



# BELLWETHER

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

## LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Pastor's Notes...

*[Jesus} said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.<sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. (Mark 6:31-32)*

Taking time off to rest and refresh is not something that comes easy for me. I struggle with my natural drive to want everything done before I feel like I can take time off; along with the challenges of extra work before and after any time away. But in ministry, like so many things, the work is never done. There is always something more to do. And, certainly, my personal struggle with taking time to get away is aggravated by a society that does not put much value on our God-given need to rest.

Nevertheless, Jesus said to his disciples, "come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile." And I'm going to take Jesus up on that by taking a few weeks away to rest and enjoy time with family and friends in Pennsylvania.

It has been two years since I have been able to get back home to PA to visit with my son and his family, my sisters and brother; or see my mother's sister, my Aunt Jean, whose health at 90+ is failing. And I am excited to have been invited to help my last congregation celebrate their merger with their sister congregation down the street at a Sunday afternoon celebration.

Because I am who I am, I will no doubt be thinking about all of you while I am away. But I know you will be good hands with the faithful worship leadership of Pr. Christine Hunziker, and

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urgent pastoral care provided by Pr. Izzy. (And should the need arise, Pr. Pam Smith, Grace Lutheran Lakeland; and Pr. Lois Sorensen, Reformation Lutheran, Lakeland will also be ready to assist). So, if you need anything while I am away, please call the church office, and Evelyn will be happy to point you in the right direction.

I am looking forward to some much-needed time away; and a quick stop at Niagara Falls with my Florida daughter and grandsons, spending time in the mountains, cool summer mornings in the woods, evening campfires, feeding the birds on my parents' homestead back porch, and enjoying time with my Pennsylvania family and old friends. And I am looking forward to coming back feeling rested and refreshed, and better prepared to do whatever God is calling us to do together next at Lamb of God.

Together in Christ – *Pr. Berner*

## CONGREGATIONAL MISSION

### DISCUSSION RETREAT

SAT, AUGUST 27

10–2 PM

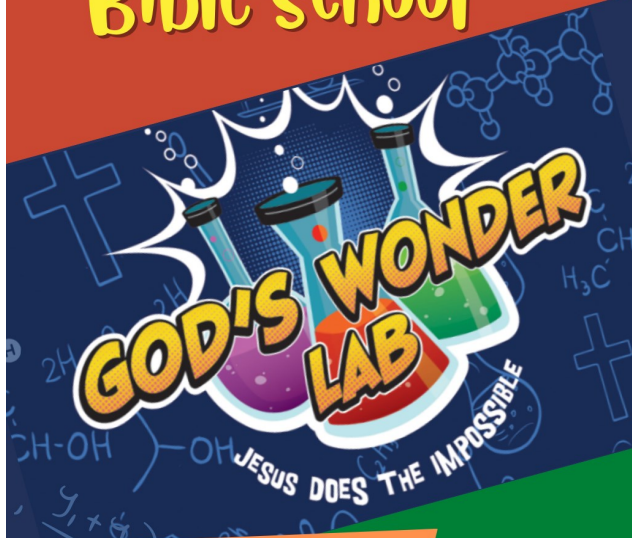
WITH GUEST SPEAKER:  
PR. LOIS SORENSEN



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.**

## Vacation Bible School



**JULY 18 - 22**

Vacation Bible School  
coming this summer!  
More information coming soon.  
We will be reaching out  
for your support

## LIBRARY NEWS

There is progress to report for the renewal of the library. The librarian has reviewed all items on the bookshelves and reports that there are 20 categories of books and other media materials. Another bookcase will be needed to house the media materials such as photos, minutes, old newsletter issues, etc. - - all part of Lamb of God's history. (If you have a bookcase you can donate, call the office and send us a picture.)



If you have appropriate church library materials you wish to donate, please bring them to the library. There are many interesting books already on the shelves - look for a display this summer to show off the many excellent resources on our shelves.

*Gladys Hunt*

## Quilter's Guild

School is almost out and the summer months are about to begin. If you are one who frequents yard sales, flea markets, estate sales, or thrift stores please look for sheets and material (approximately 64 inches wide by 84 inches long) to use for quilt backings during your summer travels.

We have said goodbye to our winter quilters and wished them God speed on their journey back home. We took 11 doggie beds to the Polk County Animal Shelter on Dundee Road last month. The doggie beds are made from our mission quilt fabric, backing and batting scraps - nothing goes to waste like when our grandmothers quilted.



We recently learned that the mission quilts that we delivered in February 2022 went to Lutheran World Relief location in Lima, Peru. These quilts will go to those with the greatest need. Please consider a cool summer time activity this summer and come and join us. We always say *"if you can tie a knot you can quilt"*. In June we will meet the first Wednesday (June 1) and third Thursday (June 16). If you have any questions, please give Laverne Tillson, Quilt Coordination, a call at 863-326-6018 or the church office.

# **\$10 CAR WASH**

# **\$6 BURRITOS**

## **JUNE 11 12 - 3PM**

**COME HUNGRY!  
BRING YOUR CAR TO  
CHURCH AND HAVE IT  
WASHED WHILE YOU EAT.**

**THERE WILL BE A  
HOME RUN DERBY AT  
3PM FOR EVERYONE.**

**HELP US MAKE THIS A  
SUCCESSFUL EVENT!!  
TELL YOUR FRIENDS  
& NEIGHBORS.**





# Cápsulas del Corazón por Wanda Bango-Sanchez

## Compartamos nuestra Fe — sinónimo de Evangelismo

Marcos 16:15 Jesús les dijo, “vayan por todo el mundo y anuncien las buenas nuevas a toda criatura”.

Hechos 13:47: Así nos lo ha mandado el Señor: “Te he puesto por luz para las naciones, a fin de que lleves mi salvación hasta los confines de la tierra.”

A veces desconocemos el significado de la palabra evangelismo o lo vemos como algo complicado. ¿Que es evangelizar? ¿De que se trata? Podríamos sustituir la palabra evangelismo por *compartir*. Evangelismo significa anunciar el Evangelio, la historia de lo que creemos de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Entonces es tan sencillo como sustituir o reemplazar la palabra de Evangelizar por compartir. Si, compartir tu fe, compartir tu historia, lo que Dios ha hecho en tu vida, y tu historia moverá el corazón de otros.

Entonces, ¿cómo podemos compartir el mensaje de Cristo con otros? A continuación ocho estrategias que puedes utilizar para compartir el mensaje de Jesus con otros:

1. Cuéntale de Dios a otros, en todas tus victorias y milagros que te ocurran día a día, aunque estas sean sencillas.
2. Da testimonio a otros de lo que Dios ha hecho en tu vida, cuenta como tu casa y familia se ha transformado, tu historia.
3. No intentes convencer a nadie acerca de Jesús al contarle tu historia, no es nuestra responsabilidad; será responsabilidad del Espíritu Santo transformar las vidas de ellos (de moldear y cambiar el corazón de ellos.)
4. Se ejemplo de paz, de amor, confianza, y fe a dónde quiera que vayas, así otros serán receptivos y seguidores por tu ejemplo.
5. Visita nuevos sitios y has nuevas amistades.
6. Aprende a escuchar a otros, es tu mejor herramienta para conocer sus inquietudes y necesidades.
7. Ora por aquellos que has conocido y deseas que se unan a la iglesia. Hazle saber a esa persona que estás orando por el o ella. La oración del justo siempre es escuchada.
8. Realiza actos de bondad, se creativo y amable con todos.

El compartir tu Fe, hará fortalecer tu Fe y tu vida se irá estabilizando también. No compartimos nuestra Fe porque seamos perfectos o estudiosos catedráticos de las Escrituras. Compartimos nuestra Fe para ser perfeccionados en Él y para crecer. No permitamos que el enemigo nos caye o silencie acerca de la maravillosa y nueva vida en Cristo. Cuando compartes tu Fe estás bendiciendo a otros pero estás fortaleciendo tu vida también y la confianza va a entrar en tu corazón. Los pensamientos de inseguridad e intimidación poco a poco desaparecerán.

Animémonos a contarle al mundo acerca de Cristo y tendremos más seguidores, (sinónimo de convertidos) en nuestros templos. Así como el Señor nos lo pide en su palabra.

Oremos: Amantísimo Padre Celestial. Dame la fortaleza, la seguridad y abre oportunidades para siempre contarle a otros lo que tú haz hecho en mi vida. Ayúdame a ser un seguidor fiel de amor y de paz a donde quiera que vaya, por tu hijo Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

## Snippets from the Heart by Wanda Bango-Sanchez

### Sharing our Faith—Synonymous of Evangelism

Mark 16:15 Jesus told them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to every creature."

Acts 13:47: This is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have set you as the light unto the nations, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Sometimes we don't know the meaning of the word evangelism or see it as complicated. What is evangelizing? What is it about? We could substitute the word evangelism for *sharing*. Evangelism means proclaiming the Gospel, the story of what we believe of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Then it is as simple as replacing the word Evangelize with sharing. Yes, share your faith, share your story, what God has done in your life, and your story will move the hearts of others.

So how can we share Christ's message with others? Here are eight strategies you can use to share Jesus' message with others:

1. Tell others about God, in all your victories and miracles that happen to you every day, even if they are simple.

2. Bear witness to others of what God has done in your life, tell how your home and family has been transformed, your story.
3. Don't try to convince anyone about Jesus when telling your story, it's not our responsibility; it will be the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to transform their lives (to mold and change their hearts.)
4. Be an example of peace, love, trust, and faith wherever you go, so others will be receptive and followers by your example.
5. Visit new sites and make new friends.
6. Learn to listen to others, it is your best tool to get to know their concerns and needs.
7. Pray for those you have met and want to join the church. Let that person know that you are praying for them. The prayer of the righteous is always heard.
8. Perform acts of kindness, be creative and kind to everyone.

Sharing your faith will strengthen your faith and your life will stabilize as well. We do not share our faith because we are perfect or scholarly professors of Scripture. We share our faith to be perfected in Jesus and to grow. Let us not allow the enemy to silence us about the wonderful new life in Christ. When you share your faith, you are blessing others, but you are also strengthening your life, and confidence will enter your heart. Thoughts of insecurity and intimidation will gradually disappear.

Let us dare to tell the world about Christ and we will have more followers, (synonymous with converts) in our temples. Just as the Lord asks of us in His word.

We pray, most loving heavenly Father. Give me the strength, the security, and open opportunities to let others know what you have done in my life. Help me to be a faithful follower of love and peace wherever I go, for your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**INTERESTED IN SERVING?**

**USHER & HOSPITALITY TRAINING**

**JUNE 26 @ 11:15 AM**

**REGISTRATION AT THE HOSPITALITY DESK**

# Happenings at Lamb of God & Cordero de Dios



## ECUMENICAL ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP CLASS



The month of May was a busy month, with post service fellowship, learning, and growing with God's Grace; and also with the planning of our Vacation Bible School, which will be open to the community.

We are also offering a prerecorded class led by Dr. Julio Fonseca. This leadership class focuses on Building Leaders for the Spanish Mission. It is offered in Spanish via zoom and in person at Lamb of God every other Saturday at 10 AM (6/11 & 6/26), anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

Special thanks to Miss Ana, one of our youth leaders, for recording and live streaming the "Mother's Day" service, and to Bishop Greg for presiding. We are so blessed at Lamb of God for having both expressions (English and Spanish) always willing and able to assist to make each service a special one. To God be the glory and honor, always.

El mes de mayo fue un mes ocupado, con compañerismo posterior al servicio, aprendizaje y crecimiento con la Gracia de Dios; y también con la planificación de nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. La cual estará abierta a la comunidad.

También estamos ofreciendo una clase pregrabada dirigida por el Dr. Julio Fonseca. Esta clase de liderazgo se centra en la construcción de líderes para la misión hispana. Se ofrece en español a través de zoom y en persona en Lamb of God cada dos sábados a las 10 AM (6/11 y 6/26), cualquier persona interesada es bienvenida a asistir.

Un agradecimiento especial a Ana, una de nuestras líderes de jóvenes, por grabar y transmitir en vivo el servicio del "Día de la Madre," y al Obispo Greg por presidir. Somos tan bendecidos en Lamb of God por tener ambas expresiones (inglés y español), siempre dispuestos y capaces de ayudar para que cada servicio sea especial. A Dios sea la gloria y el honor, siempre.







# Crafter's Meeting

Monday, June 13 & 27 at 7:30 p.m.

We will be working on our crochet projects.  
Join us, if you want to learn how to crochet.



## May 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: \$17,378**

**Budgeted: \$29,515**

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

## 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.

# Congratulations to...

*Best wishes to our members and friends on their special day*

## Birthdays in June

- 🕒 06/01 Peter Orangio
- 🕒 06/03 Anthony Sandretto
- 🕒 06/05 Janet Riedeman
- 🕒 06/08 Abiam Miro
- 🕒 06/13 Flora Tarrence
- 🕒 06/15 Jenny Sandretto
- 🕒 06/21 John Jerfita
- 🕒 06/24 David Reedy
- 🕒 06/27 Linda Leiwig
- 🕒 06/28 Colleen Thomasco
- 🕒 06/30 Shirley Swanson



## Anniversaries in June

- ♥ 06/16 Shirley & Don Swanson
- ♥ 06/25 Colleen & John Thomasco
- ♥ 06/26 Ginny & Bill Schmick
- ♥ 06/27 Coila & Douglas Hales



Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts designated for "[Eastern Europe Crisis Response](https://www.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse)" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

**By Phone: 800-638-3522**

Mon. through Fri., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CST.

**Online:** <https://www.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>

**By mail:** Make checks payable to *Lutheran Disaster Response.*

*Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on the memo line and send to:*

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**What else can you do? Pray**

Please pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

# Hurricane Preparedness

## EMERGENCY PLAN

- know the risks you might face and have an emergency plan in place for your family or business. For mor info go to: <https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/>

## STAY INFORMED

- Pay attention and know where to find relevant information. For weather radio channels, Alert Polk registration, and other helpful preparation information, go to: <https://www.polk-county.net/hurricane-preparedness>

## SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

- If you or a loved one have special needs, you must pre-register for a special needs shelter. Go to: <https://www.polk-county.net/emergency.../special-needs> for more information

## EMERGENCY PLAN FOR PETS

- Your pets are an important member of your family, remember to include them in your emergency plan and build an emergency kit for them. For more information and ideas go to: <https://www.ready.gov/petss>

## DIGITAL COPIES OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- Take pictures or scan important documents such and home and personal insurance documents, identification cards, and any other document you might need after a storm.

## PREPARE YOUR HOME

- Start cutting limbs, trimming and clearing vegetation, and removing or securing any loose items in your yard.

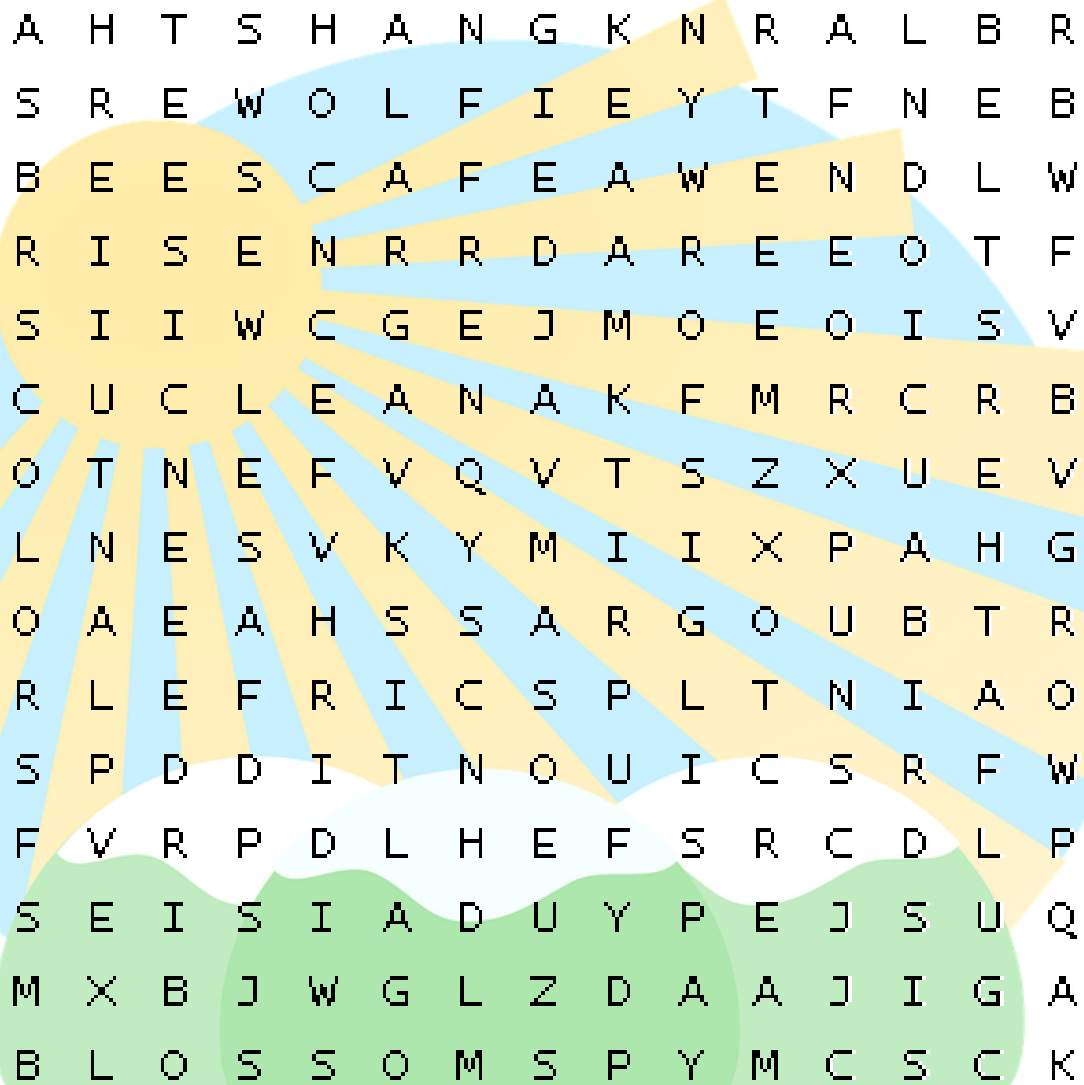
## CREATE AN EMERGENCY KIT

- It's recommended that you have a seven-day supply of food and water for everyone in your household. Remember to include a manual can opener. For a list of items to include go to: <https://ww.polk-county.net/hurricane-preparedness>

## VOLUNTEER

- Following a natural emergency, volunteers are needed for many positions in disaster response. If you would like to help others in your community, visit Volunteer Polk's website to apply: <https://www.polk-county.net/volunteer.../disaster-volunteer>

# Have a great SUMMER!



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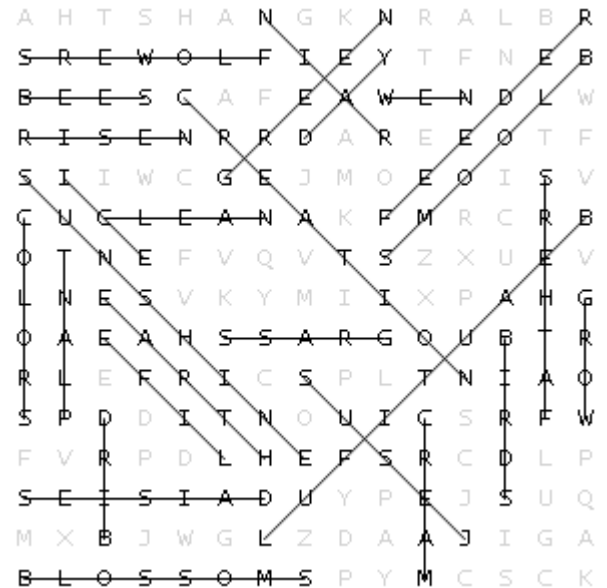
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# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Quilter's Guild	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Volunteers at A House Blessed 114 S 2nd St, Haines City <b>Synod Assembly</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 DAY OF PENTECOST</b> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Escuela Bíblica 12:30 pm Servicio en español <b>Synod Assembly</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm Crafter's Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm Comité Timón	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Comité de tecnología	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Academia Ecuménica <b>12:00 pm Car Wash</b> 
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<b>19 FATHER'S DAY</b> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Escuela Bíblica 11:15 am Music & Worship Mtg 12:30 pm Servicio en español	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Junta de Comité	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Academia Ecuménica
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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.

### **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

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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](http://www.lambofgodhainescity.com)