



# BELLWETHER

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

**LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## From the Pastor

### HOMECOMING SERVICE

September 13, 2020 @ 10 a.m.

The last time we gathered for “in person” worship was on Sunday, March 15. A lot has happened in the last five and a half months. We have obviously been dealing with a pandemic that has forced us to be a community of faith in new ways. Thanks be to God, we have never missed a Sunday – kicking off our online services on March 22. Your positive feedback on these services has been greatly appreciated.

Your Council has been working hard to prepare for “in-person” worship and we feel that we can now safely offer an abbreviated weekly “in-person” worship experience. We understand that this worship offering will not work for our whole community so we will also continue our present online offerings as well. Although the spiritual well being of our family and friends is most important – we didn’t want to re-start an “in-person” worship offering until we were confident that we could keep our participants safe.

In the next couple of days, you will be receiving a letter that highlights the new format for our “in-person” worship services and the expectations that will be placed upon those who choose to participate.

Lamb of God Church has responded with love and grace during these interesting times in which we live. I would like to thank you for your prayers and continued financial support of our shared ministry. We cannot be the Church with “u!”

God’s Blessings to All!

- Pastor Joe

### In this issue

Upcoming Events	2
Cordero de Dios	3
Recipe of the month	4
Birthdays & Anniversaries	6
Calendar	7

## Tithes & Offerings

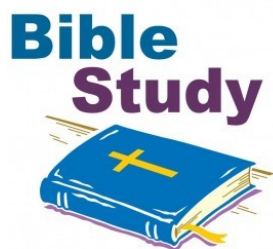
- Facebook
- Mail or
- Drop off during office hours

901 Scenic Hwy  
Haines City, FL 33844  
Tel: 863-421-2811

Fax: 863-421-0651

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

## Thursday Noon Bible Study Begins Sept. 10



We will pick up our study of St. Matthew's gospel on Thursday, September 10 at noon. We will be studying Matthew 21. We will meet in the Fellowship hall and all participants must wear face coverings and observe social distancing. The Fellowship Hall will be misted with anti-viral spray before and after each session. Please consider joining us as we kick off our Fall program.

## 9 | 11 Memorial Service



9:30 a.m. on  
Sept. 11 (online)

The synod is inviting everyone who is interested in participating in a brief remembrance service (30 minutes) on Friday, September 11.

We will take the time to remember those that we lost but also the strength that we found in the Lord and each other to move forward. Pastor Joe has been invited to share the reflection since he was serving in NYC at the time of the Terrorist Attacks. This will probably be a Zoom Gathering and we will get the links to you via email once they are available.

It is hard to believe that 19 years have passed since that memorable day.



## NEXT GROUP

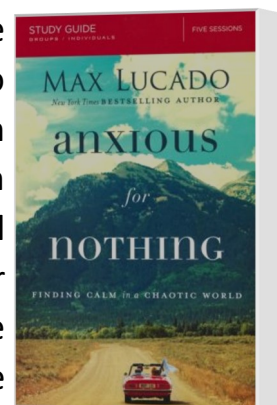
Wednesday, Sept. 9 & Sept. 23  
@ 10:30 a.m.

After our six month break, the *Next Group* will begin gathering once again for a time of fellowship, study and prayer. This group is for widows and widowers and focuses on sharing the joys and challenges of this next phase in our faith journey. We will resume the final two chapters (15 & 16) of Driving Miss Norma. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and will keep appropriate social distancing. Face coverings are required.

## Backyard Blast Series

Tentatively to begin in October

Please watch for details for this year's Backyard Blast Series (postponed from the summer). We would like to give the virus another month to decline so that we can potentially share a meal together as part of our gathering time. When the time is right, we will be sharing a five session video study featuring Max Lucado. He will be presenting on the theme: "Anxious for Nothing – finding calm in a chaotic world."

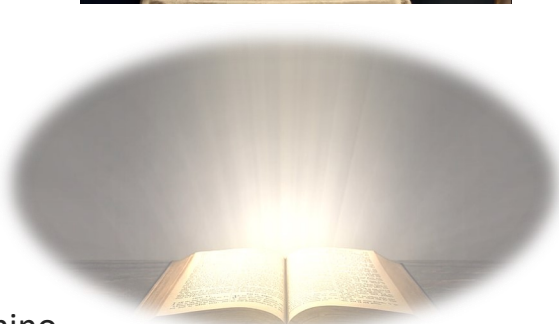


## Cordero de Dios

### Tiempo de Reflexión: “Valora Tu Lámpara de Vida: La Biblia.”

Que nuestra luz brille para todos mientras que podamos valorar y ser ejemplos de nuestra “Lámpara de Vida” que es la Biblia y que esto sea así para todos los que estén en nuestro camino diariamente en nuestras vidas. Amen.

Vicario Izzy Bango-Sanchez



### Time for Reflection

One of the weekly devotions we did was “Value your Lamp of Life: The Bible.”

May our light shine to all as we value, read, and exemplify our “Lamp of Life,” *the Bible*, to all whom we encounter daily in our lives. Amén.

Vicar Izzy Bango-Sanchez

### Special Blessing

The August 16 service was dedicated to all students, teachers and all school staff with a special blessing before starting classes.

We emphasized the importance of social distancing, the use of masks, and the importance of washing hands frequently to prevent any type of disease and contagion, including coronavirus. Please, let's keep all schools, teachers, staff, and every student in prayer.



### Bendición Especial

El servicio del 16 de agosto fue dedicado para todos los estudiantes, maestros y todo el personal de la escuela con una bendición especial antes de comenzar las clases.

Enfatizamos la importancia del distanciamiento social, el uso de mascarillas, y la importancia de lavarse las manos frecuentemente para evitar cualquier tipo de enfermedad y contagio, incluyendo el coronavirus. Porfavor mantengámos a todas las escuelas, sus maestros, todo el personal, y cada estudiante en oración.



# Recipe of the Month

*This month we provide you with not one but three recipes. Enjoy!*

## Pennsylvania Dutch Cucumbers *submitted by Jim Barnhart*

### Ingredients

- 3 to 4 small cucumbers
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced into rings
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon minced chives
- 1/2 teaspoon dill seed
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Pinch sugar
- Lettuce leaves, optional
- Tomato slices, optional

### Directions

- Peel cucumbers; slice paper-thin into a bowl. Sprinkle with salt; cover and refrigerate for 3-4 hours.
- Rinse and drain cucumbers. Pat gently to press out excess liquid. In a large bowl, combine cucumbers and onion; set aside. In a small bowl, combine sour cream, vinegar, chives, dill seed, pepper and sugar.
- Just before serving, add dressing to cucumbers; toss to coat. Arrange lettuce and tomatoes in a serving bowl if desired. Top with cucumbers.



## One-Pan Shrimp & Veggies *submitted by Jim Barnhart*

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. uncooked shrimp (16-20 per lb.)  
peeled and deveined
- 2 medium zucchini, halved and sliced
- 1/2 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 medium Sweet pepper, julienned
- 3 tablespoon sweet chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce (low sodium)
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup minced cilantro

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Place the shrimp, zucchini, mushrooms and sweet pepper in a greased 15x10x1 baking pan. Combine chili sauce, oil, lime juice, and soy sauce. Pour over shrimp mixture and toss to coat.
2. Bake until the shrimp turn pink and the vegetables are tender, 12—15 min. Sprinkle with green onions and cilantro.





## Heavenly Hash submitted by Joyce Hines

### Mix together:

- 1 white cake mix
- 1 11-oz. can mandarin oranges & juice
- 3/4 C vegetable oil
- 3 eggs

Put in a greased 9x13 pan. Bake in 350° oven for 35 min.  
Let cool.



### Topping:

- 1 13-oz. can crushed pineapple (not drained)
  - 1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
  - 1 8 oz. container whipped topping
  - 1 t. lemon juice
  - 1/2 t vanilla
- Mix all together and put on cake. Refrigerate.

---

*Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Send it to Evelyn at the church office.*

---

## Happenings at Lamb of God



Volunteers at House Blest fill bags with food.  
Food distribution happens every 1st and 3rd  
Friday of the month starting at 3:00 pm.

Prayer time and self-communion are  
available in the sanctuary  
to our members and community at-large  
every Wednesday from 10:00 am—12:00 pm.



## Congratulations to...

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

### Birthdays in September



- 09/01 Oscar Escobar
- 09/02 Ruth Bauer
- 09/03 Arlene Lachner
- 09/06 Joyce Hines
- 09/09 Aileen Bennett
- 09/09 Emily Sandretto
- 09/11 Louis Klockziem
- 09/12 Phyllis Pasbrig
- 09/15 Lorinda Utter
- 09/16 Diane Hockett
- 09/17 Neil Collins
- 09/18 Emanuel Santiago
- 09/19 Laverne Tillson
- 09/20 Nila Eklund
- 09/21 Isoris Bango-Sanchez
- 09/21 Addie Brubaker
- 09/21 Davina Schneider
- 09/22 Leo Boruschewitz, Jr
- 09/22 Gerald Pasbrig

### Anniversaries in September

- 09/02 Carol & Larry Vaughn
- 09/04 Mike & Jan Riedeman
- 09/14 David & Rebecca Casillo
- 09/18 Emma & Richard Murphy
- 09/24 Ken & Judy Lindberg



---

## Thank You For Your Contributions

### Tribute Fund

**John and Nancy Till** in memory of Betty Mezen and Robert Jones

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 am Quilter's Guild 10:00 am—12:00 pm Prayer and self-serve communion	3	4 11:00 am—3:00 pm Vol- unteers at House Blest 3:00 pm Food Pantry at House Blest	5
6 Online Worship Servicios en línea	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	8 6:00 pm Worship and Music Meeting	9 10:00 am—12:00 pm Prayer and self-serve communion 10:30 am NEXT Group	10 12:000 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Meeting	11 9   11 Memorial Ser- vice online 11:00 am—3:00 pm Vol- unteers at House Blest 3:00 pm Food Pantry at House Blest	12
13 10:00 am In-person Worship Service Online Worship Servicios en línea	14	15 BELLWETHER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	16 10:00 am—12:00 pm Prayer and self-serve communion	17 9:00 am Quilter's Guild 12:000 pm Bible Study	18 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 am—3:00 pm Vol- unteers at House Blest 3:00 pm Food Pantry at House Blest	19
20 10:00 am In-person Worship Service Online Worship Servicios en línea	21	22	23 10:00 am—12:00 pm Prayer and self-serve communion 10:30 am NEXT Group	24 12:000 pm Bible Study	25 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 am—3:00 pm Vol- unteers at House Blest 3:00 pm Food Pantry at House Blest	26
27 10:00 am In-person Worship Service Online Worship Servicios en línea	28	29	30			



901 Scenic Hwy  
Haines City, FL 33844

Bellwether, Published Monthly  
September 2020, Vol 26, Issue 9  
**October Bellwether submissions deadline is September 15**  
Editors: David Reedy and Evelyn Brewer

### 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.

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

901 Scenic Hwy., Haines City, FL 33844-8597

Tel: 863.421.2811, Fax: 863.421.0651

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

#### Staff:

Rev. Joe Conner, Pastor

[pastor@lambofgodhainescity.com](mailto:pastor@lambofgodhainescity.com)

Izzy Bango-Sanchez, Vicar

Evelyn Brewer, Office Administrator

[officemanager@lambofgodhainescity.com](mailto:officemanager@lambofgodhainescity.com)

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**ONLINE WORSHIP:** [www.lambofgodhainescity.com/worship](http://www.lambofgodhainescity.com/worship)

<b>May - October</b>	<b>10:00 am Holy Communion</b> 8:45 am Sunday School (Temp. Canceled)
<b>November - April</b>	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