

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing!

Thank you to all of you who have prayed for me, encouraged me, offered to help, and in so many other ways have stood by my side over the past 6 weeks during my two medical situations. So many of you have offered words of encouragement that it is risky to identify any individuals or groups in particular. However, I must take that risk in order to thank our Elders for stepping up and assisting in worship. On short notice they handled the entire liturgy allowing me to rest in order to be able to conduct those portions of the service that must be done by the pastor. Also, I have received many cards from our Praying in Color team. The hand-written notes, indicating that the author was praying while coloring the beautiful cards, were a wonderful blessing. I understand, now, why Holy Lamb receives so many heartfelt notes of thanks from the recipients of these cards.

I am recovering from my pulmonary embolism, but this takes time. This is my third PE, so I am familiar with the process. I thank all of you for understanding that I have not been able to conduct Bible studies and visits as usual. I hope to return to a normal schedule within another week or so. Singing on Sunday mornings will be the last thing to return since singing places such a large demand on the lungs.

I also want to extend my thanks for the many Christmas cards and gifts you have so generously showered on us. The sentiments expressed in the cards, the wonderful foods, and the monetary gifts are all greatly appreciated. What a joy and blessing it is to serve such a loving congregation!

Of course, we will soon be into the season of Lent. I am especially excited about our midweek services this year. When Kathy and I were in Wittenberg, we saw a painting in the church where Luther did much of his preaching. It was actually finished after his death; but in the series of paintings above the Altar, Lucas Cranach the Elder, visually proclaimed the Gospel as Luther had come to understand and teach it. It is a beautiful and wonderfully explicit series of paintings; and our midweek services will examine them for the unique manner in which they proclaim the truth of God's love and work through Jesus Christ. Please plan to join us for these 7:00 services on Wednesday evenings beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

Finally, on February 7th, Holy Lamb is holding a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. Even though it has been over 2 years since hurricane Maria hit as a Category 5, many homes have only a blue tarp for a roof. They can even be seen on a Google Maps image. Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest is assembling 4 mission trips this year to install steel roofs on these homes. We have been invited to participate in this ministry through a physical presence, on-site, for the repairs, and/or by helping with costs associated with the repairs. The Spaghetti Dinner addresses the funding issue. If you would like to make a one-week trip to Puerto Rico to assist in the rebuilding, please contact me for information. This is a great opportunity to put many of our individual and collective resources to work for Gods' purposes.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

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Our Ministries Together

Below are some of the various ministries of Holy Lamb. They include opportunities for fellowship, service to each other and the community, Bible study, and more. Review these ministries in light of your interests and gifts.

Adult Bible Study ~ Current Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

We will look at all three of the lessons of the day, considering perspectives not included in the sermon. This study enhances our worship by providing additional background for the lessons and a deeper meaning for the sermon.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Hebrews

9:00 AM

Hebrews was written to a Jewish Christian congregation as a sermon to be read in worship. The author describes the letter as a word of encouragement. He shows Jesus Christ to be our great High Priest, the greater Moses, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, the sacrifice for the world's sins. This revelation encourages us, strengthens our faith, and increases our confidence in the One True God.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30 PM

Grace, Faith, Scripture: Portrait of a Lutheran

'Grace Alone', 'Faith Alone', 'Scripture Alone' have long been used to characterize the unique theology of the Lutheran faith. These 'solas' (alone) set up a relationship between God and us and between us and our neighbor.

Using stories and situations drawn from common relationships such as friendships and marriage, we will see how the three 'solas' bring God's Word to life and are evidenced in our daily lives.

Worship Opportunities Lenten Mid-Week Meals

Our Wednesday Lenten services begin Wednesday, March 4th with Ash Wednesday service on February 26th at 7 pm. We will have a meal prior to the services beginning at 6 pm (**there is no meal on Ash Wednesday**). Normally, two individuals or couples, sign up to serve the meal for 25 – 30 people. The meal is often soup and sandwich, but any menu that is light and easy to prepare is fine. There will be a signup sheet in the rack in the Narthex beginning, February 2nd. There are openings for 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1.

Maundy Thursday Worship ~ April 9th at 7pm

Good Friday Worship ~ April 10th at 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship ~ April 12th

February Blessings on your Birthday!

- 8th Maurice Bartelotte
- 11th Les Cotton
- 12th Nancy Rehm
- 18th Taylor Gall
- 18th Myrle Rumsey
- 22nd Therese Cunningham
- 23rd Dorothy Gardner
- 26th Deborah Partenberry



Happy Anniversary!

- 16th Bill & MollieAnne Houghtaling

Praying in color-- What is This?

It is a ministry where we color cards at home while praying for the person it is going to. We add a bible verse and say; "as I colored this card I was praying for you", and sign our first name.

We have received several thank you cards from people grateful for the prayers and cards. God has arranged for some of the cards to arrive on a day when an uplifting message was most needed.

If anyone is interested in joining us in this ministry, please contact me. I will start you off with some cards to color and a list of people, and answer any questions you may have about this ministry. Thank you to those of you already praying in color, you have touched lives.

Praying in color reminder: If you have put a name on the list and there is a change in the person's condition, please Eileen St. Claire.

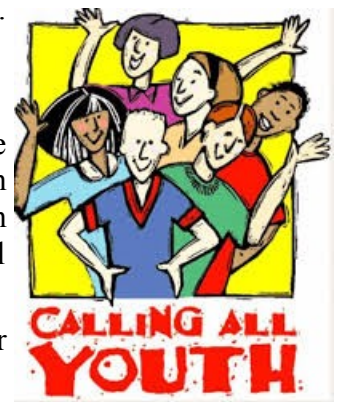
Calling All Youth!!

We need help with the Spaghetti dinner clean up on Friday, February 7th. Dinner is 5:00pm -700pm and then we will clean up.

Confirmation class is Sunday February 9th from 4-7 pm.

Youth of all ages: Join us at *Myrtle Beach Estates* for board games with the residents. We will meet at *Myrtle Beach Estates* February 23rd from 3pm – 5pm with pizza following at *Mod Pizza*. You will be picked up at *Mod Pizza* on Rt. 544 at 6:00pm. Cost for pizza is \$10 for the first youth and \$5 each additional sibling.

If you are interested in going, please contact Jen Hirsh 843-318-6628 or jennifer_hirsh@yahoo.com.



More Fellowship Opportunities at Holy Lamb

Family Game Night



Usually held the 2nd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, families of all sizes & ages gather for board games, card games, etc. Bring your favorite game & snack to share & enjoy an evening with your family, or

with other folks with similar interests while the kids do the same. Come & leave as your schedule allows.

Our next Family Game Night will be held on Friday, February 14th.

Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Christian Fellowship will be on **Saturday, February 22nd at 9am.** at the Veteran's Café, 3544 Northgate Dr., Myrtle Beach.



LWML News

February 2nd is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to *Holy Lamb* and in the memo area put *LWML MITES*. Thank you for your support.

Coastline Women's Center thanks you very much for all your donations to *Abigail's Closet*. A tally of what was donated is on the board above the rack.

Greeting cards for \$1.00 a packet of 10 are in the Narthex. Leave money in the envelope.

DINING WITH FRIENDS

February 15, 2020

Seated by 4:30 p.m.

Angelo's Restaurant

2011 South Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach

Angelo's Restaurant has invited us to dine for the price of \$22 per person. This price includes entrée, salad, one side item, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage, tax & gratuity. They offer the following menu:

- ◆ Chicken Parmesan
- ◆ 10 oz. Ribeye
- ◆ Chicken Marsala
- ◆ Lasagna
- ◆ Italian Buffet

Please make your check payable to *Holy Lamb*. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 12th.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount Attached: _____

Additional forms are located in the rack in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lee at (586) 214-4459. Note: Please do not put your check and signup sheet in the offering plate. Give to Mary Lee or place in the envelope marked "Dining with Friends" on the bulletin board in the office. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 12th.

Stewardship

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION



The Stewardship Committee is hosting a volunteer appreciation celebration on Saturday, Feb 22nd, at 5 p.m. The congregation, one and all, are invited to attend this catered event. We need you all to celebrate with our volunteers and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Please sign up for this event. The signup sheet will be in the narthex in the rack starting on February 2nd. Last day to sign up will be Sunday, February 16th. It is important that those attending sign up by Feb 16th as this is a catered event and we need to know how many meals to order. Everybody is welcome so please sign up.

Thank you,

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Who Are the Ladies Society?

The Holy Lamb Lutheran Church Ladies Society is a society of women of the church with an interest in the Christian needs of the church and who are willing to give their time and talents to provide funds and assistance to the church through projects, while enjoying fellowship with one another.

All women of the church are welcome to join.

Coffee Fellowship

There are openings for February 9th, 16th and 23rd for baked goods for the Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings after the 10:30 am service. Signup sheets are in the rack in the Narthex



Coffee Fellowship

Human Care

Holy Lamb is no longer collecting clothes for the homeless. However, if you would still like to donate, New Spring Church is accepting donations every 2nd Saturday of each month between 9am and 10am.

Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Margaret Bartelotte, Human Care



Human Care

Our Human Care Committee consists of not only the kitchen crew who keeps our kitchen & pantry areas clean & organized and plans our weekly coffee hours after each Sunday late service, but they also do so much more!

They are the individuals behind the organization of the meals offered after funerals as well as those who schedule the preparation and delivery of meals to families and individuals who are going through a tough time, such as recoveries from surgery or illness. They will also try to schedule transportation for appointments & such whenever possible.

If you are in need of these services, or if you would like to be a part of this vital stewardship group to help offer such services (even if it's to occasionally provide a single, much needed meal for someone), please contact me.

Margaret Bartelotte, Chairperson



Holy Lamb Lutheran Church Presents:

Our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Friday, February 7th 5PM to 7PM

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Spaghetti dinners are \$10 each for adults, \$6 each for children, and include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and coffee or soda.

All from our community are welcome to join us!
(Take-outs are also available.)

Proceeds benefit "The Puerto Rico Roofing Project" - assisting families still suffering roofing loss and damage resulting from all recent years' storms and hurricanes.
(Monetary donations will also be accepted for Puerto Rico assistance.)

Please contact Caroline Twentier (843-780-0775) for more information regarding this Holy Lamb Lutheran Church event.