

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“I forgive you.”

That simple sentence is powerful. It makes a dynamic impact on both the one hearing it and the one speaking it. The usual replies to an apology following along the lines of, “That’s okay,” or “Don’t worry about it.” These replies dismiss the apology, as well as the precipitating offense, as insignificant. These replies do not heal the wound created by the offense; they allow it to fester under the surface.

In contrast, “I forgive you,” recognizes the offending action as hurtful, whether intended as such, or not. It hears the confession of the offender as true repentance in need of absolution. “I forgive you,” offers that absolution, clearly removing all condemnation, and fully restoring the relationship between the two individuals.

The fact that apologies are so readily dismissed may be an indicator of how insincere they have become – the one apologizing says it automatically as a matter of good manners, neither genuinely acknowledging the commission of an offense in need of forgiveness, nor expecting absolution.

Unfortunately, this automatic and frequent occurrence of insincere apologies and dismissive responses has led to real challenges in our interactions when a genuine apology for offensive action is called for, and absolute absolution is necessary. In these cases, the offender still knows how to apologize, and does so from the heart; but since, “I forgive you,” is so foreign to our conversation, the responder is left with nothing other than, “It really is okay.” To actually say, “I forgive you,” would agree that the behavior was hurtful, and we seem to think that acknowledging the hurt somehow aggravates the conflict.

Or perhaps our reluctance to say, “I forgive you,” is even more sinister. “I forgive you,” would remove all condemnation, offer the absolution sought by the offender, and, most importantly, restore the damaged relationship. Perhaps that’s why, “I forgive you,” has become a rarity – we are unwilling to let go of the offense. To say, “I forgive you,” takes all the wind out of the sail that holds the offender hostage to our hurt. It prevents us from returning to the offense as leverage. It removes the opportunity to feel superior.

In order to restore, “I forgive you,” to our conversation, we need to remember how readily and sincerely God says it to us. In Christ’s death on the cross God has exacted all the condemnation, punishment, and wrath, for all of our offenses (and they are many for each one of us). God no longer has any ‘bone to pick’ with us for anything we’ve done. He can’t hold it over our heads because He has forgiven us – completely, without reservation. He remembers our sin no more.

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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

Philippians

We all like to hear words of support and encouragement – in times of difficulty they strengthen us; in times of joy they increase our joy. Such is the message of Paul’s letter to the Philippians. This book will be the subject of our Tuesday studies. Come join us for spiritual refreshment. (We usually have refreshments for the body, also!)

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!!

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What freedom! What release! Rejoice and revel in this restored relationship with God!

And now recognize that in the forgiveness that God has granted you, He has enabled you and equipped you to bring that same joy to others and their relationship with you. In your forgiven state, God has made you an instrument of forgiveness – calling you to forgive others as he has forgiven you.

What a joy and privilege! With the short but powerful sentence, “I forgive you,” you can extend the peace of God’s forgiveness, and the joy of restored relationships with everyone in your life.

Let’s restore this response to our conversation, and say it with the genuine love with which God says it to us.

In His service,

Pastor Panning



Preschool News—Scrip Gift Cards

We are going to place an early order for Scrip cards to meet the needs of our customers. If you would like to place an order, please use order forms at the back of the church and submit to the preschool by October 14th.

Remember, the preschool earns a percentage of each card purchased. A complete list of vendors is also located in the back of the church.

Irv Ewing, School Board Chairman

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 WFX 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/>.

Ladies Society 2019 Schedule

October 1

10:00 am. Meeting to discuss bake sale.

November 5

10:00 am. Meeting to discuss Christmas donations and cookie sale

December 3

11:30 am. Christmas luncheon



The Pumpkins are Coming!

On **Saturday, October 12th**, the pumpkins will be delivered at 11am. We need hands to help unload the truck! Kathy and Bob Orłowski once again are in charge of this monumental task. With lots of hands working together, it's amazing how quickly the job gets done. Come be a part of the fun!!! **There will be pizza afterwards.**

We will be selling the pumpkins from **October 13th to October 31st**. Look for Merilynn Sell's signup sheet in the Narthex. Sign up for your two hour sales slot(s) to help sell the pumpkins. The proceeds from the sales will finance the Fall Festival.

It's Time for Fall Festival!

Our annual Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 19th** from 11am – 3pm. Please tell all your family, friends and neighbors about this fun day! It's open to **ALL** children of the community. The bouncy house, crafts, face painting and games are free and for a small fee they can paint a T-shirt. Hotdogs and drinks will be for sale at the food tent and the ladies of the church will be selling their yummy baked goods. We'll need help setting up the tables and tents at 8:30am and breaking down at 3 pm. that day.

Any questions, contact Darcy Taiani.



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, October 11th.

Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Christian Fellowship will be on **Saturday, October 26th at 9am.** at the Veteran's Café, 3544 Northgate Dr., Myrtle Beach. All men are invited to join us.



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Youth Group

Calling all knitters!! Please call Jen Hirsh if you are interested in teaching our youth how to knit scarves for our shut ins for Christmas. We will need you at our November Confirmation meeting which is Sunday, November 10th.

Thank you so much for your help!

LWML NEWS

October 6th is Mite Box Sunday as well as LWML 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*. During the last two months \$115.23 was collected and sent into the Carolinas District and since our inception, \$2,037.38 has been sent.

We are grateful for all your support. Our cookbooks are ready for distribution and will be sold on LWML Sunday, October 6. Cost is \$12 per book. If you pre-ordered books, please pay Linda Snyder so she can check you off. If you didn't pre-order and would like to purchase one, any of the LWML ladies will be able to help you.



We will once again be selling RADA Cutlery. Catalogues with instructions and order forms will be in the rack in the Narthex beginning October 13th-November 3rd. Pick up a catalogue, look at it and if you want to order anything, carefully take one order form from the back page, fill out and put in an envelope with your payment (cash or check payable to Cash or Karen Bombria). **DO NOT** make payment to Holy Lamb. Give to Karen or put in the LWML box in the office. Return the book to the rack so others may look at it. They make great Christmas gifts and pair well with our cookbooks. Rada not only sells fine cutlery and utensils but also some food items.



We will be collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes from October 27th-November 3rd. At any time during the months of September/October, you can write a personal note to include in your box and please put **\$9.00 cash** to cover shipping costs to the various countries the boxes will be sent. **DO NOT** tape shut. Now is also the time to go back and purchase any of the items you might like to donate to help fill our boxes that were not taken or donate money to fill them. Make sure you mark your check or envelope with money that it is for *LWML Christmas Shoe Boxes*. The lists are still on the board in the Narthex.

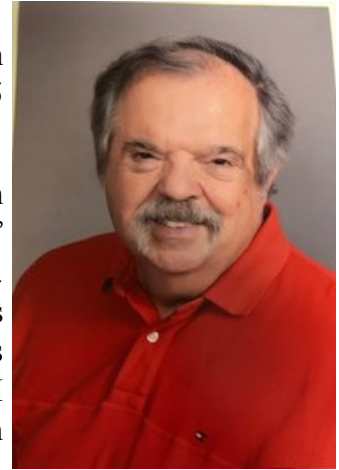
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Council Spotlight Doug Ruddick, Church Treasurer

Rose and I relocated here from western Pennsylvania. I came via eastern PA, Massachusetts and New Jersey while Rose was a native of western PA. Rose worked a variety of jobs in retail and most recently in credit and collections. I worked various technical jobs in the zinc industry, then became a tax man for the IRS and H&R Block.

When we decided to retire AWAY from the snow belt, we searched the coast from Delaware to Georgia, returning to Myrtle Beach where we had vacationed for 25 years. It felt like home, so we made it our home in July 2017.

We immediately started searching for a Lutheran church. We tried a few, then found Holy Lamb. We immediately felt at home. After feeling “volunteered out” from our previous church, we decided to just come to services, then go home. That lasted about a minute and a half. Rose is involved in the Altar Guild, counts offering, helped with the photo directory, is a member of LWML and will begin as an usher in October. Since I cannot do the physical things I used to do, I thought I was off the hook. Then Bill Steele asked me to help with budget planning which led me to the treasurer position.



Wendy Bernstein did an outstanding job for years with limited income. Now with a small surplus of income, the job is much easier. It entails:

- Paying incoming bills and employee salaries.
- Record checks, direct payments and income in the checkbook. Balance the checkbook and reconcile this with the monthly bank statement.
- Transfer this information into the Holy Lamb computer.
- Using this information, issue monthly financial reports to Church Council. There are seven Funds and 106 separate accounts within these funds. I need to show the activity in each account and the balance in each account.

Rose and I feel so blessed by God every day and are so happy with our new church family. We enjoy doing many things with them. It feels good to give back.

Doug Ruddick, Church Treasurer

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Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

Stewardship –The Exalted State of Servant Hood

Martin Luther, the author of the Reformation, which we celebrate the end of October, wrote, “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.” Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servant hood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servant hood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servant hood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude, serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servant hood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servant hood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servant hood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servant hood by explaining Christ’s purpose in coming to Earth: “. . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*”(Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to “measure up” to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how He lived His earthly life and what He has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those He has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servant hood.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28th, 1:00 PM

Many of us will be in town for Thanksgiving this year – And like last year – Holy Lamb Church will hold it’s 2nd annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



Sign up in the Narthex, beginning November 1. Join us for a fun filled afternoon. This event is open to you and your guests! Questions, contact Eileen St. Clair or Pat Marquardt.

Coffee Fellowship

There are openings for 10/13, 10/27 and all of November 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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2019**

POTLUCK DINNER AT 5PM
FOLLOWED BY THE MOVIE:

Martin Luther: “The Idea that Changed the World”

Food signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex on October 13th. Sponsored by Evangelism and Human Care Committees.

New Day for Choir Rehearsals



Church choir rehearsals are changing from Wednesday evenings to Thursday evenings beginning October 3rd. The time is still 5:45 pm.—6:30 pm. Come and join us if you can!

Holy Lamb Lutheran Preschool News

Preschool Office will be open Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30 - 1:00. **Please use the front door during school hours.**



Our students are swinging into a new year in style

With an enrollment of 8 students, we still have room for 4 more! Spread the word, family, friends, neighbors.

Twenty-five dollar gift cards are offered to any store or restaurant of your choice or \$25 cash for referrals who enroll.

Scrip Gift Cards

We are going to place an early order for Scrip cards to meet the needs of our customers. If you would like to place an order, please use order forms at the back of the church and submit to the Preschool by Oct. 14th. Remember, the school earns a percentage of each card purchased. A complete list of vendors is also located in the back of the church.

Our Christmas Scrip Campaign will still occur mid-November and early December.



Field Trip!

The children went to the Library!

The first field trip of the year was to the Library.

Each child had the opportunity to get their first library card, enjoyed story time and activities followed by lunch on the playground.



Parents Volunteer!

The parents volunteered to stay after our parent meeting to assist the children in making their Field Trip Tshirts. Thank You Parents!

Found a job for Mr. Irv:
Clean Up Duty!

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study—9:15 am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 9:00 am
Philippians

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—6:30 pm
Everyone His Witness

FELLOWSHIP & IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st	Ladies Society Meeting Elder's Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
October 7th	Preschool Board Meeting Council Meeting	1:00 pm 7:00 pm
October 11th	Family Game Night	6:30 pm
October 12th	Pumpkin Delivery	11:00 am
October 13th	Catechism Class	4:00 pm
October 17th	Stewardship Meeting	2:00 pm
October 19th	Fall Festival	11:00 am—3:00 pm
October 26th	Men's Christian Fellowship <i>Veteran's Café</i>	9:00 am
October 27th	Congregation - Dinner & a Movie	5:00 pm