

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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November 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 1 Thessalonians the Apostle Paul writes, “¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (5:16-18, ESV)

While these verses may be heard as specific instructions, they are perhaps better understood as a healthy perspective to maintain at all times. Of course, we can rejoice over good fortune in our lives; we can pray for those issues and people that are important to us; and we can give thanks for our blessings. But in these verses Paul does not limit these attitudes and behaviors to those situations in which these actions are comfortable. No, he tells us we can be engaged in all of these in *all* circumstances.

This three-fold outlook of joy, prayer, and thanksgiving is far more than a Norman Vincent Peale encouragement to positive thinking. Rather, as Paul notes, God makes it possible for us to genuinely experience this lifestyle in all circumstances because of what Jesus has done. By the power and work of Jesus we are able to be joyful, engaged in prayer, and thankful at all times – even those times that are difficult, even extremely difficult.

How is this possible? In the midst of the most trying times in our lives we have a living Savior to turn to. Jesus knows, because he has experienced, every trial we may encounter:

- He suffered unimaginable pain on the cross and in the physical torture wreaked on his body prior to the crucifixion. So he knows very well how debilitating pain can be.
- He experienced the loss of his close friend, Lazarus, in death. So he knows the emotional devastation that we experience in the loss of a loved one.
- He saw the distress on the face of his mother as he hung on the cross. So he knows our anguish as we contemplate the impact of our death on the lives of those we leave behind.
- Jesus lived his entire ministry without an income-producing occupation. So he knows what it's like to survive because of the generosity of others.
- He was rejected by both the leaders and the ‘everyday’ people of his time. So he knows how we feel when we are ostracized for whatever reason – or for no reason.

So what is the benefit of Jesus having experienced all of this? I expect that each of us has said, or heard, “You can’t know how I feel. You can’t really relate to my experience.” In such cases the empathy that is expressed for the one who is hurting is dismissed because the one hurting feels so uniquely alone. But, especially in those situations, we are not alone; we are not left with no one who truly understands. Jesus can fully empathize with our situation because he has experienced the worst this world has to offer – the worst we will ever experience.

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Stewardship

On Sunday, October 24th, Pastor started out his sermon with a statement of Christian Stewardship as 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 purpose. I will add that my definition of stewardship is a way of life. Pastor went on to relate some of the history of Holy Lamb and how God works through the Holy Spirit to see that we came through the bad times, just like the Old Testament prophets would recall to the people how God led them by reciting the history of the people and called them to worship the one true God.

We have the benefit of God's grace and salvation given to us by Christ's death on the cross - a gift of God's love for us. We can do nothing to gain salvation. It is a free gift to us from God. He has given us everything - our life, our resources and our talents, calling us to manage all for his purpose.

How can we know what our purpose is? Through prayer, reading God's word and group Bible study we are given ways to understand what God wants from us. The first commandment is to put God first above all else and have no other gods.

We have been blessed so that we can become a blessing to others. How do we do that? We serve in different capacities of the church. There are many ways to serve. As pastor mentioned in his sermon, we need more people to take leadership roles in our church, whether you are a long time member or a recent new member. In Thursday night women's Bible study, we are looking at the book of Acts. As we study, we discover that Jesus called the ordinary people to follow Him and to spread His word. On a podcast I recently heard, the speaker said "God did not call the qualified people, He qualified the people he called". Are you being called?

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Christmas Gift Cards for Seminary Students

For many years, we have sent gift cards to the Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana to assist the students. We are now taking donations this year for the students and their families. Please make checks payable to **Holy Lamb** and in the memo put **Seminary Christmas Fund**. The church will then purchase a variety of gift cards to send to the Seminary. **Deadline is November 14th**.



Daylight Savings Sunday, November 7th

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7th, at 2:00 am.



Congregation Meeting

There will be a congregation meeting after the 10:30am service on December 12th. We will include the election of officers for 2022. Please plan on attending.



Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of October to Date	\$13,003	\$14,156
Year to Date	\$160,166	\$152,177

LWML News

Sunday, November 7 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*. Thank you for all your support. Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 13th at the church. We will be deciding what our project for 2022 will be.



Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb
karenbombria@yahoo.com (note new email address)

Ladies Society News

All Ladies are invited to attend our upcoming meeting on November 2 at 10:30 at church and the upcoming Christmas Luncheon on December 7 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Merilynn Sell to RSVP Luncheon.

Ladies Society - Christmas Cookie Sale – \$4.00/dozen



We will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Sunday, Dec. 12 after each service. Pre-orders will be taken via the Holy Lamb Website – Go to Holylambmyrtlebeach.org, click *Ministries Ladies Society*, fill out order form and click *submit*. Pre-orders must be received by Dec. 5. In addition to pre-orders on our website, cookies can be purchased after each Sunday Service, on December 12.

Christmas “ANGEL” Tree

Here is an opportunity to do something special for the HELP-FOR-KIDS organization this Christmas Season!

An ANGEL display Christmas board will be available in the narthex beginning early November. Each Angel has the name of a child, their age and clothing size. After purchasing your gift, wrap and tape the Angel to the package. Return to church narthex by December 15.

Pat Marquardt, President Ladies Society



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

These people have been on our prayer request list for a long time. If you know some of these people and they are no longer in need of prayer, please contact Merilynn Sell.

Pete Bennet	Jan & Andy Kassy	Jeff Scafe
Russ Brown	Ed McIntosh	Karen Schlette
Alice Cooper	Zalan Moody	Marge Silier
Bryson Daniels	Quinten Masciaelli	Adam Silvernail
Amanda Dunkleberger		Billie Skipper
Denise Ettinger	Jerry Palmer	Andy Sorenson
Rachael Gorbeia	Debra Pannish	Kathy Stevenson
Gary Fessler	Duane Pasternak	Gary Torbek
The Hanchett's son	Stan Pulver	
Karen Harkaway	Billie Riggers	
Billy Harmon	Ron Ruckert	
Jordan Hursey	Brigitte Salkowski	

Council News

There are 5 council terms expiring at the end of December. They are Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Head Elder, Evangelism and Christian Education. Bill Steele said this will be the last time he will be running for **Financial Secretary**, so anyone interested in this position in the future please see me. Sarah Jackson said she is running for the Recording Secretary position., The Head Elder will be provided by the Elders. That leaves **Evangelism** and **Christian Education** positions open. Anyone interested in these positions, please see me.

It is important to have all the Council positions filled to help with opinions and ideas in making decisions for the congregation. We are printing the description of these Council positions that are open. The election for these positions will be held at the Congregation Meeting on December 12th.

Evangelism

- Plan, promote and carry out an evangelism program in the congregation and in the community.
- Assist the Pastor in training the laity to bring the un-churched to instructional classes.
- Integrate new members into the life and work of the Church.

Christian Education

- Responsible for all religious education programs of the congregation, for Vacation Bible School, for the Youth Programs and for recruiting teachers for the Sunday School and Bible Classes.
- Provide teachers with necessary assistance to ensure that objectives and expectations are met.

Ron Hajduk, Council President .

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In each and every situation, Jesus can honestly comfort us with the words, “I DO know what you are going through.” So often that is all that we are looking for in our pain – someone who can understand and be at our side, comforting us with, sometimes, nothing more than a presence. Jesus is that presence, fully aware and familiar with our intense suffering; wrapping his arms around us and assuring us, “I am here. You can be at peace.” That peace, ‘the peace that surpasses all human understanding,’ is the reason we can rejoice, pray, and give thanks in every circumstance.

That peace was won for us on the cross where Jesus gathered all of our sin and pain to himself, freeing us from its eternal consequences in order that our present life may be peaceful, even in pain; and that our eternal life will be free of pain in heaven.

As we approach this Thanksgiving holiday, many of us may think we have little for which to be thankful. But Jesus has given us every reason to be thankful: his constant presence with us in this life, and the assurance of our presence with him in the life to come.

In His service,

Pastor Panning



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

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!)*



During the first two weeks of November, we will complete our six week study of the book of Acts. We are enjoying reading all of Acts at a slower pace and spending some time with the events that aren't included in the Sunday morning readings as well as digging into the details and themes of the whole book. It's not too late to join us!

On November 15, we will begin a two week reading plan called ***One Another***. We will explore the biblical concept of Christian community and how God takes us—broken and messy—and makes us whole and useful. How can we cultivate community that pursues love, unity, service, correction, humility, encouragement, and more? Join us as we discover what it means to reflect Christ in gospel-centered community with our brothers and sisters in Christ.


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

November
Blessings on your Birthday!

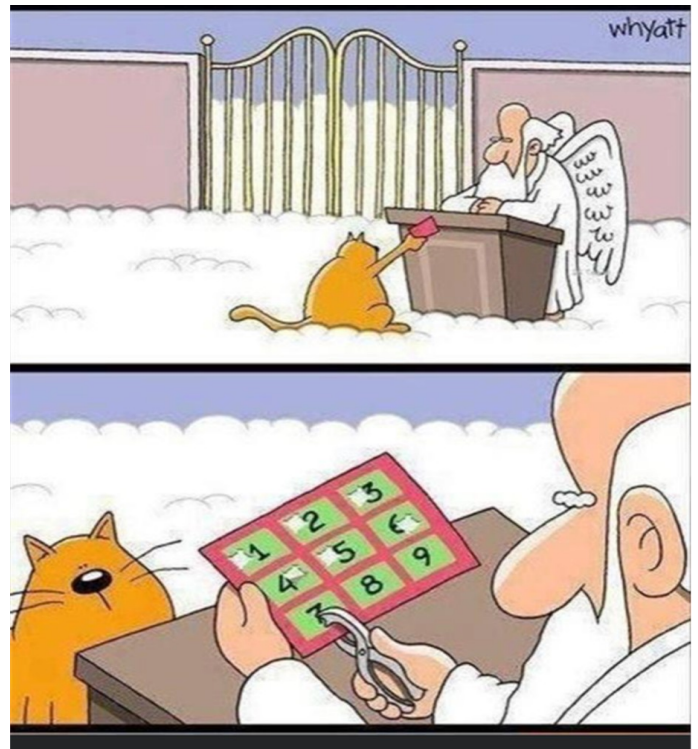
6th	Warren Gall
6th	Paul Jankowski
7th	Carol Boulet
10th	Sally Howard
11th	Titus Swails
15th	Betty Panning
24th	Sandy Orr
28th	Bill Houghtaling
30th	Erin Murphy

Happy Anniversary!

8th	Warren & Pam Gall
27th	Neal & Linda Riley



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Newsletter Proofreaders – 2022

There are quite a few openings left for proofreaders for the monthly newsletter for next year. If you can help for just one hour a month, please sign up on the sheet on the clipboard in the rack in the Narthex. Thank you!

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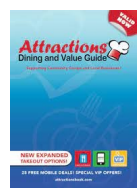
*All that's missing is **U**!*

Men's Christian Fellowship

We invite **ALL** men of the congregation to join us at our breakfast meeting which will be on November 27th at *Local's Restaurant, 811 Seaboard St, MB* at 9:30am for good food and Christian fellowship.

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 call or see Jack Sell, (843-839-5331), or see Henry Twentier or anyone else from the Men's Group.



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 2022

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

Kyle, Kathy Panning's nephew

Russell, friend of Camille

Flowers purchased to the glory of God for November, 2021

November 7 ~ In honor of the birthday of Carol Boulet, given by Norm & Carol Boulet.

November 14 ~ In memory of Bob & Betty Gagliardi.

November 21 ~ In thanksgiving for Steven's continued rehab, by Doc & Nancy Rehm.

November 28 ~ Open



Covid-19

Bruce G., still battling Covid-19 at home.

Shelly, Duane & Eileen's daughter.

Daniel, Duane & Eileen's granddaughter's Husband.

Thanksgiving

Grandson Tommy, born to Darcy's daughter, Tabitha.

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Linda R, daughter of Jack & Merilynn Sell

Bea, Ron's mother

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 & 10:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am

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