

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

December 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is upon us. Since Advent anticipates the coming of Christ, our Wednesday series will look at the promises of His coming.

Wednesday Evenings—7:00 PM

12/2	Promise to Adam and Eve
12/9	Promise to Abraham
12/16	Promise to David
12/23	His Promise to Come Again

The Sunday morning series will focus on the following themes:

Sunday Mornings—9:00 AM

11/29	Hope
12/6	Love
12/13	Joy
12/20	Peace

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Hope you can join us online on Wednesdays and Sundays, online and the front lawn of the church (weather permitting) at 9:00am.

In His Service,

Pastor Panning



Stewardship

Again this month I thought what can I tell you about Stewardship? Than, on November 15th, Pastors sermon said it all. He included in his sermon the statement on Christian Stewardship and on magnets we handed out a few years ago. I keep mine on my refrigerator as a daily reminder. It states that Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life & life's resources for God's purposes.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Ladies Society

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

Christmas Luncheon

We will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 1st at 11:30am. At *Rip Tydz*, 1210 N. Ocean Blvd. R.S.V.P. to Merilynn Sell. Looking ahead, our January luncheon will be held at *California Dreamin*, 2657 Beaver Run Blvd in Myrtle Beach on January 9th at 11:30am.

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, click the "Ministries Ladies Society", fill out the order form and submit. **Deadline to order is November 30th**.



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

Thank you all for your support!

Christmas "Ornament" Tree

Here is an opportunity to do something special for a resident of the Myrtle Beach Estates Nursing Home, Assisted Living Section, this Christmas Season!



A display board will be available on Sunday mornings near the outside table. Take an ornament and purchase something the resident might like (\$15 range.) Below are ideas you might find helpful.

Wrapped gifts with the ornament tag attached can then be placed in the box at church before December. 19th.

Gift ideas: Attractive blankets or fleece throws, Wall or Desk Calendars with big numbers, Travel size Stationary, Envelopes, Blank Cards, Stamps, Large print Word Puzzle Books or Word Search, Large print Devotional Books, Lotion, Deodorant, Body Spray, Aftershave, Shaving Cream, Body Wash, Small Packs (8.6x8.3) Kleenex Tissues.

Sponsored by the Ladies Society

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.

LWML NEWS

Even though we are not back in the church building, we are still collecting mites. Sunday, December 8th 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. Mites collected since March totaled \$333.87. Thank you for your support.

A big thank you to everyone for their donations of items for Compass Nursing Center. We will be taking everything to them on Friday, December 12th. At this time, we will be delivering to the front door only.

Our project for 2021, will once again be Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Look for articles in upcoming newsletters and the notes regarding pick up of the boxes. We will be putting up item suggestions monthly for you to purchase to put in the boxes. We hope you will be blessed filling them as the children who receive them next Christmas will be also.

*Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb
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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. (For those men who are feeling "left out", there is also a 'He Reads Truth' reading plan at the website! If you're still looking for a daily devotional plan for Advent, this would be a great time to explore this option!)



The Advent reading plan begins 11/30! In this 4 week reading plan, we remember not only that Jesus came, but why He came. In observing this 2020 Advent season through daily Scripture readings and reflections, we slow down and prepare our hearts to celebrate His birth and orient our hearts, homes, and minds to the ungraspable magnitude and true meaning of Christmas.

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

A Note of Thanks



Thank you so much for all the well wishes and prayers during my recent eye surgery and (very uncomfortable) recovery! I'm well on my way to a complete recovery and my sight is already much improved—praise God for His care!

Kathy Panning

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.



Council News

Remember to Vote Church Budget and New Church Council Members 2021 Deadline to Vote - December 11, 2020

To vote, (yes or no) on the budget and Council member elections, you may call the church office 236-1344 or send an email to holylambcms@aol.com

On behalf of the Congregation, we would like to thank Margaret Bartelotte (Human Care) and June Soucy (Recording Secretary) for their time and commitment spent while serving on Council. Even though the slate has been sent out, there are still 2 openings on Council. They are Human Care and Christian Education. Anyone that might have an interest in either one of those positions can let me know.

Take care and God's Blessings.

Ron Hajduk, *Church Council President*
219-307-0727 dukester0127@gmail.com

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 18th.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

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

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

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

2021 Offering Envelopes

You may pick up your 2021 offering envelopes after outdoor services (they will be on the table) or during drive-through communion.

Giving Update	Budget	Actual
11/1-11/22	\$13,748	\$15,396
Year to Date	\$161,539	\$162,258



Preschool News
December 2020

Merry
Christmas!

Thank you for your support in our Scrip Campaign. We appreciate your participation and hope it made your shopping a little less stressful.

It looks like snow! The children had a bit of fun in the "snow" for Christmas pictures in the classroom

Pastor Panning was able to hold his first chapel lesson this week with the children via Zoom.

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the \$1,000 gift to the preschool. With reduced enrollment due to Covid, this gift will give us 1 more month of sustainability

We currently have 2 places open in our classroom if you could spread the word.

The students and staff of Holy Lamb Preschool wish you and yours, a very Merry Christmas!

December

Blessings on your Birthday!

5th Jen Hirsh
 18th Norman Boulet
 18th Justin Indla
 19th Mary Margaret Kluge
 22nd Kim Bertolone
 28th Ronald Nuehring



Happy Anniversary!

10th David & Therese Cunningham

For Healing

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

Called Home to Heaven

Jack Molnar, husband of Chris Molnar. Our prayers and condolences to Chris and the Molnar family.

Flowers purchased to the glory of God for December, 2020

December 6 ~ In honor of Florence Smith, given by the Murphy family.
 December 13 ~ Open
 December 20 ~ Open
 December 27 ~ In loving memory of Sam, given by Pete & Linda Snyder.

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 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.

Flower Chart 2021

The new flower chart for 2021 is posted 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 \$30 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Snyder or Marsha Dunn.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—9:00 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
<i>The Book of Genesis</i>	
Wednesday Evening Advent Services	7:00 pm
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
<i>Proverbs</i>	