

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following 9-11 we became accustomed to a new normal in traveling: security screening lines are longer and move more slowly (and we remove our shoes) and our carry-on luggage is more highly regulated and thoroughly checked, just to name two obvious changes. We recognized early on that these changes were not temporary and we have accepted them as necessary, even though they are frustrating.

When we first encountered the pandemic, we anticipated a finite period of time during which we would make adjustments to our practices. We expected that after perhaps a year, at most, things would return to the way they were. I don't think anybody expected that a 'new normal' would develop. The vaccine would be a safe, sure-fire preventive measure, and we would resume life as usual. In the meantime, we would take temporary measures, make short-term adjustments to our behavior, and, perhaps most significantly, we suspended some activities until this passed.

That was more than 1½ years ago. The charts of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths look like a thrilling roller coaster ride at the most extreme amusement park. Far from an end being in sight, some are now hypothesizing that coronavirus will simply be an ongoing battle, just as the flu is, with annual vaccines targeting the latest variant.

Regardless of what the future holds regarding this virus, it is becoming apparent that unlike our anticipated return to the normal of pre-Covid, we are more likely going to develop new normals in response to the ongoing threat, just as we developed a new normal after 9-11. Our challenge, as the church, is to modify or create new programs that accomplish our mission and ministry while recognizing and minimizing that threat.

We can no longer simply put programs on hold until this passes. We cannot write off the blessings of some activities simply because the way we did them in the past is no longer safe. We need to be as creative in finding long-term solutions to effective ministry as the TSA was in finding ways to keep us safe while traveling.

We can begin by asking, "What do we value the most?" "What activities need to be retooled in order to retain them as part of our congregational life?" Worship, of course, is first; and we have done a remarkable job of emergency, and then enduring, modifications so that our worship is available to everyone. Likewise, we have adapted our Bible studies to a Zoom format to make them available; and we will continue to look at the possibility of making them hybrid, that is, simultaneously in-person and Zoom.

But we must not stop there. Historically, we have thoroughly enjoyed a variety of fellowship opportunities: Dining with Friends, Sunday morning refreshment & fellowship time, and potluck dinners. For years before the pandemic, we had been saying we needed to have more dinners. In the last year and a half we have had none. Our two recent luncheons following memorial services confirmed our desire to gather around food, yet left us looking for a safer methodology. In fact, the most recent one found us eating outside as well as inside.

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Stewardship

Our Thursday night ladies Bible study just finished the Book of Deuteronomy and in the back of the book they included a Hymn: *Take my life, and let it Be*; which is a great Stewardship Hymn. Verse one is: *"Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love."* It has 3 more verses but I think you get the Idea.

Our last Stewardship event was the BBQ fund raiser and these are the results - Socks 493; Shoes 78 pairs; and a check for 3,246.02. A big thank you goes out to each and everyone that helped in anyway.

Our next Stewardship event will be Stewardship Sunday on October 24th. We will focus on Time and Talents and in the past we have handed out sheets with a list of different areas that you could volunteer for. This year will be different in format. With elections coming up in December for council positions we will be highlighting these plus asking for help in various ways to make these positions less work for just one person. If you have never held one of the offices do not let that stop you from volunteering---If God directs you to an office he will guide you. These are the offices we need people for: Financial secretary (and helpers); Recording secretary (take notes at council meetings and type them up); Evangelism (committee members); Head Elder; and Christian Ed. If you have any Questions about these positions please feel free to ask about them. Ron Hajduk our president will be happy to help you.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Combined Worship Service

October 31st

We will be holding only **ONE** worship service on Sunday, October 31st at 9:30am which is Reformation Sunday.

Please mark your calendars with the time change so you don't miss this chance to share in worship and fellowship.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7th. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the names of those loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord within the PAST YEAR. (Nov. 2020-Nov. 2021)



Ladies Society

Our October meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

We welcome all women of the church to join us.

Points of discussion will include:

- Location of our Christmas luncheon restaurant and our annual Christmas project.

I look forward to seeing all of you again!

Pat Marquardt, President Ladies Society

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of September to Date	\$16,632	\$14,156
Year to Date	\$147,163	\$134,482

Pastor's Extracurricular, Ancillary Activities

I chose both words to describe these activities for specific reasons: Extracurricular means activities that are not usually associated with the office of Pastor. Ancillary describes those activities which are necessary to the function of the office of Pastor.

A pastor engages in many activities that are extracurricular, but not ancillary. That is, they are ordinarily not essential to the office of Pastor. Community activities of all sorts are the easiest example. This is not to say that a pastor should not be involved in the community. Rather, these are often thought of as superfluous to his office. One could reasonably argue (I would disagree) that the absence of such activities is not detrimental to the essential functioning of the office.

Ancillary activities, on the other hand, are those which are essential to the functioning of the office of Pastor as we understand that office in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Following are updates on my involvement in two such extracurricular, ancillary activities:

Vacancy Pastor at Risen Christ – This is considered ancillary because maintaining a presence in the pastoral office of the congregation is essential to a healthy congregation. This necessity makes it incumbent on every pastor to participate, as they are able, when a neighboring church is vacant. The church at large benefits from every congregation remaining healthy. Unhealthy churches can negatively impact other congregations, especially those nearby. For that reason, every congregation has a vested interest in helping other, local congregations remain healthy.

Early this year, after discussion with our Elders, I joined Pastors Hollar and Kuppler in a Vacancy Covenant with Risen Christ to serve them until such time as they installed a new pastor. This covenant included a provision for regular evaluation and adjustment as the situation dictated.

Risen Christ has responded very well to the dedicated work of Pastor Hollar. They are rebounding with grace and strength from the challenges of the last several years. In evaluating the Vacancy Covenant, in light of this growth, all parties agreed that Pastor's Hollar and Kuppler, along with assistance from newly retired Pastor Steve Vogt, would be able to handle all the responsibilities associated with the vacancy. Therefore, I have been released from my participation in the Vacancy Covenant.

Circuit Visitor (CV) – The pastor in this office serves as the District representative in the local circuit. He is involved in:

The call process when a congregation calls a pastor,

Assisting the establishment of new congregation,

Facilitating the closing of a congregation

Providing guidance when disputes arise within a congregation or between congregations, just to name a few of his responsibilities.

Looking at the list of responsibilities, one can understand why this office, also, is essential to the pastoral office.

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In March 2017, I began serving as Assistant Circuit Visitor. In November 2018, after consultation with our Elders, I accepted the appointment by President Denninger to be Circuit Visitor, when the then-CV needed to resign the position due to increasing responsibilities at his secular job.

This Saturday, Oct. 2, our circuit will hold its Circuit Forum in preparation for the District Convention next year. Ron Hajduk is our lay delegate. One of the agenda items is electing the CV for a 3-year term which will begin at next year's convention in May. I am happy to report that I expect that 3 names will be nominated, including mine. Even if another pastor is elected to the CV position, I will serve in the office until May. That means I will be involved in the call process at Risen Christ. Our Assistant Circuit Visitor is facilitating the call process at Calvary, Charleston. His service there will also continue until May.

These ancillary activities are absolutely essential to the conduct of the church at large. They are best accomplished when a variety of pastors share the responsibilities, as has been the practice across our circuit for as long as I have been here.

While they do require a time commitment by the pastor holding those offices, every individual congregation benefits from a well-functioning synod, district, and circuit. It is worth noting that during my first 11 years at Holy Lamb, I did not serve in either of these positions. That means that Holy Lamb was benefiting from another congregation's willingness to allow their pastor to serve.

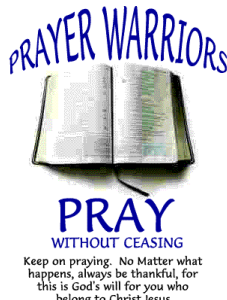
At this time, I have served in the circuit longer than all but one of our active pastors, so it is appropriate that I took my turn. I thank our members for allowing me to serve our district and circuit.

Pastor Panning

Prayer Warriors

We are really fortunate at Holy Lamb to have 2 different prayer groups. One is praying in color led by Eileen St. Clair.

The other is a group of prayer warriors who pray each week, in their own time & space, for the people of our congregation, their families & their friends. We can always use more folks engaged in prayer.



A current list, along with many who have needed continued prayers, is sent out each week via e-mail.

If this is a way in which you can serve Christ & the Holy Lamb congregation, please contact Merilynn Sell.

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 or fill out a prayer request form which are hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



LWML News

October 3 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. Thank you for your support. Mites collected in the summer totaled \$117.20 which will be sent in to the Carolinas District.

October 24 and 31 you may bring in your completed Christmas Shoe Box(es). **Please be sure to put \$9.00 cash** to cover shipping costs to the various countries the boxes will be sent. If you have any questions, please speak to Sylvia Stedina at the 8:00 am service or myself at the 10:30 am service. Thank you very much for participating in this project.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb



Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival Cancelled

Our Men's Fellowship Group has decided that the best course of action regarding this year's Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival is to cancel these events. Dozens of young people (JROTC and Boy Scouts) would have been in the truck with no ventilation for several hours as they unloaded the pumpkins. Since most of them are not yet vaccinated, this was an unacceptable risk. Many of the activities and opportunities of the Fall Festival also involved close personal encounters, such as face painting. Given the high transmission ability of the delta variant, this, too, was not an acceptable risk.



I would like to thank Bob & Kathy Orlowski for their generous donation of lawn equipment to the church in memory of Bob & Betty Gagliardi.

Ron Hajduk, Church Council President



To our dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
We're so thankful that the Lord led us to Holy Lamb, where His precious children willingly shine the light of His love to all who are in need.

We thank you for all your prayers, cards and offers of help as we continue walking through his surgeries and my mom's being called home by the Lord. It's our privilege to call you our Holy Lamb family!



Love, *Darcy and Vince Taiani*

Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning

9:00 AM

We are 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 understandings 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

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!)*



On October 4, we begin a six week study of the book of Acts. Acts presents a crucial history lesson on the early Church and shows us how unlikely people like us can do kingdom work when we have the Holy Spirit. We'll be discussing more than just the biblical context on how the Church began. The study is designed to help us see how God has always given believers the tools they need to go where He calls—even when it seems impossible.

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

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Let's begin to think outside-the-box as we consider how we might renew, restore, or recreate our ministry activities. We have a large property. Perhaps outside-the-box thinking includes outside-the-building thinking. The years that we held our Summer Camp, we had a large tent set up on the left side of the building to expand our space. We have demonstrated an ability and willingness, even a desire for outdoor worship. We live in a climate that allows for outdoor activities for most of the year.

As we seek new alternatives for gathering, may God bless us with insight to assess our needs, wisdom to develop effective solutions, and an abundance of grace – to receive as well as to share – as we listen to new ideas and explore different opportunities.

In His service,

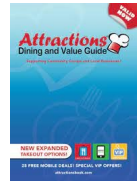
Pastor Panning

Men's Christian Fellowship

We invite **ALL** men of the congregation to join us at our breakfast meeting which will be on October 9th 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!

Attraction Books

The Men's Fellowship is now selling **Attraction Books** for next year. The cost is \$20.00. If you would like to purchase one, please see Jack Sell, Henry Twentier or anyone else from the Men's Group.



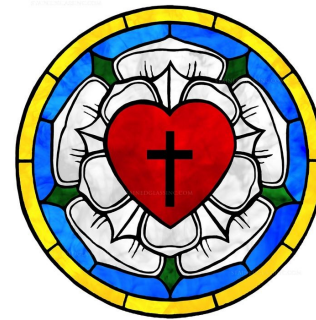
October Blessings on your Birthday!

1st Karen Bombria
3rd Linda Davis
5th Stephanie Hirsh
6th Karen McCarthy
9th Peter Schline
9th Carol Stocum
10th Camille August
11th Terra Swails
12th John Bombria
14th Brittany Howard
15th Ruth Russell



Happy Anniversary!

18th Bill & Monica Steele
20th Rich & Kim Bertolone
22nd Brent & Terra Swails
26th Tim & Kathy Jackson



Volunteers

Although we have had several volunteers over the last couple of months, we still have a need for more! **Ushers, sound system people and video persons** are still needed for **both** services. So if you can help, **just one Sunday a month (one hour!)** it would be tremendously appreciated!

Contact Bill Steele.

Thank you!

VOLUNTEER

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

Reformation Sunday

Single Worship Service October 31, 2021 at 9:30 AM



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.

Altar Flower Openings

There are flower openings for October 3rd & November 21st. If you would like to put flowers on the altar, please fill out the flower chart in the Narthex located on the wall as you enter the church. Remember to include your name as well as what/who the flowers are for.

Flower Chart 2021

The flower chart for 2022 will soon be posted on the wall in the Narthex by the church entrance. **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 Marsha Dunn or Linda Snyder.

Cancer Issues

Cheryl, friend of Bill & Monica

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter

Ron W., Monica's brother

Sammi, friend of Dave & Linda

Michael, Lois' brother-in-law

Glen, Lois' brother

Terri, Pat Allison's daughter

Monica Steele

Linda Riley

Flowers purchased to the glory of God for October, 2021

October 3 ~ Open.

October 10 ~ In honor of the birthday of Tammy, Barb Evan's daughter.

October 17 ~ In honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary by Bill & Monica Steele.

October 24 ~ In memory of all their loved ones by Ed & Sylvia Stedina.

October 31 ~ To the Glory of God in celebration of the pure Gospel which Martin Luther restored to the church.



Called Home to Heaven

Ann, Carol Stocum's daughter.

Thanksgiving

Bonnie, successful surgery on the skin cancer on her leg.

Bea, Ron's mother is recovering in assisted living.

Katherine & Ryan, Lois' daughter and son-in-law have recovered from Covid.

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Linda R, daughter of Jack & Merilynn Sell

Shirley Berry

Sharon Ewing

Dorothy Gardner

Ron Nuehring

Carol Stocum

Theresa Zweigle

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Vince Taiani

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Will Resume in the Fall

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm