. He was willing to send his own Son so that whoever believes in him will not perish. That glory is hidden in his cross and in all the suffering associated with it. God came to pay the wages of our sin. And pay them he did! We will celebrate his accomplishment, his achievement, his success, his victory—which are all ours through faith in him.

Holy Spirit, thank you for my eyes of faith that see in Jesus not simply Person of the Year but the Savior of the world. Amen.

We are looking for someone to help with teaching Sunday School. This will begin January 5th. Please prayerfully consider this service to our young people. Please see Joanne with any questions.

THIS MONTH

- **Sunday morning worship at 9:30 is also being livestreamed via YouTube.**
- **UN-decorate the church on Saturday Jan 4th beginning at 9:00 AM**
- **Saturday, January 4th Family Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM**
- **Church Council Monday January 20th at 6:00 PM**
- **Men's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 8 AM at church**
- **Book club meets January 7th at noon**
- **Quilting group on 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 9 AM.**



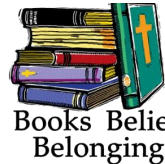
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Secret Santa Results

Once again, Hainesville helped others during the Christmas Season. Gifts were purchased, wrapped, and delivered to a local family. Thank you for your generosity! A special thank you to all who donated funds, did the shopping, wrapped gifts, delivered the gifts, or helped in any other way. Pictured below are some of the gifts and some of the people who helped with this project. This Secret Santa Project greatly helps those among us that are less fortunate than others. This fun Project has hopefully made a more Joyful Season for this family!!!! Thanks again and God Bless!!!!



February Book Club book “Nurse, Soldier, Spy”
by Marissa Moss



When Frank Thompson sees a poster requesting recruits for the Union army, he is ready and willing to enlist. Except Frank isn't his real name. In fact, Frank isn't a man-he is really Sarah Emma Edmonds.

At only nineteen years old, Sarah had already been dressing as a man for three years and living on the run in order to escape an arranged marriage. She had tasted freedom, and there was no going back.

Eager to fight for the North during the Civil War, Sarah joins a Michigan infantry regiment. She excels as a soldier, and she even takes on the grueling task of nursing wounded. Because of her heroism, she is asked to become a spy, cross enemy lines, and infiltrate a Confederate camp. For her first mission, Sarah must once again disguise herself and rely on the kindness of slaves to help her do her job.

This incredible, true story of a brave young woman who makes an unlikely choice to fight for her country is one that should not be lost to history.

Friday, March 21st, Southern Door Auditorium is presenting The Looney Lutherans. This comedy should be a lot of fun. We were thinking it would be fun to take a group. Cost is \$32.79 per ticket. If you would like to attend with a group please sign up now. We will be putting in our order mid January. Last day to sign up is January 12th. There is a sign-up sheet on Lana's desk.

JANUARY Birthdays

Birthdays for January

Jan 1st	Ed Stawikowski
Jan 2nd	Becky Brown
Jan 4th	Elsie Wagner
Jan 9th	Bob Packniak
Jan 12th	Vicki Hannemann Roberta Roalkvan
Jan 18th	Mathilde Hannemann
Jan 20th	Becca Anderson Nolan Schultz
Jan 22nd	Sharon Albert
Jan 27th	Bob Petersen
Jan 30th	Greg Adlon Marla Vogel

JANUARY Anniversaries

Anniversaries for January

None on record this month



In Our Prayers!

Families, Friends & Neighbors....

Tom & Alice (Angermeier), **Heather** (Anschutz), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Erin** (Culbertson), **Danielle** (D), **Carol** (Dennis), **Scott** (Fittshur), **Angie** (H), **Bridgette** (Jones), **Charlotte** (K), **Keith** (Knapp), **Rachel** (Kriska), **Amie** (M), **David** (Plummer), **Matthew** (Roque), **Lori** (Snyder), **Irene** (Thorson), **Betty, Bruce, Keri, and Pastor**



Prayer Request Policy: Your prayer request are always welcome and will be on the list for 3 months unless you state otherwise. You can re-request to keep them on the list or put them back on. Prayer request forms are found on the back of each pew on colorful card stock. Please fill them out and place them in the offering plate or on the desk in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this worthwhile ministry for those who are struggling among us.

HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN APPROVED COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18

Present: Joanne Adlon, George Sincok, Ellen Klister, Pastor Mary Lou Plummer, Gordy Hughes, Marie Weber, Gene LaPlante, John Melland, Sue Nusbaum

Absent: Heather Haese, Lori Flick-Langer

The meeting was opened by Joanne Adlon with the Council Prayer at 6 pm.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda was made by Ellen, & 2nd by Gordy.

Pastors Report: (Mary Lou Plummer)

- Pastor visited with church members at Pinecrest Home.
- Pastor visited with another member & gave communion.
- This Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at 6:30 pm. An Ecumenical Thanksgiving (including Tanum Forest, Bayview & Moravian churches) service will be held at the Moravian Church. Donations of canned goods will be accepted. A Midweek Advent service Dec. 11, at 6:30 pm. will also be held at Hainesville. The women of Hainesville will supply food for this service. And Peggy will play for this service.
- On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, we will again have the luminaries outside for the service..

Worship, Music, Arts: (Gordy Hughes)

- Communion assistants were selected for December & January.
- Poinsettias will again be purchased for Christmas memorials. The price will be \$10./each.
- Jim Hanstad will continue with his music commitment (Liturgy, choir & choosing hymns). But he would like to have a second person to fill in when he is absent from these duties. Hannah Grohman has said she would do liturgy part-time. She will be scheduled to fill in.
- Jim & Gordy will continue to provide their musical expertise when available.
- Digital Hymnals - Gordy purchased a digital hymnal for services where we will not have anyone to play the piano. The cost was \$250. plus \$50. for a remote. This Hymnal doesn't have some of the necessary music for liturgy etc. But Gordy will continue to look for an online sale for a more complete hymnal. Motion to reimburse Gordy for his costs for the hymnal was made by Ellen & 2nd by John. Motion accepted. An anonymous donor will cover the costs of the hymnal and repay Gordy.

Social Ministry: (Marie Weber)

- No report.

Evangelism: (Lori Flick-Langer)

- No report.

Property/Maintenance: (John Melland, Gene LaPlante)

- Gene spoke with the County Soil & Water person, Beau Schartner about our flooding issues. The County will come and remove the cattails & clean the ditches between the two culverts. Gene will help with the digging. But what Hainesville needs to prevent further flooding of our church in the Spring is to have a cement box culvert installed at the low point of County M. and have the water diverted into Larson Creek. The County board must be pushed to solve this prob-

lem. An announcement will be in the weekly Church bulletin to have members of Hainesville write letters of concern to the board/and or attend the County meeting and voice our concerns regarding this matter. Or our flooding will continue to occur every year!

- Water was shut off to the outside faucets.
- Timers for the lights were reset for Daylight Savings Time change.

Education: (Heather Haese)

- Heather will not be doing Sunday School after Jan. 1, 2025.
- Cathy Lindal will not be doing Sunday School.
- We will ask for volunteers with an announcement in the Weekly Bulletin.

CHURCH OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: (Joanne Adlon)

- No report.

Vice President: (George Sincok)

- George has removed the scaffolding from the church.

Treasurer: (Ellen Klister)

- Hainesville church is over on income and expenses for October. (Elevator circuit board was \$1300.) Motion to accept this report by George to & 2nd by John. Motion accepted.

Secretary: (Sue Nusbaum)

- Motion was made by Marie to accept the Council minutes for October by Marie & 2nd by Ellen. Motion accepted.

UPCOMING EVENTS: WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, ETC.

- Youth Sunday, November 24, 2024, Gratitude Bingo will be played at brunch. Food will be supplied by the church members assigned for this Sunday.
- Midweek Advent Services, December 11, noon, (with Tanum Forest & Bayview) will be at Hainesville.
- Bay View has asked if we will share the cost of a newspaper ad. for Advent services and the cost to be split 3 ways. Joanne will call to see how big an ad. Bayview was proposing. It was decided that the cost of the ad. should not exceed \$100./ church.

Old Business:

- Nordic Grant update- They are still reviewing our information.
- George did purchase scaffolding & this cost will be sent to the Nordic Grant Project.
- George said the Grant people have received the Planning Grant information. (We will include the front steps & the scaffolding costs against this Grant)
- Background Check on teachers for Sunday School - Ellen has signed up for the background check, but before they will do the check, she must take a 2 hour class.
- Ellen will take the test & report back to Council at our next meeting.

Tabled Items:

- Lighting Assessment - this will be done after the new stained glass windows are installed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ellen & 2nd by

John. Meeting adjourned.

Adlon, at 7:07 pm.

Council Meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer" led by Joanne Next Meeting: December 16, 2024 at 6 pm.

Looking Ahead.....

February, 2, 2025 will be our Annual Meeting. In preparation for that year end reports will need to be in to the church office by January 12, 2025. If you can get it in earlier that is always a great help. This year we will be electing:

- President 2 year term
- Worship 3 year term
- Social concerns 3 year term
- Auditor 3 year term
- Nominating committee (2) 1 year term each
- Synod Delegate (2) for June 4, 2025

Please see Deb Grunwald, Bill Albert, or Linda Monahan. These are important parts of our church and we need the help of everyone to make things work.

This Sunday, February 2, will also be Souper Sunday.



Children's Christmas Program told the story of our Savior's Birth



A **HUGE** thank you to Heather Haese for all the work that she does to make the Children's Program a success each year. The children and adults alike enjoy the telling of the birth of our LORD.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME Devotional Booklet

The January-February-March quarterly edition of CHRIST IN OUR HOME is now available. If you'd like to leave a financial donation for the devotion booklet, the collection can is located on the small table near the upstairs elevator door. Thank you for supporting this resource.

Decorating the church is a multi-faceted job. It is a lot of fun. There are jobs for all types of talents.



Bake Sale sampling

WELCA Christmas Party



Annual reports from ALL aspects of the life of our congregation are do in the office no later than January 12th.

Youth Sundays offer a variety of activities and service projects for the youth. The activities happen during the fellowship time and are enjoyed by children from 6 to 96. Come and learn more about our Hainesville family.



Gifts made by the youth as a service project for giving to shut-ins.



Stuffed animals were taken to the hospital for children to enjoy.



Starting with January YOUTH SUNDAY will be the 2nd Sunday of the month. What this means is the youth will be taking an active role in the

The last Sunday of each month is when we do our food drive. Every Sunday when there is no communion we have our noisy offering where the offering goes to local food shelves. These are both wonderful opportunities to serve those less fortunate in our community. Please consider this worthwhile project.



church service. They will be reading, ushering, and other parts of the service depending on the month. This will also be a bit more contemporary worship service, meaning the music will be a bit of a faster tempo. This week the council will also be providing the meal so that there is more “kid friendly” food and more of a grab and go so that everyone can participate in the planned activities. Please realize that where this is “different” it is an attempt to attract more younger families to our congregation. This is something that has been talked about as a priority at many annual meeting. Thank you to Becky and the council for coming up with an idea to try.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	2	3	4 9:00 Un- decorate Church 10:30 Family choir Rehearsal
5 9:30 AM Worship/ Communion L-Z	6	7 Book Club Noon	8 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM Worship/ Youth Sun- day Council Pro- vides meal	13	14 Bible Study 9:30	15 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	16	17 <i>Annual meet- ing book printed</i>	18
19 9:30 AM Worship/ Communion A-K	20 6 PM Church Council	21 9 AM Quilting for missions	22 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship L-Z	27	28 9 AM Quilting for missions	29 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study	30	31	
ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.						

January Newsletter



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