



BELLWETHER

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

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Meet our Music Director

Hello! My wife, Dana, son, Cooper, and I currently live on the border of Haines City and Davenport. We've been down in Central Florida for the past 12 years; I am originally from Hickory, NC; Dana is originally from Scranton, PA. We met each other while we were working together at Space Mountain over at the Magic Kingdom. We both continue to work full time at Disney as Guest Experience Managers.

I have been a Lutheran for my entire life; my Grandma served as a Choir director in Jackson, MI for many years. She inspired me to pursue serving as a Church Musician. I most recently served as the Organist and Director of Music for an ELCA Lutheran Congregation in Kissimmee.

Like Martin and Katie Luther, I enjoy brewing my own beer in my spare time. My wife and I love spending time together with our son: we love watching movies, going to the theme parks, and doing other fun activities out and about. Our son turns five in July and will be starting Kindergarten at Bethune Academy this fall!

We are thrilled to join the Lamb of God family!

Trevor Kyro



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Lamb of God's Education Committee



The Lamb of God Church Council's Education Steering Committee has been assigned the task of consulting the congregation (both its Hispanic and Anglo Expressions) on what education programs and activities Lamb of God members would like to see continued or initiated. This decision was made in the context of the Covid

pandemic during which time most Lamb of God Church activities were suspended. The thinking was, and still is, that this is an opportunity for Lamb of God members to expand their horizons, and think about what programs and activities they would like to see begin going forward. Accordingly, the Steering Committee developed and disseminated a questionnaire. If you have not already completed and returned the questionnaire, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you need a blank questionnaire (either in English or in Spanish), please contact Pam Thomas, Evelyn Brewer or me. Thank you for your participation. I believe that a robust response to this questionnaire is in the best interest of all of us.

Bill Quinlan, Chair
Church Council Education Steering Committee

Comité de Educación de Lamb of God

Al Comité Directivo de Educación del Consejo de la Iglesia se le ha asignado la tarea de consultar a la congregación (tanto sus expresiones hispanas como anglosajonas) sobre qué programas y actividades educativas les gustaría que los miembros de la iglesia continuaran o iniciaran. Esta decisión se tomó en el contexto de la pandemia de Covid, durante la cual se suspendieron la mayoría de las actividades de la Iglesia. El pensamiento era, y sigue siendo, que esta es una oportunidad para que los miembros de la iglesia amplíen sus horizontes, y piensen qué programas y actividades les gustaría ver en el futuro. En consecuencia, el Comité Directivo elaboró y difundió un cuestionario. Si aún no ha completado y devuelto el cuestionario, hágalo lo antes posible. Si necesita un cuestionario en blanco (ya sea en inglés o en español), comuníquese con Pam Thomas, Evelyn Brewer o conmigo. Gracias por su participación. Creo que una respuesta sólida a este cuestionario es lo mejor para todos nosotros.

Bill Quinlan
Comité Directivo de Educación del Consejo

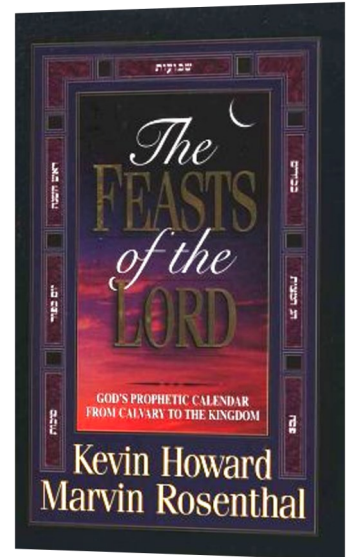


LIBRARY NEWS

Rearranging and sorting the books and other materials in the church library continue on these summer days. If you have appropriate books and/or items that you wish to donate, please bring them to the library on Sundays or other days you are at church.

Already on our library shelves are many fascinating biographies of well-known men and women of the bible including Moses, Paul, Ruth, Mark, and Hannah.

Another interesting book is Feasts of the Lord - a book that is illustrated in color explaining religious observances such as Hanukkah and Passover, both the historical and modern-day practices.



We look forward to displaying many of these outstanding books in the narthex on coming summer Sundays.

Gladys Hunt

Quilter's Guild



Summertime is here and so is the hot weather... soooo.... if you are looking for a project in an air-conditioned environment come join the quilters. **We will meet in the back of fellowship hall on the first Wednesday [July 6]. Normally we would meet the third Thursday [July 21] but due to Vacation Bible School we will not be meeting.** If you have never quilted before we offer on-the-job training (OJT). We say if you can tie a knot then you can quilt. In your travels this summer please look for yard and estate sales, plus thrift stores, friends and neighbors who may be moving for sheets to be used as quilt backings – we prefer king, queen or full size sheet but will take twin sizes, they should be recently washed, free of stains and tears for us to use as quilt backings. We also have small bags of fabric available to cut into quilt squares (instruction provided) on a table in back of the fellowship hall. Last month we delivered 10 doggie beds to the Polk County Human Society on Dundee Road in Winter Haven. These beds come from donated pillow cases stuffed with scrape fabric from the squares that are cut, scrap backing and batting as well. If you have any questions please call the church office or see Laverne Tillson, Quilt Coordinator.



Vacation Bible School

**\$10
REGISTER
ONLINE**

**SPACE IS
LIMITED**



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from 9am - 12pm

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Juegos
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Cápsulas del Corazón por Wanda Bango-Sanchez

¿Estoy haciendo buen uso de los talentos que el Señor Dios me ha regalado?

En Mateo 25:14 Jesús les habla a sus discípulos en forma de parábola acerca de lo que El espera que ellos hagan de acuerdo a sus habilidades y capacidades y les informa de la recompensa que obtendrán alcanzando así el Reino de los Cielos.

La parábola de los talentos en resumen cuenta la historia de un hombre rico que antes de salir de viaje llama a tres de sus empleados. A uno le entrega cinco mil talentos de oro, al otro dos mil talentos y al último solo mil. Al regreso de su viaje los primeros dos empleados obtienen un rendimiento de un 100% multiplicando sus fondos o talentos iniciales, pero el ultimo empleado le devuelve sus talentos de igual manera que le fueron entregados con la excusa de que por miedo a perderlo todo, lo enterró en la arena para no perderlo.

De la misma manera Dios ha puesto talentos y habilidades en nosotros y confía sus dones con la obligación de que los desarrollemos o los pongamos a producir para su servicio. ¿Que estas haciendo con las habilidades y talentos que El te ha dado?

Cuando hablamos de esta parábola no tan solo Jesús se refiere a las habilidades y talentos que podemos poner a Su servicio sino también de nuestras finanzas, de nuestro dinero. El rico que en la parábola es Dios, le reclama al empleado que se le dio solo mil talentos y los enterró en la arena. En el versículo 27 dice “Pues debías haber depositado mi dinero en el banco, para que a mi regreso lo hubiera recibido con intereses.”²⁸ Quítenle las mil monedas y dénselas al que tiene las diez mil.²⁹ Porque a todo el que tiene, se le dará mas, y tendrá en abundancia. Al que no tiene se le quitara hasta lo que tiene.³⁰ Y ese siervo inútil échelo afuera, a la oscuridad, donde habrá llanto y rechinar de dientes”.

Entonces conociendo mas acerca de esta parábola, las preguntas que nos debemos hacer son ¿Que habilidad tengo yo para servirle a mi Dios en mi iglesia? ¿Estoy ocultando mis talentos para su servicio? ¿Estoy siendo propio y responsable depositando mis ofrendas a mi iglesia para contribuir con su reino? Dios premia a aquellos que usan los talentos que Él les ha dado, reclama y castiga a aquellos que no han hecho nada con sus talentos de acuerdo a su palabra.

Hermanos en este mes de julio ¡tu Iglesia te necesita! ahora es tu momento de poner tus talentos, habilidades y/o finanzas para el Reino de Dios. VBS (Vacation Bible School) para nuestra comunidad se aproxima en la fecha de julio 18-22. Deseamos contar con tu presencia como voluntario teniendo así la oportunidad de ser ese criado y siervo fiel para su amo (Dios) y obediente al Servicio de Dios.

La iglesia a nivel mundial en general sin importar denominación, ha sido impactada grandemente tanto en reducción en el número de fieles acudiendo a los templos como en sus finanzas, luego de la gran Pandemia. Tu Iglesia no es la excepción, y hoy te necesita mas que nunca. Es por esto que este proyecto VBS es tan crucial para esta tu Iglesia. Es tiempo ya que te unas y seas parte del equipo de Dios para sus propósitos. Sí, con VBS, ¿cómo? 1. Sacando de tu tiempo para servir de voluntario (Ej. ayudando con meriendas, registración, seguridad, manualidades, maestro, etc.) en este proyecto de Evangelismo y Educación Bíblica para nuestra comunidad y/o 2. A través de una contribución u ofrenda especial para VBS. Tu Iglesia y por sobre todo el Señor te lo recompensara y te lo multiplicara en abundancia, como bien dice su palabra(Mateo 25:29).

Oremos: Dios, Padre Omnipotente, ayúdame a enfocar mis esfuerzos y prioridades en ti y a utilizar mis talentos y habilidades sin excusas o miedos para tu obra, hoy, mañana y siempre. Por tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén



June Offerings

Thank you for your continued support of our Church with your time, talent and treasures. Offering totals include English and Spanish Congregations combined.



Sunday Offerings Collected: \$16,422
Budgeted: \$29,515

Here are the different ways to send your tithes to church: Lamb of God's website www.lambofgodhainescity.com—go to "ONLINE GIVING," Vanco App (create and account), or mail to Lamb of God, or drop off during office hours.

Snippets from the Heart by Wanda Bango-Sanchez

Am I making good use of the talents that The Lord has given me?

In Matthew 25:14 Jesus speaks to His disciples in the form of a parable about what He expects them to do according to their abilities, then informs them of the reward they will obtain, thus attaining the Kingdom of Heaven.

The parable of the talents in summary tells the story of a rich man who before going on a trip calls three of his employees. To one he gives five talents of gold, to another two talents, and to the last one talent. Upon returning from his trip the first two employees obtain a return of 100% multiplying their initial funds or talents, but the last employee returns his talent in the same way that it was given to him with the excuse that for fear of losing everything, he buried it in the sand so as not to lose anything.

In the same way God has placed talents and abilities in us, and entrusts His gifts to you with the obligation that we develop them or put them to work for His service. What are you doing with the skills and talents He has given you?

When we talk about this parable, not only does Jesus refer to the skills and talents that we can put at His service, but also to our finances, our money. The rich man in the parable who is God, addressing the employee given only one talent who buried it the sand, in verse 27 says, "Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest." ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

So, knowing more about this parable, the questions we must ask ourselves are, What ability do I have to serve my God in my church? Am I hiding my talents for His service? Am I being proper and responsible by depositing my offerings to my church to contribute to His kingdom? God rewards those who use the talents He has given them and punishes those who have done nothing with their talents according to His word.

Brethren in this month of July, your Church needs you! Now is your time to put your talents, skills, and/or finances into the Kingdom of God. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is

approaching on the date of July 18-22. We wish to count on YOU as a volunteer, thus giving you the opportunity to be that faithful servant to his master (God) and obedient to the service of God.

After the pandemic, the worldwide church, no matter denomination, has been greatly impacted both in the reduction of their faithful attending worship and in its finances. Our Church is no exception, and today it needs YOU more than ever. This is why this VBS project is so crucial to our Church. It is time for all to come together and be part of God's team for His purposes. Yes, with VBS. How? 1. Taking away from your time to volunteer (e.g. helping with snacks, registration, security, crafts, teacher, etc.) in this evangelism and Bible education project for our community and/or 2. Through a special contribution or offering for VBS. Our Church and above all the Lord will reward you and multiply it in abundance, as His word says (Matthew 25:29).

Let us pray: God, Almighty Father, help me to focus my efforts and priorities on You and to use my talents and abilities without excuses or fears for Your work, today, tomorrow and forever. Through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



"Ask the Pastor"
July 17, 24, 31."



Do you have questions about the Bible, our teachings, Christian Life, or other topics. Come chat informally during the Sunday School time. Bring your questions.

Happenings at Lamb of God & Cordero de Dios

2022 Synod Assembly @ Caribe Royale Orlando

After two long years, our 2022 Synod Assembly (in person), came to fruition. We were all able to gather together at the Caribe Royale Orlando for four days, receive all our updates and complete all needed voting procedures in person. "Gods work, our hands," to God be the glory. The fellowship was wonderful and time together was priceless. A special thanks and blessings to all who arranged everything and made it happen.

Blessings and Shalom, *Pastor Izzy*



FAREWELL
PR. HAROLD & LIZ

WELCOME
TREVOR

SUNDAY, JULY 3
11:15 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dear Pr. Harold and Liz Heidegger,
It is with both joy and sadness
that we say farewell.
Next to the Word of God,
music deserves the highest praise.
The gift of language combined
with the gift of song was given to
man that he should proclaim
the Word of God through music.

God be with you,
The Lamb of God family

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, July 17
11:15 am

CONGREGATIONAL MISSION DISCUSSION RETREAT

SAT, AUGUST 27

10-2 PM

WITH GUEST SPEAKER:
PR. LOIS SORENSEN



Pr. Lois Sorensen will be facilitating our time together. We will be looking at where LOG has been ... where we are now ... and where we see our ministry going into the future as we look to call a new Lead Pastor.

This retreat is for both English and Spanish parishioners.

BECOME A MEMBER

& BE A PART OF OUR JOURNEY!



IF YOU ARE READY TO JOIN THE LAMB OF GOD FAMILY OR ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BECOMING A LAMB OF GOD MEMBER, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONNECT WITH US. CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A CALL OR IN-PERSON MEETING WITH THE PASTOR TO LEARN MORE. OFFICE —863-421-2811. PASTOR BERNER—863-438-1711.

STAY FOR COFFEE HOUR!

Sundays 11:15 AM - 12:15 AM



Catch up with with your friends while sharing a cup of coffee, make new friends or just because.

Dear LOG Family,

As we prepare for the next phase of our life journey we want to say thank you to the members of Lamb of God for your friendship and warm acceptance of our participation in the life of the congregation. We have had the opportunity to lead in a variety of ways during our years here whether it be on Church Council, teaching Classes, delivering devotions on-line, playing in the bell choir, directing the bell choir, directing children's choir for 12 years, singing in the adult choir, subbing for the organist, and canting for Sunday services. We will be moving to Matthews Glen which is a CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) in Matthews, NC. Matthews, NC is in the greater Charlotte, NC area. Our daughter and family live only 10 minutes away. We will live in a two bedroom apartment which is total independent living with all the other levels of care available when needed. The moving van comes on July 5 and we will be moving into our apartment on July 7. We are eager to make the move at a time when we can make that decision for ourselves. Again thanks for the years of friendship which we shall cherish. The church office will have our new address.

Peace to All, *Pastor Harold and Liz Heidegger*

Congratulations to...

Best wishes to our members and friends on their special day

Birthdays in July



🕒 07/03 Glenys Lorenz

🕒 07/06 Saira Bango-Sanchez

🕒 07/07 Judy Bishop

🕒 07/07 Raymond Harbourt

🕒 07/10 Mindy Vaughn

🕒 07/11 Susana Garcia

🕒 07/16 John Plath

🕒 07/17 Julian Green

🕒 07/18 Marilyn Erb

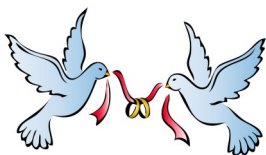
🕒 07/19 Lucy Cruz

🕒 07/24 Lynda Collins

🕒 07/28 Janice Walton

🕒 07/30 Mary Johnson

Anniversaries in July



♡ 07/16 Gladys & David Hunt

♡ 07/20 Phyllis & Gerald Pasbrig



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Volunteers at A House Blessed 114 S 2nd St, Haines City	2
3 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Escuela Bíblica 12:30 pm Servicio en español	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed 	5	6 9:00 am Quilter's Guild 9:30 am Education Steering Committee Meeting	7	8 7:00 pm Comité de tecnología	9 10:00 am Academia Ecuménica
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Write “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” on the memo line and send to:

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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

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Holy Communion

Servicio en Español

11:00 am Escuela Bíblica

12:30 pm Servicio con Comunión

ONLINE WORSHIP: www.lambofgodhainescity.com