



BELLWETHER

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

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor

The Lenten Journey

The Lenten Season provides each of us with an opportunity to access our relationship with the Lord and to make changes as appropriate. To help us in our journey, we will be presenting two sermon series. On the weekends, we will be looking at the “Covenant Relationships” that we enjoy with the Lord and at midweek during Holy Week we will be presenting reflections on the “Road Signs of Lent.” It is my prayer that these series will assist us in our journey toward the Cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Morning.

In March, we will be wrapping up two additional studies. One on “Peace Keeping” which has been focused primarily on the book “I Think You’re Wrong (But I am Listening)” by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers. The conversations have been stimulating both on Sunday mornings and during the week via Zoom. The Thursday Noon Bible study will be wrapping its study of St. John’s gospel in early April. Thank you for your participation in these special offerings.

March promises to be an exciting month as we prepare to call Mr. Izzy Bango-Sanchez as Associate Pastor and Mission Developer for our Spanish Mission. He has done a great job with the Mission and will be an added resource to the “Anglo” portion of our congregation as well. You can expect more details regarding Pr. Izzy’s call in early March.

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Please also consider the “LENT-A HAND” Food Drive. All the proceeds will be distributed through the ministry we share with other local congregations at A House Blest.

In response to God’s blessings, may we continue to prove ourselves by being a blessing to others.

-Pr. Joe Conner

Thursday Noon Bible Study



We continue to meet every Thursday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will be finishing up our study of John’s gospel in early April.

Signs of Lent



Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule

Every Wednesday at 11 a.m.



Easter Lilies

If you wish to purchase a lily to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, in memory/honor of a loved one, please complete the form found in the narthex and on our website (upcoming events), or call the office by **Sunday, March 28.**



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday

Saturday, March 27 —6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 —10:00 a.m.

Maundy/Holy Thursday

April 1 —7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 2

12:00 p.m. Community Service
at New Horizon Church

7:00 p.m. Traditional Tenebrae Service
at Lamb of God

Easter Worship

Saturday, April 3 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
at Lake Eva, Haines City

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. at Lamb of God

12:30 p.m. —Servicio en Español

From the Council President

Our Pastor is Retiring - What's Next?

By now you are all aware of Pastor Joe's election to retire and you might be wondering what is next in the transition process. There are three steps that follow:

1. Closing out Pastor Joe's ministry
2. Receive an interim pastor
3. Call a new pastor

Your church council members have met with representatives from Bishop Suarez' office, have been explained these steps, and have a detailed resource book outlining the steps in detail. The congregation elected us to represent you, but everyone should be part of the process and we will most certainly keep you informed.

We are now on Step 1—*Closing out Pastor Joe's Ministry*. Everyone's help is needed because on April 4, Easter Sunday, we will celebrate Pastor Joe's ministry with Lamb of God since 2001 and his acceptance of God's new call. We will also close out his ministry of 34 years. Please plan to be in attendance that day to help celebrate. More details to follow on how we will celebrate and opportunities to wish him and Norma farewell.

The council's next meeting with the Bishop's office representative is March 11. We will report out following that meeting. Should you have any questions, please see a council member.

-Kathy Dierker, Council President.

Memorial Garden Committee Opening

There is an opening on the Lamb of God Church Memorial Garden Committee. Should you have an interest in learning more about this committee and/or would like to serve, please contact Tim Leiwig, Committee Chairperson at leiwig1@yahoo.com or call him at 863-439-8326. You may also contact Pastor Joe at the church.



Happenings at Lamb of God

New Members Reception

Join us in welcoming our newest members:

Michael Cole

Frank and Janette Farrugia

Karen Granello

Richard and Diane Kresge

Eleanor Pavlik

Jean Westermann

They were received during worship services on Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28.



From left to right: Eleanor Pavlik, Jean Westermann, Diane & Richard Kresge



From left to right: Michael Cole, Janette and Frank Farrugia, Karen Granello

Quilt Dedication



Sandy Cardew originally from NY and Diane Plunkett from CT met in the Carolinas over their love of quilting. They saw a beautiful cross pattern called "Jerusalem Cross" at a Quilt show in Statesville, NC. Working together they cut out the fabric and spent three weeks arranging on a design board until achieving the desired design at which point they sewed the top together. Having moved to Florida, Sandy had the unfinished quilt top with her. Meeting Laverne Tillson, Lamb of God Quilt Coordinator, at a quilting "Sit & Sew", Sandy learned that Lamb of God was looking for some new banners. We graciously accepted Sandy's gift and today you see the finished wall hanging. The framing was provided by Frank and Janette Farrugia. The quilt was dedicated on Sunday, February 28.

Church Council Installation

On Sunday, February 28 we installed our Church Council. New and returning members were presented and given a blessing by Vicar Izzy Bango-Sanchez.

Kathy Dierker, President

Linda Leiwig, Vice President

Lynne Martin, Secretary

Jim Barnhart, Treasurer

Karen Granello, Financial Secretary

AT LARGE:

Joyce Hines, Worship and Music

Teresa Liberta, Outreach

William Quinlan, Jr., Education

Carlos Robles, Support

Florence Tarrence, Congregational Life

In attendance from left to right: Jim Barnhart, Linda Leiwig, Kathy Dierker, Lynne Martin, Karen Granello, Bill Quinlan, and Carlos Robles.



ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO
A HOUSE BLEST

WEEK 1

CEREAL, OATMEAL, GRITS,
GRANOLA BARS

WEEK 2

CANNED MEAT
(chicken, fish, beef stew/chili, ham/SPAM)

WEEK 3

RICE, MASHED POTATOES, MAC & CHEESE
(individual boxes)

WEEK 4

PASTA, SAUCE, COOKING OIL

WEEK 5

PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP, DRY MILK

WEEK 6

CANNED GOODS
(fruit, vegetables, soup, beans)



Quilter's Guild

The Lamb of God Quilters would like to say a special **thank you** to everyone who took part in Quilt Sunday. This year was a little different to the pandemic. We weren't able to display our quilts as in years past [on every pew]; however they were still a sight to behold and will be welcomed by those who will receive them. A special thank you to Carl & Marsha Morse, Flora Torrance, and John & Laverne Tillson who took the 18 boxes containing 93 quilts to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tampa for pickup by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). On February 3 we began our yearly house-keeping chores: cutting batting; putting together the sheets that were not the correct width or length (i.e. twin size) by sewing additional strips or patches to make them usable as backings; sizing strips of fabric to add to sheets that do not meet the length and width requirement; sorting thorough recent fabric

donations to put into bags for those who wish to cut squares at home; putting together 12 doggie beds for Polk County Humane Society from our scraps and donated pillow cases; sorting thread donation; a special thank you to Robin Rogers for servicing our sewing machine. We are always looking for donations of new or gently used sheets (any size) to use for quilt backings.



We also need individuals to cut quilt squares – instructions always provided. If you are looking for a worthwhile project, come and join us as we begin a new quilting year. We meet the first Wednesday (Mar 3) and third Thursday (Mar 18) between 9 am and 12 (noon). ***We say "if you can tie a knot, then you can quilt."***



**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FOWARD**

Remember to set your clocks ahead
1 hour Saturday night March 13



March Offerings

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

Offerings Collected: \$25,625 Budgeted: \$25,420

Congratulations to...

Best wishes to our members and friends on their special day

Birthdays in March

🔗 Denise O'Harrow 03/02

🔗 Katherine Dierker 03/04

🔗 Virginia Schmick 03/07

🔗 Carlos Robles 03/10

🔗 Nancy Spila 03/10

🔗 Richard Winship 03/10



🔗 Raymond Messmer 03/20

🔗 Barbara Donnelly 03/23

🔗 John Till 03/23

🔗 Coila Hales 03/25

🔗 Ronald Schroeder 03/27

🔗 Don Swanson 03/27



Anniversaries in March

03/07 Nancy & Edward Spila



Recipe of the Month

Pumpkin Bars

submitted by Betty Smith

Step one — Mix the following ingredients well and set aside.

4 eggs

1-2/3 cups sugar

1 cup vegetable oil

One 15 oz. can of pumpkin



Step two— Mix together the following ingredients and then mix together with step one.

2 cups of flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda




1 teaspoon salt

Pour mixture into a sheet cake pan (15x10x1). Do not grease the pan.

Bake at 350° for 25—30 min. Cool before cutting into bars.

Yield: large bars: 3 dozen. Small bars: 48. This recipe can easily be cut in half.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Peace Keeping via Zoom	2	3 9:00 am Quilter's Guild 10:00 am self-serve communion 11:00 am Midweek Service	4 12:00 pm Bible Study	5 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Volunteers at House Blest	6 6:00 pm Worship Service
7 WEEK 3 — LENT FOOD DRIVE 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Servicio en español	8 7:00 pm Peace Keeping via Zoom	9 6:00 pm Worship and Music Meeting	10 10:00 am self-serve communion 11:00 am Midweek Service	11 12:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Meeting	12	13 6:00 pm Worship Service <i>Change clocks tonight</i>
14 WEEK 4 — LENT FOOD DRIVE <i>Daylight Savings time</i> 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Servicio en español	15 BELLWETHER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	16	17 St. Patrick's Day  10:00 am self-serve communion 11:00 am Worship Service	18 9:00 am Quilter's Guild 12:00 pm Bible Study	19 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Volunteers at House Blest	20 6:00 pm Worship Service 
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28 PALM SUNDAY WEEK 6 — LENT FOOD DRIVE 8:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Servicio en español	29	30	31 10:00 am—12:00 pm self-serve communion			 LENT A HAND



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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, 6 pm

Lent Wednesday, 11 am

Spanish Service 12:30 pm Holy Communion