

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road

July 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The coronavirus numbers for Horry County have been excellent! We have been well under 20 new cases per day for more than a month; we did not see an upward spike following Memorial Day; and there has been no overall increase with the rising tourist population.

I believe we can begin to see our experience with the pandemic in the rearview mirror. In doing so, we would do well to celebrate our successes, note and learn from our shortfalls (many are theorizing that this will happen again), and of course, mourn our losses. While I do not intend this column to be all-inclusive, I would like to highlight a few items:

1. Let's first acknowledge the two individuals close to Holy Lamb who went to glory as a result of Covid-19: Kim Babaie and Bob Gagliardi. How unfortunate that these deaths were overshadowed by the daily, blaring headlines, the seemingly endless debates, and our preoccupation with appropriate masks, distances, and activities.

We praise God for the faith of Kim and Bob, faith that assured them and assures us of their immortality in heaven; faith by which we are confident that we will see them with resurrected, recreated bodies in heaven.

2. Secondly, our shortfalls. I am probably the least qualified person to identify these because, as I encountered any shortfalls, I worked to address them as soon as possible. But I'm sure there are many that I was not aware of, or did not address as quickly as I should have.

Try as we did, I suspect there were many times when our communication could have been better. We certainly should have been more attentive to individuals who were seen infrequently – as opposed to those who regularly participated in worship, as well as those who were unable to join us in person at all. It was too easy to note that someone 'was here a few weeks ago' and check them off as doing okay and needing no further contact, rather than initiate a conversation or visit, recognizing some specific concern they might have.

3. Finally, we have much to celebrate and give thanks for! Last Sunday, at the congregational meeting, our Elder Chair, Tom Marquardt, read a litany of accomplishments over the last year. He did this in celebration of the 15th anniversary of my ordination and installation at Holy Lamb. To hear him talk, I accomplished all of this singlehandedly. Anyone at all familiar with the dramatic adaptations that have occurred over the past year knows that is not true. I was caught off guard by Tom's review and acclaim. The only specific reference I was able to recall was that Caroline, not I, had set up our Zoom account which enabled our meetings and Bible studies to continue online.

I would like to correct that oversight here. I will not list individual names because I'm sure I would miss someone – there were too many people to be able to remember every person I saw involved, and I'm sure there were many whose participation and assistance I did not personally witness.

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So allow me to identify some of the obvious, significant steps we took, as well as some not-so-obvious but essential things that made Holy Lamb's continued ministry possible:

- a. One of the first things, and most noticeable, was our technology advances. We immediately began broadcasting on FaceBook Live with an iPhone. Then we received a Mevo camera via a grant from Lutheran Church Extension Fund. This involved a significant learning curve including merging/adding/improving audio capabilities, selecting and adapting to new equipment, upgrading our network and learning those new procedures.

All of this took a tremendous amount of time, experimentation, and practice, all while being prepared to provide the service every Sunday using our most recently gained knowledge, which often changed weekly. To the many, many volunteers who assisted and continue to assist with our audio and video production needs, I extend my warmest "Thank you!" Your commitment, in the face of challenging and changing circumstances enabled our members and guests, as well as strangers around the world (literally) to join us in worship.

- b. Early in the pandemic, someone suggested we worship on the front lawn. What a fabulous option this turned out to be. In addition to the technical details of audio and video, we now added a whole new sphere of needed volunteers – setup and breakdown of our equipment, backdrop, and amenities for outdoor worship. Again, a lot of trial and error, adjusting from one Sunday to the next, to arrive at the most efficient steps to assemble all the necessary components. And all of this was subject to the whims of the weather: wind, overpowering sun, and rain, in any combination of the three.

Once again, our members rose to the occasion and assisted in great numbers. I was amazed at how quickly we could create a Chancel area on the sidewalk and then remove it all after worship. Your dedication and attention to detail made our outdoor worship a truly reverent experience – much more than a minimally acceptable substitute for indoor worship. Of special note, is the work of grounds crew in preparing our lawn for worship. "Thank you!" to all who rolled or carried equipment, from sandbags to furnishings to backdrops, in order that we could celebrate the Gospel outdoors.

- c. Speaking of celebrating ... because of the efforts of our Altar Guild and Elders, we were able to celebrate the Sacrament every Sunday we worshiped in person. This includes celebrating on the lawn as well as our 'drive-thru' distribution when we not on the lawn. They managed to adjust to: a) the unique needs of 'touchless distribution' – elements passed through vehicle windows; b) providing a full tray of cups in the middle of the lawn, as well as gathering the empty cups; and c) setting the communion-ware on the sidewalk or on the driveway, again dealing with potentially adverse weather conditions.

The work of the Altar Guild of any church is too often taken for granted. But when they miss a beat, it is 'up front' for everyone to notice. Our Altar Guild has gone way above and beyond in creatively and reverently addressing every need that arose as we celebrated the Sacrament at every opportunity. For your consistent, dependable, reverent service, I offer my personal and sincere, "Thank you."

- d. Finally, all this work by so many would have been to no avail had our members not been willing to think outside the box – in worship, Bible study, and meetings. From group leaders and committee chairs who learned how to initiate and lead a Zoom meeting, to every member who attended on FaceBook, viewed on our webpage, sat in a lawn chair, or listened in our parking lot, our membership demonstrated a desire to worship and be in fellowship with each other that overwhelmed any personal objection to the manner in which we gathered.

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5TH ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER

HELP4KIDS

To purchase shoes and socks
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th

11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

\$10 FOR ADULTS

BBQ SANDWICH, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW AND A BOTTLE OF WATER

\$6 FOR CHILDREN

BBQ SANDWICH, CHIPS AND A BOTTLE OF WATER

\$5 FOR 2nd SANDWICH

A 2 LB CONTAINER FOR \$25 WILL BE AVAILABLE

AT HOLY LAMB LUTHERAN CHURCH

2541 FORESTBROOK ROAD

MYRTLE BEACH

DONATIONS OF *NEW* SHOES AND SOCKS GREATLY APPRECIATED



Stewardship

My definition of stewardship, is that it is a way of life. We are God's stewards doing his work for him that he has called us to do.

There are many opportunities to do God's work both in and outside of the church. On August 28th, we will be holding our 5th annual BBQ fundraiser. We kick off the month of August with the big shoe in the narthex where it will remain until August 30th. Hopefully, we will fill the shoe more than once with new shoes and socks for school kids. These will be donated to *Help for Kids* to distribute to those in need. Also on August 1st, the sign up sheets will appear in the narthex. There will be one to pre-order 2lb. containers of Pastor's pulled pork BBQ, which can be picked up on Sunday August 22nd after both services. We will also have 2lb. containers available at the fundraiser on August 28th. {see the info above for times and cost}. We will be having 3 different pulling dates--this is a fun activity with lots of fellowship. If you have never done this before, here's your chance. Lastly, there will be the sign up sheets for volunteers for the day of the event. We will need people to put up tents and tables before 11am and, then again, at the end of the event to take them down. Servers, kitchen help and food runners will also be needed, so there are lots of opportunities to help make this a successful event. Come join the fun!

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of June to Date	\$9,895	\$10,617
Year to Date	\$91,217	\$88,475

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I'm sure that every one of our members, at one point or another, thought, "Well, I wouldn't have done it that way," or, "I don't see the need to do this." But in the spirit of understanding the need to find new ways to do ministry and recognizing that everyone's perspective and concern was a little different, we held our tongue, made suggestions at the appropriate times, and made the best of each situation.

The strong desire of our members to be in worship and fellowship, along with a willingness to try new things, drove our leaders to continue to improve our worship and ministry experiences. Your faithful participation inspired the dedication of all those mentioned previously. So to Holy Lamb's entire membership, I share with you Paul's words to the Christians at Corinth, "I give thanks to my God always for you." (1 Corinthians 1:4)

I look forward to a more normal ministry environment as we move forward, but let's not lose our desire or ability to stretch ourselves as we seek to minister to God's people within our congregation, our community, and beyond.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

LWML NEWS

Sunday, July 4th, 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*.

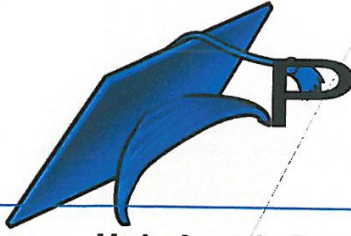
Shoe Box Project

At any time during the month of July, you may purchase one of the following school supplies for whom your box will be going to: Pencils (regular or colored) AND a small pencil sharpener; pens; crayons; markers; notebooks; blunt tip scissors; glue stick (not liquid); ruler or a solar powered calculator. As you put an item in the box, don't forget to say a prayer for the child that will be receiving this Christmas gift which may be the only gift they receive. Reminder - 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. If you have any questions, please speak to Sylvia Stedina at the 8:00 am service or myself.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

Have a Safe and Blessed 4th of July!





Holy Lamb Lutheran Preschool News

Congratulations to the

Class of 2021!



Holy Lamb Preschool
Now Enrolling
2021-22 School Year

Our school welcomes all 3- & 4-year children that are potty trained & ready to begin their academic journey with small class size in a Christian learning environment.

Class times: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30-12:30

Please share the word throughout your community, family and friends that we are enrolling for the Fall semester. Children need of be potty trained and 3 years old. We will accept children before they are 3 if they are potty trained.

Please call the office for more information. We are also on Facebook and Weebly.

A \$25 gift will be given to anyone or any business that refers an enrolling student for the 2021-22 school year

The school office will be closed
the week of July 5th.
Sally will be available on her
cell. 843-333-3064

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If anyone has Thrivent Choice Dollars to designate, this is the last quarter, for last year, to donate your money.

Thank you to all the members of the congregation that have dedicated their Choice Dollars to the preschool. We appreciate your support. Thank You to the congregation members that have donated to the school.



Brandon
Owen



Maddox
Beattie



Cameron
Weld



Maddie
Speakes



Owen Pappas

Summer School Office Hours Preschool Office will be open Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9-12

Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning

9:00 AM

We studying the book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible. This study is often requested and attracts a large attendance because Revelation *can* be so difficult to understand. Many false teachings and misguided understanding arise when individual passages are taken out of context. We have some excellent resources that look at Revelation as one unit. This brings everything into alignment, making the book far easier to understand. If you would like to join us, drop Pastor Panning an email to be included on the mailing list for the study guide pages.

Wednesday Evening

Will resume in the Fall

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. 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!)*

The summer reading plan is a look at how all sixty-six books of the Bible tell one unified story about God's love and purpose for humanity as well as His plan to rescue us.

We began our study on May 31 and we've covered the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) and the Historical books (Joshua-Esther). We're currently in the Wisdom literature (Job-Song of Solomon) and from June 25 through July 16, we'll be covering the Prophets (Isaiah-Malachi). We're reading thematic selections from every book of the Old Testament to see how they contribute to the greater narrative of Scripture, from the creation of the world to the establishment, captivity, and restoration of the nation of Israel. This study provides a framework for reading the Old Testament and a better understanding of its role in redemption history.

We are excited and humbled by how much we are learning in this Old Testament survey about the character of our great God and His plan of redemption. ***It's not too late to join us! The upcoming weeks on the Prophets should be especially enlightening since most of the prophets' writings are unfamiliar to 21st century Christians.***

On July 19, we'll begin a five week study reading selections from every book of the New Testament and see how each contributes to the greater narrative of Scripture, from Jesus' birth and ministry on earth to His triumphant return, giving us a framework for reading the New Testament and a better understanding of its role in redemption history.

Interested but life's busy? You can join us as you are able—or not at all—and read the daily readings on your own schedule—even a week or more later. (So, yes, you can still start at Genesis!)

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

Father's Day Fellowship, June 20th Refreshments by the Ladies Society



Our First Congregation Meeting Since 2019!



Celebrating Pastor's 15th Year of his Ordination and as Pastor at Holy Lamb With a Chocolate Cake!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Men's Christian Fellowship

We invite **ALL** men of the congregation to join us at our breakfast meeting which will be on July 24th at *Local's Restaurant, 811 Seaboard St, MB* at 9:30am for good food and Christian fellowship. Whether you have been active with us in the past or attending for the first time, we invite you to check us out and see what we have planned!



July Blessings on your Birthday!

1st	Kathy Panning
9th	MollieAnne Houghtaling
11th	Kathy Orłowski
15th	Logan Swails
16th	Jamison Thomas
19th	Katherine Mann
23rd	Ed Stedina
25th	John Collins
26th	Tom Marquardt

Happy Anniversary!

1st	Irv & Sharon Ewing
5th	George & Marsha Hulshart
8th	Gene & Karen McCarthy

Happy Birthday

Thank You to Our Newest Volunteers!

We have 6 new volunteers to help us with Sunday worship! We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank them!!

Chuck Bumgarner – Usher (8am)
 Pat Allison – Usher (8am)
 Henry Twentier – Sound System (8am)
 Kathy Panning – Sound System (8am)
 Phil Harris – Sound System (8am)
 Darcy Taiani – Sound System (9:30am)

Thank you for coming forward to help! It is so greatly appreciated!

We can still use more sound system and (especially) video persons for **both** services, so if you can help, **just one Sunday a month (one hour!) would be tremendously appreciated!** Contact Bill Steele 843-650-2958

VOLUNTEER

All that's missing is **U!**

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.

Cancer Issues

Cheryl, friend of Bill & Monica

Linda, Carol Stocum's Goddaughter

Ron, Monica's brother

Maryann, Linda's sister-in-law

Sammi, friend of Dave & Linda

Michael, Lois' brother-in-law

Glenn, Lois' brother

Dan, Rose's brother-in-law

Thanksgiving

Jim & Lois Murphy, for the birth of their healthy granddaughter, Faye, to their daughter and her husband in San Antonio, TX.

Pastor Mueller, Pastor Panning's B-I-L for successful open heart surgery.

Flowers purchased to the glory of God for July, 2021

July 4 ~ In honor and celebration of Independence day, by Tom & Pat Marquardt.

July 11~ In memory of their daughter and their parents, by Bill & Monica Steele.

July 18 ~ In honor and celebration of Ed's birthday, given by Sylvia Stedina.

July 25 ~ In honor and celebration of their family birthdays by Jack & Merilynn Sell.



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

Tristen, Bret & Janette's grandson

Jackie Anctil

Carol Boulet

Ron Hajduk

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Linda Riley

Monica Steele

Carol Stocum

Brenda Tainter

Dorothy Gardner

Merle Falke

Mourning the Loss

John Orr, husband of Sandy.

The Family of Ray Stromberg, close friend of Mary Reynolds

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am
Revelation

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Will Resume in the Fall

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm