

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What is the purpose of the church? Why does the church exist? How can Holy Lamb fulfill the answers to these questions?

Our Sunday morning Bible study has been addressing these questions for the last several weeks. Interest in this topic has more than doubled the size of the group to 15, as we explore the biblical examples from the ministries of Jesus and the first century church.

Consider the following ‘activities’ that Jesus, the disciples, and the church undertook: (This is only a sampling)

Jesus:

- Changed water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- Fed 4000 and 5000 people on different occasions (Matthew 15:32-38; Luke 9:10-17)
- Healed the sick (Matthew 14:1-4; Luke 5:12-13)
- Healed the disabled (Matthew 13:10-13; Luke 5:17-26)
- Restored sight to the blind (Matthew 18:35-43)
- Cast out demons (Luke 8:26-33)
- Raised the dead (Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 7:11-17; John 11:1-46)

The disciples and the first century church:

- Healed the sick (Acts 5:12-16)
- Cast out demons (Luke 10:17)
- Fed the widows (Acts 6:1-6)
- Shared their possessions with those in need (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34);
- Healed the disabled (Acts 3:7; 9:32-35)
- Raised the dead (Acts 6:39-42; 20:7-10)

Of course, the most important ‘activity’ was preaching the Gospel of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ.

As you consider the variety of preaching and miracles that were done by, and in the name of Jesus, can you find a single, simple phrase that describes their work? How about, “They met the needs of people at the point and level of their need.”? From wine, to healing, to hearing the Gospel, Jesus and the church addressed the needs of individuals they encountered. Jesus did not start a winery because he liked making wine. The disciples didn’t feed the widows because they liked to cook. Paul didn’t preach because he was an excellent public speaker (as a matter of fact, he was not an imposing presence). In each and every case, including the proclamation of the Gospel, the actions of Jesus and the church were an intentional response to a very real, demonstrated need.

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Stewardship

From Romans 12:3-8:

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: If prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if in service in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

Sunday morning Bible study has been looking at the mission of the church and what we are already doing and where we are lacking or could improve. The mission of the church is inclusive of all its members and all their God given talents. Do you have a vision for Holy Lamb?? If so please share it, if not on Sunday morning, than with Pastor or a member of council. This is a new year. Let us look for the opportunities God is presenting to us to do as His stewards.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

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This may seem elementary, but it seems that in developing programs and ministries, we often lose sight of the specific need we think we are addressing. Instead, we boldly and actively engage in activities which make us feel good, but often miss the intended mark.

Let's take a new look at how to plan ministry by assessing an actual, voiced need, not merely a perception or assumption. Let's discover the actual spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, and other needs of our members and community and then develop a ministry to address one or more of those needs, keeping the specific need in focus so we don't get distracted with our own perceptions and desires.

Initially, these conversations would not include whatever building or financial implications may be associated with the program. Those topics would be addressed in full after we decide on the ministries to be undertaken. That is, the type of building additions or modifications needed would be determined by the ministries we plan to initiate. Likewise, funding would be driven by the needs of the particular ministries. Building and finances, along with our individual talents, abilities, and time, are the means to facilitate the need-meeting programs we choose.

As we consider how best to use the vast resources at our disposal, may God guide our thoughts and conversation in order that we, as Jesus and the early church did, meet the needs of people at the point and level of their need, as we proclaim the Gospel by word and deed.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

LWML News

Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by February 6. In December and January, \$180.80 was collected and sent to the Carolinas District. Thank you for your support.

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 am. We thank the congregation for your very generous donations of baby items for Abigail's Closet at the Coastline Women's Center. A list of what was donated is on the board in the Narthex. The center was very thankful.

Personal Care Kit Project

LWML's next project will take place over the next 6 months. Once again, we will be putting together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief to distribute. Each month, we will ask for a different item to be donated, and for four (4) weeks, that item can be put in the marked box in the Narthex. You may donate more than one of any of the items. In 2018, we packed 120 kits, so hopefully we will be able to send that many this year. Being collected in February are ***DARK COLORED, LIGHTWEIGHT TOWELS*** (NOT microfiber) (20x40 or 27x52}. At our July meeting we will be putting together the care kits. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

Lenten Worship Opportunities

Our Lenten worship services will begin on March 2nd, which is Ash Wednesday, and continue every Wednesday through April 6th at 7:00pm.

During Holy week the services will be as follows:

April 14 th	Maundy Thursday Worship ~ 7pm
April 15 th	Good Friday Worship ~ 7pm
April 17 th	Easter Sunday Worship ~ 8am & 10:30am



Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of January to Date	\$13,340	\$14,184
Year to Date	\$13,340	\$14,184

Church Photo Directory

Our photography dates are approaching quickly – February 11th and February 12th. Everyone who gets their picture taken, receives a "free" 8 x 10 photograph and the directory.



To schedule your photography appointment on line, go to www.ucdir.com. Click on photography appointment scheduling. Login on the right side, enter **sc246**. Enter **photos** in the church password field. Follow the prompts for your appointment.

Church Picture Directory Appointments are scheduled as follows:

Friday, February 11 between the hours of 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, February 12 between the hours of 10:30 am to 5:00 pm

We appreciate the turnout we have received so far on this project!

Ladies Society News:

The Ladies Society Valentine Luncheon will be held on February 1, 2022 at 11:30 am at the *Crafty Rooster*, 1125 3rd Avenue in Conway. All women of the church are invited! Please RSVP to Sylvia Stedina.



Council News

John Bombria is retiring as Property Manager of Holy Lamb. John will be helping with the transition of the newly appointed property manager, Dave Katai. Please take a moment to thank John for his years of service and dedication and to offer your congratulations to Dave and any assistance he may need in the future.

Remember, there are still Council openings that need to be filled as well as volunteers for existing committees. Please consider giving of your time to any one of these committees.

Ron Hajduk, *Church Council President*

Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Christian Fellowship is Saturday, February 19th at 9:30 am. All men are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship.



**In His Service
February 2022**

Altar Guild	Pat Marquardt	Karen Bombria
Newsletter Proofer	Betty Panning	

February 6 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Pat Allison	Chuck Bumgarner
	N/A	Warren Gall
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

February 13 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

February 20 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Marsha Dunn	Rose Ruddick
	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

February 27 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Bret Rhoades
Ushers	Pat Allison	Chuck Bumgarner
	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Linda Katai
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to usher, run the audio system and video the services at both the 8am and 10:30am services. One hour a month is all we ask. If you can help, please contact Bill Steele.



Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It provides various publications and Bible studies but its primary function is providing a weekly sermon for radio broadcast. The Lutheran Hour has been broadcast since 1933.

You can listen to the Lutheran Hour on the radio every week. Stations & times are listed below

WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	5:00 AM
WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	7:00 AM
WRNN	1450	AM	Sun	7:00 AM

Now, LHM has teamed up with WFAZ out of DC & they will broadcast **The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm**. Even if you are not within their local listening area, just go to their website and listen online at <http://wfax.com/>.

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.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Holy Lamb in Ministry

9:15 AM

We are exploring ministry options for Holy Lamb, just as the Apostles, in Acts 6, needed to make determinations on how to meet the needs of that church community. While our needs are different, so are our resources. Determining which ministry activities we will undertake is a spiritual and theological decision as much as a financial and administrative one. And, appropriately, we will address the first two aspects, first. Join in the discussion that begins to look at how Holy Lamb expands her ministry. Share your ideas and ask your questions, in order that the result is truly the best ideas of the entire congregation.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Revelation

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 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 Bible Study

6:30 PM

We have 4 Wednesdays before Ash Wednesday on March 2. In these studies, we will open the floor to any questions or topics you may have. This is not an exercise in getting an ‘off-the-top-of-the-head’ answer. Topics or questions are raised one week and I will develop materials to address the question at the next study.

Our first question revolves around, “How can the Christian respond to terrible things that happen?” This can apply to specific events in one’s life (diagnosis, death, or any other devastating occurrence), or to the uncertainty and anxiety caused by world affairs. It also raises the question, “Where is God when all of this is happening?” Please join us to learn some answers, or to raise your own questions.

Thursday Evening Women’s Bible Study

Details below on this page

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!)*

The week of January 31, we will finish our 5 week study of the Gospel of John. We have been blessed by this slower more thoughtful reading of this gospel—a chapter or less per day. If it’s been a while since you’ve read this New Testament book that clearly teaches the divinity of Christ and emphasizes His invitation for us to respond in faith, the reading plan is still available at www.shereadstruth.com and www.hereadstruth.com

On February 7, we begin a 3 week study entitled *Do Not Fear: A Biblical Study on Responding to God’s Faithfulness*. Fear confronts us on a daily basis, attempting to rattle our faith and uproot our peace. Yet God’s assurance of His presence in every moment and circumstance of our lives gives us a grounded response to fear. Join us as we learn about God’s faithful character and read what Scripture says about trusting God to walk with us in all seasons!

Coming in March—Our Lenten study of Ezekiel! We are all very excited about reading this formidable Old Testament book. Please consider spending some time during the season of Lent to read about the doctrine of repentance, the promise of salvation God revealed in the new covenant, a prophecy of Holy Baptism, and God’s goal for a united and holy people among whom His glory would dwell—all in this prophetic book from the time of the Babylonian captivity.

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



February Blessings on your Birthday!

- 7th Linda Katai
- 8th Maurice Bartelotte
- 11th Les Cotton
- 11th David Katai
- 12th Nancy Rehm
- 13th Andrea Nezich
- 16th Tiffany Hirsh
- 16th Ethan Mann
- 18th Myrle Rumsey
- 18th Taylor Gall
- 22nd Therese Cunningham
- 26th Deborah Partenberry



Happy Anniversary!

- 16th Bill & MollieAnne Houghtaling

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.



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By artist JEFF KEANE
"I need to goeth to the bathroom."

Praying in Color-- What is This?

It is a ministry where we color cards at home while praying for the person it is going to. We add a bible verse and say, "as I colored this card I was praying for you," and sign our first name.

We have received several thank you cards from people grateful for the prayers and cards. God has arranged for some of the cards to arrive on a day when an uplifting message was most needed.

If anyone is interested in joining us in this ministry, please contact Eileen St. Clair and she will start you off with some cards to color and a list of people, and answer any questions you may have about this ministry. Thank you to those of you already praying in color, you have touched lives.

Praying in color reminder: If you have put a name on the list and there is a change in the person's condition, please contact

Eileen St. Clair.

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 February, 2022

February 6 ~ Open

February 13 ~ In loving memory of Scott, given by Barb Evans

February 20 ~ In loving memory of all their loved ones, given by Jack & Merilynn Sell.

February 27 ~ In honor of the birthday of Beverly Cirello



For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Linda R, daughter of Jack & Merilynn Sell

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Netty, neighbor of Deb

Brian, father of Margaret's granddaughter-in-law

Shirley Berry

Carol Boulet

Norm Boulet

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Carol Stocum

Cancer Issues

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

Kyle, Kathy Panning's nephew

Russell, friend of Camille

Stacy, Jim's daughter

Ed, friend of Dave & Linda

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Jackie, friend of Mark & Bernadette

Mourning the Loss of

Dorothy Gardner, member of Holy Lamb

Bea Hajduk, mother of Ron Hajduk

Thanksgiving

Ava Belle, new granddaughter of Ron Hajduk

Covid

Nicole, (Kim, Rich & Jan) Jan's daughter is sick

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

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