



# LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

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Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 PM

#### Choir Practice:

Wednesday Eve 7:30 PM

#### Worship :

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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# The GOOD NEWS Letter

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By Pastor  
John  
Roebke

## DIFFERENT PARTS, SAME BODY

*"In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." (Romans 12:5-6)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are quickly approaching the "grand finale" of our Different Gifts, Same Grace emphasis. We have preached God's Word. We have taught God's Word. Now, as a congregation of Christians, we can be confident. Why? The Lord promises us that "faith comes from hearing the message" (Romans 10:17). We can be confident that the faith of our Lamb of God family has grown. Jesus makes us this promise: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). We are connected to Christ! We are fruitful through Christ.

You now hold an opportunity in your hands to exercise your faith and bear fruits for Christ. What sort of fruits? The careful use of the talents God has given you. Jesus is the head of the body. As head, Jesus gives every one of his body's member's talents and abilities. We use them to God's glory. We bury them to our shame. We use them to promote the salvation of our fellow man. We neglect them to the detriment of the church's mission. Translation: when it comes to our talents, the personal stakes are high!

Our ministry at Lamb of God has been richly blessed, in spite of a difficult few years in our nation. We are, by God's grace,

- standing firmly on the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God in a relativistic society which has rejected the Bible's absolute standard for morality and truth;
- operating Little Lambs Learning Center for the tenth consecutive school year with an enrollment of 24;
- reaching out to our community through various children's programs including Morning Out Ministry, the Tennis Clinic, Christmas & Easter for Kids; reaching out to our members through the ministry of our Elders, Sunday School, Mary/Martha Guild and other Small Groups that are being developed.

With thanks for his blessings in the year past, and with faith, counting on his blessings in the year ahead, I encourage you to complete our congregational Time/Talent survey. For a downloadable version go to: <http://www.lambofgodchurch.org/time&talent>

Christ's love is our calling. After hearing God's Word on the matter, we know that we all have Different Gifts, but share in the Same Grace. God's gift of talents is one of his chief blessings to us. May we use them well until we enter eternity with Him. Until then, let the encouragement of the hymn fill your hearts:

"We give our minds to understand your ways;  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;  
Hearts with the flame of your own love ablaze -  
Thus for your glory all our pow'rs combine." (CW 483 v. 2)

Blessings in Christ!  
Pastor John Roebke



**NEW SMALL GROUP** - Call Larry Povinelli for info 256-325-4120 On Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7 p.m., the Povinellis will begin a Home Bible Study on Church Fellowship. The Bible study will occur at the home of the Povinellis, 121 Cork Alley, Madison, Alabama 35758. The Home Bible Study will meet the first Monday of each month - unless members decide otherwise. The course we will use is Professor John F. Brug's book on Church Fellowship. **Church Fellowship - Working Together for the Truth**

In our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), we cherish our unity in faith. Because we cherish it so much, we will never want to lose sight of the privilege we have to express that fellowship with one another—in prayer, in praise, in the Lord's Supper, and in our common mission.

**Come to our home to begin a Study of Church Fellowship.**

- Lesson 1 - Monday, **October 3**, 2011 at 7 p.m. - Introduction to Church Fellowship
- Lesson 2 - Monday, **November 7**, 2011 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - Scriptural Principles - Working Together for the Faith
- Lesson 3 - Monday, **December 5**, 2011 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - Scriptural Principles continued
- Lesson 4 - Monday, **January 2**, 2011 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - Scriptural Principles - The Unit Concept
- Lesson 5 - Monday, **February 5**, 2012 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - Scriptural Principles - The Unit Concept continued
- Lesson 6 - Monday, **March 5**, 2012 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - Preserving Fellowship
- Lesson 7 - Monday, **April 2**, 2012 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - Extending Fellowship
- Lesson 8 - Monday, **May 7**, 2012 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - The Practice of Fellowship - Guidelines & Basic Applications
- Lesson 9 - Monday, **June 4**, 2012 at 7 p.m. - Church Fellowship - The Practice of Fellowship - Guidelines & Basic Applications continued
- Lesson 10 - Monday, **September 10**, 2012 - Church Fellowship - The Practice of Fellowship - Situations Dealing with Our Own Services
- Lesson 11 - Monday, **October 1**, 2012 - Church Fellowship - The Practice of Fellowship - Situations Dealing with Our Own Services continued
- Lesson 12 - Monday, **November 5**, 2012 - Church Fellowship - The Practice of Fellowship - Working with Others
- Lesson 13 - Monday, **December 3**, 2012 - Church Fellowship - The Practice of Fellowship - Working with Others continued and wrap up of study.

**Latest Budget Figures**

Aug 2011	Budgeted monthly Offerings	\$ 12,891.69
Treas's Report	Actual Offerings/Jul 2011	<u>10,028.85</u>
Offerings	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (2,862.84)



**BECKY TAUCHEN,  
PRESIDENT OF  
MARY MARTHA  
INVITES YOU TO  
PARTICIPATE!**

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) has been assigned the African mission of Malawi and the Kansas City mission of the Hmong people to the WELS Southern Hills District, which includes us. Mary/Martha Guild of Lamb of God is hosting a **Silent Auction** of hand-made crafts and themed baskets during the last 2 Sundays of October (**October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**) to help support these worthy missions.

**Donations of your hand-made crafts or themed baskets can be brought to church** anytime from October 16<sup>th</sup> to the final Sunday sale of October 30<sup>th</sup>. The last silent auction worked out so well, we are looking forward to seeing all your new ideas in crafts and themed baskets. Work together on your crafts or baskets, or do your own, but join in the fun. Craft day is every Thursday from 10 AM to noon in the Fellowship Room and you are always welcome to join the "regulars" with your crafts, or have gatherings at your home with friends and family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pearl Brooks at 256-859-6536, and Becky Tauchen at 256-852-7505.



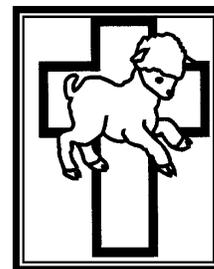
Go to: [www.lambogodchurch.org/time&talent](http://www.lambogodchurch.org/time&talent)

Share your talent. Let us know how you would like to share your talents and special gifts to serve God and others.

## Little Lambs Learning Center 2011-2012

By Elsa Toepke

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On behalf of Lamb of God Lutheran Church, the Little Lambs Learning Center staff and in the name of Jesus, we welcomed and in many cases welcomed back 24 children and families for the 2011 - 2012 school year, our tenth consecutive year. We've all been excited and anxious for weeks to have them in our classes. We love the smell of new crayons too!

For the first time we have a four hour program with all children staying daily for lunch which they bring from home. Another change is that we once again have only a two day or a three day program meeting on Tuesday and Thursday or Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. This overlap of days allows for the children and families to get to know one another more easily, allows for joint chapel on Thursdays as well as joint special events such as our Fall Harvest Party, Jesus Birthday Party and The Resurrection Party. Another positive of three days in the middle of the week is there will be fewer teaching days lost because of holidays since most of those fall on either Monday or Friday. It also allows for four day weekends for those families who have the opportunity to do so.

Many smiling, eager faces, with minimal separation anxiety describe the beginning of our school year on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. An amazing amount of progress has already been made in many areas: listening, following directions, walking in a line, sharing, taking turns, using pencils and scissors correctly, singing, memorizing Jesus songs, Bible words and prayers, alphabet songs and sounds and practicing "I'm sorry" and "You're forgiven". What a GREAT start!



## MORNING OUT MINISTRY

Director: Pearl Brooks

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The 2011-2012 session of MOM is in full swing. Nancy, Gabi and I went to the Madison Fire station to get out CPR and AED certification. The fire department offers these classes twice a month and the cost is \$15:00 per person. We would recommend them to everyone in our church. You never know when you might need to use it!

We are blessed this year to have four little girls and five boys registered. They are a delight to watch and work with. We can already see that we are going to have our hands full this year. We are already making repairs to some of our puzzles! They are really getting a work-out. Isn't it wonderful how little ones learn to work on a puzzle. We have some very smart children in our midst.

We will continue with our Bible stories and crafts. The children really like music and singing, they are getting good at the action songs we have been learning. We sing Jesus songs along with our alphabet song. We sing about the sound that the letters make. Prayers are an important part of our program. They are already learning our prayers that we sing.

Thanks  
to Our  
Sunday  
School  
Crew



## Sunday School Director: Pearl Brooks

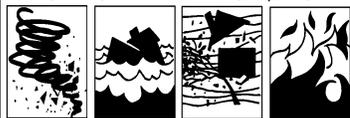
Our new session of Sunday school has begun. We are blessed to have the same teachers plus two new ones! The classes are arranged as follows:

- Miss Nancy K & Miss Abby will teach the preschool age children.
- Miss Sara will teach kindergarten to 2nd grade
- Miss Pearl will teach 3rd to 5th grade
- Miss Nancy R and Miss Gwen will teach confirmation ages
- Miss Pam will teach high school
- Miss Karla is our pianist again this year.

I am very blessed to have such dedicated teachers and a pianist who give of their time each Sunday morning.

Thank you for sending your children to Sunday school to learn about Our Lord. If your child hasn't made it to Sunday school yet there is still time. We have plenty of materials for everyone. Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the sanctuary and sing. See you Sunday morning at 9:00AM!

### DISASTER RELIEF



*Help those in need*

Greetings to all of you! I hope this email finds you truly blessed! As our tornado recovery continues, the Community Disaster Relief Warehouse is in need of 3-5 Volunteers on Saturdays in September, October and November from 8:30-3pm.

If you, you and some friends and family or your business or church can volunteer for one of these Saturdays, we would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks to all of you who have given so freely of your time and efforts to help man the warehouse in the past. We look forward to working with you in the future! Blessings!

**Kelley Smith**

Disaster Volunteer Coordinator, United Way-Athens/Limestone Co.  
419 S. Marion Street, Athens, Alabama 35611 Call 256-233-2323

#### How to make a contribution for the Tornado Relief Effort

Your contributions are needed, not only for the tornado relief in Alabama, but in many other areas of the U.S. Contributions can be made at [www.wels.net/relief](http://www.wels.net/relief). You can also send a gift through the mail to WELS Christian Aid and Relief, 2929 N. Mayfair Road, Milwaukee, WI 53222. Or, if you prefer, write a check to L.O.G. and mark it for "Local Disaster Relief" and include it with your regular Sunday donation.



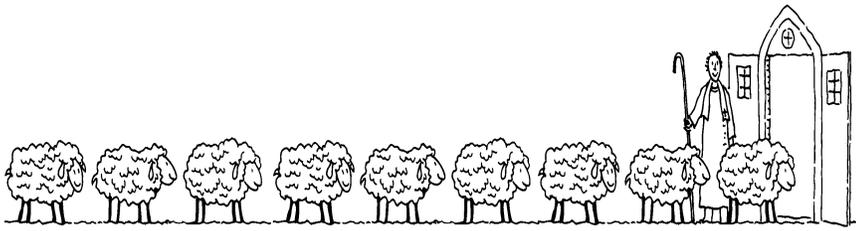
*Becky McPherson  
Extends an invitation to the  
YOUNG at HEART folks  
To come to her home  
On October 21st at 6 PM  
For TACO NIGHT!*



Give Becky a call and let her know how you can help her make this another delicious and joy-filled gathering of the Young @ Heart members. Becky McPherson, 256-566-8903  
Location: 11632 Morris Drive, Madison, AL 35756

## Faith of the Flock

### Introducing...A Life of Faith by Larry & Sue Povinelli



Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him."

God's word has been at the center of our lives. Sue grew up in a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) family in Michigan. Larry grew up Catholic, as his parents immigrated to Michigan from Italy. Larry went through Bible information classes with Pastor Walter Beckmann at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Falls Church, Virginia and officially became a WELS member in August of 1990.

Sue and Larry met at Michigan State University (MSU) when a mutual friend of theirs set them up on a blind date. Sue graduated from MSU in 1983 with an Engineering degree in Material Science and Larry graduated from MSU in 1984 with a degree in Criminal Justice/Psychology. They were married on August 11, 1984.

In September of 1984, Sue accepted a job as a Materials Engineer with the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Arlington, Virginia. Sue spent her first 10 years as a Materials Engineer with NAVAIR. In this position, she was directly involved in the corrosion control of all of the Navy's aircraft. She was the chief engineer responsible for the elimination of asbestos on all of the Navy's aircraft. Sue won an award from President Ronald Regan for her outstanding work. Beginning in May 1994, Sue became a Foreign Military Sales Officer for NAVAIR. In that position, Sue traveled to Greece every two months to oversee the sales of Military Aircraft to Greece. In June of 1997, because of a move by NAVAIR, Sue began work with the Army Materiel Command (AMC). She is currently with AMC and works as a Program Analyst. Consequently, we moved to Madison in May as result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) when AMC moved its headquarters moved from Ft. Belvoir, Virginia to the Redstone Arsenal.

While in Virginia, Larry attended George Mason University School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor degree in May of 1988. Larry is admitted to the bars of Virginia, D.C. and Michigan. Larry is in the process of being admitted to the Alabama bar. Larry has been in private law practice since his graduation from law school. Larry started out working with an attorney doing Immigration and Family Law for five years. In 1993 he began a professional corporation and moved his office from Arlington, Virginia to D.C. Larry had his office in D.C. for 15 years, where he concentrated on Family, Criminal, Neglect and Juvenile matters in the D.C. local and federal courts, as well as the courts of Virginia and Maryland. In 2009, Larry's law partner of fifteen years passed away. Consequently, Larry moved his law practice back to Virginia and moved away from doing Criminal work and began concentrating on Disability Rights, Employment Discrimination and Social Security matters.

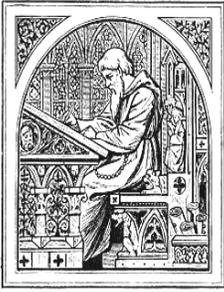
We believe a Christian Education is a firm foundation to ensure an understanding of God's wisdom. As King Solomon stated "Teach your children in the way they should go, and they will not depart from it." We have two daughters, Michelle (21) and Stephenie (23). They both attended elementary school at Grace Lutheran School (WELS) in Falls Church, Virginia and high school at Michigan Lutheran Seminary Preparatory (WELS) in Saginaw, Michigan. Stephenie continued onto Martin Luther College and received her BS in Education this past December. During their school years they met their husbands and are both active WELS members in Michigan and Wisconsin. Our daughter Michelle and her husband Ben hope to be moving to Knoxville, Tennessee by the end of the year. Ben is a EMT/Fire Fighter.

We believe that we should serve the Lord and show his glory by actively participating in our community and church. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly, and teach and admonish one another with wisdom through psalm, hymns, and songs from the spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your heart. Sue served joyfully as a Lutheran Pioneer leader during her children's school years. Larry served as Chairman of Grace Lutheran Church's Board of Christian Education for seven years. We are currently sharing our gratitude by sharing Lord's blessing with the Madison City Lions Club and the soon to be formed Greater Rocket City chapter of the National Federation of the Blind.

We enjoy biking, biking, square dancing, reading, traveling and exploring new experiences.

As you can see we have truly been blessed by our Lord. We look forward to serving with our new church family here at Lamb of God.





## *Notes from the Scriptorium*

Bart Leahy, Council Secretary

School's back in session, and that means it's time to get to learning again—not just the young people in our congregation, but the adults, too.

The fourth chapter of the book of John, the apostle relates the story of Jesus passing through Samaria. While he sends the disciples to find food, Jesus speaks with a Samaritan woman with a checkered past who came to the well in the heat of the day so she could avoid the gossip of her neighbors. Samaritans and Jews did not associate with each other, so why did Jesus travel through that country when he might have gone around? Why did he ask the woman about her five previous husbands and the man she lived with who was not her husband? What do Jesus' actions with this Samaritan woman teach us about leadership? These are some of the burning questions Pastor has your Church Council contemplating at the start of our meetings. You can get quite a lot of lessons from one story!

In addition to keeping the Council on its toes, Pastor Roebke continues leading a variety of events for our youths, including bike rides and camping outings. He also has his fingers on the pulse of the church's Long Range Planning Committee and the Little Lambs Board and an upcoming Pastors' conference in October. Wherever he is, be sure to thank or pray for him as he goes about his work. He is without a doubt the busiest man I know.

Speaking of Pastor, I know he had put out a call for members of the congregation to read Scripture lessons during the service. We're tabling that for now until we have some more discussions with our Synod. We'll keep you posted as events warrant.

Meanwhile, as the weather cools down, that means it's time to start fixing things in and around the church grounds. We have a church work day October 8, which as always is a great opportunity to make our sanctuary and grounds shine and to interact with your fellow parishioners on a day besides Sunday. We start around 8 and usually finish around noon. Food is provided, you just have to provide the energy and elbow grease (does that come in cans yet?)

Tom Poehlman, our fearless Council President, is in the process of seeking men to fulfill the InReach, Treasurer, and Buildings & Grounds positions on the Council. If you have the aptitude and a willing spirit, please speak with Tom or any of the Council members about this important way to serve the Lord and the church.

Outreach Chairman Jon Ehrman has been deep into planning our presence at the Madison Street Festival. This is an annual event

for us, and a great way to meet with our community and share the good word. I'm sure Jon and the other volunteers could use the help and encouragement, so feel free to join up or drop by our booth.

Bryan Tauchen has been doing his usual diligent job minding the books. He did want us to know that while expenses have been lower than budgeted, our offerings are about 80% of what we expected by this point, so we're about \$5,000 behind where we expected to be at this point in our fiscal year. It's a little early in the year to be concerned, but it's also important that you know what's going on.

Your humble Council Secretary and acting Inreach Chairman continues to keep up with the Council minutes, this Scriptorium, and the Little Lambs Board meetings. I'll most likely be at the church Work Day October 8, so you can really see me sweat!

As always, your Council wishes to thank all of you who volunteer your time, talents, and treasure to the mission of Lamb of God. The message is the Lord's, but the work is ours. May we continue to do it joyfully.



**FALL WORKDAY, OCTOBER 8  
8 AM – UNTIL IT'S DONE!**

**Bring your own yard tools, gloves,  
bug spray, and have a great time  
working w/friends!**

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<b>In-Reach:</b>	OPEN
<b>Out-Reach :</b>	Jon Ehrman
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Jeff VanOrman
<b>Elders:</b>	Gary Anthony, Del Brooks, Dan Peebles, Larry Harbaugh, Mike Presley Gary Anthony
<b>Long-Range Planning:</b>	OPEN
<b>Maintenance:</b>	Pearl Brooks
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Karla Poehlman
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Becky Tauchen
<b>Mary Martha Guild President:</b>	Pam Hess
<b>Youth Leader:</b>	ElsaToepke
<b>Little Lambs Preschool Director:</b>	Pearl Brooks
<b>Morning Out Ministry Director:</b>	Gary Anthony
<b>School Board President:</b>	Gabi Presley
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<b>School Board Secretary:</b>	Cynthia Curtis
<b>School Board Treasurer:</b>	David Bray
<b>Lawn Care Chairman:</b>	Jan VanOrman
<b>Bytes of Bread:</b>	Jan VanOrman
<b>Sunday Snack Scheduler:</b>	Becky Tauchen
<b>LOG Historian:</b>	Becky Tauchen, Gwen Smith
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<b>Food Pantry:</b>	Joni Gruber
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