

# Lamb of God Church



A Lutheran Episcopal Congregation

Boldly Inclusive • Intentionally Challenging • Joyfully Christian

## Ministry Opportunities 2015-2016

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## ***Why this book?***

Ministry is a vital and necessary part of our Christian life. Our ministries are our connections: how we connect with and serve the world, one another, and God. Ministries can be fun, difficult, easy, exciting or tedious... ministry can propel us into the limelight or invite us to the quiet of humble unseen service. Every aspect of our lives can be ministry. Whatever our ministry looks like, true ministry is always relevant because the love, freedom, and hope that Christ brings to the world through us (and through all disciples) is always relevant. Our ministries can make us laugh or cry, sometimes at the same time. Our ministries help us be Christ in the world today.

Ministry is such an important part of being a disciple of Jesus that we urge every member of Lamb of God Church to be involved in at least some aspect of our common ministries. At Lamb of God we believe that transformative ministry is boldly inclusive, intentionally challenging, and joyfully Christian. Of course, many of us will have ministries we engage in apart from our church community. But like anything else, serving the world, one another, and God is simply more fun and more effective when we do it together with members of our church family. In this book you will find multiple opportunities for ministry together with your sisters and brothers at Lamb of God Church: try one, or several!

Jesus tells us that a light is not meant to be kept under a bushel basket but is meant to shine from the top of a lampstand. Each of us is a light, and the challenge and excitement in his words are meant for each of us. See what excites you, see what scares you just a little, and see where you think you can make a difference. Then go for it.

Stepping out of ourselves and into service is one way to increase the “joy factor” in our lives. May we be boldly inclusive, intentionally challenging, and joyfully Christian as we do Christ’s work in the world today!

Together in love and service,

Pastor James Reho

# Outreach & Apostleship



## ☐ ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS 12 step group

**Contact Person: Rob Patterson (239) 948-9162**

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ACA is a support group for adults that grew up in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes. This is an open group available to all, meeting Mondays, in the Arbor Conference Room at 6 pm.

**Future/Needs:** More awareness of this ministry within the church and throughout the community.

## ☐ CAMPUS MINISTRY AT FGCU

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**Austin English (863) 673-5029**

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This Lutheran-Episcopal campus ministry initiative offers fellowship, faith formation, spirituality, and Christian service.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers helping in supportive roles such as meal preparation, transportation, etc.

## ☐ FEEDING THE 5000

**Contact Persons: Tom Mullins**

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**Art Nicolletti**

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Annual Thanksgiving event providing dinners to thousands of local needy families and a volunteer opportunity for the whole community.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers needed to help prepare food, deliver meals, collect breads and desserts and raise funds.

## ☐ GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

**Contact Person: Judy Beaumont (239) 454-7426**

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A mission to end homelessness and alleviate poverty; including social services and counseling, church services, meals, food pantry, and obtaining housing.

**Future/Needs:** The ministry needs volunteers to prepare meals, donate paper goods and personal hygiene items, and that can relate to children for Sunday School and drivers for appointments.

## ☐ GUADALUPE CENTER OF IMMOKALEE

**Contact Person: Jon Simons (239) 267-1944**

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**or Marcia Rees (239) 362-0814**

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Serves the needs of the working poor of Immokalee. They offer a soup kitchen, clothing room, shower, family education, and youth camp, Christmas toy shop, a Back to School program and after school tutoring.

**Future/Needs:** The people of LOG can help by serving in the soup kitchen and collecting/donating clothing, soap and blankets.

☐ **INTERFAITH CHARITIES**

**Contact Person:** Marianne See           (239) 590-0090           [marianne623@comcast.net](mailto:marianne623@comcast.net)

Interfaith Charities is a coalition of church groups serving the communities of Estero, Island Park, San Carlos, North Bonita and Three Oaks through many caring ministries, including many social and civic organizations, residential communities, businesses and individuals. LOG supports monthly food collection through our Bagzilla program and through direct volunteer efforts and financial support.

**Future/Needs:** You can volunteer for any of these ministries and your donations are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to pick up food donations at Lamb of God Church and deliver to Interfaith Charities on a monthly basis.

☐ **JESUS' BIRTHDAY TREE**

**Contact Person:** Barb Tvedt           (239) 267-7271           [btvedt6564@msn.com](mailto:btvedt6564@msn.com)

This outreach provides Christmas gifts to needy children in the area.

**Future/Needs:** Provide gifts at Christmas for needy children.

☐ **LAMB OF GOD THRIFT SHOP MINISTRY**

**Contact Person:** Doris Rustad           (239) 948-9528           [crowndoris@aol.com](mailto:crowndoris@aol.com)

Volunteers staff and operate the LOG Thrift Store, which sells affordable clothing, furniture and other items to the community, and supports local charities and LOG with its proceeds.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers are needed to separate and price donated items, sell them and assist with moving and/or picking up items. No experience needed - we will train you. We also appreciate your donations!

☐ **LIFE (Lee Interfaith For Empowerment)**

**Contact Person:** Cliff Lawrence           (239) 676-7302           [cliff.lawrence35@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.lawrence35@gmail.com)

LOG is a member of this interfaith organization of faith communities dedicated to fostering justice in Lee County. We work together to research and conduct public education to address the root causes of poverty and injustice.

**Future/Needs:** Individuals committed to work for and support the mission of LIFE and attend LIFE events.

☐ **LOVING LAMBS**

**Contact Person:** Lisa Munkelwitz           (239) 390-0028           [lisamunk@comcast.net](mailto:lisamunk@comcast.net)

The Loving Lambs ministry is a group of caring individuals who visit residents of the Estero Life Care Center.

**Future/Needs:** Individually or in groups, we visit the residents and show them the love of Jesus by talking with them, reading to them, praying with them and serving them in any way possible.

☐ **MISSION OF HOPE**

**Contact Person:** Judy Charland           (518) 225-1902           [mjcharland1827@aol.com](mailto:mjcharland1827@aol.com)

Lamb of God Church partners with the North Country Mission of Hope, a spiritually based humanitarian organization, whereby the people of LOG serve the people of Nicaragua through Mission of Hope projects in education, healthcare, ecological and community development. Recent LOG support has included providing water filters, stoves, home shelters, preschool supplies, educational sponsorships, and farm supplies.

**Future/Needs:** Donations and volunteers to support the ongoing projects of the Mission.

#### ☐ SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

**Contact Person:** Barb Tvedt (239) 267-7271 [btvedt6564@msn.com](mailto:btvedt6564@msn.com)

Through this ministry we support needy children in our area with Back-to-School supplies. The ministry delivers school supplies to teachers at several schools that serve a population in areas of low socioeconomic status. These crucial supplies are used in the classroom and are very helpful.

**Future/Needs:** School supplies.

#### ☐ SCOUTING AT LOG

**Contact Persons:** Jim Boggs (239) 565-9628 [102scoutmaster@gmail.com](mailto:102scoutmaster@gmail.com)

(Boy Scout Troop 102)

Stephanie Gray

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(Venturing Crew 102)

Adam Waszkowski

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(Cub Scout Pack 102)

Our Scouting and Venturing groups help young men and women build character and learn teamwork and responsibility through learning skills, having adventure and sharing in the leadership of their groups. There is a formative faith component as part of this experience.

**Future/Needs:** Adolescents interested in joining, and adults interested in volunteering to help.

#### ☐ WOMEN SEEKING SERENITY THROUGH THE TWELVE STEPS

**Contact Person:** Sally Patterson (239) 948-9162 [sallyrobpatt@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrobpatt@gmail.com)

**This group meets from mid-October through mid-May.** This group is open to any female that is looking for healing and seeking God's purpose for her life. The group meets Thursdays in the Arbor Conference Room from 9:30-10:30 am.

**Future/Needs:** More awareness of this ministry within the church and throughout the community.

# Membership & Discipleship



#### ☐ THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Contact Person:** Judith Olson (239) 947-6339 [ojudith59@gmail.com](mailto:ojudith59@gmail.com)

Provides leadership and oversight for the church and supports the pastors and staff. Meetings are open to members of the Lamb of God community.

**Future/Needs:** New member elections are held at the annual meeting.

#### ☐ DOMINOES/POTLUCK DINNER

**Contact Person:** Barb Tvedt (239) 267-7271 [btvedt6564@msn.com](mailto:btvedt6564@msn.com)

Meet once a month to play dominoes, enjoy a potluck and fellowship with others.

**Future/Needs:** Domino players and dinner attendees.

#### ☐ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Contact Person:** Sherrie Herbst (239) 590-0938 [bflylady@embarqmail.com](mailto:bflylady@embarqmail.com)

Trained lay ministers who visit members who are ill, recuperating, or needing some company. These ministers share the Eucharist with those members unable to attend church.

**Future/Needs:** People wishing to participate in training and serving in this ministry.

#### ☐ FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM

**Contact Person:** Carol Fisher (239) 495-6443 [cfisher38@comcast.net](mailto:cfisher38@comcast.net)

The team serves as needed. Organizes receptions, as requested, on behalf of bereaved families. Receptions are usually held following funeral/memorial services at Lamb of God.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers are always needed for set up and to prepare food and bring it to the church.

#### ☐ HOLY FOLDERS

**Contact Person:** Veronica Opalensky (239) 267-3525 [office@lambogodchurch.net](mailto:office@lambogodchurch.net)

This fun group of volunteers helps fold our service programs, announcements, mailings, and other items as needed. They meet each Friday morning for folding, card games, conversation and fun.

**Future/Needs:** New members are always welcome.

#### ☐ HUMAN RESOURCE TEAM

**Contact Person:** Nancy Zant (239) 691-1773 [zr@gte.net](mailto:zr@gte.net)

Oversees and advises on hiring practices and other human resource needs for the church.

**Future/Needs:** Individuals with experience in Human Resource Management.

#### ☐ LADIES' NIGHT OUT

**Contact Person:** Gina Sadri [ginasadri@gmail.com](mailto:ginasadri@gmail.com)

A monthly opportunity for women to get together for fun and fellowship while taking a break from the duties of work and family. Activities include Game Nights, movies, and dining out.

**Future/Needs:** Participants and volunteers.

#### ☐ WOMEN OF FAITH

**Contact Person:** Barb Tvedt (239) 267-7271 [btvedt6564@msn.com](mailto:btvedt6564@msn.com)

A group of women dedicated to developing the fellowship and bonding in spirituality with Jesus through attendance at an annual Christian women's conference in Fort Lauderdale every fall.

Approximatley 25 women attend each year.

**Future/Needs:** Would like to meet once a month or quarterly.

#### ☐ YOUTH MINISTRY

**Contact Person:** Kassie Cimmino [kassielooohoo@gmail.com](mailto:kassielooohoo@gmail.com)

LOG Youth Ministry works with middle and high school students to help them build healthy and supportive relationships, to help them grow in their faith, and to encourage them to discover their spiritual gifts. Weekly meetings, special events and mission trips for the youth of the church and community are offered.

**Future/Needs:** Participants and volunteers.

# Liturgy, Music, & Sacred Design



## ☐ ALTAR GUILD

**Contact Person:** Sandy Branstiter (239) 450-7989

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The Altar Guild is a ministry of men and women who prepare the altar, vestments, banners and communion for our worship services and ensure that our liturgical items are in good condition.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers to serve on a monthly or weekly schedule before and/or after services.

## ☐ CENTRAL SERVICE WORSHIP TEAM

**Contact Person:** Barb Tvedt (239) 267-7271

[btvedt6564@msn.com](mailto:btvedt6564@msn.com)

The worship support team for the 10:00 am Sunday service greets, ushers, and helps with communion. On special celebrations, volunteers are needed to serve as crucifer, torch bearers, and in other liturgical roles.

**Future/Needs:** We are always happy to welcome and train new greeters, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers.

## ☐ EARLY SERVICE WORSHIP TEAM

**Contact Person:** Marge Bewley (239) 495-8780

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The worship support team for the 7:45 am Sunday service greets, ushers, reads Scripture and helps with communion.

**Future/Needs:** We are always happy to welcome and train new greeters, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers.

## ☐ LAY READERS

**Contact Person:** Lori Van Wagner (239) 267-0837

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Lay readers read Scripture lessons and the Prayers of Intercession at our 10:00 am Sunday worship service and at other special services through the year.

**Future/Needs:** New readers are always welcome, and periodic training is provided.

## ☐ MUSIC MINISTRY/CHOIR

**Contact Person:** Jim Shubert (239) 409-6638

[music@lambogodchurch.net](mailto:music@lambogodchurch.net)

The choir has weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Vineyard and at 9:00 pm in the Arbor Conference Room. The choir sings during worship services, and volunteer musicians provide additional and occasional support to our paid staff.

**Future/Needs:** Singers and musicians are always invited to join and share their gifts.

## ☐ SACRED DESIGN

**Contact Person:** Joyce Lenart (239) 948-8426

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Design, create, and install seasonal worship enrichments in our Lamb of God worship spaces.

**Future/Needs:** Creative persons to assist in the design, development and execution of Spiritual artifacts.

#### □ TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS

**Contact Person:** Bill Monsees

[designconcerpts@comcast.net](mailto:designconcerpts@comcast.net)

The techie ministry assists in creating and presenting aspects of various services and special programs.

**Future/Needs:** People with interest in running sound board and video cameras for services.

## Education & Spiritual Enrichment



#### □ ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

**Contact Person:** Mary Ann Whalen (707) 694-9524

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Provides a relevant, alternative and emergent experience of the Christian faith for the people of Lamb of God and the larger community. Our mission is to build and sustain working relationships with other sacred faith traditions to bless the world together; develop and teach models for Christian Discipleship for 21st century seekers; embrace an Evolving world, an Evolving Church, an Evolving Spirit, and an Evolving Cosmology; bridge and embrace the evolving relationship between Science and Theology, affirm and celebrate the diversity and mystery of God in all of its expressions.

**Future/Needs:** Ideas, suggestions and volunteers to help plan, host, market and participate in discussions and workshops.

#### □ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Contact Person:** Amy O'Malley (239) 405-779

[aomalley716@gmail.com](mailto:aomalley716@gmail.com)

Sunday School promotes Christian education for young people, pre-K through middle school on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 am service through Bible stories, crafts, videos, games and song.

**Future/Needs:** Men and women are encouraged to volunteer as teachers or assistants and to offer to serve as members of the Children's Ministry Support Team.

#### □ CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH CLASSES

**Contact Person:** Barb Goldman (716) 664-0398

[bgoldman2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bgoldman2002@yahoo.com)

Basic Spanish for anyone interested in practicing conversation. We meet from 9:00 to 10:30 am on Tuesdays in the Arbor conference room.

**Future/Needs:** Participants interested in better communicating with our fellow Hispanic citizens.



☐ **PRESCHOOL @ THE LAMB**

**Contact Person: Gaye Puccio** (239) 267-2694 [preschool@lambogodchurch.net](mailto:preschool@lambogodchurch.net)

We provide a Christian atmosphere that encourages social, physical and intellectual growth and development of the child as a whole. Programs are offered during the school year for children 2-4 years of age in addition to a day camp in the summer for children of all ages.

**Future/Needs:** For more information, please contact Gaye above.

# Newcomers & Hospitality



☐ **COFFEE HOUR AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS**

**Contact Persons: Rob & Sally Patterson** (239) 948-9162 [sallyrobpatt@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrobpatt@gmail.com)

Provides food and hospitality for LOG, including Coffee Hour on Sundays and includes a Special Event Team for hospitality outside of Sunday worship.

**Future/Needs:** Food donations & helpers are always welcomed.

☐ **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS**

**Contact Person: Ron Tvedt** (239) 267-7271 [btvedt6564@msn.com](mailto:btvedt6564@msn.com)

Monthly breakfasts, usually served the first Sunday of each month, by volunteers.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers to help prepare and serve breakfast.

☐ **NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY**

**Contact Person: Jody Ladwig** (239) 949-7201 [4pawsx4@comcast.net](mailto:4pawsx4@comcast.net)

A ministry dedicated to newcomers and those exploring church membership, with services including, but not limited to, welcoming new members, offering new members classes, and helping new members become engaged in ministry and develop relationships at LOG.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers to assist in welcoming new members and in offering fresh ideas.

# Stewardship, Finance, & Fundraising



## ☐ FINANCE TEAM

**Contact Person:** Elena Wild (262) 783-7256 [elenagwild@yahoo.com](mailto:elenagwild@yahoo.com)

The Finance Team oversees financial matters in general and develops and manages Lamb of God's budget.

**Future/Needs:** Please contact Elena for more information.

## ☐ OFFERING COUNTERS

**Contact Person:** Marj Waskom (239) 489-1134 [waskom4751@comcast.net](mailto:waskom4751@comcast.net)

Volunteers count the offering following Sunday worship services.

**Future/Needs:** Volunteers to assist in counting money.

## ☐ STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS STEERING COMMITTEE

**Contact Person:** Marianne Whitehouse (239) 209-7703 [mkw71@me.com](mailto:mkw71@me.com)

This is an *ad hoc* committee, and so the leadership and membership changes from year to year. This group is active for about 6 months of the year.

**Future/Needs:** Fresh faces and fresh ideas are always needed.

# Facilities & Grounds



## ☐ BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

**Contact Persons:** Judith Olson (239) 947-6339 [ojudith59@gmail.com](mailto:ojudith59@gmail.com)  
Deb Parks-Police (239) 267-3525 [deb@lambogodchurch.net](mailto:deb@lambogodchurch.net)

Plans gardens and plantings for church grounds and oversees the maintenance of these gardens, including our Lamb of God Memorial Garden and Butterfly Garden.

**Future/Needs:** Individuals needed to assist in the planning, planting and maintaining of our gardens.

# Strategic Planning



## □ STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

Contact Persons: James Reho

(239) 267-3525

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The Strategic Planning Team is made up of LOG members and associates who help in steering our church community toward achieving goals established by the congregation through grass roots-style Dreamcatcher Days.

**Future/Needs:** People interested in joining this team should speak with Pastor James.

# Safety, Health & Wellness



## □ HEALING PRAYERS TEAM

Contact Persons: Dolly Diers

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Sherrie Herbst

(239) 590-0938

[bflylady@embarqmail.com](mailto:bflylady@embarqmail.com)

Supports the congregation with prayer needs in and out of worship services.

**Future/Needs:** People interested in joining this team will receive training as needed.

## □ PARISH NURSE

Contact Person: Sherrie Herbst

(239) 590-0938

[bflylady@embarqmail.com](mailto:bflylady@embarqmail.com)

The Parish Nurse Ministry is a group of people interested in supporting the mission of the Parish Nurse which is to integrate faith and health.

**Future/Needs:** Meet as a group, as needed, and are available to help the Parish Nurse whenever and however we can with health fairs, blood pressure clinics and families in crisis.

## □ STEPHEN MINISTRY

Contact Person: Sherrie Herbst

(239) 590-0938

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Trains and empowers lay members to provide one-on-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation.

**Future/Needs:** People needed to participate in training and ministry.

☐ **YOGA**

**Contact Person: Sally Patterson (239) 948-9162**

[sallyrob patt@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrob patt@gmail.com)

**INSTRUCTOR: Shannon Danford (239) 223-3038**

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The yoga group meets on Fridays from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Arbor Sanctuary from mid-October through mid-May. This GENTLE yoga class is for anyone [male or female] and helps to balance and restore energy. There is no cost to attend but a love offering is received each week.

**Future/Needs:** Help publicizing this group to the community.

# Communications and Marketing



☐ **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING TEAM**

**Contact Person: James Reho (239) 267-3525**

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The Communications and Marketing Team work together with the pastor and the staff in order to grow our footprint in the local community and let those in our surrounding area know who we are, what we do, and what we offer.

**Future/Needs:** If you have marketing expertise—or interest—please let us know.

## Lamb of God Church is

### **Boldly Inclusive**

Embracing all people as they are, celebrating diversity and affirming the uniqueness of each person.

### **Intentionally Challenging**

Encouraging questions, exploring issues and finding new ways to live our faith as Christians in a changing world.

### **Joyfully Christian**

Connecting people in a loving community of God's grace where all can be transformed and equipped for lives of service, praise and thanksgiving.