

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

September 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is richly blessing Holy Lamb! His work among us is nothing less than astounding. Allow me to share just a few of His marvelous works that jump out at me as I sit here in the office:

A very large percentage of our congregation is actively involved in the many areas of administration and ministry. Where many congregations are all too familiar with the axiom that 20% of the people do 80% of the work, that is not true at Holy Lamb. This comes to mind as I hear our grounds crew at work in our yard – mowing, trimming, edging, and all the other tasks that keep our campus attractive. We have individuals who regularly handle all of our finances – income as well as expenses. Our officers remain diligent in their various committees, even while it is difficult to meet and the ordinary committee business is somewhat stymied. All of this points to a membership that is actively responding to our Father's leadership, using the gifts He has given for the benefit of His church.

Just as important as the physical work that needs to be done is the financial support required. And here, also, we are responding to God's leadership and call, again using His gifts for His work. Ordinarily, at this time of year our contributions have fallen behind budget a little; but we comfort ourselves with the knowledge that giving ticks up in the last 2 months of the year. This year our contributions are holding even with our budget. What a display of confidence in God's care. (See Bret's Encouragement from the Psalms in today's *Pause with Pastor*.)

As energetic and faithful as our membership is, God is bringing even more people to us! Today we begin a New Member Class with 17 participants. At a time when it would be easy for people to put off looking for a church, or attending church, until things 'normalize,' people are responding to God's call and reaching out to join us in worship and ministry.

In order for us to maintain all aspects of our worship and communion schedule, a pastor is necessary when I'm away. Pastor and Rita Hollar retired to the area just as Pastor and Lynette Kreiger moved to Florida. I did not even have time to panic or lament the loss before Pastor Hollar informed me of his availability. What a blessing these retired pastors have been, not only to me, but to the congregation.

These are just the blessings we have received corporately. I know from conversations with our members that God is doing wonderful things in your individual lives also. From unexpected financial blessings to food gifts to healing that is most accurately described as truly miraculous, God is blessing us mightily.

At the same time others are, indeed, feeling more like Job. To you I offer the encouragement of patience and trust. All of the blessings listed previously have come after a time of prayer in the midst of struggle. If this is where you are, relish the opportunity to be in prayer, confide deeply in your Creator, and rejoice in the surety of your forgiveness and eternal life in heaven.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

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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.

Next Sunday, September 6, is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection from the past month. 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 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.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 12 via zoom.

A list of items you can donate to our items for Seniors at the Compass facility in Conway is attached to the marked container as well as listed below. The new list for September is: SLIPPERS; SHAWLS; WRAPS AND FUZZY SOCKS WITH **GRIPS (MUST HAVE GRIPS)**.

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; 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. Any item can be brought in during the month of September.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

Holy Lamb's Men's Fellowship

Holy Lamb Men's Fellowship Club is now selling the 2021 Attractions Books. Once again, the price is \$20 and the club receives \$10 for each sale. Proceeds will be used to help those in our church and community who have experienced financial distress during these tough times. The goal is to sell at least 100 books and have Pastor Panning disperse the funds where he sees the most need.

There are 82 new discount deals this year. Many are with restaurants some of which have expanded **take out options** like Texas Roadhouse, Ducatis, Lombardo's, Beach Burgers etc. Please consider purchasing a book for yourself and maybe one for a gift. Just call or see John Bombria 631-375-8493 or Henry Twentier 540-729-5415.



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. 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 August 31, we will be reading the plan entitled **The Presence of God**. 'God's presence is my good' David wrote in Psalm 73:28. And he was right. We were created for God's presence—to live in His goodness and joy all the days of our lives. But our first parents turned from the Lord and lost their place in the garden with Him. Since then, God has been drawing near to His people, pulling back the veil between heaven and earth to invite humanity back into His presence. Over 4 weeks, we'll explore what it means that God is with us now, and we'll trace this promise of His presence from the last garden of Genesis to the garden city of Revelation, where we will dwell with the Lord forever.

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.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of August to Date	\$13,882	\$13,748
Year to Date	\$117,174	\$116,858

September

Blessings on your Birthday!

3rd	Rose Ruddick
8th	Tony Defelice
8th	Tiffany Whisenant
9th	David Panning
14th	Fred Reimer
14th	Doug Ruddick
15th	Monica Steele
16th	Merle Falke
21st	Linda Snyder
24th	Len Lewis
29th	Tim Jackson
30th	James Gardner



Happy Anniversary!

29th Bob & Betty Gagliardi

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 or drop off at the church office. The average cost is \$30.00.

If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelope.

For Healing

Patricia, sister of Dorothy Gardner

Ann, daughter of Carol Stocum

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Vivie, relative of John & Karen Bombria

Bea, Ron Hajduk's mom

Jackie Anctil
John Orr
Monica Steele

Ron Hajduk
Steven Rehm
Brenda Tainter



Flowers purchased to the glory of God for September 2020

September 6 ~ In memory of Alfred Balke, Carol Stocum's father.

September 13 ~ Given by Doug & Rose Ruddick for their wedding anniversary.

September 20 ~ In memory of their father, Edgar Smith, given by the Murphy family.

September 27 ~ In memory of the parents of Jack & Merilynn Sell.



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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

The Presence of God