

“Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see.”

—Roy T. Bennett

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Is a picture really worth a thousand words? I asked myself that question last week Tuesday. When I arrived at church that morning, the crew from Conrad Schmitt Studios was working on the final touches of the stained glass window installation that the members of the church had been anticipating since the congregation

From Pastor Trent

voted to move forward with fund raising for the project at the annual meeting this past February. Generous gifts were made and in a short period of time, the money needed was raised. On Tuesday, the south wall of the sanctuary was transformed into a brilliant and beautiful work of art as the radiant beams of sunlight pressed through the stained glass and illuminated the open space with a vibrant display of colors. It

was a sight to behold. The scene of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Alpha and the Omega, and the dove in flight stir up emotions too rich for mere words.

Later that afternoon, Judy Gartman, one of our talented keyboard accompanists, was in the sanctuary practicing on the Clavinova for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Eve Worship services. The fresh scent of pine emanated from the well-decorated Christmas tree. The traditional decorations – the Nativity scene, the Advent wreath, and the poinsettias also adorned this Holy space. I soaked it all in. The sights, sounds, and scents of Christmas filled the air. It was like a Norman Rockwell painting of the “Little Church with a Big Heart” at Christmastime. So is this picture worth a thousand words? In my humble opinion, I would have to say “No.” A thousand is not enough. I’m not quite sure how one would even begin to attempt to quantify, or to sufficiently put into words, the deep meaning of this interior landscape of



THIS MONTH

- **Sunday morning worship 9:30 AM with fellowship luncheon at 10:30**
- **Sunday School for children age 3 thru grade 5 during worship time**
- **Help “un-decorate” the church Sat Jan 5th at 9 AM**
- **Women’s Bible Study 1 PM Jan 8th— finish discussion on the book of Ecclesiastes**
- **W-ELCA: No meeting this month**
- **Church Council Monday Jan 15th at 6:00 PM**
- **Annual reports booklets available Sunday Jan 20th**



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FROM THE PASTOR:

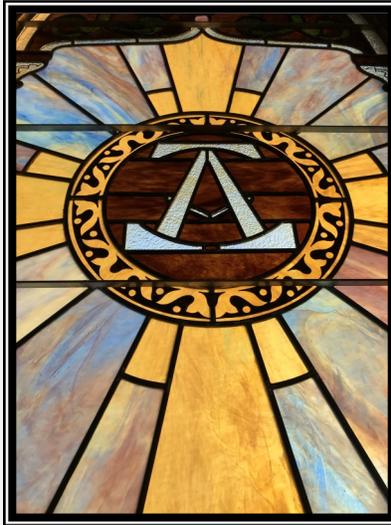
The Light of Christ

In this season of Epiphany

Hainesville Lutheran Church.

This was sacred space that I had entered into to be with God in prayer, in Holy conversation. Living our lives in relationship with God requires time for this. Time for quiet. Time for stillness. Time for breathing in God's presence. I would invite and encourage you to take time for yourselves to find that sacred space, that quiet time with God, and to listen to that small still voice. In the frenetic pace of the Christmas season, it can be a challenge to find that quiet time for deep and meaningful conversations with God against the backdrop of 24/7 planning, preparing, and participating, but 2019 is fast approaching. People will be making their New Year's resolutions soon. Perhaps one resolution we can all commit to is spending more quiet time in God's loving presence in Holy conversation. If you are like me and sometimes just don't know where to begin, try using our new "Taking Faith Home" inserts that are in the bulletin each week. They just may help you to get started

and deepen your conversations with God. If you have a hard time finding that sacred space for some quiet time with God, I know just the place



where there is a picturesque landscape that's worth far more than a thousand words.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Trent

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
Jan 20th	Nolan Schultz
Jan 22nd	Sharon Albert
Jan 24th	Dick Wagner
Jan 26th	Betty Livingston
Jan 30th	Marla Vogel

Worship Assistants

January and February 2019

DATE	PASTOR	COMMUNION	USHERS	READERS	ACOLYTES
Jan 6th	TrentZ				Daylia Sund
Jan 13th	TrentZ	x		Roy Jilburg	Wyatt Wilke Ben Dixner-Young
Jan 20th	MikeZ				
Jan 27th	TrentZ	x		Roy Jilburg	Adley LaVine
Feb 3rd					Reese Sund
Feb 10th		x		Roy Jilburg	Kya Borkovetz
Feb 17th					Delaney Wilke
Feb 24th		x		Roy Jilburg	Liam Schultz



Anniversaries for January
None on record this month





Present: Ellen Klister, George Sincok, Bonnie Kohn, Jan Shusta, Kim Heindl, Pastor Trent Zeitler,

Rick Hannemann, Lori Flick-Langer, Dan Kostichka, Jim Vogel

Absent: Kari Pudlo

Opening prayer was said by all. Call to order by Jim Vogel

Agenda:

Motion by Jan Shusta to approve agenda as outlined, 2nd by Bonnie Kohn. Approved.

Social Concerns/Special Events:

Rick Hannemann recently presented at Northern Door Childcare and noted their 10 employees are on a limited budget. Agreement to purchase gift cards for employees from Piggly Wiggly as a Christmas gift from Hainesville. Motion made by Ellen Klister, 2nd by Kim Heindl to approve 10 gift cards.

Jan Shusta provided an update on Christmas boxes - a total of 63 boxes were shipped

Rick Hannemann provided information on an IL Mutual contest called "A Little Change for a Big Change" which provides prizes for groups who come up with a creative idea to make pocket change into helping in a big way. The website is: a little change for a big change.com which provides additional information. Rick will check into congregation interest and see if someone from the congregation is interested in taking project lead 2/17/19 and 3/10/19 Rick Hannemann shared his parents will provide lunch after services in honor of their 69th wedding anniversary and 90th birthday

Lake Effect Quartet concert will be held 6/22/19

Evangelism:

Lori Flick-Langer is checking into advertising prices for Hainesville Church in the Pulse.

Worship:

Children's Christmas Service will be held 12/23/18 – children will lead the service 12/30 will be a Lessons & Carols services – Pastor Trent is looking for additional readers

December 20th, 2018 Church Council Un-approved Minutes

Properties:

Culverts are installed. Rick is checking into additional reflectors or fence posts to mark the culvert area

Stain glass windows have been installed (and look amazing!)

Light at the alter needs to be repaired/replaced – options are being considered

School windows need to be replaced – 3 quotes received for repairs

Church cornerstones have never been placed. Discussion on checking into quotes

Secretary's Report:

Accepted as printed. Motion by Bonnie Kohn to approve, 2nd by Rick Hannemann. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Report reviewed

2019 budget discussed

Church offerings continue to be low but rising. Expenses are under plan. Motion to approve report pending audit by Kim Heindl, 2nd by Rick Hannemann

Pastor Trent Zeitler's Report:

Pastor Trent continues to work on securing supply pastors Several resources are reaching out to Pastor Trent/Hainesville for advertising consideration on our church website. We will continue to keep the website updated for church related events only and not open to advertising at this time

Old Business:

A plaque for those who wish to be acknowledged for contributing to the new church windows discussed

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Closed with prayer.

Next meeting: 1/15/18

Kim Heindl (Council Secretary)

Happenings this winter!

Families, Friends & Neighbors....

Annual meeting of Hainesville Lutheran will be held **Sunday February 3rd** following the morning worship service. There will also be a delicious offering of soups at the fellowship meal.

Women of Hainesville (W-ELCA)

HVLC Women's Group will not be meeting the month of January. The group making items for LWR (the "CCC" - Cozy Comfort Creators) will also not be meeting in January. However, the Women's Bible Study WILL meet on Tuesday January 8th at 1 PM in the fellowship hall.



This and That around the Community

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Donnie (Ray) Crozier
1935 Seaford Dr.
Oregon, OH 43616
(419) 356-8638

Jim Hanstad and Gordon Hughes
dropped land line number.
Contact numbers are:
Gordon cell (612) 237 8999
Jim cell (612) 414 8783

Please confirm that this is the correct address in your directory:

Jeff and Heidi Gutschow
9397 County Road K
Brussels, WI 54204

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SUCH AS PHONE NUMBERS OR EMAIL ADDRESS

Reading resolutions

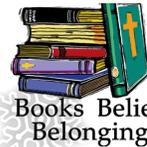
Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That's a worthy goal, but God doesn't require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word – and thus be with him – so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God's Word is a precious gift, but we need to “unwrap” it!

F. B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: “Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its

brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life.”

From Jim Vogel, Council President

*Please be thinking about helping us to fill the following church council offices for 2019. They are **President** (2 year term), **Worship and Music** (3 year term), **Social Concerns** (3 year term) and **Nominating Committee** (1 year term). Please pray and think about serving your church in one of these positions. If you're interested, please contact Lana Ferry, Irene Thorson or John Breider.*



Books Belief Belonging

The book to be reading for **February** is titled “Being Mortal: Medicine and what matters in the end” by Atul Gawande. The author tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending.

Lessons in wise faith

“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

—Based on Luther's sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther's Works*

Reminder about prayer list names

Any names added to our prayer list now come from a completed form. Contact church office for the forms. Names reviewed every 90 days.

In Our Prayers!

Families, Friends & Neighbors....

Riley (A), Lindsay (A), Shirley (Brandt), Karen & Del (Brewer), Dennis (Buckingham), Dave (Freier), Ruth (Grainger), Jodi (G), Renee (Huehns), Cindy (Kinney), Ann (Logan), Francine (Meyer), Ken & Carol (Overland), and Aubrey (W)



God Hears and Answers Prayers

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Trent office hours by appointment	3	4 Paula Office Hours 9:00—1:00 Annual reports due today	5 9 AM "Undecorate" the church
6 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School L-Z	7	8 Office Hours Trent 2:30—4:00 Paula 1:30—4:30 1 PM Women's Bible Study	9 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Trent office hours by appointment	10	11 Paula Office Hours 9:00—1:00 Annual reports printed today	12 9 AM Family Choir
13 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Family Choir sings</i> A-K	14	15 Book Club at noon at HVLC Office Hours Trent 2:30—4:30 Paula 1:30—4:30 No Meeting for Hainesville Women 6 PM Church Council	16 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Trent office hours by appointment	17	18 Paula Office Hours 9:00—1:00 Newsletter deadline	19
20 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School <i>Annual meeting info available</i> L-Z	21	22 Office Hours Trent 1:00—4:00 Paula 1:30—4:30 No Quilting for LWR	23 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Trent office hours by appointment	24	25 Paula Office Hours 9:00—1:00 Newsletter Printed	26
27 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School A-K	28	29 Office Hours Trent 1:00—4:00 Paula 1:30—4:30	30 8 AM Men's Breakfast/ Bible Study Trent office hours by appointment	31		

In case of inclement weather: listen to WDOR 93.9 radio for cancellation of Sunday morning worship service

From Taking Faith Home:

January 6, 2019

Jesus' birth is for all the world

Hymn of the Week: *The First Noel*

Caring Conversations: *Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections*

- What is the furthest you've ever traveled from home?
- What have you learned by traveling from home?
- In the story of the wise men from the East coming to pay homage to baby Jesus, God is announcing that in God's son, salvation is brought to all. How does God's action in Jesus help you look at and appreciate different customs and cultures you have seen?

Devotions: *Read Ephesians 3: 1-12*

This passage lifts up the important themes for Epiphany Day. The Apostle Paul expresses humility at being included in God's plan of salvation, a plan that includes the Gentiles, therefore, all people of the earth. Just as the wise men from the East represent those people not from Israel, so God's love reached far beyond any national boundary. For foreign wise men to follow a star and reach Bethlehem, too, represents the greater mystery of God's work in a little one born to a peasant family to be worshiped by the rulers of the earth. The visit of the wise men changes everything. Strangers become family. Rulers are humbled. The humble are exalted, and through the birth of Jesus. God's love reaches the ends of the world. Think about ways you have seen God's love reaching the ends of the earth today.

Pray: God of the nations, you unite all the people of the earth through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to recognize in the face of others your saving work for all people. Give us hearts to share the mystery of your will and prove your love with all that you have made through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service:

In Matthew 2:9-11, the wise men followed a star and "when they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy." They entered the house where the star stopped and saw Mary and the child. They knelt, honored, and worshipped Jesus and gave him gifts. God guided the wise men to Jesus with a star. What guides you to Jesus today? Name ways you can be "a star" to guide others to Jesus through your actions and words.

Rituals and traditions:

Epiphany is an older tradition than Christmas for recognizing the birth of Jesus. Many places around the globe have some form of a Three Kings' Cake, an Epiphany cake or bread that is made to celebrate the visit of the wise men and honor Christ's birth. Buy or make a Three Kings' Cake or bread and enjoy this treat as part of your Epiphany Day celebrations.

Beginning in Advent, we started something new. There has been a weekly insert for you to take home that is a resource for a daily devotional and time to have "caring conversations" within your household. There are Bible readings, a scripture verse to memorize each week, meal time prayers, suggestions for service opportunities, caring conversation starters, and a devotion. This resource is to be used as a way to keep our conversations going each day about seeing God active in our daily lives, our community and our world. Let us start a new spiritual practice of faith conversations in our homes as we live out an active faith in our daily lives.

The resource comes from Milestones Ministry. *You can learn more about them at www.milestonesministry.org*

January 2019



Daily Bible Readings Jan 6th—12th

- Sunday Matthew 2: 1-12
(Wise men come to worship Jesus)
- Monday Isaiah 60: 1-6
(Nations will come to the light)
- Tuesday Ephesians 3: 1-12
(Paul's mission to the Gentiles)
- Wednesday Daniel 2: 17-49
(Nebuchadnezzar's dream)
- Thursday John 1:1-18
(The Word became flesh)
- Friday 1 John 1:1-10
(God is Light)
- Saturday Psalm 72:1-7
(Prayer for a righteous king)
- Sunday Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
(The baptism of Jesus)

Verse for this week

"That is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."
Ephesians 3:6 (NRSV)



A prayer for the week:

God of justice and strength, may we bring our lives before you with treasures of the heart just as the wise men came before Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh. Amen

Meal time prayer:

Like wise men from far away, we come to Christ with joy this day. To our Provider and our King, gifts of thanks and praise we bring. Amen.

A blessing to give:

May God bless you and guide you to Christ today and fill you with joy and peace.

A prayer for new beginnings

The season of Epiphany

In his book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth* (Fortress Press), Walter Brueggemann writes in an Epiphany poem:

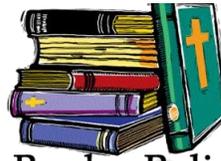
... this is a time to be born.
 So we turn to you, God of our life
 God of all our years,
 God of our beginning....
 We dare pray that you will do for us
 and among us and through us
 what is needful for our newness.
 Give us the power to be receptive,
 to take the newness you give
 There is a time to be born, and it is now.
 We sense the pangs and groans of your newness.
 Come here now in the name of Jesus. Amen.

How fitting that the Epiphany season and the new year coincide! Epiphany reveals a new King, the beginning of his ministry, his new disciples, his first healings, his "new teaching – with authority" (Mark 1:27). We, too, experience newness, now and year-round. But newness can be tough. So we trust that God, who "[makes] all things new" while banishing "mourning and crying and pain" (Revelation 21:4-5), walks with us in this new year – and always.

Lunch & Book Discussion

at Hainesville **Tuesday January 15th** at

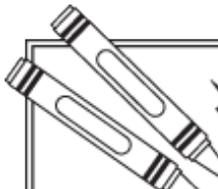
Noon *Bring a bag lunch.*



Books Belief Belonging

TALLAK! immigrant by ML Forier tells the story of the everyday lives of 18th and 19th century immigrants. They loved their home country, but didn't have much time to mourn that loss, as they worked and loved and lived in the country they had chosen to begin their new lives.

They leave their country and family, their customs and traditions. They leave their dead, buried in the local church cemetery. They hear languages unknown to them, walk unfamiliar city streets and undiscovered forest trails, encounter different smells, strange customs, dark, inscrutable faces.



PUZZLE

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were there**o**re buried with him
 through bapt**i**sm into death in order that,
 just as Christ was rais**e**d from the dead
 through the gl**o**ry of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

Puzzle!

The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANHER, GD,
 LVED, UGHT, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since __o__ __o__
 __o__ __o__ us, we __o__ __o__
 o__ __o__ __o__ __o__
 o__ __o__ __o__ __o__.

1 __o__ __o__ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV

January Newsletter



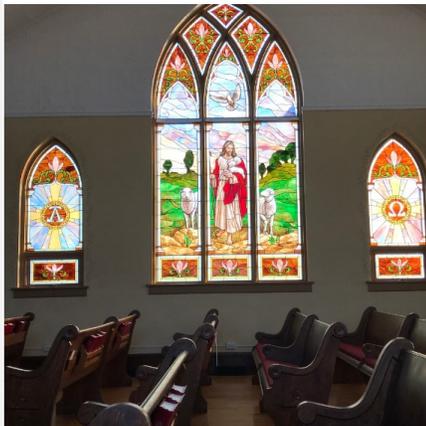
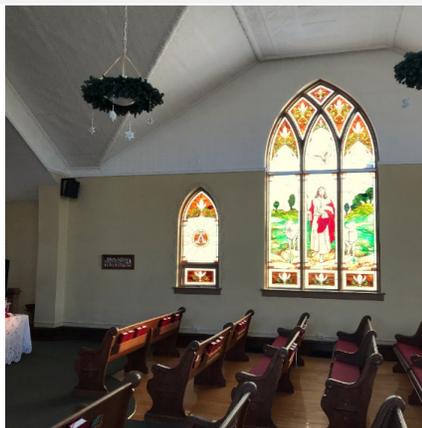
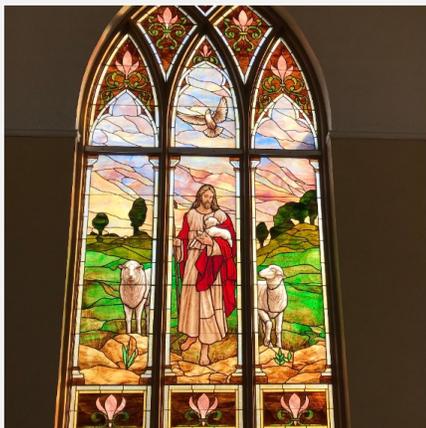
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**Come join us Sunday
mornings at 9:30 to
see them in person !**