



LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE GOOD NEWS LETTER



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

OCTOBER 30, 2016

We Value Friendship

*A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)*

This month we take a look at three values that intend to strengthen the bonds between us as members of God's beloved family.

Core Value #8: Member Connectedness (Fellowship)

Description: We provide numerous opportunities for members to socialize with one another. Some of these are congregation wide. Others are aimed at niche groups: women, men, retirees, twenty-somethings, etc. Our ministry plan provides adequate funding for these programs.

Core Value #15: Cultural Inclusivity

Description: Our members are glad to set aside personal preferences and personal “comfort zones” to accommodate the personal preferences of those of another culture when it is appropriate. The diversity in culture and customs is viewed by members as a beautiful thing - a knitting of different people into a family - not a burden.

Core Value #16: Hospitality

Description: On Sunday mornings we greet both members and guests warmly. We look for new or unknown people at church and talk to them first. We entertain new members at a site away from the church, perhaps in our home or at a restaurant.

Do you know the difference between being “friendly” and being a “friend”? One is much easier than the other. One requires a smiling face and a warm handshake, the other calls for your sympathy and your time. You can be friendly once a week, but a friend is a 24/7 job. There are many “friendly” churches out there today, but in how many of them do you find true “friends?”

We recognize that our sinful self-centered nature puts razor wire-topped walls between us and other people. We also realize that Christ is the only Friend that truly can deliver us from all our enemies and take us to heaven. It is no accident, however, that the Holy Spirit gathers Christ's friends into faith communities, so that they may encourage one another to remain faithful to God. That's why we put a high premium on strengthening the connections between us.

Our church offers several small group ministries to facilitate friendships in our midst. Some are connected to formal study of the Bible, but others are not. Some

Miss Pearl's MOM Class **By Pearl Brooks**

Great things are happening on Tuesdays and Thursdays at MOM. We have completed two months and we are all enjoying every minute. We began September with eleven students in the two year old class; sadly we lost Tommy in October as his dad got a job transfer. Tommy's mom was very thankful that he enjoyed his first experience with school. We are too!

We've had fun getting to know our new class. We have really good singers. They already know our prayers and opening and closing songs. We began learning Christmas songs last week. The bells are a huge hit with them.

One of our mom's donated some princess dresses to our class. The little girls love to dress up whenever they can. Did I tell you we have fun?

Our day consists of prayers, Bible stories, crafts, music, ABC's and 123's, stories and snacks. I couldn't do it

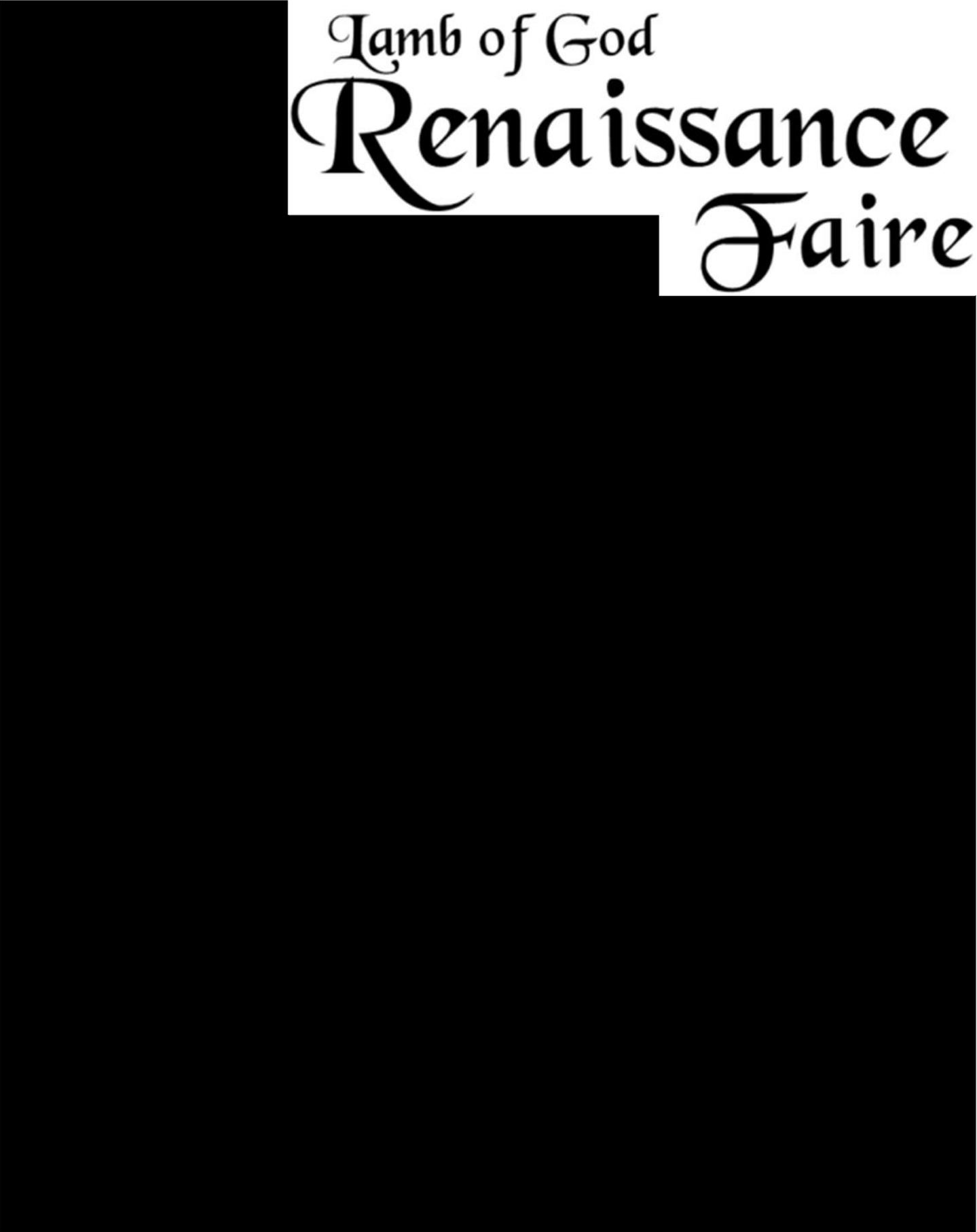


MOM Program Expansion **By Gabi Presley**

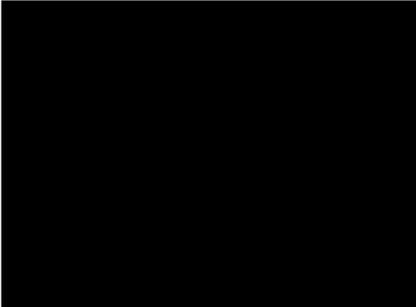
Our MOM (Morning Out Ministry) program has proven so successful that this year we were able to expand to a second classroom. The old saying that when life closes a door, God opens a window is true in our case. For many years Lamb of God was able to provide preschool services for the community, but a variety of factors made this no longer feasible. The decision was made to see if families using our MOM program for two-year-olds would be interested in sending their children to a three-year-old program as well. Many did and these were joined by several other families who found out about our program through canvassing and our website.

Lamb of God now has the privilege of sharing God's message with 21 children who come twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) to hear Bible stories, do crafts, learn songs, explore musical activities and play with friends. Although the "hokey-pokey" isn't what it's all about, it sure is fun to include it from time to time! What a joy to see these children's faces light up when they learn God loves them and has given them so many talents and blessings. Amongst all these fun activities we also begin introducing the children to early school-type lessons incorporating numbers and their ABC's. To share in our fun feel free to come admire their art-work and crafts which you will find on display outside the classrooms, Also please consider joining us this year when Lamb of God hosts Christmas for Kids and Easter for Kids. Many of the MOM children come to those events and you will have the opportunity to see how delightful they are. Holidays have a special meaning when seen through the eyes of a child, and it enhances the experience for us.

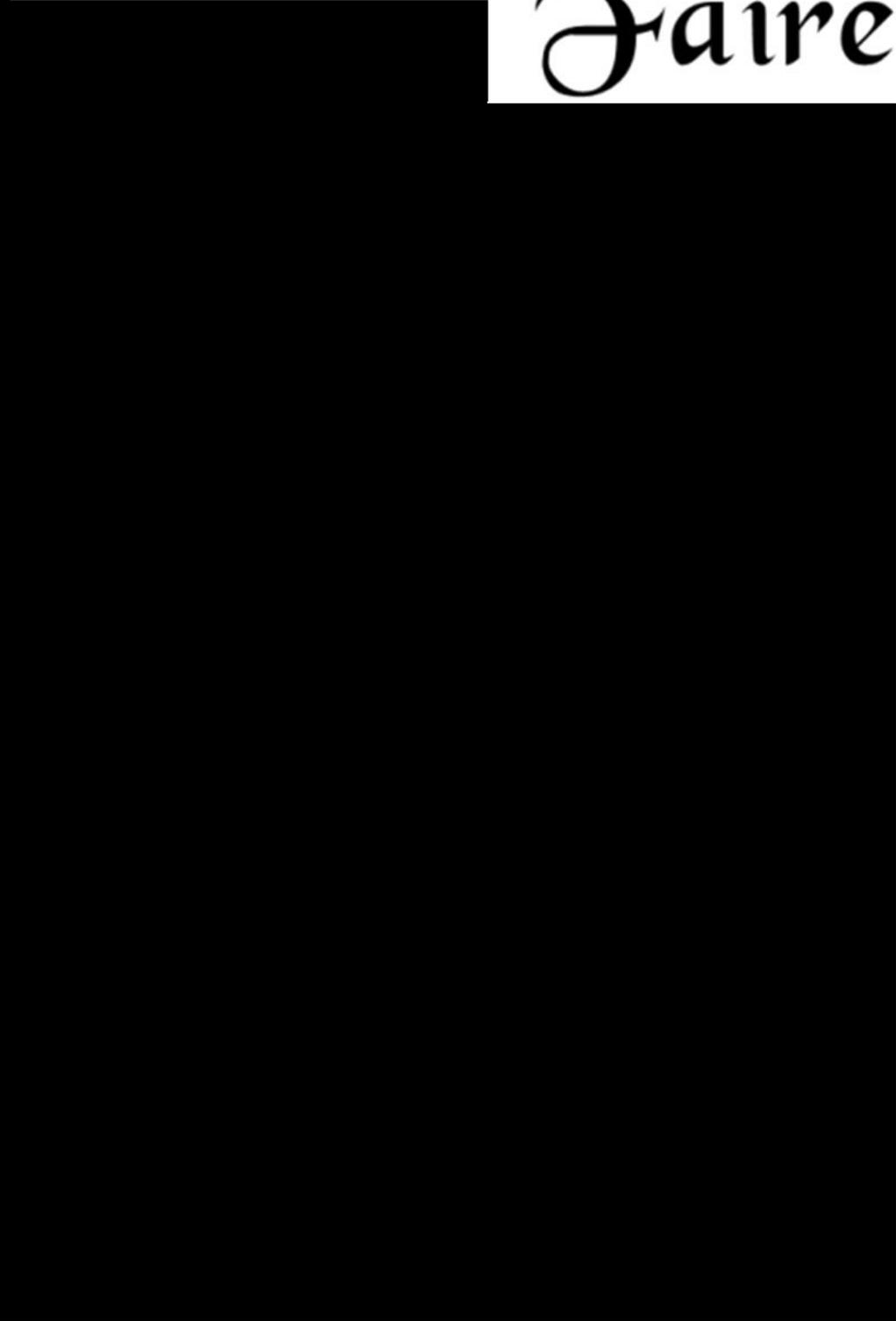
Special thanks to Pearl Brooks who initiated the MOM program and all the volunteers (Margaret Lindsey, Nancy Kolodzne, Laura Byrnes, Kim Bodeker, KaMi Reis and Mary Kay Howard) who've helped me get the three-year-old classroom up and running. Without the smooth workings of our earlier MOM programs, I



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Fiscal Year 2016 Update

Larry Povinelli - Treasurer

YTD Budget Update after 4 months

As of October 29, 2016

Actual Income: \$65,427

Actual Expenses: \$69,475

Actual Deficit: \$(4,048)



Actual Offerings: \$59,360

Budgeted Offerings: \$58,192

Actual offerings over Budgeted offerings - \$1168



Join us Friday,
November 18th
starting at 5 PM
Pizza provided -
Everyone welcome!

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| Council/Out Reach: | OPEN |
| Council/Building & Grounds: | Danny Aikens |
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Thank you to everyone who participated in Lamb of God's 2016 Annual Renaissance Faire! Organizers, volunteers, donors, vendors, demonstrators, attendees...you all helped make

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Jon Ehrman

Fall Break is over and it is so nice to see so many members attending Bible studies and worship services. Along with members being back we also have many new visitors to get to know and make them feel at home! When you see someone you have not met, please take a minute to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

Many good things continue to happen here at Lamb of God Church

First, the masonry work has been completed on our new Church Sign. Our sign contractor, Trav-Ad, is assembling the sign now in their shop and it will be installed on November 4th. This will be followed by an inspection by the City of Madison and then our electrical contractor, Madison Electric, can begin to run the underground power cable and connect the sign up. What a joyous occasion it will be to see it lit up!

We had a good turnout for our Renaissance Faire on October 22nd with many members and vendors showing their skills and crafts, three food trucks, the LifeSouth bloodmobile, a bouncy castle for kids, jousting demonstrations, and plenty of fun for the whole family. Each year our faire keeps getting bigger!

On a more serious note, we held three open forums on successive Sundays this past month to discuss potential new ministries for our congregation to consider. This was followed by two congregational meetings on October 2nd and October 9th to discuss and decide if we wanted to expand our classroom space by moving in a used portable building or purchase a new portable building to house our Youth Group and new ministries. The congregation members in attendance decided they did not want the used portable building, but did agree that we needed to expand our space for our youth and new ministries. The members of the congregation were not prepared at this last meeting to make a decision on a new portable building, but wanted time to better study our needs and establish requirements for any new building. A committee was appointed, consisting of: David & Sarah Kohlhoff, Danny & Laurie Aikens, and Joe Reis to assess our needs, establish the space requirements, and make recommendations to the congregation at our annual Congregational Meeting in January. We look forward to the committee's recommendations!

Thank you all for your wonderful loving support!

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In our church, you have the opportunity to make friends with people that otherwise you would never associate with – and that is a very great blessing from God. It is a testimony to the power of God's Spirit to hear other Christians share their faith, to see how God's grace impacted their lives and to recognize that for all our external differences we are one in Christ. Jesus' love crosses all ethnic, cultural and class barriers, and we reject every form of prejudice and racism. We do whatever we can to make visitors feel welcome in our midst, as Christ has welcomed us into his family.

Since we desire to be true friends, we will make the effort to spend time together outside of our formal church activities. Good things happen around the table, whether at home or in a restaurant or on a picnic – and don't forget about potluck! As the holidays are coming, you will not only have many opportunities to fellowship with your old friends, but you can also make a new church friend. And even if you move away, you can keep these friends forever.

*From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity. (CW 494, verse 5)*