

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Artwork has long been a staple of churches. We have all seen stained glass murals, stone and bronze statues, oil and water paintings, and banners of all sizes. Each piece of art conveys a message. It may honor a person, place, or event; it may tell a story; it may proclaim doctrine. For centuries artwork has been integral to worship as it provides a visual proclamation of the Word of God.

When Kathy and I had the privilege and joy of visiting Germany, we saw dozens of beautiful examples of each of the types of artwork identified above. One of the most impressive was the Wittenberg Altarpiece. This painting is installed above the altar in St. Mary's Church in Wittenberg. This is the church where Luther preached hundreds of sermons. The painter was Lucas Cranach, the senior. Cranach was a long-time supporter of Luther, a renowned painter, and, if one considers artwork as proclamation, an outspoken evangelist.

The most fascinating aspect of this painting is the detail by which Cranach proclaimed specific Scriptural truths that Luther brought to light in the Reformation, including particular arguments against some false teachings of the day – both within the Roman Catholic Church and in the other churches of the Reformation. Cranach vividly illustrates baptism as a source of faith for all people, the forgiveness of sins as accomplished exclusively by an act of God, The Lord's Supper as the real presence of Christ in every worship setting, and he shows the Holy Spirit at work in proclaiming Christ crucified in every worship service.

The Wittenberg Altarpiece is beautiful as a painting and forthright as a statement of theology. When our tour guide explained how the painting proclaimed the theology of the Reformation, I was amazed at the breadth and depth of teaching that could take place through a single piece of artwork. I immediately saw an opportunity for a Lenten sermon series. When I suggested this possibility to the pastor who had arranged our trip, his response was, "Yes, that'll preach!" a common statement among pastors regarding a concept that would make great sermon material.

So this year's midweek Lenten series will focus on this altarpiece. To assist us in grasping as much as possible from Cranach's work, I have created a color booklet illustrating each of the four paintings that comprise the whole altarpiece. In addition to the illustrations, the booklet will have bullet points and plenty of room for taking notes during the sermons. This will enable you to recall the teaching of the painting, as well as share the interesting aspects of the teachings with friends. This could be done on a strictly intellectual basis, showing how specific statements were made by the use of colors, the direction in which eyes are facing, even the position of a foot. In such a discussion there would be no need to 'preach', just explain the unique function of the painting in making a statement. Then let the Holy Spirit work through your words and the painting to create or strengthen faith. Each congregant attending our midweek services will receive one of these booklets.

I pray that you will join us for our Wednesday services at 7:00pm, that your faith may be strengthened and your understanding of God's love increased.

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.

Lenten Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study

His Love Endures

6:30 PM

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 to talk about the Bible study titled, "His Love Endures", which is a daily study of the book of Jeremiah as well as daily devotions. If you would like to join us on the journey, just get the daily reads at *SheReadsTruth.com*. You can even subscribe to have it sent to your email daily! They also have weekly podcasts that have discussions about the current readings. Even if you can't make it to every Thursday's meetings, still consider this daily devotional as we prepare ourselves for Holy week and ultimately Easter Sunday, with a renewed understanding of this unshakable truth: HIS LOVE ENDURES! See Kathy Panning or Linda Snyder if you have questions.

Men, are you feeling left out? Well, there are studies designed for you too. Check out *HeReadsTruth.com*.

Lenten Midweek Meals



Our Wednesday Lenten services begin on Wednesday, March 4th. We will have a meal prior to the services beginning at 6 pm. Please join us for this fellowship before we worship at 7 pm.

Worship Opportunities



March 4th

Art Speaks

March 11th

The Foundation in Christ

March 18th

Baptism Now Saves You

March 25th

Absolute Absolution

April 1st

Drink,All of You

April 9th

Maundy Thursday Worship ~ 7pm

April 10th

Good Friday Worship ~ 7pm

April 12th

Easter Sunday Worship ~ 8am & 10:30am

March
Blessings on your Birthday!

2nd	Jay Indla
7th	Pam Entis
7th	Linda Scott
7th	Austin Thomas
9th	Al Stout
17th	Sarah Jackson
19th	Lucius Swails
23rd	Joe Hirsh
24th	Parker Rehm
24th	Madison Whisenant
30th	Georgene Defelice

Happy Anniversary!

19th	Bill & June Soucy
27th	Jack & Merilynn Sell



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 contact Eileen St. Clair.

Combined Worship Service

March 29th

We will be holding only **ONE** worship service on March 29th at **9:30 am**. Please mark your calendars with the time change so you don't miss this chance to share in the fellowship.



Congregational Meeting

March 29th



There will be a congregational meeting at 11:00 am following the Combined Worship Service at 9:30 am on March 29th. Please plan on attending.

Youth Bowling

Calling all youth. Please mark your calendars for March 22nd for bowling at *810 Bowl* in Market Commons. We will meet there at 4:00. The cost is \$10 for first child and \$5 each additional child.

Contact Jen Hirsh if you are interested. Call or text at 843-318-6628.



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, March 13th.

Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Christian Fellowship will be on **Saturday, March 28th at 9am.** at the Veteran's Café, 3544 Northgate Dr., Myrtle Beach. All men are invited to join us.



Easter Breakfast

The Men's Club will be hosting a continental breakfast between services on Easter Sunday on April 12th. Please join us for some food and fellowship.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, March 8, 2020~ 2:00 am

Remember to spring ahead and set your clocks forward 1 hour on March 8th at 2 am for daylight savings!!

Happy spring!



DINING WITH FRIENDS

March 21, 2020

Seated by 4:30 p.m.

Café Old Vienna (authentic German restaurant)

2011 South Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach

***Café Old Vienna* has invited us to dine for the price of \$23 per person. This price includes entrée, soup or salad, one side item, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage, tax & gratuity. They offer the following menu:**

Chicken Schnitzel
Grilled Flounder Filet
Potato Pancakes

Pork Jager-Schnitzel w/mushroom gravy
Grilled Bratwurst (2)

Side orders: Home Fries, Potato Salad, Spatzle w/gravy or plain, Red Cabbage or Sauerkraut

Please make your check payable to *Holy Lamb*. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 18th.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ **Amount Attached:** _____

Additional forms are located in the rack in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lee. 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, March 18th.

Stewardship OUR BEST INTENTIONS

“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do,” (Romans 7:15), so spoke the Apostle Paul. Somehow he could not translate his best intentions into the actions he wished to do. This is the dilemma that has afflicted Christians who sincerely want to do God’s will.

Peter experienced it too. *“Lord, I am ready to go with You to prison and to death”* (Luke 22:33), he declared, and he meant it. His best intentions were to stick with his Lord, no matter what.

Thomas, too, expressed his intentions. When Jesus said He was going back to Judea where the Jews had tried to stone Him, the disciples tried to dissuade Him. Realizing that nothing could stop Jesus from going to his friend Lazarus, Thomas said to the disciples, *“Let us also go, that we may die with Him”* (John 11:16). He meant it too.

Yet, Peter denied knowing his Lord, and all the disciples fled in fear the night of His betrayal (Mark 14:50). What they wanted to do, they failed to do. What they wanted not to do, that is what they did. We understand the dilemma well. Like Peter, we weep when faced with our failures. But we do not despair, for we have learned that, while on our own we fail, with God we can do great things.

Christ went to His death on Calvary in order to buy us back from sin, death, and the devil. We are no longer captive to sin and immobilized by it. *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us”* (Romans 8:37). Jesus lived the perfect life for us; He shed His blood in payment for our sins; He suffered in our place; and He gives us grace that forgives our failures and gives us more opportunities to bear the fruit He called us and chose us to bear. Truly, with God we can do great things.

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.

Ladies Society Calendar of Events—2020

March 3rd ~ Meeting 10:00am

April ~ No meeting

May 5th ~ Luncheon 11:30 am

October 6th ~ 10:00 am ~ Meeting to discuss bake sale

November 3rd 10:00 am ~ Meeting to discuss Christmas Donations and Cookie Sale

December 1st ~ Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am

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