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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm tired and I'm hopeful. I'm tired of the question running over and over again in my mind, "When are we going to be getting back together to gather and Worship in person as a community of faith?" All the countless scenarios, variables, and contingencies seem to be with me at all times. All of it weighs heavily on my heart. Yet, I am also hopeful in knowing that even though we are physically apart right now, we are still growing together as one as the body of Christ. I am hopeful that throughout this time of "Being the Church at Home", we are reflecting upon what is most important in our lives, and the promises that we have received from God through Jesus Christ. We never walk this path alone – God is always with us either by being in front of us leading the way, walking along side us by suffering with us and encouraging us, or walking behind us to give us a gentle nudge to move forward or to lift us up when we fall down.

I want to share with you a letter I received from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin that was written by our Bishop as well as four other Denominational leaders:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the love and care you have shown one another over these past two months. You honored the "Safer at Home" order and helped reduce illness, suffering, and loss of life. You made difficult and necessary sacrifices to help protect our communities by practicing physical distancing, masking when in public shared spaces, and paying attention to necessary hygiene practices during this pandemic. Your efforts, alongside the heroic efforts of our medical professionals, first responders and front line essential workers helped save numerous lives. This has been an extraordinary coming together of community for the health and well-being of all of us. Thank you!

We are mindful that because of the recent decision by our state supreme court, there is a temptation to relax these efforts and practices which have been life-giving

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[Look for the Hainesville Lutheran Worship service online either on our Facebook page or on the church web site.](#)

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



From Pastor Trent (continued)

to us, our family, friends, and neighbors. Our public health officials tell us, based on the science of this pandemic, it is not time to relax best health guidelines or practices. Many of our city and county governments still have "Safer at Home" orders in place. The Badger Bounce Back Plan is still in effect. We urge you to continue to pay attention to your local health departments, the CDC and the World Health Organization guidelines. We show our love of God by loving our neighbor and doing what is in the best interest of the common good, even when it comes at great personal cost to us as individuals, families, communities and businesses. We recognize the strong desire to move toward living in less isolation and hardship.

Thank you for continuing to make these sacrifices, including not gathering in church buildings until it is safe to do so. Thank you for reaching out to love and support one another at safe distances. Thank you for continuing to be mindful of how your life impacts the life and well-being of others and for doing what is necessary to maintain communal health.

Thank you for thinking about how we can do our part to be life-giving in a time this virus is life-taking, as many of you know this loss first-hand. We urge you to press on toward the high calling of God to love yourself, your family, friends and neighbors by continuing your efforts to be the Church by living by the guidelines that keep us all well and safe.

In Christ,

The Rev. Jane B. Anderson Associate Conference Minister Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ

The Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes General Presbytery Winnebago Presbytery Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Gerald Mansholt Bishop East Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A. Gunter Bishop The Diocese of Fond du Lac Episcopal Church

The Rev. Kate Croskery Jones District Superintendent North East District Wisconsin Annual Conference United Methodist Church

This past Tuesday evening, the Hainesville Lutheran Church Council met and discussed the question of when to re-open the church building again for Worship and gatherings. It is the same question that all communities of faith are facing right now. We are not alone. Yet, each congregational context is different based on geographic location, facilities layout, and demographics of the membership. All of these factors must be taken into consideration by the leadership of each local congregation.

After discussing the issue at the Hainesville Church Council Tuesday night, the Council has determined that the best course of action at this time is to continue Being the Church at Home using the online tools we have available to us to continue Worshiping and meeting virtually for an indefinite period of time. No date for re-opening the church building for Worship and gatherings will be set at this time. The Church Council will continue to monitor the situation, as this will be a focal point of discussion at each council meeting. The Council will re-evaluate its current position when the conditions change and new information becomes available. Please know, that the Hainesville Church Council has taken the approach of re-opening seriously and will not rush to conclusions that are not aligned with Jesus' command to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself in this process.

Peace and Love,

Pastor Trent



Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

May 5th	Linda Freier
May 6th	Joshua DeGrave
May 6th	Kurt DeGrave
May 8th	Lance LaVine
May 10th	Delaney Wilke
May 11th	Jessica Jacobson
May 12th	Rylee O'Hern
May 16th	Barbro Wilson
May 16th	Karyn Wilson
May 17th	Adley LaVine
May 19th	Roy Jilburg

May 20th	Luke Fawcett
May 25th	Linda Monahan
May 27th	Paula Eggert
May 31st	John Melland

Anniversaries

May 15th	George & Jane Sincock
May 20th	John & Carolyn Melland
May 20th	Nick & Tiffany Schultz
May 23rd	Kurt & Jill DeGrave
May 23rd	Rev Jim & Martha Rasmus
May 27th	Mark & Kari Pudlo

Prayers for Our Church Family



Rusty (Allen), Riley (A), Lindsay (A), Sandy (Anderson), Trudy (Berkhahn), 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), Harold (Larsen), Judy (Larson), Judy (LaVine), Natalie (Markham), Francine (Meyer), Ken (Overland), Jodi (P), Michelle (Raasch), Mary Lee (Riddle), Matthew (Roque), Alice (Roque-Angermeier), Alberta (Streckert), Eric (Thorson), Dorothy (Twiton), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Laddie (Watson), and Jeanine.

How do I send in my weekly offering during this time of Being the Church at Home?

We may not be gathering in our church building right now, but we are still being the church together even when we are apart. While we will be gathering together in person again some time in the future, we still have our financial commitments that need to be met in order to maintain the facilities and operations of the church until then. However, making financial contributions to the church is much more than simply maintaining a building and supporting church programs. Giving to the church is mostly about making a difference in people's lives. It is about supporting ministries that serve the local and global communities out of Christ's call for us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please remember your offering to the church during this time.

There are two ways to submit your offering:

1. Mail in your offering to church:

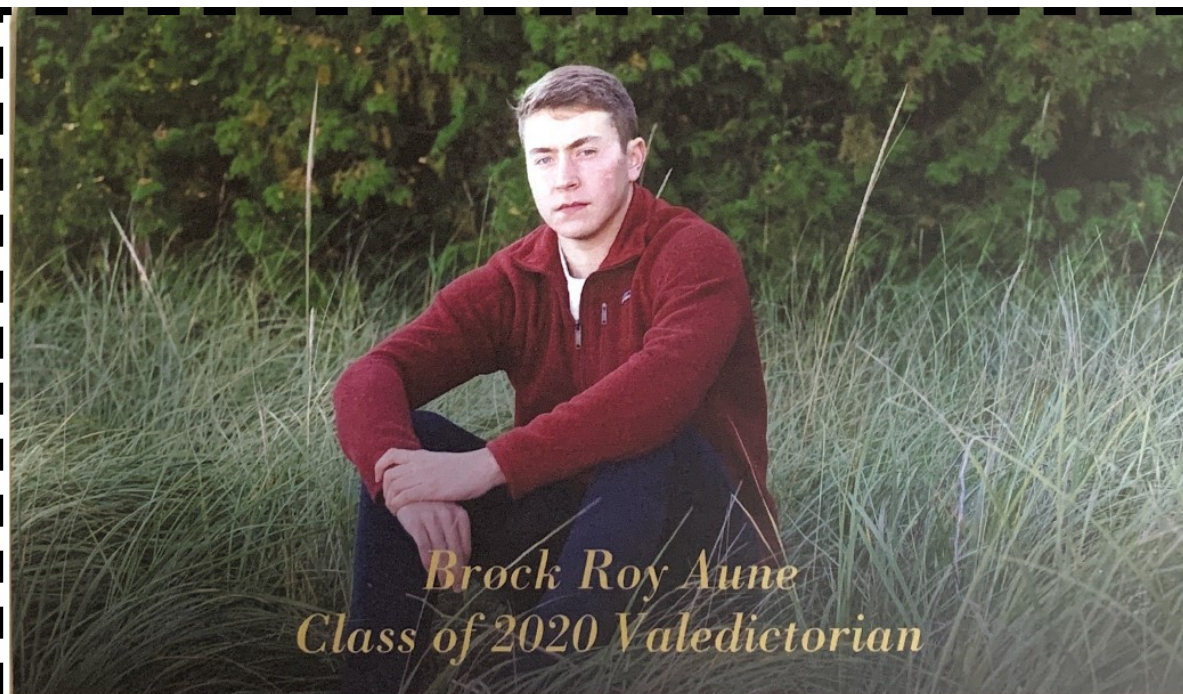
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2. Sign Up for *Simply Giving* automatic withdrawal program. Please contact Church Treasurer Ellen Klister for more information and assistance with enrollment. A SIMPLY GIVING form will be available with this newsletter as an attachment or included in the postal mailing.









Celebrate with Brock Aune—Valedictorian of Southern Door Schools



Brock Roy Aune
Class of 2020 Valedictorian

You are cordially invited to celebrate Brock with us by attending
Southern Door High School's "Virtual" Graduation Ceremony on May 24, 2020 at 2:00 PM
via Southern Door County School District facebook

<i>the Best is Yet to Come</i>		<i>Brock will be attending the University of Minnesota this fall...</i>	
	<i>While there, he will compete on the swim team and plans to major in Biochemistry in order to pursue a career in Pharmacology.</i> <i>Go Brock!</i>		<i>SKi- U- MAH!</i>

Activities for home

The best Father

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th-century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is "the best Father":

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9).
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48).
- He is the wisest (Romans 16:27).
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4:16).
- He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8).
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11).
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

S E T S A I S E L C C E D H T
O E J D R I N Y G L E I N A D
N J O S E E S T H E R G A I M
G E S E E U B A H O S E A D U
O R H Z S L T M I J O N I A H
F E U E O E C E U A A E H B A
S M A K M V H I R N H S C O N
O I C I A I H A N O J I A A R
L A M E N T A T I O N S L R U
O H H L N I G H B N R O A Z T
M I A Z E C H A R I A H M E H
O D C G K U K K A B A H C Y O
N K I N G S B R E V O R P R T
K V M P S A L M S U D O X E U
J U D G E S I S A M U E L U Z



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!

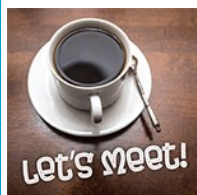


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The Little Church with a Big Heart

ZOOM UPDATES



As of May 30th, your Zoom program (app) will need to be the upgraded version 5.0. version. Its part of the company's response to better security.

You will need the password to join the zoom conversation. The password is always given to you in the invitation from Pastor Trent. The following two paragraphs are taken from the email sent out by Zoom.

Please begin updating all your clients to Zoom 5.0 now. After May 30, 2020, all Zoom clients on older versions will receive a forced upgrade when trying to join meetings as GCM Encryption will be fully enabled across the Zoom platform.

As an added layer of security, Zoom now requires passwords on all meetings hosted with a Free/Basic account, and new defaults are on for Waiting Rooms and for screen sharing to be controlled by the host only.

If you have not tried to "zoom" into one of the church meetings, Pastor Trent can help you get started if you have any questions.

You do need to have an invitation email that contains the link to the zoom meeting. Please contact Pastor Trent if you have not received an invitation to a zoom meeting that you would like to attend. There are several opportunities to meet with each other through a zoom meeting; weekly men's Bible study on Wednesday mornings, the first Tuesday at noon is the book club meeting, the second Tuesday of the month at 1 PM is the women's Bible study (reading the book of Ephesians for the month of June.) There are also Sunday morning "coffee hours" at 10 AM and the church council meets virtually on a monthly basis.

Again, zoom does not replace meeting in person, but it certainly is great to see each other's smiling faces during our time in the zoom room.



The annual Hainesville Cemetery AMVETS Memorial Day Ceremony has been rescheduled to May 31, 2020 @ 11:15 (at the request of the AMVETS).

They ask that all participants maintain social distancing of 6 feet, and also request that all participants wear protective face masks on the day of the ceremony. Please join us in honoring all of our veteran's (past and present) on this special day!

Thank you,

Robert L. Larson President, Hainesville Cemetery Association

