

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

## November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Improvise, adapt, and overcome.” This phrase is part of the U.S. Marine Corp purpose statement. It is also a Clint Eastwood line from the movie, *Heartbreak Ridge*. The concept is quite obvious: when facing new and difficult circumstances, one must adjust the plan in order to succeed.

Since faced with the unforeseen challenges presented by the coronavirus, Holy Lamb has shown an amazing willingness and ability to improvise, adapt, and overcome. At the beginning, we thought this would last a few weeks, then months. Now some are saying we should prepare to wear masks for another year. The need to improvise, adapt, and overcome has not passed. More than simply an opportunity, we have an obligation to continue to be creative in our ministry to each other and the community.

To briefly recap: our worship services have been live online and recordings available online since March; then we developed ‘parking lot distribution’ of the Lord’s Supper; in June we began worship outdoors, and subsequently managed to have communion on the lawn, also (be sure to read more on that below); our Bible studies are available live on Zoom and, by request, as recordings; our administrative meetings are being held on Zoom; our social organizations have had a few gatherings on Zoom or outdoors on the property. We have shown a determined commitment to continuing and even expanding our ministry in the face of this challenge – we have improvised, adapted, and overcome.

As we enter the colder months of the year, the challenges change. Worshiping on the lawn will become uncomfortably cold; social gatherings outdoors will also be impractical. At the same time, the cold weather will keep us inside even more than the virus already has. All of this creates new challenges – new opportunities to improvise, adapt, and overcome.

As I said earlier, we have an obligation to rise to the occasion. The church is more than a group gathered for worship; it is a community, an organism. St. Paul calls the church the ‘body of Christ.’ A body needs all of its parts functioning together to be all that God created it to be. We are obligated to provide sufficient opportunities, not only for worship and Bible study, but also for fellowship, in order for each part of this body to thrive.

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So, as we move forward over the next several months, watch for new opportunities in worship, as well as fellowship. Some options include:

**Extremely local FM radio broadcast of our worship services.** This would broadcast our service across our parking lot, enabling worshipers to remain in their cars with the windows rolled up and the heat on, while listening on the car radio, viewing our worship live, and receiving the Lord's Supper in their vehicle. These FM transmitters sold out immediately when the virus hit. They are available now, and I have one on order.

**Fellowship gatherings on the lawn.** There have been two casual meals on the lawn for specific groups. I believe we still have time for a cookout before it gets too cold. Hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., along with corn hole, croquet, etc., would make for a fun afternoon/evening.

**Fellowship on Zoom.** One of the features of Zoom is the ability to break from the large group into small groups. These have worked well on the calls and conferences I have participated in on the district level. After a time of gathering in the large group, small groups (randomly assigned) are created and each participant is automatically placed in a group. We would have discussion-starter questions for the groups to stimulate the conversation. At a predetermined time, all participants rejoin the large group. This is a great way to renew friendships or create new ones. Some possible ideas: a Christmas Fellowship on Zoom, New Year's Eve Zoom Party (probable NOT to actually ring in the new year, although some may last that late), or just a time to gather to say, "Hi!"

**If you have other ideas** to improvise, adapt, and overcome, please let me know. If you have ideas for, or would like to help with, any of the ideas above, also contact me.

**Now, more about our worship on the lawn.**

In addition to the FM broadcast described above, we are eliminating the 'standardized' worship setting of every other Sunday. As I described in last week's Pause with Pastor, in order to take advantage of every 'good weather' opportunity, on Thursdays I will announce whether our worship will be outdoors, or exclusively online. This announcement will also be available on our website: [holylambmyrtlebeach.org](http://holylambmyrtlebeach.org), on our Facebook page: Holy Lamb Lutheran Church LCMS, and on our office phone answering machine. Check any of these sources late Thursday to find out which worship setting applies for the following Sunday. While this may seem cumbersome, it seems to be the best way to ensure that we engage, in person, with each other as much as possible.

This new non-pattern, along with the FM feature, will allow us to gather on-site as long as we do not have precipitation and the setup and video crew is able to stand the cold. As most of you know, I prefer a cold Sanctuary for leading worship. Now we'll find out how much cold I can take ;-).

As Satan continues to throw obstacles at us, may God bless our improvisations and adaptations, empowering us to overcome, even as He has already overcome Satan in Christ's resurrection.

In the service of our King,

*Pastor Panning*

## Stewardship

When I first took the office of stewardship chair I spent many newsletters on the meaning of Stewardship. I still like "Stewardship is a way of life." As I thought about what to put in this newsletter one passage from the Bible kept coming to me so that is what I give to you. Philippians 4:8 Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. This was written by Paul and it is in a section titled *Exhortation, Encouragement, and Prayer*.

## Church Council Elections

The terms for the following positions for Council are up for election. They are: President, Stewardship, Treasurer, Property Manager, Human Care and Christian Education. There has been some interest in the first four, but **Human Care** and **Christian Education** are still open. If you are so inclined, please give these positions your prayerful consideration.

If anyone is interested or has any questions, please contact Ron Hajduk at 219-307-0727 as soon as possible so a slate can be put together and sent to the membership for approval along with the 2021 budget.

*Ron Hajduk, Council President*



## A Message From Our Church President Voting on the 2021 church budget and slate of new officers for 2021

The environment around the development of the 2021 church budget and slate of new council officers for 2021 is far different than what we are used to. We probably will not have an opportunity to have a Congregation meeting in early December to vote on our 2021 budget and our slate of new council officers. We have developed an alternative plan to get key information to you and process your votes in a timely manner.

**11/10/20** Email/mail proposed 2021 church budget and slate of new officers to voting members.

**11/11/20-11/20/20** Any questions about the recommended budget should be directed to the Budget Committee:

Bill Steele email: [billmon@sccoast.net](mailto:billmon@sccoast.net) phone: (843) 650-2958

Doug Ruddick email: [druddick@verizon.com](mailto:druddick@verizon.com) phone: (843) 349-0097

Bill Soucy email: [soucybill@yahoo.com](mailto:soucybill@yahoo.com) phone: (843) 651-5955

Any questions on the slate of candidates should be directed to:

Ron Hajduk email: [dukester0127@gmail.com](mailto:dukester0127@gmail.com) or phone: (219) 307-0727

**11/21/20-12/11/20** Members vote **Yes** or **No** on approving the 2021 budget

Members vote **Yes** or **No** on new council members for 2021

Vote on line by emailing the church at [holyamlbclms@aol.com](mailto:holyamlbclms@aol.com) or call the church office at (843) 236-1344.

## Bible Studies

### Tuesday Morning

9:00 AM

In our **Tuesday morning** study, we have begun a look at Genesis. We will not examine every verse of every chapter. In order to see the larger picture of God's relationship with his creation, as it is revealed in Genesis, we will examine those interactions between God his chosen people that shed light on how God developed his relationship with man and his process of revealing his method for redeeming that relationship through the coming Messiah, His Son, Jesus.

### Wednesday evening

Our Wednesday evening Bible study will be on hiatus until after the first of the year.

### Thursday evening Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM

Details on page 5.

### A Look Ahead

As a glance down the road, when our Tuesday morning study finishes Genesis, we will look at Revelation. When some members began requesting a study of Revelation, my first reaction was, "Really? We've done that 3 times, already." Then I considered that I have been here 15 years and it does not seem excessive if we average once every 5 years, since we have so many new members constantly joining us, as well as continuing members who are developing an interest in Bible study. And of course, especially with regards to Revelation, there is always something new to learn.

I don't have a start date for the Revelation study. It will depend on our progress in Genesis. So I'm still open to suggestions for Wednesdays in the new year.

*Pastor Panning*

## Ladies Society News

Please join us for our meetings and luncheons held throughout the year! All Ladies of Holy Lamb Church are invited and welcome.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Outdoor Meeting at church.** Please bring your lawn chair - meeting at 10:30 a.m. Rain Date: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Luncheon

We will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm. At *Rip Tydz*, 1210 N. Ocean Blvd.

### Christmas Cookie Sale

Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be done differently this year. Our price remains the same, \$4.00/dozen, however, bakers will wear masks.

**Pre-orders** will be taken via the Holy Lamb Website or contact Pat Marquardt. Go to [holylambmyrtlebeach.org](http://holylambmyrtlebeach.org), click the "Ministries Ladies Society", fill out the order form and submit. **Deadline to order is November 30<sup>th</sup>.**



Pick up your cookies on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the church parking lot between 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> after Church.

Thank you all for your support!

*Pat Marquardt, Ladies Society President*

## 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.

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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 November is: **ATTRACTIVE BLANKETS; FLEECE THROWS; AND WALL OR DESK CALENDARS WITH BIG NUMBERS.** 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; SLIPPERS\*; SHAWLS\*; WRAPS AND FUZZY SOCKS WITH **GRIPS\*** (**MUST HAVE GRIPS**); STUFFED ANIMALS – SMALL; TRINKET BOXES; SUGAR FREE CANDY; WHEELCHAIR/WALKER POUCH.. **Items with \*** are especially needed. Any item can be brought in during the month of November. This is the last month we will be collecting items.

**Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am on ZOOM.** All women are invited to join us. Let me know if you need the code.

*Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb*



### Preschool Scrip Holiday Campaign

The preschool annual Scrip Campaign is now in full swing. Orders and payment must be placed by **November 15<sup>th</sup>** and will be filled within the week. Forms will be available on the table when we have outdoor services and also drive through communion. If you would like an order form emailed to you, please contact the school at 843-236-9645. Orders can be mailed to the school.



### Christmas Gift Cards For Seminary Students

For many years, we have sent gift cards to our Fort Wayne Seminary to assist the students. We intend to continue that gift-giving this year. Since our preschool offers gift cards for sale and receives a percentage of the sale price as a fundraiser, we are asking for your help.

Please make checks payable to *Holy Lamb* and on the memo line, put *Seminary Christmas Fund* (no order form necessary). Your donation to the Seminary students will be included on your yearly giving statement. The church will then purchase a variety of gift cards from the preschool to send to the Seminary.

**EVERYONE WINS!!** We have the privilege of giving a gift, the students receive much needed assistance and our preschool benefits from facilitating the purchase.

If you have any questions, contact Bill or Monica Steele.

If participating, please have your donations in by **November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you to all who join this effort.



## 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.***

The 4 week study of Proverbs continues through the first part of November and it's not too late to join us! The study plan is arranged by themes (rather than a straight read through the book of Proverbs). Each week has a different theme:

Week of 10/26: The Inner Life

Week of 11/2: Relationships

Week of 11/9: Work & Wealth

Join us as we learn what it means to grow in our understanding of God and walk in the way of His wisdom.

Beginning November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading a two week plan on The Fruit of the Spirit. As followers of Jesus, it is right and good for us to desire to bear fruit for God's kingdom and His glory. But a fruitful life is not a product of our will or intentions; it is from the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. The Holy Spirit produces fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We'll spend two weeks studying these nine aspects of the fruit of the Spirit and learn what it looks like to become more like Jesus.

**Coming soon--watch for news of the Advent reading plan!**

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

## 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.

## Daylight Savings Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 am.



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF HOLY LAMB

As Pastor Panning said in his *Pause with Pastor*, “it is hard to believe that many of our new members have not been inside our church building.” “Since we suspended inside worship on March 18<sup>th</sup>, we have adapted our worship, Bible studies, and administrative meetings to continue our mission in the face of the pandemic.” We made our first audio recording of the Wittenberg Altar-piece series on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Hollar and Pastor Panning teamed up to make our first video recording on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Panning and the elders conducted our first drive-thru communion on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Panning organized and conducted our first live video outdoor service on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

The HOLY LAMB website ([HOLYLAMBMYRTLEBEACH.ORG](http://HOLYLAMBMYRTLEBEACH.ORG)) has been changed recently to provide useful information. The **HOME** page informs you if our upcoming Sunday service will be conducted outside.

The **MEDIA** page contains all audio and video worship services starting with Pastor Panning’s Wittenberg Altar-piece series on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

The **PRAYER REQUEST** page allows you to request a prayer for the upcoming worship service.

The **EVENTS** page lists the dates and times of all upcoming Bible studies or meetings.

The **MINISTRIES** page has a **LADIES SOCIETY** tab that offers you the opportunity to order homemade Christmas cookies that will benefit a local charity (details on page 4).

The **NEWS** page contains Newsletters beginning June 2019 and a couple of *Pause with Pastor* letters.

God’s Blessings, *Tom Marquardt, Elder and Web Administrator*

## 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 \$15.00

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



I will take my plant(s) after Christmas Service \_\_\_\_\_

Please give my plant(s) 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 at the outdoor service or give to an usher at the drive through communion. **We will begin taking orders on November 15th.**

Checks should be made out to “Holy Lamb Church” and write “POINSETTIA” on the memo line.  
**Deadline to place an order is December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

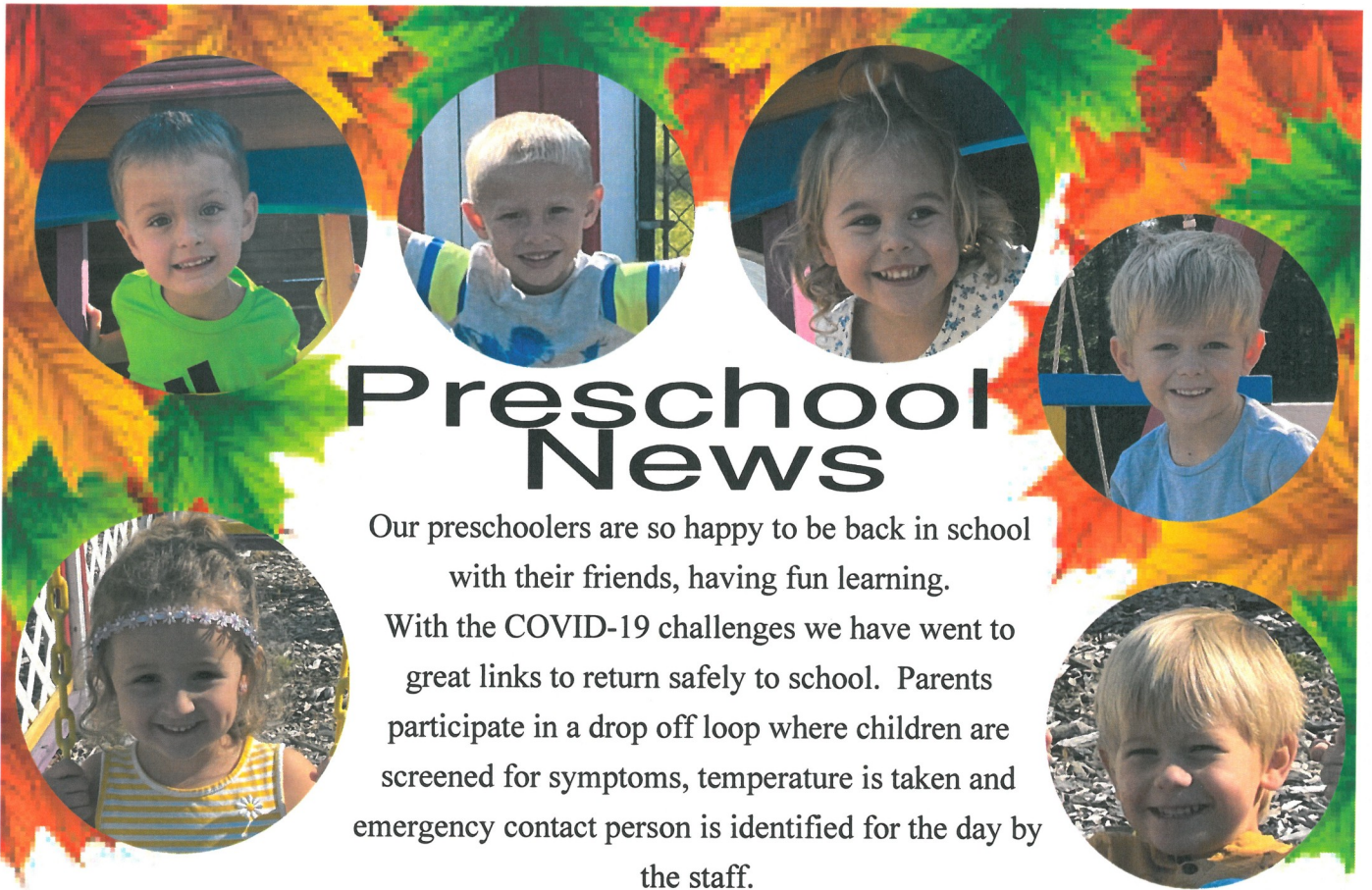
# Holy Lamb Financial Profile

<b>Current Information</b>								
	Attendance			Weekly Offerings		General Fund Income		
	8:00	10:30	Total	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual
<b>10/4</b>				<b>\$3,437</b>	<b>\$3,638</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>\$13,748</b>	<b>\$10,835</b>
<b>10/11</b>				<b>\$3,437</b>	<b>\$2,340</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$147,791</b>	<b>\$146,862</b>
<b>10/18</b>				<b>\$3,437</b>	<b>\$3,485</b>			
<b>10/25</b>				<b>\$3,437</b>	<b>\$1,372</b>			

<b>Historical Comparisons - General Fund Income</b>							
Weekly Averages				Year to Date			
		Attendance	Offerings			2020	2019
<b>Oct</b>	<b>2020</b>		<b>\$2,709</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$146,862</b>	<b>\$146,336</b>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$3,405</b>				
<b>Oct</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$3,203</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>		<b>132,343</b>	<b>136,860</b>
				<b>Loose Plate</b>		<b>14,005</b>	<b>7,879</b>
				<b>Reimbursement</b>		<b>414</b>	<b>1,197</b>
				<b>Building Usage</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>

<b>October 2020 Total Receipts</b>	
Envelopes/Plate (GF)	<b>\$10,835.00</b>
Flowers	<b>85.00</b>
LWML	<b>26.00</b>
Reserve Fund	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,946.00</b>





# Preschool News

Our preschoolers are so happy to be back in school with their friends, having fun learning. With the COVID-19 challenges we have went to great links to return safely to school. Parents participate in a drop off loop where children are screened for symptoms, temperature is taken and emergency contact person is identified for the day by the staff.

Upon entering the building, the children must have a mask on, and sanitize their hands before taking their assigned seats in one of two classrooms as the 6 children are divided into two groups in separate classrooms. Masks are worn at all times while in the classrooms. The children's tables have plexiglass dividers with only four students per table and per room. Ms. Lynnette teaches the lessons for the day in one room while the other teacher teaches supporting activities in the other room. The teachers then rotate rooms for lessons. The children spend a great deal of time outside playing, learning and having snack.

All communications with the parents are conducted through email or text.

With all the new procedures and social distancing in place, we had an unbelievable first day!

## Candy Bar Sales

We continue to sell candy bars \$1 each. If you would like to sell a box for the school, please contact the office or Irv.

## Scrip Holiday Campaign

Our Annual Scrip Campaign is now in full swing.

Orders and payment must be placed by Nov.

15th and will be filled within the week.

If you would like an order form emailed to you, please contact the school at 843-236-9645.

Orders can be mailed to the school.

# Gift Giving Made Easy

## Scrip Cards sponsored by Holy Lamb Preschool



Back by popular demand: Gift Cards with Scrip!

Holy Lamb Preschool will run it's annual Scrip Fund-raising campaign just in time for the holidays! Whether you need gifts, money for holiday baking, holiday travel or holiday meals, Scrip Cards can make the holidays much easier!

While placing your order, don't forget those out of town relatives, the mailman, friends and family. Scrip cards can also be purchased for your grocery shopping, dinner plans and gasoline.

As always, each card purchased will earn money for the preschool. Some vendors more than others, but each purchase will help the school. Scrip Cards will also assist in contactless gift giving which will be very important this Christmas Season.

Orders must be placed by November 15th, checks made payable to Holy Lamb Preschool. Order forms are available in the narthex or need be, we can email you the order form. Payment and orders must be received not later than Nov. 15th and orders will be filled within the week.

Orders can be mailed to the school 2541 Forestbrook Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or dropped off at the school.

Thank you all for your continued participation in this great fund-raiser. If you have any questions, contact the school Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8 and 1. 843-236-9645

## **Holy Lamb Lutheran Church**

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**Preschool**  
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### **Worship Schedule**

Sundays—9:00 am

### **Sunday School & Bible Study**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study                      9:00 am  
*The Book of Genesis*

Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
*On Hiatus*

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study    6:30 pm  
*Proverbs*