

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road

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## May 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (Matt. 18:20, ESV) This was never more apparent to me than this past weekend when Kathy and I were in a hotel room on Sunday morning, joining all of you in worship via our Facebook page.

As pastor, I rarely have the opportunity to participate in worship from the perspective of the parishioner, especially our own worship. Due to the technology Holy Lamb has employed for the last year, even when we are out of town, we are able to join our Holy Lamb family in joyful worship. Even though the pastor is different, and the members are not seen, the picture is our familiar Sanctuary, the music has the same beautiful sound, and I know familiar faces are participating behind the scenes to ensure that the worship service is available to all. Truly, even though there were only two of us in the room, knowing there were many more engaged simultaneously in worship, brought home the truth that Jesus was indeed there among us.

I bring this up because, having spent so little time traveling over the past year, I suspect that many of us are going to make up for it this summer as restrictions continue to loosen. We will find ourselves in locations where we do not know if there is a local LCMS congregation, or where to find it, if there is. I encourage you to tune in to the Holy Lamb Facebook page for a live feed, or turn to our website for a recording of the worship service. Of course, our financial obligations continue whether we are in town or not, so please don't pass up that opportunity for worship as well.

By the way, my own schedule has been, and will be, taking me away from Holy Lamb more frequently this year (time off as well as my assistance at Risen Christ), and it seems that many are tempted to skip worship on the Sundays when I am not preaching. What a tremendous opportunity missed! Every pastor develops familiar phrases and mannerisms that get repeated or paraphrased from time to time. So, from time to time, even I enjoy hearing somebody other than myself preach. I hear the burden of the Law illustrated in ways that hit me differently. And I hear the glorious proclamation of the Gospel as though I'm hearing for the first time in a long time. What a joy to hear the Word proclaimed in a new voice, with a fresh perspective! Pastor Grant this past Sunday did exactly that with his commentary prior to the confession of sins and his Gospel-laden sermon on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. If you missed this opportunity for worship, I strongly encourage you to go to our Facebook page or website and listen to, and participate in, this wonderful service.

Another matter that became apparent while participating online was that those of us in the Sanctuary are not sufficiently aware of the impact we can have on those worshipping remotely. Our camera and microphone go 'live' 10 minutes before worship begins and remains live through the musical postlude at the end of the service. The time before worship, during the musical preludes, are times for meditation and preparation. The rumble of conversation really distracts from this meditative atmosphere and overshadows the beauty of the music. Likewise, the time at the end of the service, while the postlude is playing, is an opportunity for reflection on the words and hymns of the service. In order to allow our remote worshipers to receive the greatest benefit from our worship services, please refrain from conversation during the prelude and postlude. And a quick note to those who need to approach the altar after worship – please wait until the camera is off before going about your necessary tasks. The postludes rarely last more than 2½ minutes. I would take a seat myself and enjoy them, but I know our worshipers on the lawn are leaving, and I want to greet them as they exit.

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One final observation: What a joy it was to hear a child's voice in worship! Unlike the rumble of low-level conversation, hearing children's voices is the sound of new life, of enthusiasm. It is one more indicator that we are moving closer and closer to 'normal' conditions. And, just as we adults are learning new ways of making things work in these new, present circumstances, the children, also, need to adjust to returning to worship. To that end, we will be trying some new methods of corralling our youngest worshipers while still encouraging their presence in worship. After all, they, too, are included in the 2 or 3 among whom Jesus is present.

As we re-engage in worship indoors, may our focus be on Christ and his work on our behalf; and may our concern be for the needs of our fellow worshipers.

In His service,

*Pastor Panning*

## Stewardship

Thursday night Ladies Bible study is doing Thessalonians and Paul addresses them in his letter; "Grace and Peace. We always thank God for all of you."

But not being Paul, I will just say that first, I thank God for my committee and continue with thanking God for all the faithful members of Holy Lamb. We had a stewardship meeting and the committee, thinking outside the box, came up with a different way to present time and talent sheets. This month, I am featuring *Human Care*. Earlier this year, we posted responsibilities of each committee.

### Human Care :

"Be the focal point for assisting needy, poor, aged and sick within our congregation and all the community and coordinate congregational efforts to help them. Communicate to the congregation the human care agencies offered by the church and the community and solicit support for them."

- Coordinate funeral luncheons per request of the family.
- Coordinate taking meals to the sick and needy of the congregation.
- Send cards to the sick and to those who have babies.

I have talked to past Human Care members, and the following is what was indicated by them. Human Care is to decorate the church for Christmas and plan the church Christmas party and when asked to help with church planned potlucks. As I understand it, the Kitchen committee is under Human Care and could also serve with the Human Care committee.

The chairperson is responsible to attend council meetings and submit reports on the activities . If you are interested in being on the committee or being the chairperson, please contact Ron Hajduk.

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I want to give you a short report of our last stewardship meeting. Besides doing write ups each month, we discussed the August BBQ fundraiser and have decided to go forward with plans to hold it on August 28th with more info to come. Mark your calendars.

Last, but not least, we again will have the "BIG SHOE" in the church narthex starting the first Sunday in August and it will stay in residence through the last Sunday in August. As in past years, we will be collecting new school shoes and socks for *Help 4 Kids*. There will be more info on these events in future newsletters.

*Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship*

## LWML NEWS

May 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. We are grateful for all your support.

At any time during the month of May, you may purchase one of the following for whom your shoebox will be going to: Coloring book; play dough and cookie cutters; stickers; jump robe; puzzle; playing cards; binoculars; kit to make friendship bracelets. As you put an item in the box, a prayer can be said for the child that will be receiving this Christmas gift which may be the only gift they receive. We will be suggesting items through August to fill the box.

The following items **CANNOT** be included in the boxes: Candy; Gum; Chocolate; Seeds; Food; Toothpaste; Used items; War related items; Liquids; Breakable items or Aerosol cans. We are praying that many have taken a box or two to fill. If you have any questions, please speak to Sylvia Stedina or myself. May 2021 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning promptly at 10:00 am on ZOOM. You can get on beginning at 9:30 am if you would like to chat. Any woman can join us. If you need the code, please email me. Linda Katai will be the Bible study leader.

*Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb*  
*bombria@optonline.net*

## Ladies Society News

Our next Ladies Society luncheon will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at *Rotelli Pizza and Pasta*, 201 Graduate Rd, Conway. All women of the church are invited, please RSVP Merilynn Sell.



### Upcoming Book Sale – May 30, 2021

Here is your opportunity to purchase some books, Pastor and the church library have accumulated over the years. Books will be for sale after worship service on tables outside on the front lawn (narthex if rain is expected). A “donation” is requested for those items new or in good condition. There will also be a **Free Table** which will have various items.

**New items** (limited quantities) available:

*The Lutheran Difference* Anniversary Edition – donation not to exceed \$15.00

*Grace Faith Scripture – Portrait of a Lutheran* – donation not to exceed \$5.00

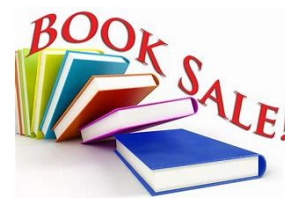
*Savior of the Nations* – Children's Soft Cover Book – 50 cents

*A Meal for Many* – Children's Soft Cover Book – 50 cents

Bible Study Aid – useful with the Lutheran Study Bible - \$1.00

Holy Lamb T-shirts – Ex Large – \$5.00

Holy Lamb Coffee Mugs - \$1.00



**Used Books** (free will offering) – Concordia Self-study Bibles, King James Bible, Devotional Books, Children's Books, Erma Bombeck and Chicken Soup Books.

**Free Items** – 30 Gray Fabric Chairs from Fellowship Hall, VHS Religious Movies, Devotional pamphlets, Refrigerator magnets, various used children books.

Questions, please call Pat Marquardt



# Holy Lamb Preschool

## Now Enrolling for the

### 2021-22 School Year

We have executed a plan to provide a safe, Christian, educational environment to provide a great kick start to your child's academic journey! Our classroom utilizes the CDC guidance using plexiglass dividers at workstations, proper social distancing, sanitation routines and masks worn by all students and staff while in the school. We have a car loop drop off

for contactless drop off and pick up at which point we conduct our COVID screening and temperature checks. Our school welcomes all 3- and 4-year children that are potty trained and ready to begin their academic journey.

Class times: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

8:30-12:30

We offer small class sizes to provide one on one instruction and fellowship, following Horry County Schools guidelines and calendar to prepare our children

for Kindergarten.

For a virtual tour, find us on Facebook at

Holy Lamb Lutheran Preschool.

For more information contact us through FB,

or call 843-236-9645

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To Kindergarten

Holy Lamb Preschool located at: 2541 Forestbrook Road Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

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## Bible Studies

### Tuesday Morning

9:00 AM

In our **Tuesday morning** study, we are studying the book of Genesis. We are not examining 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 are looking at those interactions between God and 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

6:30 PM

In Wednesday Bible study, we are looking at some of the stories of Jesus' life and ministry that are reported differently in the different Gospels. We are looking at why the narratives may differ, as well as what we can gain by looking at them together.

### Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

6:30 PM

Details below on this page.

## 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. (For those men who are feeling 'left out', there is also a 'He Reads Truth' reading plan at the website!)



On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we start a 3 week study on The Kingdom of God: *The world is not our home*. But Scripture also makes it clear that we are here in this imperfect place on purpose and for a purpose; we are part of God's plan to bring His kingdom to bear on earth. So what does that mean for right here and right now? How do we live on earth as citizens of heaven? What does it look like to embrace the already-and-not-yet reality of our permanent home—the kingdom of God—while here in our temporary one? In the first part of this study, we will look into Scripture to better understand Jesus, the King, and the nature of the kingdom of God. Then we'll spend the remaining two weeks reading about life in the kingdom. What does it mean to enter into the kingdom of God while also anticipating it? How does King Jesus call us to live?

On May 17, we begin a two week study of the New Testament books of Colossians and Philemon. These letters from Paul highlight the supremacy of Christ, capture the heart of the gospel, and instruct us in the love and reconciliation that should shape our relationships.

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

# May Blessings on your Birthday!

- 3rd Gene McCarthy
- 7th Kyla Thomas
- 17th Doc Rehm
- 18th Ashlee Reimer
- 19th Madison Gall
- 19th Judy Thropp
- 21st Pat Allison
- 23rd Steven Rehm
- 24th Linda Riley
- 24th Merilynn Sell
- 24th Karen Teixeira
- 25th Ron Ziembo
- 27th Sharon Ewing



# Happy Anniversary!

- 8th Jay & Rebecca Indla
- 17th Marty & Terrie Reynolds
- 19th Joe & Jen Hirsh
- 28th John & Karen Bombria
- 30th Bob & Myrle Rumsey



## May is Armed Forces Recognition Month

**ARMY STRONG**—Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor Integrity, Personal Courage!

PFC, Mark Ruelle  
Master Sergeant, Heath Stephenson

**AIR FORCE** - Aim High,...Fly, Fight, Win, Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in all we do!

Staff Sergeant, Adam Dye	Lauren Baker	Captain, Sammi Leonard
Captain, Dana Katai	Staff Sergeant, Alex Baker	

**NAVY**—Forged by the Sea—To Protect and Defend Our Country Against Our Enemies and to Ensure the U.S. and Our Allies Can Move Freely on the World’s Oceans!

Seamen, Haley Dickinson  
Commander, Andy Steele

**MARINES**—The Few-The Proud\_ Semper Fidelis—Always Faithful—So be it, until Victory is America’s and there is no Enemy but Peace!

Captain, Mark Bertolone  
Major, Paul Bertolone

## 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 flower chart for 2021 is posted on the wall in the Narthex by the church entrance. We still have openings for a variety of dates. **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.

## Flowers purchased to the glory of God for May, 2021

May 2 ~ Open

May 9 ~ Open

May 16 ~ Open

May 23 ~ In honor of their wedding anniversary, given by John & Karen Bombria.

May 30 ~ In honor of their wedding anniversary, given by Bob & Myrle Rumsey.



## Prayer Requests

Unless otherwise requested, prayer request information will be announced in worship, shared with our prayer chain, and published in our bulletin or newsletter. To respect the privacy of those for whom we pray:

With regards to health issues last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.

Information regarding conditions, diagnosis, or procedures will be given only at the initial church announcement, not in print.

Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline.



## Prayer Requests

## For Healing

**Ann**, daughter of Carol Stocum

**Julia**, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

**Linda R**, daughter of Jack & Merilynn Sell

**Mary Ann**, sister-in-law of Linda Snyder

**Jackie Ancil**

**Ron Hajduk**

**John Orr**

**Linda Riley**

**Carol Stocum**

**Carol Boulet**

**Mary Lee**

**Steven Rehm**

**Monica Steele**

**Brenda Tainter**

# Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Current Information								
	Attendance			Weekly Offerings		General Fund Income		
	8:00	10:30	Total	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual
4/4			58	\$3,539	\$6,630	April	\$14,156	\$16,319
4/11			62	\$3,539	\$3,125	Year to Date	\$60,163	\$64,412
4/18			74	\$3,539	\$4,391			
4/25			48	\$3,539	\$2,173			

Historical Comparisons - General Fund Income							
Weekly Averages				Year to Date			
		Attendance	Offerings			2021	2020
April	2021	60	\$4,079	Total		\$64,412	\$56,522
April	2020	0	\$3,798				
April	2019	106	\$3,850	Envelopes		61,777	48,613
				Loose Plate		2,635	7,809
				Reimbursement		0	0
				Building Usage		0	100

Total Apr 2021 Receipts	
General Fund Income	\$16,319.00
Flowers	258.00
Refunds	458.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,951.42</b>



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## Worship Schedule

Sundays—10:30 am

## Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
<i>The Book of Genesis</i>	
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
<i>Joshua and Mark</i>	