



BELLWETHER

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

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Pastor Joe

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with the planning and implementation of my “Going Away” Celebration. It was an emotional day for me as I was not only closing out my service at Lamb of God Church but also a 34- year career. Everything was perfect from the wonderful decorations and refreshments to our worship Celebration of the Resurrection. I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with those who attended the receptions and also reading the beautiful cards. Sometimes pastoral leaders wonder if they have had an impact on others and your kind words affirmed that my best efforts had been warmly received.

I am excited about the future of Lamb of God Church. With the leading of the Holy Spirit, I know that God is about to do some new and amazing things. I have been most blessed to share over a decade with you all and have cherished every moment. Thank you for embracing me and my family and for sending us off in such a gracious way.

May God’s Blessings be with each of you!

-Pr. Joe Conner

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Worship and Music Corner

Behind the scenes, the Worship and Music Committee has been hard at work for you. As a member of the committee, I would like to update you on just one of the items on our agenda: *improvement to the quality of sound of our worship service.*

Over the past couple of years we've had growing issues with various parts of our overall sound system. Some parts of the system have deteriorated with age (for example, our speakers) and others have needed some tweaking by a professional sound technician.

As we look forward, plan, and take steps toward being able to upload our services live (in real time) to the internet, our soundboard issues need to be addressed.

Here were the ongoing issues:

- The soundboard was not set up properly.
- Only 1 of the 3 hanging speakers were working. The speakers facing both right and left transepts, where our choir and hand bell choir sit, were not producing sound.
- Only a few of the microphone plugs around the church were working.
- Good sound levels were difficult to achieve for the pre-recorded messages and readings for the online services.
- A reduction in sound quality towards the back half of the sanctuary.
The further back you sat from the front, the more diminished the sound quality you heard. This dynamic has impacted our sound booth personnel who work from the back of the church because they are not hearing the sound in the booth as it is heard in the front of the church. This, of course, created some challenges for them in getting the volume just right for the entire space: when they turned up the volume to be heard in the back of the church, the front of the church received too much volume. (For the size of our worship space, our soundboard and speakers should provide quality sound throughout.)
- Difficulty with regulating the sound level and quality for the hearing assist system.



Though this may sound like a lot of bad news. There is good news!

We are in the processes of addressing these issues with the help of John Zelinko from Kingdom Audio Visual, LLC.

Mr. Zelinko has already made tweaks to the soundboard and equipment which have fixed most of the issues we were having. One of his recommendations was to replace the hanging

speakers which were showing signs of internal decay. Replacing the speakers and adjusting their angle will help to evenly distribute the sound throughout the sanctuary.

We are blessed to have an anonymous donor provide a generous gift to cover the cost of the new speakers.

Once the new speakers have been installed, the sound booth personnel and staff will receive training from Mr. Zelinko on the updates made to the sound system.

All of these efforts will provide you with better quality sound during worship services now, whether in-person or online, and pave the way for us to transition to online live streaming in the future.

Alex Sanchez
Director of Music/Organist

From the Ushers

Now that more parishioners are attending church service in person, we would like to highlight a couple of items.

At this time, even though there are more people attending services, we still need to continue appropriate social distancing and wearing masks. In order to help the ushers, please enter the sanctuary and follow the Ushers direction down the center aisle unless they direct you elsewhere. It is our intent to minimize, if not eliminate, anyone from having to get up once seated to allow others in the pew. After being pointed to a row for seating, please go all the way to the far end (if the row is empty); to the middle if there is already others on the end, or of course on the end by the aisle if the other spaces are taken. By doing so, this will help get everyone seated in a more timely manner and ensure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and let us all hope and pray that sometime in the near future we will be able to get back to normal.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TRAINING

A 30-minute training has been scheduled for Sunday, May 2 & 9 at 9:00 am. You only need to attend one session. Please call the office to let us know which day you will be attending. If needed, an additional training day will be scheduled for those unable to participate on either date.

Happenings at Lamb of God & Cordero de Dios

Pastor Joe's "Going Away" Celebration



Happenings at Lamb of God & Cordero de Dios

Ordination and Installation of Izzy Bango-Sanchez/ Ordenación e Instalación de Izzy Bango-Sanchez



Quilter's Guild



We had a very busy April - our Thrivent Action Team was scheduled to put our team into action on April 7th but due to a delay in receipt of the batting we had to postpone our team work until April 15. We received 3 rolls of batting and out of the first roll we were able to get 29 quilt size battings. Usually each roll yields an average of 25 quilt size battings. After cutting the batting we quickly went to work putting together mission quilts. Then on Sunday, April 18

from 8:30 am till 2:00 pm the quilters sponsored a scissor and knife sharpening service to members and friends of the congregation provided by Joseph Hansel of Highland Sharpening. Thanks to the response from the congregation Mr. Hansel has agreed to return again next year to sharpen our scissors and knives hopefully making it an annual event. The quilters can use your help, we are in need of new or gentle used sheets of any size that have been washed and free of stains. Please take a bag of fabric that needs to be cut into quilt squares [instructions provided in each bag] – this task can be performed at home. We always say, *"If you can tie a knot then you can quilt."* We meet the first Wednesday (May 5) and third Thursday (May 20) from 9 am till noon. Please come and join us. Any questions please contact the church office or Laverne Tillson, Quilt Coordinator, at 863-236-6018.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LARRY VAUGHN

The memorial service for
Larry Vaughn will be held
at Lamb of God on
Tuesday, May 11
at 10:00 a.m.



April Offerings

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

Offering totals include English and Spanish
Congregations combined.

Offerings Collected: \$25,019
Budgeted: \$25,420

**MAY 8
1 - 5PM**

CAR WASH \$10

FUNDRAISER

**ITALIAN SAUSAGE & PEPPER
HERO SANDWICHES
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE - \$5/SANDWICH**

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

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need helpers to:

- Collect money
- Heat and/or deliver sandwiches
- Wash cars

We have a lot of volunteer opportunities for our car wash. Interested? Call the office or just show up at noon on May 8.

Congratulations to...

Best wishes to our members and friends on their special day

Birthdays in May

Terry Wilson 05/01
 Lisnery Ortiz 05/02
 Marion Murphy 05/03
 Charles Wise 05/03
 Charles Dawson 05/04
 Barbara Maynard 05/04
 Robert Spila 05/04
 Thomas Schlagbaum 05/10
 Phyllis White 05/11
 Donald Falkenberg 05/12
 Shellie Falkenberg 05/12
 Terry Barnhart 05/13
 Lisa Synstelién 05/15
 Richard Donnelly 05/18
 Jeffrey Eklund 05/23
 Margaret Clavette 05/24
 Frances Hein 05/24
 Shirley Furry 05/25
 Marilyn Argue 05/27
 Kendall Casillo 05/27
 Jean Westermann 05/31



Anniversaries in May

05/07 Janette & Frank Farrugia
 05/08 Linda & Tim Leiwig
 05/28 Jocelyn & Oscar Escobar
 05/30 Pam & Georgene Thomas-Endy
 05/31 Lois & Raymond Harbourt



Recipe of the Month



The Are You Kidding Cake

3 large eggs
 1 box cake mix (any flavor)
 1 can pie filling (any flavor)

Put the three ingredients into a bowl, mix them well, and bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees in a 9 x13 pan.

It's got almost a pudding –cake kind of consistency, lighter than pound cake. It's spotted on the inside with little pieces of the fruit filling you chose. The edges are crispy, like on brownies.

Some mix and match ideas

Pineapple cake mix and blueberry filling
 Chocolate cake mix and cherry filling
 Yellow cake mix and cherry filling
 Yellow cake mix and blueberry filling
 Butter pecan cake mix and apple filling
 Yellow cake mix and apple filling
 Yellow cake mix and blackberry filling
 Strawberry cake mix and blueberry filling

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Ministry Training 10:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Servicio en español	3	4	5 9:00 am Quilter's Guild	6	7 11:00 am—1:00 pm Volunteers at House Blest	8 1:00—5:00 PM CAR WASH
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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

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