Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

# June 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the weeks have turned into months, the coronavirus continues to impact our lives every day. To the extent we are able, the ministry of Holy Lamb continues: Bible studies meet every week; our Leadership Team and committees meet as necessary to develop ongoing plans for worship and building use; even our Ladies Society is planning a luncheon in an open air restaurant; our Sunday morning worship continues and we are even able, now, to celebrate communion. In spite of Satan's efforts at stopping the work of the church, the Gospel continues to be proclaimed and exercised through the voices and actions of the church.

This is no different than it was on Pentecost 2000 years ago and in the days and years following – the Gospel of Jesus Christ will not be silenced and the work of His church will not be stopped. For this we praise God!

Our Leadership Team, and the specific committees involved, are moving forward with plans to facilitate on-site worship in formats that ensure our

safety while affording an opportunity for some level of fellowship. More to come on that, but for the time being we will celebrate the Lord's Supper again this Sunday with distribution taking place in the parking lot. Specific instructions are the same as last time. They are included on page 2.

Our Bible studies continue to be wonderful opportunities for education as well as fellowship. Please consider joining us at either of the following:

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 and Wednesday evenings at 6:30;

Next week, we should have more news about on-site worship. I am excited about the ideas being discussed and look forward to sharing them with you once the details have been finalized by our Leadership Team.

Speaking of the proliferation of the Gospel (as I was at the beginning of this article), in this Sunday's sermon, I will share some of the unique ways we continue to impact the lives of people, even those outside our usual circle, because the unusual methods we have employed. I would love to hear more stories of your communications with those outside our church as we share what's happening at Holy Lamb.

As always, please call me if we can do anything to assist you in these challenging times.

In His service,

## Pastor Panning

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### Stewardship

Even with social distancing, we continue being GOD's stewards. Call someone and check on them, send out a card to cheer their day, join us by way of zoom for Bible study. If you know of a need, fulfill it or let someone else know about this need. At this time, it is more important than ever that we look after one another.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Ladies Society Luncheon	FINANCIAL PROFILE—GIVING		
The Ladies Society will be holding their Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, June 2, at <i>Dead Dog Saloon</i> in Murrells Inlet at 11:30 a.m. Merilynn Sell is taking reservations, so please give her a call.	5/3	Budget 3,437	Actual 2,656
We welcome all ladies of the church to come and join us in fellowship!	5/10 5/17	3,437 3,437	5,149 1,895
Thank you!	5/24	3,437	3,415
Pat Marquardt	May	13,748	13,115
	YTD	72,117	69,637

## Drive Through Communion – Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am-11:00am

Volunteers should park their vehicles on the pavement in front of the rear shed (blocking Pastor's truck, etc.) to keep the parking lot clear.

Drivers enter the parking lot at 10:30 am. The usher at the entrance will check to make sure that communicants are members or frequent guests of Holy Lamb. The communicants will form two lines along the right side of the parking lot. The other usher will position themselves at the east (shed) end of the parking lot and direct communicants to make a U turn and form a single line approaching the elders.

In order to reduce the possibility of overflow onto Forestbrook, we would assure members and frequent guests that we will be there until 11am or longer if people were still arriving. If people arrive and see the queue is full, they should go to the parking lot next door and wait a few minutes.

The elders will wear masks and gloves.

Two elders will distribute the wafer – one on each side of the vehicle. Each wafer will be in a small condiment cup. The elders should speak "The body of Christ for you" and hand the cup through the window to the communicant.

Two elders will distribute the wine/juice – one on each side of the vehicle. The elder should ask the communicant whether they wish to receive the wine or juice. The elders will serve the wine/juice rather than the communicant removing the cup from the tray. Be sure to grip the individual cup by the rim and say "The blood of Christ for you" when serving the communicant.

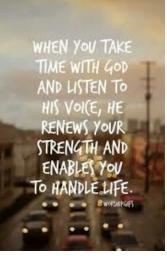
The vehicle will then move on to the final stop where the Pastor will pronounce the dismissal and a benediction.

### Being in the Word daily

Now more than ever, a daily infusion of God's Word will help us deal with the turmoil going on around us.

Our synod's own publisher, Concordia Publishing House (CPH), offers several options worth considering:

- A Treasury of Daily Prayer This volume has daily readings from the Bible as well as the Lutheran Confessions. It includes a format for daily devotions and much more. Kathy and I have used this for periods of time and have found it very rewarding. Its list price is \$50.00, but CPH is offering it for \$34.99. This is a savings of 31% on a wonderful resource for your home.
- Day by Day 365 Devotional readings from Martin Luther These are the devotions we use at the beginning of Council and Elder meetings. At one paragraph each, they offer a quick devotional start to a day. Paperback, \$15.99



- **Readings from the Psalms with Luther** This volume includes all 150 of the Psalms, as well as a brief commentary by Luther on each one again, a great, quick start to your day. Hardcover, \$17.99.
- Many more titles are available at *cph.org*, currently including some free downloadable resources for adults and children.

I encourage you to go online and browse through their assortment to find one that suits you. The peace brought to us in daily Scripture reading is, as I say at the end of every sermon, "the peace which surpasses all human understanding."

### **Bible Studies**

We have two Bible studies going at this time:

**Tuesday mornings**, 9:00 AM – a study of the book of *Hebrews*. The writer of Hebrews demonstrates that Jesus is the Promised Messiah that Israel has been waiting for.

**Wednesday evenings**, 6:30 PM – a study of the book. *Grace, Faith, Scripture – Portrait of a Lutheran*. This very short book explains the foundation Lutheran 'solas' (Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone) in easy to understand language.



# NATIONAL FLAG DAY June 14, 2020

On June 14th, we honor Old Glory on National Flag Day. This day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777.

On National Flag Day, Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and is flown proudly.

Many people have died protecting our country. On National Flag Day, raise the flag and fly it!



### **Continuing Worship Opportunities**

No matter the restrictions placed on travel, we still have an opportunity to worship weekly. More than that, we have the opportunity to go back and review comments that we may have missed in the sermon, and want to hear again.

We have four worship options:

• Live-streaming on Facebook I continue to conduct worship services in our Sanctuary at 9:00AM on Sundays. These can be seen live on our Facebook page: Holy Lamb Lutheran LCMS.



• Watch the recorded version on Facebook any time after that.

Access the recording on our website shortly after the service completes. Tom Marquardt has built a new website for us. At the top of the page you will find a **Media** tab. Clicking that will open a page with all of our previously recorded services, including several of our Midweek Lenten services. The website is: holylambmyrtlebeach.org.

• For those who do not have access to the internet, we have a limited number of Galaxy tablets. These are miniature (approx. 6" x 9") handheld devices. I have modified them so that they are quite simple to use: press one button to 'wake up' the device; swipe your finger across the screen; and touch the worship service you would like to watch.

Think of these as a modern day equivalent to someone dropping off a cassette recording of the service. No passwords, no computer training. So far I have 9 services on each tablet. I'm not sure how many it will hold before I need to erase the older ones to make room for the new ones. Each week I install the newest service and exchange an updated tablet for the one I gave you the previous week.

### 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 Eileen St. Clair and she 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.

Linda Snyder has made some "Pocket Prayer Quilts" and I am sending them out to every person on the praying in color list as I do a card for them. I am trying to get them out to all the names as soon as possible. I thank Linda for this "Quilt". This is a wonderful added dimension to our Ministry.

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.





### LWML NEWS

The next time we gather for worship, hopefully in June, will be mite box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. We will arrange for you to be able 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*. During the last four months, \$138.50 was collected and sent to the Carolinas District.



Our project for 2020 will be collecting items monthly to be given at Christmas time for the long-term residents at *Compass of Conway*, a skilled nursing facility and rehabilitation center. As we have done in the past, a list of items you can donate will be in the notes and the newsletter each month with a container in the Narthex for you to put the items into. The list for **May/June** is: LOTION; DEODORANT; BODY SPRAY; AFTER-SHAVE; BODY WASH; SMALL PACKS (8.6X8.3) OF TISSUES; SHAVING CREAM (**NO RAZORS**); FINGERNAIL POLISH (**NO REMOVER**); OR FILES (**NOT CLIPPERS**). These items should be *travel size* and not large sizes. Looking ahead to the **June/July** list: STATIONARY; ENVELOPES; BLANK CARDS; STAMPS; ADDRESS BOOK; QUALITY PENS; KNITTING AND CROCHET MATERIALS; CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS. Any item can be brought in during the months of June or July.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

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### **Worship Schedule**

Sundays—9:00 am

#### Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am Hebrews

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm Grace, Faith, Scripture ~ Portrait of a Lutheran