



# Hainesville Voices of Hope



## From Guest Contributor—Council President Jim Vogel

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters of Hainesville Lutheran Church

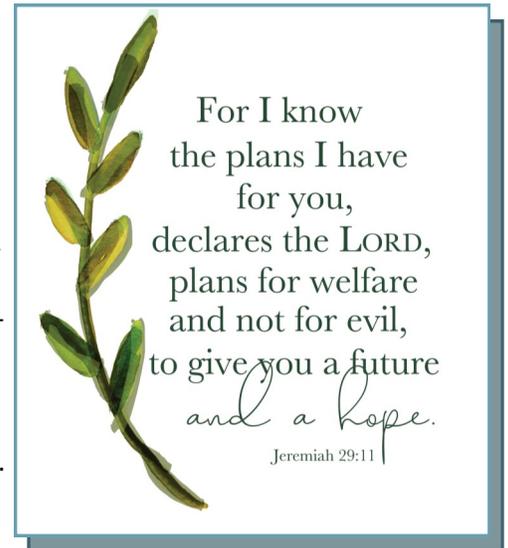
We live today in a time that I guess none of us expected. The Covid-19 Pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. If not directly with our health, then possibly through job loss, separation from family, loss of freedom to socialize, or increased anxiety or fear. Our freedom to worship together at church and socialize at our Sunday luncheon is missed by me and I'm sure by you.

As your council president, I want to make you aware of its affect on the church's finances. During this "stay at home" period, income is being negatively affected with us currently running below our 2020 budget. Sunday offerings are down, income raising events have been canceled and free will offerings are not occurring. Unfortunately, expenses such as utility bills, salaries and church maintenance costs (expected and unexpected) still need to be paid.

Your Council is reviewing all planned 2020 expenditures and for now are putting a hold on those that are not considered essential to the church.

Because of the current situation, I would ask that those people who are financially ABLE to continue giving to the church as if they were still attending church on a weekly basis. If you wish to contribute something beyond that, your generosity would be much appreciated. Please forward all contributions to Ellen Klister and contact her if you have any questions. Simple Giving (automatic deductions) is always an option and Ellen would be glad to advise you on it.

Finally let me reassure you that currently the church's finances are in very good shape. Of course the longer this pandemic lasts, the more it will continue to negatively impact



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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 Guest Contributor (continued)

our balance sheet. Continue to pray for our church and hope this contagious virus comes under control soon.

God Bless Hainesville Church and Keep the Faith

Jim Vogel - Council President

## What Have You Been Up To? Hope From Our Friends

This delightful letter came from Marge Horn as a result of our Prayer and Care team. Jan Shusta had reached out the Marge and she wrote back in response.

Who can you reach out to during this time we are safer at home? While St. Paul was quarantined (read in prison) he spent his time reaching out the churches he had planted during his travels with writing letters. In his enforced 'staying at home' he literally wrote what is now a major portion of the New Testament.

Be still,  
and know  
that I am  
God.

Psalm 46:10



In [the] healing texts, Jesus does not just cure people's diseases and cast out their demons and then say, "Mission accomplished." He's always after something more than that because the healing is never fully accomplished until there is a restoration to community. People are healed of disease, and then he tells the folks just standing around watching to go get them something to eat. The widow's son is raised from the dead and then [Jesus] gives him back to his mother. And ... the man healed of demons is then told to stay with his people and speak of what God has done. In the Jesus business, community is always a part of healing. Even though community is never perfect.

—Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Accidental Saints*

Hi Jan -

Hope all is well with Hainesville Lutheran & its members.

I'm doing fine, as my daughter & son-in-law live 2½ miles away, & I have 2 grandsons that like come here not far from here but get to leave them when they call & we have good conversations.

My daughter Lisa does my grocery shopping & I meet her outside the door, as we are in "lock down" & she can't come up to my apt.

I do alot of walking the long walks but I miss my beach apt.

But, I have high hopes this will all be over soon & we can just look back on it as another "experience".

I only have a cell phone - my # is 920-737-4223.

Hope to get up to Door & plan to come to church sometime this summer.

Stay well & God Bless!

Marge

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

April 10th Bonnie Kohn  
 April 11th Eric Schmitz  
 April 13th Kristor Larson  
 April 14th Tiffany Schultz  
 April 15th Elaine Roalkvan  
 April 17th Jordan DeGrave  
 April 22nd Michaela Houston  
 April 22nd Sandy Pierre

April 23rd Deb Kirsch  
 April 25th Patrick Markham  
 April 25th Kathy Schmitz

### Anniversaries

March 31st Jean & Bill Hovick  
 April 16th Vicki & Rick Hannemann  
 April 19th Bob & Leslie Petersen  
 April 19th Pastor Trent & Jessica Zeitler



## 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 (Rocque), Alice (Rocque-Angermeir), Alberta (Streckert), Eric (Thorson), Dorothy (Twiton), Kari (Uetz), Aubrey (W), Laddie (Watson), and Jeanine and the family and friends of Gerry Barlament who passed away April 13th.

## 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:

Hainesville Lutheran Church  
 3944 County Rd M  
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

2. Sign Up for *Simply Giving* automatic withdrawal program. Please contact Church Treasurer Ellen Klistler 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.



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## The Little Church with a Big Heart



### Signs of Spring from Margery's Garden

*From an email sent out on Tuesday April 21st*

While we continue our *Being the Church at Home* and continue to do our part to flatten the curve by being *Safer at Home*, summer is approaching. At Hainesville, summer has been a time of vibrant activity in the life of *The Little Church with a Big Heart*. Taking into consideration the uncertainty of how long our *Safer at Home* orders may continue and the uncertainty of social distancing practices and other precautions may need to continue after the *Safer at Home* period has ended, the decision has been made to cancel the four major events that take place annually at Hainesville during the summer months: the Salad Luncheon, the Fish Boil, the Goods and Goodies Sale, and the Croissant Luncheon.

That said, tentative **fall** dates of September 12<sup>th</sup> for the *Goods and Goodies Sale* and October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the *Fish Boil* have been penciled in on the church calendar of events. Keep in mind, these events will only take place in the fall if the risks for contracting the Coronavirus have been mitigated to the point where holding public gatherings have been cleared by public health officials and their corresponding governing bodies.

Due to the risk of transmission of the Coronavirus, **no items being donated for the Goods and Goodies Sale will be accepted for drop off on church property at this time.** This includes the church building, the schoolhouse, the garage, the pavilion, or anywhere on the church grounds. Out of respect for the safety of our volunteers who help with this endeavor, we ask that you share this with friends and neighbors who may inquire about donating items at this time. Once the conditions for bringing donated items for the Goods and Goodies Sale have been deemed safe, a notice will be sent out to the congregation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Pastor Trent