

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is difficult to write a December newsletter article, with an appropriate focus on Christmas, 2 days before Thanksgiving. I have just determined what our Wednesday Advent worship series will be – I’m not even thinking about Christmas, yet. So, I will use this column to highlight some upcoming and new, or newly recurring, events and send out a special Pause with Pastor nearer our celebration of the birth of Christ. Please note all the following opportunities for worship and study, and join us where you are able.

If I finish this article on time, the first event will be tomorrow evening – our **Thanksgiving Eve worship** service at 7:00PM. I once heard a pastor say he didn’t know how to preach on Thanksgiving, even suggesting that we shouldn’t have a worship service because it wasn’t a church holiday. That was 20 or more years ago, and I still don’t understand the sentiment. The word ‘thanksgiving’ is used 105 times in Scripture, not including the word ‘thanks’ in all its other forms. In 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians Paul writes, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.” ‘All circumstances’ includes all those times when, due to extremely difficult circumstances, we find it difficult to find anything for which to be thankful. All the more reason to join in worship – to *make* time to remember and identify the many blessings we take for granted or simply overlook in trying times.

We are resuming our **Sunday morning Bible classes** this Sunday, November 28, at 9:15 with a 4-week study of the Incarnation. Join us as we explore one of the greatest mysteries on earth – the incarnation of Jesus Christ as God and man. Some of the questions we will address are: “What does incarnation mean?” “Why did God become man?” “Why not send an angel?” “Where can God be found today?”

Our **Christmas Cantata** will be presented on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00. This will replace our usual Wednesday evening Advent service. With 16 voices from the choirs of Holy Lamb and Risen Christ, accompanied by 8 musicians, including a harp, along with several songs in which the congregation will join, this service of worship and song will be one to remember. Please join us.

Our **Wednesday Advent services** will be on Dec. 8, 15, & 22. We will consider the thoughts, words, and actions of 3 different groups: the family (included the extended family) of Jesus, the angels who announced the birth to the shepherds, and the Magi who traveled to see Jesus. While we do not encounter the latter 2 groups until after the birth of Jesus, their thoughts, words, and actions can confirm and enlighten our Advent preparations.

**Our schedule for Christmas worship services is as follows:**

**Christmas Eve 7:00PM only**

**Christmas Day – 10:00AM**

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 only**

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## Stewardship

When I first took Stewardship, I spent the first four or more newsletters putting in what stewardship means. I had one article last month and this month, I am using "Stewardship a Way of Life". What does that mean in our daily life? Say on Monday you get up do your morning devotion while having coffee and you throw a load of wash in. You get a phone call from a friend that needs to talk to you so you give that person your full attention. You finish laundry and make a meal for the family and spend the evening relaxing or helping the kids with their homework. Another day, you have devotions, make your grocery list and go shopping. During shopping, you see deals on things you plan on getting, so you pick up the extra items to give to the food bank. At check out, you let the person behind you with only 2 items, go ahead of you. You smile and tell them to have a good day. As you check out, you greet your cashier with a smile, and when done, wish them a good day. Going home and unpacking groceries you set aside the items you brought for food bank and make the family meal and possibly zoom your evening Bible study. Some days you might have a morning Bible study to start your day or maybe you are on a committee and have a meeting to attend. You find change in your purse you drop it in the mite box for LWML. Your day may include a Ladies Society meeting or a Men's Fellowship get together. You may be asked to serve on Church council and say yes to a new experience. Remember last month I said, God does not call the qualified, He qualifies those he calls. There are so many ways you can be a good steward -- sing in the choir, fill a shoe box, join a group like a Bible study, join Ladies Society, LWML or, Men's fellowship. As you can see, living a life of stewardship is much different. Each Sunday in the bulletin, there is a list of stewardship opportunities. Check it out and watch the newsletter for more information on groups mentioned. Is there a way you can serve?

We on the stewardship committee, want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship*

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On Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our **Wednesday evening Bible studies** at 6:30. We will begin with a look at Luther's 95 Theses. Luther intended these statements as an invitation to debate theology. It turned into a conflict that led to the Reformation, yet few people have any idea what those 95 statements said. Come and learn what all the fuss was about.

I also want to take a moment to thank all the people who have worked so tirelessly, especially since the pandemic began, to enable us to carry on our ministries effectively. Of course, I have frequently mentioned our video and audio technicians, as well as the many who set up and break down our outdoor worship equipment in various scenarios. But I want to say a special 'Thank you' also to those who continued to do what they have done for so long, including Council, Elders, Altar Guild, the various committees and ad hoc groups and individuals that have kept Holy Lamb operational through these difficult and constantly changing times. Your steadfast resolve in maintaining our fundamentals enabled us to extend and expand beyond our comfort zone. THANK YOU! to all who have had a hand in our operation and ministries.

In His service

*Pastor Panning*

## LWML News

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</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.

*Looking ahead:* In conjunction with **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, which will be **January 23, 2022**, we will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Closet at Coastline Women's Center in Conway. The goal of Coastline Women's Center is to transform the lives of those they serve by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, upholding the sanctity of human life, and dealing with the impact of unplanned pregnancy and abortion on women and men. Abigail's Closet is a room at Coastline where mothers and/or fathers can go to purchase items with "Mommy money" earned from attending parenting classes. **From Life Quotes, Lutherans for Life** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." John 15:16. The box will be in the Narthex on January 15 and 23. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Our next project will be collecting personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Watch the newsletter and bulletin in January for items to collect.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Items are listed below

Please donate one (or more) of the following items.

They may be brought in through January 23 and placed in the marked box.

BIBS

BABY WASH BABY

WIPES

SLEEPERS

BABY LOTION

BABY SOCKS

PACIFIERS

INFANT TOYS

BABY SHAMPOO

DIAPER RASH OINTMENT

ONESIES (BOY OR GIRL)

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



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

## 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 is located in the Narthex. 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<sup>th</sup>.



## Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at *Drunken Jack's* on the Marsh Walk in Murrell's Inlet. All Ladies are invited to attend.

*Pat Marquardt, President Ladies Society*

## Church Photo Directory Who is that person?

Do you ever wonder who your fellow worshippers are or would you like to be recognized with more than a curious frown? Holy Lamb Church will be publicizing a new **Photo Directory** and we want YOU in it.

### SAVE THE DATE

Photography appointments will be February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup> at the church. More information to come.



## Congregation Meeting

There will be a congregation meeting after the 10:30am service on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will include the election of officers for 2022 and also the budget for the upcoming year. Please plan on attending.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 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*

## Holy Lamb Financial Profile

### Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of November to Date	\$11,865	\$10,617
Year to Date	\$175,879	\$166,333

## Bible Studies

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

Beginning Sunday, November 28, our Sunday morning Bible study will resume at 9:15am. We will begin with a 4-session Advent study of the Incarnation. One of the greatest mysteries on earth is the incarnation of Jesus Christ as God and man. Some of the questions we will address are: “What does incarnation mean?” “Why did God become man?” “Why not send an angel?” “Where can God be found today?” Consider joining us for this 4-week study in preparation for Christmas.

### 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

Resumes January 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM

### 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!)*



Our Advent study begins Sunday, November 28 and continues for 5 weeks, through the week after Christmas (so yes, it’s actually an Advent/Christmas study!).

Our Savior declared Himself to be the Light of the World. But this story of light piercing through the darkness didn’t begin with the birth of a baby boy under a shining star in the city of Bethlehem. From creation to the incarnation to the coming eternal city, Scripture speaks of Jesus’s life-giving presence and light in a dark world. During this Advent season, our readings will trace this theme throughout the Bible, preparing our hearts for the celebration to come. Please consider joining us (or going to the website to use the daily Scripture readings and devotion on your own) as we prepare for the coming of the Everlasting Light!

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

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

**December Blessings on your Birthday!**

5th	Jen Hirsh
9th	Riley Smith
18th	Norm Boulet
19th	Mary Margaret Kluge
22nd	Kim Bertolone
24th	Don Piel
28th	Ron Nuehring

**Happy Anniversary!**

10th	David & Therese Cunningham
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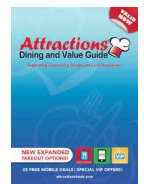


### Men's Christian Fellowship

We invite **ALL** men of the congregation to join us at our breakfast meeting which will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the church at 9:30am

### Attraction Books

The Men's Fellowship is 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.



### A Message of Thanks

Thank you to my Holy Lamb family for your prayers and continued support during my on-going cancer treatments. A special thanks to all of those in the *Praying in Color Ministry*.

Your prayers have kept me strong and I am so grateful and thank God for all of you.

*Monica Steele*

### Christmas Gift Cards for Seminary Students

Thank you for your donations of \$950 to this year's Gift Card program. You made the season more enjoyable for all of them.

*Bill & Monica Steele*



## 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 2022

The flower chart for 2022 is 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.

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

December 5 ~ In memory of Florence Smith,  
Given by the Murphy family.

December 12 ~ Open

December 19~ Open

December 26 ~ Open

Flowers for the month of December will be placed in the Narthex for the Advent Season.



## Covid-19

Dave, friend of Bret & Janette

## Thanksgiving

**Bruce Geary**, recovering from Covid-19

**Daniel**, Duane & Eileen's granddaughter's husband recovering from Covid-19

**Cindy**, Brenda's sister, recovering from heart surgery

## For Healing

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

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

**Bea**, Ron's mother

**Jeannine**, Camille's daughter

**Verlene**, Myrle's sister

**Shirley Berry**

**Carol Boulet**

**Sharon Ewing**

**Merle Falke**

**Dorothy Gardner**

**Mary Lee**

**Ron Nuehring**

**Steven Rehm**

**Carol Stocum**

**Vince Taiani**

**Theresa Zweigle**

**Norm Boulet**

## 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

**Glenn**, Lois' brother

**Terri**, Pat Allison's daughter

**Monica Steele**

**Linda Riley**

**Kyle**, Kathy Panning's nephew

**Russell**, friend of Camille

**Stacy**, Jim's daughter

## Mourning the Loss of

**Michael**, neighbor of Doug & Rose Ruddick.

**Dorothy**, in-law of Norm & Carol

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### **Worship Schedule**

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

### **Sunday School & Bible Study**

Sunday morning Bible Study	9:15 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:30 pm
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