

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## August 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I imagine you are as tired of hearing the phrase ‘new normal’ as much as I am. So let me share my own thoughts on that perspective as we continue to face the challenges and opportunities of ministry in circumstances that are new to all of us.

When the coronavirus first hit, I believe we all thought, or at least hoped, that it would be a rather short-term issue – a few weeks, perhaps a month or a little longer. We expected to put life on hold for a short time, then return to life as usual. Then the ‘hold’ became a little longer. Then the numbers went from unpredictable to dire. And now we have reached the point that we recognize the necessity of contemplating life in a different scenario than before – nearly everything has changed and will remain in this changed state – or some form of it, for quite a while.

Instead of simply delaying visits with extended family, we need to figure out how to visit from a distance or take different precautions than ever before. Visits to the doctor now begin with a temperature screening at the entrance. Dining out, if done at all, is entirely different than before. For most of us, in terms of our day-to-day activities, this is a more dramatic and intense disruption than 9/11 was. But we adapted to those new conditions, even though we still grumble about the necessary adaptations.

In the same way, we have adapted the ministry of the church to the new circumstances. Some changes were accomplished in short order out of necessity – we were able to continue worship, without missing a single service, by going on Facebook Live immediately. Some changes required only a week or two as we figured out how to conduct Bible studies via Zoom. I am thrilled that so many have, from the very start, participated in our worship and Bible studies despite the entirely new format.

In time, we refined our worship opportunities to include communion distribution in the parking lot, while maintaining safe distances and practices. (This continues to be available from 10:30 to 11:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, weather permitting.) And we have even been able to worship as a gathered congregation on our front lawn. (This continues to be available at 9:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, weather permitting.)

But it is time to look at all of our ministries and make some intentional decisions. Our Leadership Team, composed of our Council and Elders, has already made one such decision: after many years of hosting the Pumpkin Patch, the Team decided it was not prudent to do it this year – crowding 15 - 20 people in the hot truck, where masks would have made it difficult to breathe and not wearing masks would have been unacceptable and made the decision a ‘no-brainer’.

Not every ministry needs to meet such a drastic demise. In most cases we simply need to explore alternatives – think outside the box; AND be open to alternatives that might seem impossible at first glance.

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An excellent example of this is the card-making group that used to meet at Eileen's house. This group of 6 women met regularly to construct greeting cards from a kit, with an instructor showing them the ropes. When one considers the hands-on nature and the need to actually see the steps, one might think that doing it on Zoom would not be practical. Add to that the lack of any experience with Zoom, up to and including little experience on a computer at all, one might completely dismiss the possibility out of hand. To top it all off, Eileen had no experience scheduling or hosting a Zoom meeting – just weeks earlier Zoom was new to her and she was having difficulty just joining a Bible study. But none of this was enough to prevent these ladies from meeting. With only minimal prior coaching, the card-making event came off without a hitch. And they already have another one scheduled. This is exactly the kind of open-minded, outside-the-box, determination we will need to continue and/or establish our ministries in the current circumstances.

An essential component to the creative process we need to employ is frequent and full communication. To that end, I urge you to read all of this and every newsletter. Casual conversations at our usual gatherings, where ideas and decisions were shared, no longer happen. Most of our information, especially regarding Holy Lamb, now comes from email (and snail mail for those who don't use email). So it is vital that you become an active consumer of the newsletter information – even if at first glance a particular article seems not to apply to you.

Second, since my conversations with all of you have been reduced in number and length, I am going to begin sending a weekly **Pause with Pastor** email/snail mail. The first addition will follow this Newsletter. I'll not describe it here, I do that in the body of the first one. For the time being, it will be sent from the church's email address with **Pause with Pastor** in the subject line. Hopefully, it will soon come from my email address. As with the Newsletter, please read all of it in order to stay informed. You never know when something you read might become useful information to pass along to somebody else.

In this time of unknowns and uncertainty, some things remain known and certain:

- God is still the ruler of the universe;
- Jesus' death on the cross still pays the price for every one of our sins;
- His resurrection and ascension still assure us of our own resurrection and eternal life with Him.

In these known certainties we find the strength and confidence to forge ahead, delivering His presence and proclaiming the Gospel.

In His service,

*Pastor Panning*



**Pumpkin Patch  
Fall Festival 2020**

We regretfully announce that due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival have been cancelled for this year. We are looking forward to holding these events next year.



*John Bombria, Men's Christian Fellowship*

## Stewardship The Big Shoe is Here!



Look for it starting August 2<sup>nd</sup> and every Sunday in August. We will be collecting shoes and socks for kids as we have done in the past. We will have the **Big Shoe** out on Sundays when we have out door services and you can put your contribution in it. On drive thru Communion Sundays, the **Big Shoe** will be in the middle of the parking lot and I will be available to take your donation thru your car window so you don't have to leave your car. I will wear a mask and gloves.



We will also have the donation jug out to receive monetary donations. Also, checks can be mailed into the church made payable to *Holy Lamb*, and in the memo line please indicate they are for *Shoes and Socks for Kids*. We have 5 Sundays in August, so lets overfill the shoe!

*Eileen St. Clair and the Stewardship committee*

## *Shoes and Socks for Kids*

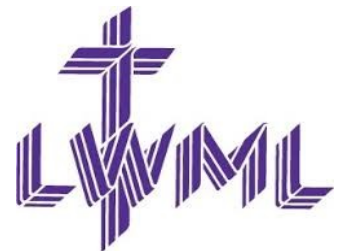
## LWML News

Even though we are not back in the church building, we are still collecting mites and items for our Christmas gifts to the long-term residents at *Compass of Conway*. August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*. The big purple box will be on the table outside when our services are on the front lawn. Thank you for your support.

A list of items you can donate is attached to the marked container as well as listed below. The new list for August is: JIG-SAW PUZZLES (LESS THAN 48 PIECES); PUZZLE BOOKS-LARGE PRINT (WORD SEARCH); CARDS – SKIP-BO OR RUMMY CARDS; LARGE-PRINT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS; ADULT COLOR BOOKS; AUDIO BOOKS; CD PLAYER AND HEADPHONES. The lists from previous months are: LOTION; DEODORANT; BODY SPRAY; AFTERSHAVE; 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. STATIONARY; ENVELOPES; BLANK CARDS; STAMPS; ADDRESS BOOK; QUALITY PENS; KNITTING AND CROCHET MATERIALS; CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS. Any item can be brought in during the month of August.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

*Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb*



## **New Tuesday Morning Bible Study!**

Beginning Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will study the document *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod* (usually referred to as the Brief Statement). This was adopted at the 1932 synodical convention in Chicago. At 14 pages it is obviously a very brief statement (Luther's Works fill over 50 - 2" thick volumes) which makes it a great choice for a Bible study. Using Scripture references as its foundation, this document spells out in plain language the fundamentals of Lutheran doctrine. The format allows us to go into depth where our participants have questions, or quickly dispense with sections that are easily understood.

Please join us for this illuminating look at what makes Lutherans Lutheran. We meet on Zoom at 9:00 on Tuesdays. Please contact Pastor Panning for Zoom instructions or login information. He can be reached at [panningdj@gmail.com](mailto:panningdj@gmail.com) or 843-424-5300.



## **Women's Bible Study**

The women's Thursday night Bible study meets Thursday evenings at 6:30 on Zoom. All women are welcome to join us! Use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code.

We are using the reading plans provided at [www.shereadstruth.com](http://www.shereadstruth.com). You can find the daily Scripture readings and devotion at their website or sign up for their daily email or download their app. The website and emails are free; some of the plans on the app have a nominal charge. There is also a weekly podcast that discusses that week's readings. We would love to have you join us! And whether or not you meet with us, this can be another easy way to develop a daily Bible reading habit.

Beginning July 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading the two week plan on Psalm 119. You may recall that Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible and is a meditation on the characteristics and blessings of God's word. In this reading plan entitled 'Delight in God's Word', we will rejoice in the gift of Scripture as we strive to tether our hearts to its instruction. Psalm 119 gives voice to the human experience and helps us refocus our trust and affection on God, who does not change.

Beginning August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading the three week plan on Ephesians. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is an anthem to the sovereign grace of God displayed toward sinners in Christ. Unity in Christ is one of its key themes and Paul encourages all believers to remember they are living together as brothers and sisters in Christ, united by the same Spirit in collective service, submission, and worship (Eph 4:3) Please join us as we study and celebrate these amazing truths!

Contact Kathy Panning if you need more information or help obtaining the daily devotions and Scripture readings.

## ***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.

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.

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### Worship Schedule

Sundays—9:00 am

### Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am

*Brief Statement  
Of the Doctrinal Position  
Of the Missouri Synod*

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

*One Nation Under God - Healing Racial Divisions*

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm

*Ephesians*