



LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday: 10:30 AM

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Thursday: 7:00 PM

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The GOOD NEWS Letter

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

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Y STUDEE DA BIBUL?

Y ez et emportent 2 lurn 2 spel wurds rite? If u dont den its hurd to reed buks. Eef u caint endrstand whut stret sains sei u culd git lorst er en a axident. Eef u moov & ders no pixchur on da bax, u wont no wutts ensid. Gud luk finin ur shooz!

Sayms tru bowt nummrs. 2 bad ef u caint figger aut dat da klurk shud giv u mor munev bak, cuz u caint ad 2.49 + 4.18. end ul looz ur lisunz 4 shur eef u caint tel da deefernz tween 75 end 45 sped limt.

Wutt wood ur laif b lik 2da eef ur mama & papa didnd sand u 2 skool? Wutt wood r contry b lik eef da gavnment didndt mak kidz git edchketud? Ud hav biggr prablms dan balansing ur chikbuk 4 shur! Peepul wood tink ur stoopid, ud harly git uh jawb, end ud b por 2. ud mis aut on lotz af gud stuf en laif.

Wutt eef u down reed da bibul? Wutt eef u sa u down need 2 studee mor cuz u no wutt u beleev end dats gud nuff? U ken git 2 hevun fur shur cuz selvashun iz bai graise thru faiyth end not bai works, r by hau meni vursuz u ken reecait frum mem-ree. Iven leetel baybeez r savd thru baptizm eevn tho dey caint reed.

Y du wee studee da bibul? Y du wee go 2 bibul klas? "The holy Scriptures...are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15) Studeeing da bibul meenz lurnin mor about urselv - dat ur nat so gud r smart az u theenk u r, dat u gat atitudz tawards uthrs dat steenk, dat ur nat luvin uthrz az urselv. End studeeing da bibul meenz lurnin mor about wutt ur sayvur did 4 u 2 4 giv u so u 4 giv atherz.



Da bibul sayz, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." (1 Peter 2:2-3) Milk iz gud 4 babeez bat duznt stek tayst bettr 2 a grownip? Dont mis aut an da fun uf studeeing da bibul. Wuns u git a tayst ul see hau gud it iz.

End gro ap so u ken tawk 2 uthrz baut da bibul. Sho uthertz dat krischunz rnt stoopid becuz dey beeleev in da bibul. Reemembr wethur r nat dey beeleev is nat up 2 u, itz da work af GOD. Bat u ken git in hiz wey eef ur nat shur whut 2 say r ur nat redi 2 giv en anser frum da bibul. Ensted, "In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

Paster Jan Rebky



Notes from the Scriptorium

by Bart D. Leahy, Council Secretary

Before I jump into my usual secretarial spiel, I would like to thank all of you who have asked about my sister's health. She's been fighting some nasty migraines for the last 3-4 months, and it's been rather stressful for her and our family struggling to understand what's been causing them and how to keep Colleen's spirits up. She is doing better, but still has some medical wrestling to do with this problem. Your concern for me and prayers for her have been much appreciated.

Getting back to business. Just because it's summer doesn't mean that the work of the church has slacked off. Pastor has been his usual active self, leading youth group outings, following up with new visitors and current members, and doing his usual terrific job on leading adult Bible classes and services. Still wondering where he finds the time and energy.

Jon, our equally tireless Council President, has been leading group studies of Martin Luther at his home, addressed business correspondence for the church, helped with the Tennis Clinic, and begun work on touching up paint for our downspouts and replacing some of the window frames in the church.

Jeff, our Buildings & Grounds Chairman, also has been busy. He arranged for the flooring in the sacristies to be replaced. I haven't seen it yet, but I know this has been a long-running concern, so hooray! Mission accomplished! He's also gotten price quotes for the big items on the church's capital improvement list. If there's a project you'd like to see done or take care of (or donate to) yourself, let him know!

Speaking of the Tennis Clinic... a belated thank you to Mike and Stephanie (LOGLC's Treasurer Larry Povinelli's daughter), who took time again this year to drive down and lead this activity for the youth in our neighborhood.

And speaking of Larry, he's happy to report that we ended fiscal year 2013 (ended June 30) \$3,000 in the black. Admittedly, much of that resulted from lower-than-expected utility bills and some cutbacks of church activities, but we appreciate everyone's giving, without which Lamb of God could not be the blessing it is to the Madison/ Huntsville area. Some of that money went toward the aforementioned sacristy flooring and for auditor training for Cindy Curtis.

Lots to report on the In Reach side of things. First, Little Lambs Learning Center is seeing a limited number of registrations this school year (10 at present), with the Morning Out Ministry (MOM) currently having five students registered. This will mean cutting back the staff to Elsa and Deb, with Gwen Smith helping out as an aide now and then. If you know more parents who would like to see their young ones in a loving, Christian preschool environment, send them our way! Also related to In-reach: I am reviewing electronic records from 1999-2007, i.e., when Pastor Turriff was here. We are trying to get a good, solid list (and maybe some data charts) together to record how many marriages, baptisms, and other ministry activities Lamb of God has performed over the years. If you have any records of your own that could help me determine specific dates for these activities, please let me know! Also, Mark Strand has agreed to join the LLC board as our "at large" member. Thanks for volunteering, Mark! Lastly, there is a ~\$2,500 surplus in the MOM budget. Pearl wanted to make some purchases for Easter for Kids, Christmas for Kids, and Sunday School. Thanks again to Pearl and all the volunteers who make MOM part of our ministry!

CRAFTY KIDS CAMPS and CROCHET CLASSES

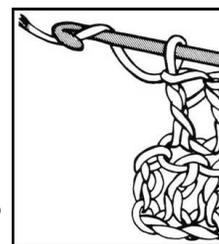
By Deborah Bray

The Crafty Kids Camps and Crochet Classes were a great success at Lamb of God Church this summer. Fifteen children in the three weeks of Craft Camp used the gifts and talents God has given them to create awesome projects including papier-mâché bowls, jewel and rock embellished garden stones, origami animals, summer memory scrapbooks, friendship bracelets, woven placemats, decorated picture frames, painted door name plates, nature walk inspired fossil rocks, glass bead magnets, woven pot holders, and more. Many thanks to Amelia Griesing and Lily and Chrissy Roebke for their invaluable help with the craft camps. New friendships were formed and awesome skills developed as six women took advantage of the Crochet Classes offered at Lamb of God this summer. From beautiful flower trimmed headbands, dishcloths, and market bags, to exquisite sampler afghans, the handcrafted results were impressive. The participants truly modeled Proverbs 31, verse 13 as they “worked with their hands in delight!” No one enjoyed the experience more than Deborah Bray, who is grateful to the church for the privilege of being able to offer these programs this summer.

CROCHET CLASS ...from a student's point of view

by Margaret Lindsey

This summer I participated in Mrs. Debra's crochet classes. I have always wanted to learn to crochet, but for whatever reason I never did. When I saw the information and class descriptions in the church program I jumped at the chance. I took the Intro class and the Intermediate class and I enjoyed them both. The class size was small, only four students max, and we got lots of one-on-one attention. Mrs. Debra was patient and she worked with us until we felt comfortable with our stitches. She wanted us to have fun and enjoy what we were are doing. She gave us tips on where to get the best buys on yarn and supplies and she also provided handouts, laminated instructions, and a list of internet resources to find free projects and patterns. If we needed help between classes, we could text or email her a picture of what we were working on and she would help fix our problem. At the beginning of the first class we began with prayer and a short devotional. Mrs. Debra shared her favorite bible verse with us, *Proverbs 31:13*, “*She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.*” She told us that her Grandmother taught her to crochet when she was a young girl and now she loves teaching others to crochet. Through the course of the class she also shared with us instances in her life where God was watching out for her and taking care of her. What I liked most about this class is that I learned something that I really wanted to learn and I got to know Mrs. Debra better. I would definitely take this class again and I hope she teaches it next summer. I still have a lot to learn about crochet and would love to learn more.



**How to make a contribution
for the**

Tornado Relief Effort

Contributions can be made at

www.wels.net/relief

(or at LambOfGodChurch.Org - Look for a link under “external links”)

**OKLAHOMA TORNADO VICTIMS
BENEFIT CONCERT-SERVICE
AUGUST 25th 10:30—Noon**



Buildings and Grounds

Jeff Alexy, Building & Grounds Chair

SEPTEMBER 28th - 9AM

All hands needed!

Pot Luck Lunch

We'll be making this yard work day a major effort, we have visitors coming for the LWMS Rally mid-October. We are in process of making up a list of chores that need to be done. Please set aside September 28th for the initial effort and October 12th to complete unfinished projects. If you can help beforehand, let Jeff Alexy know (283-6947, brigjeff@gmail.com) when you'll be coming by and what you plan on doing. Otherwise, sign up at the Narthex Table for the day. busy hands + beautiful landscape = God's glory

September 8th — Education Sunday

Church Service 10:30 AM

Installation of our Sunday School Teachers

Nancy Kolodzne (Preschoolers)

Sara Wheat (Kindergarteners to 2nd grade)

Pearl Brooks (3rd-6th graders)

Ken Spirduso (7-9th graders)

Gwen Smith (10-11-12 graders)

Installation of Little Lambs Learning Center Preschool Teachers

Elsa Toepke, Director, Teacher

Deborah Bray, Teacher

Gwen Smith, Assistant

Installation of Morning Out Ministry Teachers

Pear Brooks, Director, Teacher

Nancy Kolodzne, Teacher

Gabi Presley, Teacher



Special Celebration of Elsa Toepke's

50th year as a Christian Educator

POT LUCK DINNER * PROGRAM * SURPRISES

OUTREACH

Hello fellow family members, beloved of the Lord and sharers of God's grace to us in Jesus! Greetings from the Lamb of God Evangelism Department.

We've got our permit to participate again in the Madison Street Festival the first weekend of October. What a great way to put the name of our church in front of our neighbors and reflect Jesus' love for us to the lost sheep in our community. Last year at our booth at the Street Festival we gave out water, hot chocolate, carrying bags and flyers and introduced everyone we could to our Pastor and our members.

Our plans for this year's Festival have not yet been formulated. I'd like to welcome you to our upcoming meetings. Here's an opportunity for you to help us come up with the best way to reach out to the many, many people passing by our booth. Last year I'd just moved to the area and really enjoyed being a part of manning the booth. It was great fun to hand out water bottles with our name on them and just enjoy the friendly atmosphere of this event.

Talk to me or Pastor Roebke or Council Members about joining this Lamb of God outreach opportunity! **First meeting is today after our worship service.**

Your brother in Jesus' Peace,
Chris Driesbach
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| Council/Treasurer: | Larry Povinelli |
| Council/Secretary: | Bart Leahy |
| Financial: | Richard Kolodzne |
| Auditor: | Cynthia Curtis |
| In Reach: | Bart Leahy |
| Out Reach: | Chris Driesbach |
| Head Usher: | Jeff VanOrman |
| Elders: | Gary Anthony, Del Brooks, Dan Peebles, Larry Harbaugh, Mike Presley Sean Curtis |
| Long-Range Planning: | Jon Ehrman |
| Building & Ground Chair: | Jeff Alexy |
| Sunday School: | Pearl Brooks |
| Choir Director: | Karla Poehlman |
| Musician: | Chris Driesbach |
| Mary Martha Guild Pres: | Sue Povinelli |
| Youth Leader: | Pam Hess |
| Preschool LLLC: | Elsa Toepke |
| Morning Out Ministry: | Pearl Brooks |
| School Board President: | Gabi Presley |
| School Board V.P.: | Gary Anthony |
| School Board Secretary: | Gwen Smith |
| School Board Treasurer: | Larry Povinelli |
| Lawn Care Chairman: | David Bray |
| Bytes of Bread: | Jan VanOrman |
| Sunday Snack Scheduler: | Jan VanOrman |
| LOG Historian: | Becky Tauchen |
| Library: | Becky Tauchen, Gwen Smith |
| Food Pantry: | Laurie Aikens |
| Office Secretary: | Joni Gruber |

Camp South—130 Kids on a Mission! by Chrissy Roebke



This year, Camp South was at a new location, an FFA (Future Farmers of America) camp in Covington, GA. We had teams of four different colors: red, black, yellow, and white. The campers would do “Survivor challenges,” where each team had to participate in a competitive event such as bowling, field games, or running through a mud-filled obstacle course. Whichever team won one of the three challenges of the day got to wear a medal. This meant they earned the privilege to go in front of others when waiting in a line for something. We had two devotions and one Bible study per day. Devotions were usually twenty minutes and the Bible studies were usually ninety minutes. The theme was “Twelve Men on a Mission,” about the disciples. The food at camp was just like school cafeteria food, except most cafeterias do not serve as much chicken. Camp South is a great camp, and a good place to meet other kids who share your same faith. I am sorry that this was my last year of camp. I have gone to Camp South five years now, and this was possibly the best one I have attended. I thank everyone who donated money or paid for services of the Youth Group to defray the cost of camp.



Camp South—A Different Perspective, by Joe Reis

Joe Reis drove one of the vehicles to ferry ten Lamb of God participants to Camp South in Covington, GA. While he also took Jennifer to the USATF Junior Olympic Championships in Greensboro, NC, he was able to observe the Camp South activities for a few days. “My children always came back from Camp South wildly enthusiastic, but this was the first time I observed activities first hand. The activities are non-stop from first thing in the morning until late at night. I took over 140 pictures of the campers going through the mud course and being launched from the blob. (click on the Youth page of our church website to see a video www.lamofgodchurch.org) I will definitely consider going again.”

JOLLY JAR JUMBLE FUNDRAISER



They came. They saw. They jumbled! Our first ever Jolly Jar Jumble was a great success. We had 118 jolly jars donated for our jumble. We are especially thankful for all those members outside of our Mary Martha group who chose to help us raise funds for our missions. All of this outside help contributed to some very clever and imaginative jolly jars. Who knew there were so many uses for our pre-used jars or that the word “jar” could be so creatively redefined! We hope that after “jumbling” everyone was able to leave with a jar and prize that made them smile. Our Mary/Martha Guild’s missions budget is smiling with the \$532 dollars raised from our sales and donations. Thank you one and all.



Mary/Martha Committee Chair
Gabi Presley

Your Council President's Report

By Jon Ehrman

Reflecting back on the last couple of months, we can see life much like a football game and this includes our Church Life.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians he says: "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14)

The Lord has placed each and every one of us in the game. Each of us has an assignment that best employs our time, talents and abilities in order to play the game our Lord has set before us! Thanks to the mercy of our living, loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, he has already won the game for us. Now, each of us has the freedom to press forward, please God and receive the winning goal of eternal life with him.

Our Pastor, as our quarterback, has picked up the ball given him, and he in turn hands it off to us. While some may be running with the ball, we need many around us to help with the daily blocking and tackling of life. In our way are many obstacles placed by our adversary, Satan, who constantly tries to trip us up, lead us astray and defeat us (separate us from our Lord).

Throughout the game, we find it necessary to carry the ball as best and far as we can go. Then, we hand the ball off to others who carry it to a first down, second down, etc. until we have crossed over, carrying the ball over the goal line.



At our Church, we continue to see many successful plays, including:

- Receiving new incoming members to share in our life's experiences.
- Graduations of three year olds from MOM's to preschool.
- Little Lamb Learning Center graduations of five year olds to kindergarten.
- Holding our semi-annual Congregational meeting which approved our FY2014 Budget, Bylaw Change, ministry incorporations, combination of Church and LLLC treasurers positions, and affirmation of our new Outreach Chairman.
- Conducting a tennis clinic where 28 young tennis players and their families learned about our Church ministries.
- Re-flooring of our Sacristy rooms and correcting unsightly safety hazards.
- Repair of the last of the hail damaged and paying in full all contractors involved.
- Teaching children lifetime craft skills.
- Involvement in numerous other volunteer activities, whether mowing or pulling weeds, carrying out recycling or trash, etc. all important to maintain our Church building and grounds.

Looking ahead, we see still more opportunities, including the following:

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| Benefit Concert for Moore, OK tornado victims Aug. 25 th | Repair of a weathered Sunday school window. |
| Madison Street Festival Oct. 6 th | LWMS Circuit Rally - hosted at Lamb of God Oct. 19 th |
| Christmas for Kids Dec. 14 th | Installation of storage cabinets (pending available funds) |
| Clean and repaint steeple | Refinish altar furniture |
| Minor upgrades to our heating & cooling system | Installation of washable ceiling tiles in kitchen |
| Addition of Exterior backlighting stained glass window | |

Each of us is equally important! Working together as a team, worshipping our God and sharing his love, we strive to please him who created us. By believing in him, he lives within us and helps us to accomplish life's goal. Thank you all for your continued help in passing through this game of life!