



BELLWETHER

Bellwether — the lead sheep of the flock (archaic English)

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”

(Philippians 2:1-4, NRSV)

As we begin a new year of service to the Lord, what better example for us than Christ himself. We started 2020 with the theme: “Perfect Vision 2020” and the good Lord knows that we have learned a lot about ourselves and the ministry we share. Life in the Church has been challenging this past year and yet when we have worked together, we were able to still accomplish much in and through our shared ministry. I, personally, look forward to a new year of possibilities and we pray that we can put this pandemic behind us and return to a new sense of normalcy. We go into 2021 with our eyes wide open regarding the challenges we face but also with the understanding that with Christ’s help, we will accomplish amazing things together.

St. Paul encourages us by reminding us that what would bring him joy is that we might be of one mind, having the same love, and being of one accord. He goes on to say that we must do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit – but in humility regard others better than ourselves, always being sensitive to the needs of others.

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Tithes & Offerings

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- Drop off during office hours

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For humans, these are hard standards to place upon ourselves, but St. Paul suggests that they are critical if we really want to be faithful to our call to discipleship. May God gives us a wholesome spirit as we move forward into a New Year. Moving forward with God promises and with a sense of optimism – will go a long way in helping us to do our part in this corner of the Kingdom.

Blessings to you and yours!

—Pastor Joe

Thursday Noon Bible Study Resumes January 7

Looking for a good New Year's resolution? – consider joining our Bible Study on Thursdays at Noon.



The Noon Bible Study Group continues to study St. John's Gospel. The scriptures continue to provide a "Lamp unto our Feet" as we do our best to navigate our way through these interesting times.

Devotions on Tuesdays and Thursdays— Feedback Request

A special thank you to Pr. Harold and Pr. Joe for their offering of devotions each week in addition to our regular worship opportunities. Their efforts to bring God's word to us has been a blessing. Your feedback regarding these special offerings would be appreciated.

Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 24

We will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 24th immediately following our worship service. We will share a debrief of 2020's ministry (including a promised financial picture) and share some coming events and emphases for 2021. Please mark your calendar and do your best to be a part of this important meeting.



December Offerings

Thank you for your continued support of our Church with your time, talent and treasure.

Offerings Collected: \$24,242

Budgeted: \$23,460

Adult Education at Lamb of God

**"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God."** Matthew 5:9

In the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds his followers that we are called to be Peacemakers and that our efforts in peacemaking will be rewarded. We live in a time when people seem to be divided on many issues and the logical question that we might ask, as followers of Jesus, is:

***"HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE
AND HELP PEOPLE TO LIVE IN HARMONY
WITH ONE ANOTHER?"***

Pastor Joe will be leading a class on Peacemaking beginning the 2nd week of January.

Pastor will lead two classes – Adult Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. (beginning on January 10th) and a 2nd offering via ZOOM on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (beginning on January 13th).

We will be using our Bibles plus will be looking at 2 books:

"How to Love a Country" by Richard Blanco and
"I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversations."

The Church has 12 copies of each of the books and they are available first come/first served.

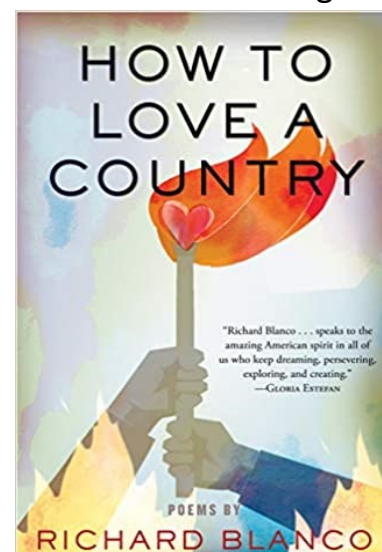
A special thank you to Susan Killinger for her help developing the class and helping to identify resources.

The Link for the ZOOM Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89134400061?
pwd=aS9oU3F4MFJ1SXFOOTJIMmVLTWtwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89134400061?pwd=aS9oU3F4MFJ1SXFOOTJIMmVLTWtwZz09)

Meeting ID: 891 3440 0061

Passcode if requested: **909536**



**IN-PERSON
SUNDAYS
AT 8:45AM**

**STARTING
JANUARY 10**


**WEDNESDAYS
AT 7PM**
**STARTING
JANUARY 13**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Starting January 2021, our fresh altar flowers will be replaced by artificial flowers. If you wish to adorn our altar with fresh flowers in honor of a loved one or special occasion, we ask that you have the flowers delivered on the Friday prior to the Sunday you wish to display them.

2021 ENVELOPES

Please stop by the table in the narthex and pick up your envelopes. If you do not have an assigned envelope box and would like one, please call the office.

WORSHIP HELPERS TRAINING SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 10AM

We will be holding a training on Saturday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the following positions:

**Ushers, Deacons, Greeters,
Hospitality Desk, and Sound Room.**

If you wish to help but have not been trained since we reopened, please attend this session.

Quilter's Guild

Quilt Sunday will be here before we know it and as a result **we are in need of additional individuals to help tie quilts**, especially since we only have a few more times to meet and tie quilts. Come and find out how easy it is to tie a quilt. We will meet on Wednesday, January 6, (The Epiphany) and Thursday, January 21, from 9am till 12:00 (noon). Watch the Sunday announcements for the dates in February when we will prepare the quilts for their blessing and delivery to a new location in Winter Garden. Lutheran World Relief will pick up the quilts at the new location for delivery to the Distribution Center located in New Windsor, MD. We are also in need of sheets of any size for quilt backings. The sheets can be left in front on the Quilt Closet in the back of Fellowship Hall. Thank you for all your support. If you have any questions please call Laverne Tillson at 863-326-6018 or the church office.



Cordero de Dios—Spanish Mission

Una Iglesia, Una Misión,
Una Familia

Con los brazos abiertos y el corazón le damos la Bienvenida a la familia **Rosado-Ithier**—Alex, Beatriz, Ana y Gabriel—en su instalación como nuevos miembros de nuestra Misión Hispana, que forma parte de la Iglesia Luterana Lamb of God.

Gabriel, regresó el 14 de diciembre 2020 del campamento de entrenamiento del ejército de los E.E.U.U. después de 6 meses de entrenamiento básico como soldado de primera clase (Private First Class). Sus oraciones fueron respondidas y ahora espera con ansias su nueva carrera militar con la que ha soñado durante tantos años. Un verdadero testimonio de que las oraciones son contestadas en el tiempo de Dios.

Gracias querida familia por todas sus bendiciones y oraciones por la familia Rosado-Ethier y la Misión Cordero de Dios.

Por favor mantengan a Gabriel y a su familia en sus oraciones mientras regresa al ejército el 1 de enero de 2021.

Bendiciones y Shalom

-Vicario Izzy



One Church, One Mission,
One Family

With open arms and hearts we welcome the Rosado-Ethier family—Alex, Beatriz, Ana and Gabriel—in their installation as new members of our Spanish Mission here at Lamb of God Lutheran Church.

Gabriel returned December 14, 2020 from U.S. Army Boot Camp after 6 months of basic training as “Private First Class.” His prayers were answered and he now looks forward to his new military career, a career he has dreamed of for so many years! A true testimony that prayers are answered in God’s time.

Thank you dear family for all your blessings and prayers for the Rosado– Ithier family and the Mission.

Please keep Gabriel and his family in your prayers as he returns to the army January 1, 2021.

Blessings and Shalom

-Vicar Izzy



Congratulations to...

Best wishes to our members and friends on their special day

Birthdays in January



👤 Richard Lounsbery 01/01

👤 Jackson Eastridge 01/02

👤 Bert Lachner 01/04

👤 Philippa White 01/04

👤 Bella Sandretto 01/07

👤 Betty Smith 01/08

👤 Carmen de Leon 01/08

👤 Emma Murphy 01/10

👤 Anne Treesh 01/13

👤 Carol Lounsbery 01/14

👤 Judy Lindberg 01/25

👤 Aliany Hernandez 01/25

👤 Sandi Barnhart 01/28

👤 Earl Anderson 01/29

👤 Caitlin Sweeney 01/31



Anniversaries in January

♥ 01/19 Dick & Barb Donnelly

♥ 01/21 Neil & Lynda Collins

Happy Anniversary!



Thank You For Your Contributions

Tribute Fund

John and Andrea Frederick
in memory of Larry Vaughn

Kathy Dierker
in memory of Larry Vaughn

John and Laverne Tillson
in memory of Larry Vaughn

Tom and Jany Leiser
in memory of Larry Vaughn

Karen Grip

in memory of Larry Vaughn

John and Nancy Till

in memory of Larry Vaughn

Robert and Ruth Search

in memory of Larry Vaughn

Memorial Garden

Terry and Kathryn

in memory of Larry Vaughn

Christmas Poinsettias

*Thank you to the following families who provided poinsettias
to beautify our sanctuary for the holiday services.*

- Izzy and Wanda Bango-Sanchez in honor of their family
- Jim and Sandi Barnhart in memory of loved ones
- Ann Conner in thanksgiving of the many blessings
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- Kathy Dierker in memory of her sister, Elaine; and her parents Bill and Esther
- Barb Donnelly in memory of her parents, Walter and Ann Zebrowski; and in memory of Larry Vaughn
- John and Ann Frederick in memory of Elaine Temple
- Karen Grip in loving memory of Lee, Bud, and Mary Ellen
- David and Gladys Hunt in memory of their parents, Marvin and Grace Hunt; and Henry and Lillian Ulrich; and their brother in-law, David Edwards
- Ann Kauffman in memory of Oren H. Kauffman
- Teresa Liberta in memory of Ramon J. Rubio and Elisa Rubio
- Ken, Judy, and Kenny Lindberg in memory of Kenneth W. Lindberg, Athalene Benoit, and Arthur Benoit; and in honor of Lucille V. Lindberg
- Lynne Martin in memory of Frank and Betty Mezen
- Karen Olsson in memory of Lars Olsson
- Pete Orangio in memory of Jane Orangio
- Ellen Quackenboss in memory of George Quackenboss
- David Reedy in memory of his father, Lloyd Reedy
- David Reedy in memory of his mother, Joyce Reedy
- David Reedy in honor of Lamb of God's staff for their continued service to the congregation
- John and Nancy Till in honor of Lou Ross
- Cyrstal and Rob Valle in memory of their parents
- Cyrstal and Rob Valle in honor of their family
- Tina Wagner in loving memory of Ed Wagner



Thank you Notes

Thank you SO much!

Muchas gracias por la amabilidad y generosidad!

To our dear brothers and sisters, hermanos y hermanas, at Lamb of God Lutheran Church and Cordero de Dios:

We just wanted to express again our gratitude for your support at this moment. It means so much to know that we are in this together and that in our time of need God supplies through people just like you.

We also appreciate your prayers as we try to figure out the next best steps, make medical decisions, and manage the pain.

We will do our best to keep everyone updated on Robert's progress. You can find updates on our [GoFundMe](#) page as well as at [Mariatu's Hope Facebook](#) page.

Again, thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to us.
Que Dios les bendiga.

Robert, Ruth, and Mariatu , and Mariatu's Hope Board



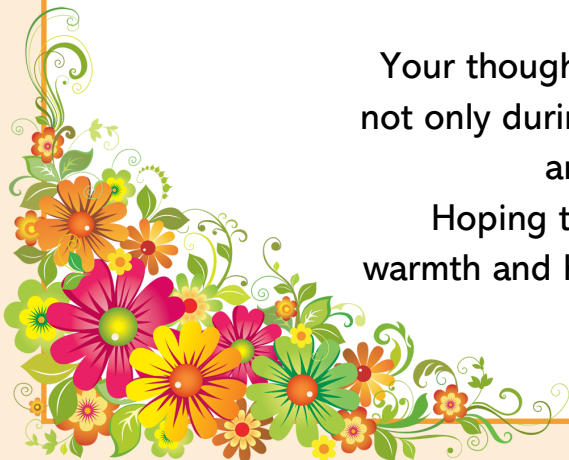
Our Heartfelt

Thanks!


Your thoughtfulness, support, and kindness,
not only during the holiday season but always,
are deeply appreciated.

Hoping the next 12 months will bring
warmth and happiness to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Lamb of God Staff



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Servicio en español	4	5	6 EPIPHANY 9:00 am Quilter's Guild 10:00 am—12:00 pm self-serve communion	7 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm Bells Rehearsal	1 	2 6:00 pm Worship Service
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MORTGAGE & RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS:
Tuesday, December 29 at 8 a.m.

APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS:
Thursday, December 31 at 5 p.m.

Starting Dec. 29 the application will be available on polk-county.net. For more information you may call (863) 519-1000 from Dec. 29 through Dec. 31 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or email HNDRequests@polk-county.net

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Our Vision Statement

Centered in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the vision of Lamb of God Lutheran Church is to transform and enhance the lives of members, neighbors and friends through relevant worship and study of God's Word, and through providing Christian service and fellowship opportunities.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Lamb of God Lutheran Church is to lead and inspire God's people into a growing relationship with Jesus.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ONLINE WORSHIP: www.lambofgodhainescity.com/worship

May - October	8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Holy Communion
November - April	10:00 am Holy Communion 8:45 am Adult Sunday School
Advent thru Lent	Saturday, 6pm
Spanish Service	12:30 pm Holy Communion