

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## December 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me,” (Matthew 25:40) are Jesus’ words encouraging us to love and care for others as He loves and cares for us. It follows, and gives meaning to, the parable of the talents which encourages us to use the gifts and resources we have to accomplish that which God had in mind when he gave them to us.

Responding to disasters, is a need that is very apparent to those of us living in a hurricane-prone area. Last year, Holy Lamb became involved in disaster response efforts. We purchased and equipped a trailer, received training, and actively cleaned out some hurricane damaged homes. From funding, to food preparation, to on-site work, disaster response is a ministry that can involve every member.

In 2020, we have two opportunities related to disaster response: One to further educate, equip, and train ourselves for such work; and one to bring the resources we have to some who have been in need for more than 2 years.

**The Details:** The Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod is holding a disaster response conference at the Coral Reef Resort and Conference Center on January 23-24, 2020. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to receive more training – further training for those who already have some, and basic training for those new to this ministry. Since it is local, we don’t need to pay for lodging, though you are welcome to if you want to be close to the action and share additional time with participants and leaders. Brochures are available in the Narthex and a digital copy is attached to this newsletter for those that are emailed. The program that has been assembled, is quite impressive and the speakers are superbly qualified. Registration is only \$50 and well worth attending if only to understand more fully what this ministry is all about.

Secondly, Puerto Rico was heavily damaged by hurricane Maria in September, 2017. Many of the poorest families still have no roof on their homes. Hope Lutheran Church in Wake Forest, NC has been active in responding to the needs in eastern NC as well as in Puerto Rico. They have made 5 trips to Puerto Rico in the last 2 years. They are now recruiting others to help with installing corrugated metal roofing on homes, some of which still have blue tarps after 2 years. They have one week-long mission trip planned for each of the months of February, March, April, and May. Information on this opportunity is also available in the Narthex and is included in with the digital email. Every one of us can be involved in this ministry, if we are willing. If we undertake this mission, we will need to raise significant funds for the trip – for travel, food, and misc. expenses. We can also contribute to the need for material and tools.

Both of these events (the conference and the mission trip) are excellent opportunities for us to put our resources of time, talent, and treasure to use in bringing hope and comfort to the most desperate situations imaginable. I pray that God leads each of us to consider how we can use His blessings in this ministry.

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 9:00 AM**

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM**

### ***Every One His Witness***

This program understands the blessing and depth of Lutheran theology and how that is put into practice as we love our neighbor in the most basic Christian way – sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Participants will receive valuable, practical tools on how to share Jesus' story in the context of our daily vocations, showing how to develop relationships with family, neighbors, and co-workers that we already know. Join us for this exciting discovery process!

## **LWML News**

Thank you to everyone who put their coins, cash or checks into the mite boxes. Collected in September & October was \$153.80, bringing the total sent since September 2016, to **\$2,191.18**. Isn't it amazing how our coins add up? ALL money from the mite boxes is sent to the Carolinas District to help fund their mission projects and then a portion is also sent to the National LWML to fund their \$2,100,000.00 biennium projects.

At our November meeting, we voted to send money to World Vision to help with necessities and school supplies in the United States. We also voted to give \$250 to Backpack Buddies. We will also be giving money to the church and the preschool, for without the use of their machines, we could not have made the cookbooks in house. We could donate this money from our profit for the huge success of our **"Favorite Foods" Cookbook**. We have almost sold the 130 copies that were made, BUT there are still some left. It's not too late to purchase one or more for \$12.

A huge thank you to everyone who either filled a shoe box, donated items to fill one or donated money for shipping. I was impressed how some of you were very creative in filling the box. I will be taking 39 shoe boxes to a collection center this week. Thank you also to the Youth Group for helping to pack the 10 boxes not taken. We had some items left and we took them to Backpack Buddies.

There are Christmas (religious and non-religious) cards in the Narthex along with other cards for \$1.00 a package of 10 on the small table. Please put your money in the envelope in the container.



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## Ladies Society Calendar of Events—2020

February 4th ~ Valentine Lunch ~ *Sea Captain's* 11:30am

March 3rd ~ Meeting 10:00am

April ~ No meeting

May 5th ~ Luncheon 11:30 am

October 6th ~ Meeting

November 3rd ~ Meeting 10:00 am

December 1st ~ Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am



**Lutheran Hour Ministries** is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It provides various publications and Bible studies but its primary function is providing a weekly sermon for radio broadcast. The Lutheran Hour has been broadcast since 1933.

You can listen to the Lutheran Hour on the radio every week. Stations & times are listed below.

WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	5:00 AM
WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	7:00 AM
WRNN	1450	AM	Sun	7:00 AM

Now, LHM has teamed up with WFAX out of DC & they will broadcast **The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm.** Even if you are not within their local listening area, just go to their website and listen online at <http://wfax.com/>.

## 2020 Church Office Volunteer Opportunities

The church office is looking for volunteers to help with the assembly of **weekly bulletins** and **proofreaders for the monthly newsletter for 2020**. Signup sheets are in the rack in the Narthex. Even if you volunteered last year, **please sign up again**.

**Newsletter openings** left: Jan., April, June, July and September.

**Bulletin openings** left: July and December.

As always your help is invaluable and much appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Dunn at 860-620-2861.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

To honor the birth of our Lord & Savior, I would like to place a plant in the sanctuary for Christmas.

COST PER PLANT IS \$12.00



Please indicate the number of plants you wish to purchase. \_\_\_\_\_



I will take my plants after Christmas Service \_\_\_\_\_

Please give my plants to a shut-in. \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of or another reason (honor, praise, thanksgiving)

Given By: (your name)

Please place order form with payment in the "FLOWER" box located on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made out to "Holy Lamb Church" and write "POINSETTIA" on the memo line. Deadline to place orders is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

# More Fellowship Opportunities at Holy Lamb

## Family Game Night



Usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Christian Fellowship will be on **Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am.** at the Veteran's Café, 3544 Northgate Dr., Myrtle Beach.



## Youth Group

Save the date and join the youth group on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for Christmas caroling.

**Calling youth of all ages** - Join us on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, for *Polar Express* night at Holy Lamb. Bring your favorite Christmas snack and we will have hot chocolate and watch the movie. We will see you at 7pm.

Any questions on any of these events, contact Jen Hirsh at 843-318-6628.

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## LWML

In conjunction with **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, which will be **January 19, 2020**, we will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Closet at Coastline Women's Center in Conway. The goal of Coastline Women's Center is to transform the lives of those they serve by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, upholding the sanctity of human life, and dealing with the impact of unplanned pregnancy and abortion on women and men. Abigail's Closet is a room at Coastline where mothers and/or fathers can go to purchase items with "Mommy money" earned from attending parenting classes. A list of items will be in the January newsletter and in the notes in the bulletin towards the end of December. The box will be in the Narthex on January 12th and 19th. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**From Life Quotes, Lutherans for Life:** "God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God's gift of grace."

*Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML*

## Combined Worship Service Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am

We will be having a combined worship service on **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**



## Worship Opportunities During December

With Advent and Christmas upon us, there will be many opportunities to worship this month. Our Advent Wednesday evening services will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with a light meal at 6:00 pm. Please check page 12 in this newsletter for all dates and times.



## Stewardship – Doing God's Perfect Will

In Romans 12:1 the Apostle Paul tells us “. . . to offer [our] bodies as living sacrifices . . .” Christ sacrificed Himself for our sins, but, as He rose from the dead, so we Christians shall never die. We are living sacrifices who serve others in response to the grace that has been shown to us. We seek opportunities to be useful and to be God's representatives here on earth. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul calls us “Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.” We do not have to have extraordinary abilities or spheres of influence, because we know that God is not limited by our flaws or by circumstances. We just need to make ourselves available, because God has chosen to make His appeal through us. By looking at Christian stewards, others see what Christ is like.

Christ spent His years of ministry on earth as a servant. People listened to Him because they saw that His words were backed up by His deeds. God asks that we be faithful in service and promises that, through His Word, He will equip us “for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). God has created and redeemed us, and, through Word and Sacrament, His Holy Spirit continues His work of sanctification in us. The more aware we are of God's great love and mercy, the more we desire to serve Him.

Part of serving God is serving on the council. Please pray about this opportunity if you are asked to run for a chair position.

*Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship*

### **Ladies Society Christmas Cookie Sale**



Our annual cookie bake sale will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after both worship services. Asking all women of Holy Lamb Lutheran

Church to help in baking your most delicious cookies and dropping them off in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, by 10:00 a.m. **Please come in through the front door of the church.** Ladies will then package and sell them in 1doz., 2doz. or 3doz. packages. The price of the cookies: \$4.00/lb.

### **Ladies Society Christmas Luncheon**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am**

The Ladies Society will hold a Christmas luncheon at Gordon Biersch Restaurant in Market Commons on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30am..

Please RSVP to Merilynn Sell. ALL Ladies of Holy Lamb Church are invited to attend!

*Christmas Luncheon*



### **Christmas Ornament Giving Tree**

As in past years, our preschool is collecting new clothes for the less fortunate children in our community. If you would like to help, there is a Christmas tree with ornaments on the classroom door. Take an ornament, buy the article of clothing, wrap it and tape the ornament on the outside of the gift and return to the preschool by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. These gifts will be taken to *Back Pack Buddies* for distribution at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Christmas Tree Decorating**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**

**and**

### **Christmas Party & Potluck**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm**

Please join us for either or both of these fun-filled events. There is a signup sheet in the rack in the Narthex for the potluck.

# Altar Guild and Flowers

Preparing communion for the month of December 2019

8:00 am ~ Pat Marquardt

10:30 am ~ Kathy Panning



## December

# Blessings on your Birthday!



5th	Jen Hirsh
9th	Riley Smith
18th	Norm Boulet
18th	Justin Indla
19th	Mary Margaret Kluge
22nd	Kim Bertolone
24th	Donald Piel
28th	Ron Nuehring

# Happy Anniversary!

10th	Dave & Theresa Cunningham
27th	James & Barbara Roseman

## Flowers purchased to the glory of God for December 2019

Dec. 1st ~ In honor of Riley Smith's birthday, given by Kathy Orłowski.

Dec. 8th ~ Available.

Dec. 15th ~ Available.

Dec. 22nd ~ Available.

Dec. 29th ~ In memory of our daughter, Sam, Given by Linda & Pete Snyder.



December flowers will be placed in the Narthex during Advent.

## Altar Guild

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, just a reminder, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board & place in the collection plate. The average cost is \$25.00. There may be additional charges if there is a special request for the arrangement to include specific flowers.

**Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelope.**

## 2020 FLOWER CHART

The new flower chart for 2020 is on the wall in the Narthex by the church entrance. Be sure to sign up early to get the best variety of dates. At this time, the cost will remain at \$25 per week with the understanding that any special requests may incur additional costs. Please use the special "FLOWER" envelopes (located near the chart) for your payment and list the dates for which you are paying (especially if you are paying for multiple arrangements). DO NOT place flower payments in the **offering** envelopes.

**NOTE:** Highlighted dates are those within the seasons of Lent or Advent. During these times we refrain from placing flowers on the altar out of reverence to our Lord and Savior, however, you may still purchase flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or special event and have them in the **Narthex** as well as listed in the weekly notes.

Those who donate altar flowers are invited to take them home after the late service. Betty Panning will prepare them for you immediately after our late service dismissal.