



BELLWETHER

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

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” – Psalm 46:1

As we continue our faith journey in the world of the Coronavirus pandemic—we have been reminded of our vulnerabilities but also the strength that comes through our relationship with Jesus—the Crucified and Resurrected Christ. The Easter Season message is **always** one of hope even in the midst of challenge. Why? Because the victory has already been won!

We, as a congregation have settled into a new normal when it comes to our worship life. We have been most blessed to be able to continue to offer weekly worship services and special devotional offerings each week in both English and Spanish. A special thank you to our Office Manager Evelyn for her help in guiding us through this process from concept to implementation. She has done a wonderful job editing our offerings and making them available through our Website and Facebook.

Also, a special thank you to Alex Sanchez, our Director of Music, who has been offering beautiful music for our services and to David Reedy who has been our cantor the past few weeks. The Spanish Ministry worship team of Mr. Izzy Bango-Sanchez, Wanda Bango-Sanchez and Nancy Mojica have been producing inspiring offerings as well. God be Praised!

We continue to do ministry—although obviously more is happening over the phone than in person. A special thank you to Pr. Harold Heidegger for the wonderful devotions that he has been offering online on Tuesdays. We have procured materials

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Tithes & Offerings

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for our future Christian Education offerings—date and time to be determined. We are hoping that we will be able to gather soon for study both on Sunday mornings and for this year's Backyard Blast Series.

One final thank you! We thank everyone who has continued to support our congregation's ministry through prayers, kind words, and offerings. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

God truly is our refuge and strength and very present help in times of trouble!

Pr. Joe

Backyard Blasts

If safe, we will start this study on Wednesday, July 1st

This year, we will be focusing our attention on a study presented by Max Lucado entitled: **"Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World."** We will gather for a five session study that will focus on Philippians 4:6-7.

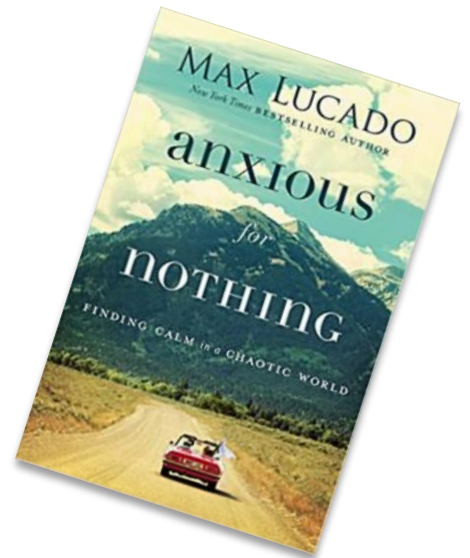
Max suggests that we need to remain **CALM** by:

Celebrating God's Goodness

Asking God for help

Leaving your concerns

Meditating on good things



Looking forward to gathering for this study and fellowship opportunity.



May - October Worship Schedule (when we return)

8:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Holy Communion

New Bellwether Feature

Many requests for recipes come following our potluck meals. We are starting a new feature in the Bellwether. Each month will feature a favorite recipe or recipes submitted by you. Please submit your favorite recipes to our Office Administrator, Evelyn, for inclusion.



Quinlan's Corner — You're Never Too Old to Learn (or Teach)

Website Project I am delighted to announce that your Website Team has approved for posting on the Lamb of God website its first seven film clips: an introduction by Senior Pastor Reverend Joe Conner; and individual clips featuring Council President Kathy Dierker, Pastor Joe, Office Administrator Evelyn Brewer, Vicar Izzy Bango-Sanchez, Director of Music and Organist Alex Sanchez and Handbell Choir Director Liz Heidegger. Thanks to Phyllis White, Tim Leiwig and Larry Vaughn for their hard work producing these clips. Thanks too to Evelyn for her expertise in formatting them for compatibility with our website. Look for additional clips to be posted in the near future. By the time you read this or very soon thereafter, the clips will be posted. Please look for them, and recommend them to friends and neighbors who might be interested in joining our church.

Your suggestions, offers, gripes, plaudits and other ideas are always welcome. Contact Bill Quinlan, Church Council Liaison for Education, in person, by phone at (863) 412-7796 or by email at wquinlan2@gmail.com.

Quilters' Guild

I have been reading *"The Quilt of Life, A Patchwork of Devotional Thoughts by Mary Tatem."* It is a story-based collection of devotions that celebrates God's handiwork in our lives with a quilting theme plus some quilt tips. The theme throughout is the joy of making quilts and the comfort they bring to many lives. Especially in this time of COVID-19 "stay-at-home" orders, social distancing and isolation, now more than ever we need the comfort of a quilt just as many of the recipients of our quilts have felt over the years. Our quilt closet awaits our return full of sheet for backings, donated batting pieced together like our lives to bring warmth to those who use them and an abundance of colorful quilt tops. We have a number of bags filled with directions and fabric that needs to be cut into quilt squares, so if you are looking for a project while at home and would like to have a bag please call the church office (863-421-2811) to arrange for a drive-by pick up. *"When we turn to God in the midst of suffering, He strengthens us. A settled peace is one pattern God stitches into our lives when we turn to Him for the strength to survive the pressures of living."* Please continue to pray for those in harm's way. Laverne Tillson, Quilt Coordinator, 863-326-6018.



Cordero de Dios

Mensaje del Vicario Izzy

¡Nada nos separará del amor de Dios!
El "Triduo Pascual" se llevó acabo en forma virtual porque, nada nos va a separar del amor de Dios!

Las llamadas telefónicas y oraciones con los mensajes de las redes sociales nos mantienen fuertes en la fe y muy sanos espiritualmente!!! *"Al mal tiempo, buena cara,"* y así seguiremos porque confiamos en Cristo que ha dado todo por nosotros! Y es solo por Su Gracia que somos salvos.

Finalmente, pudimos ver con las fotos que nos enviaron a todos los estudiantes de la escuela dominical, con sus proyectos de "La Cruz" completados! Y contentos con sus regalitos y sus *"Easter Baskets."*

La gloria y honra sea dada a Dios!!!

Vicario Izzy Bango-Sanchez

Message from Vicar Izzy

Nothing will separate us from God's love!
The "Easter Triduum" was carried out in a virtual way because, nothing will separate us from the Love of God!

Phone calls and prayers with social media messages keep us strong in faith and very spiritually healthy!!! *"Al mal tiempo, buena cara"* (when the going gets rough, put on a brave face), and so we will continue because we trust in Christ who has given everything for us! And it is only by His Grace that we are saved.

Finally, we were able to see, with the photos that were sent by all the students of Sunday school, their completed cross projects, and enjoying their gifts and Easter Baskets!

Glory and honor be given to God!!!

Vicar Izzy Bango-Sanchez





Recipe of the Month

The recipe for this month was submitted by Teresa Liberta.

ROASTED GARLIC

A signature dish of Levy Restaurant

Ingredients

4 whole garlic bulbs

½ cup extra virgin olive oil

Water as needed

Cut off the top of the garlic bulb using a serrate knife. Mix garlic with oil, coating the garlic completely.

Place garlic cut side up in a four-inch-deep pan.

Fill pan with enough water to cover garlic halfway. Cover pan with lid.

Place in oven at 325. Cook until garlic is soft and light brown, approximately two hours.

Remove from pan and serve with your favorite bread.



Congratulations to...

Best wishes to our members and friends on their special day

Birthdays in May



- 👤 05/01 Terry Wilson
- 👤 05/02 Lisnery Ortiz
- 👤 05/03 Marion Murphy
- 👤 05/03 Charles Wise
- 👤 05/04 Charles Dawson
- 👤 05/04 Barbara Maynard
- 👤 05/04 Robert Spila
- 👤 05/11 Phyllis White
- 👤 05/12 Donald Falkenberg
- 👤 05/12 Shellie Falkenberg
- 👤 05/13 Terry Barnhart
- 👤 05/18 Richard Donnelly

- 👤 05/23 Jeffrey Elkund
- 👤 05/24 Margaret Clavette
- 👤 05/24 Frances Hein
- 👤 05/25 Shirley Furry
- 👤 05/27 Marilyn Argue
- 👤 05/27 Kendall Casillo



Anniversaries in May

- ♡ 05/07 Janette & Frank Farrugia
- ♡ 05/08 Linda & Tim Leiwig
- ♡ 05/24 Judy & Ron Schroeder
- ♡ 05/30 Joan & Bob Sell
- ♡ 05/30 Pam & Georgene Endy Thomas
- ♡ 05/31 Lois & Raymond Harbourt



Rachel's Day

Rachel's Day is observed by Women of the ELCA annually on the first Sunday in May. It is based on Jeremiah 31:15–17 wherein Rachel grieved for her children. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 RACHEL'S DAY Online Worship Servicios en línea	4	5	6 10:00 am—12:00 p.m. Prayer and self-serve communion	7	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY Online Worship Servicios en línea	11	12	13 10:00 am—12:00 p.m. Prayer and self-serve communion	14 7:00 pm Council Meeting	15	16
17 Online Worship Servicios en línea	18	19	20 BELLWETHER SUBMISSION DEADLINE 10:00 am—12:00 p.m. Prayer and self-serve communion	21	22	23
24 Online Worship Servicios en línea	25 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	26	27 10:00 am—12:00 p.m. Prayer and self-serve communion	28	29	30
31 DAY OF PENTECOST Online Worship Servicios en línea						



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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.

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.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ONLINE WORSHIP: www.lambofgodhainescity.com/worship

May - October **10:00 am Holy Communion**

8:45 am Sunday School

November - April

8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School &

Bible Study

Spanish Service **12:30 am Holy Communion**

Advent thru Lent **Saturday, 6pm**