

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

January 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While you will be reading this after Christmas, as I write this, we have not yet celebrated Christmas. I pray that yours was a blessed celebration of our Savior's birth, complete with gifts, good food and fellowship with family and friends, and of course, participation in worship that brought our Savior's birth to you in a manner that blessed you.

Now, as we look to the new year, Holy Lamb has unprecedented opportunities to move forward in ministry as we have never had before, or at least as long as I've been here (16+ years). Our Lord has blessed us with resources of all kinds in the form of a strong and dedicated group of long-time members who have and continue to bless us with their tireless efforts; new members with new ideas and abilities; a financial picture that continues to improve beyond anything we could have imagined 10 years ago; and a site and building more than adequate to expand our ministry activities.

Of course, despite the multitude of resources and opportunities, we cannot do everything we might like to do. Which means we will need to engage in discussions of the various opportunities, consider which ones suit us best and will have the greatest impact, and then develop plans for implementation.

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At the Congregational Meeting in December, I identified a sampling of such opportunities:

- Stephen Ministries
- Building a pavilion for worship and fellowship in our back yard
- Purchasing a wheelchair accessible van to assist members
- Gaining training in lifestyle evangelism

In addition to these ideas, some others include:

- Develop a Small Group Ministry
- Expand our Disaster Response Ministry
- Expand our Narthex to 'insulate' our Sanctuary
- Improve our audio and Livestream quality and capabilities

These are just the ones that have been suggested to me or have come from my own thinking. I'm sure that each of us could imagine others. There is no uniquely 'right' answer to the question, "What shall we do?" and only one wrong answer: "Do nothing."

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Stewardship

Here we are starting a new year. Many of us are making new year resolutions. May I suggest some that you might want to add to your list:

1. Join a Bible study. There are four opportunities for this.
2. Join a group. There are ladies groups—Ladies society meets on a Tuesday and LWML meets on a Saturday morning. For the men, there is Men's Fellowship which meet on Saturday mornings. Watch your newsletter and Sunday Bulletins for dates and time and places of these meetings.
3. Join the choir.
4. Join a committee. Stewardship, Human Care, and Evangelism all have openings.
5. Volunteer for any service that you feel you can get involved in: lawn care, folding bulletins, ushers, and there is so much more
6. Volunteer to head up the Evangelism committee

If you were at the congregation meeting, you heard Pastor announce several programs that could be implemented. If you wish more information on any of these areas, please call the church office.

We will be having our Stewardship meeting on Thursday Jan 20th at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite anyone interested in Stewardship to come and join us. To my committee, start thinking outside the box and bring your Ideas to the meeting. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

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In order to discern what our next steps should be, we need to have conversations that are open to *all members and friends* of Holy Lamb. We will begin one such conversation on Sunday mornings during our 45-minute Sunday morning Bible study time period. At first blush, this may not sound like Bible study content. But it is! Acts 6:1-7 is just one example of Scripture addressing how and for whom the church does ministry. While our study will not be an exposition of a verse, chapter, or Bible story, it will be a biblical, theological look at our opportunities and how Holy Lamb can meet various needs in our congregation and community. In other words, in this study we will look at how we can bring the Gospel to bear in the lives of people.

This is what Jesus' entire life and ministry was about, bringing the Gospel to bear in people's lives, meeting their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs with the Word of the Gospel and presence of Christians. Our calling as the church is no different; and our response to needs to be no less intentional.

This is not a call to volunteer for any program or committee. Participation in the conversation does not automatically commit you to any work. This is an opportunity for everyone to express their opinions on how Holy Lamb should expand her ministry. I encourage all to attend, share your ideas and ask questions.

I look forward to 2022 as a year of exciting ministry expansion as we seek to serve the Lord using the many resources He has placed at our disposal.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

LWML News

Sunday, January 2nd 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.

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 16 and 23. Thank you in advance for your donations.

All women are invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, January 15 at 10am in the fellowship hall. NOTE DATE CHANGE. Linda Katai will be the Bible study leader.

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. Watch the notes and the newsletters for the items needed. Thank you.

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)

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

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of December to Date	\$16,339	\$14,156
Year to Date	195,534	\$184,011

2022 Holy Lamb Lutheran Church Council members

President–Ron Hajduk

- Executive Officer of the Congregation.
- Preside at all meetings of the Congregation and Board of Directors.
- Be an ex officio member of all boards and committees and attend meetings as necessary.
- Recommend to the Board of Directors personnel for secretarial staffing.

Recording Secretary- Sarah Jackson

- Prepare the minutes of the meetings of the Congregation and Board of Directors.
- Keep a record of the members present at all meetings and determine whether or not a quorum is present for the transaction of legal business.

Financial Secretary-Bill Steele

- Receive and count all Congregational moneys and deposit them in the bank.
- Keep a confidential record of all contributions from members and provide them with periodic statements.
- Keep an accurate record of all transactions and prepare reports for each regular meeting of the Board of Directors and the Congregation.
- Prepare the annual financial plan.

Treasurer-Doug Ruddick

- Keep and maintain accurate records of all Congregational receipts and disbursements.
- Make timely payments of all authorized expenditures.
- Make a written monthly report of the financial condition of the Congregation.

Chairman of the Board of Elders-Bret Rhoades

- Responsible for the lay spiritual leadership of the Congregation.
- Assist the Pastor with the spiritual needs and welfare of the Congregation.
- Elders assist the Pastor with the administration of the Sacraments.
- The Elders shall be concerned with the well being of the Pastor and his family.
- The Elders shall visit the members to assess their needs and encourage their continued faithfulness.
- The Elders will review the salary of the Pastor and bring their recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Christian Education-Vacant

- 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.

Property Management-John Bombria

- Care for and manage all Church properties.
- Negotiate contracts, provide maintenance and transact other business as it pertains to the property of the Congregation.
- Act on all additions or modification to existing and proposed buildings with regard to insurance risk, safety and the best interest of the Congregation.

Evangelism-Vacant

- 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 unchurched to instructional classes.
- Integrate new members into the life and work of the Church.

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Church Photo Directory

Photography Dates will be February 11th and February 12th. Everyone who gets their picture taken, receives a “free” 8 x 10 photograph and the directory.

To schedule your appointment on line, go to www.ucdir.com. Click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **sc246**. Enter **photos** as the church password. Follow the prompts for your appointment. You can also schedule an appointment after Church Services on Sunday, January 9, 16 and 23.

Volunteers are needed February 11 and February 12 to sign-in families. If you can give a 2 hour window of your time, it would be appreciated. Volunteer sheet is in the narthex.

Pat Marquardt



Ladies Society News:

Cookie Sales were a tremendous success this year – 69 dozen boxes pre-ordered and 37 dozen boxes after the Sunday Services! A big thank you to all involved and to those who supported us!

The Valentine Luncheon on February 1, 2022 at 11:30 am will be in Conway, at the Crafty Rooster, 1125 3rd Avenue. All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP to Merilynn Sell.

Any questions, call Pat Marquardt, 847-502-3751

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Council News

Stewardship-Eileen St. Clair

- Develop and promote programs to utilize the time, treasure and talents of the Congregation in order that they may see all the dimensions of Christian Stewardship.
- Discover the talents of the membership and enlist them in the Congregation's program.
- Assist in training members in the grace of giving time and treasure to the work of the Lord.

Human Care-Andrea Nezich

- Be the focal point for assisting needy, poor, aged and sick within the Congregation and in all the community and coordinate congregational efforts to help them.
- Communicate to the Congregation the human care agencies offered by the church and the community and solicit support for them.

Chairman of the School Board (Preschool)-Vacant

- Establish agencies for all levels: preschool, elementary schools, high schools, youth and adult, and set up adequate objectives for each level.
- Select and train teachers.
- Provide adequate facilities, modern equipment and suitable instructional materials.

Ron Hajduk, Council President

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2022 Budget

SED Support	2400
Website Support	900
Evangelism	200
Worship	9558
Human Care	300
Benevolence	500
Coastline Women's Center	500
Youth	1000
Education	600
Stewardship	700
Pastor Salary	77000
Pastor Health/Retirement	11660
Pastor Allowance - Mileage	4066
Pastor Allowance - Books	200
Pastor Allowance - Clothing	300
Office Secretary	8397
LCEF Mortgage	26000
Utilities	5220
Insurance	6255
Maintenance/Repairs	6600
Reserve Fund Contribution	10000
Telephone/Internet/Publicity	2400
Office Supplies	1450
Postage	500
Conference/Convention	700
Office Equipment	<u>7000</u>
Total	\$184,406

Christmas Cantata A Joyous Night of Music and Song!



The sanctuary and parking lot were full to capacity on December 1st for a night of Christmas music and song that told the treasured story of Christ's birth. Sean O'Conner from Risen Christ directed the orchestra and chorus. Pastor Panning provided Scripture and narration. Devyn Riley lit the candles throughout the performance. The congregation sang Joy to the World and Silent Night, Holy Night. A beautiful evening was enjoyed by all!

The cantata video is available to view in the MEDIA tab on our website.

In His Service January 2022

Altar Guild	Sylvia Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Sylvia Stedina	

Combined Worship Service January 30, 2022

We will be holding only **ONE** worship service on Sunday, January 30th at 9:30am .

January 2	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Marsha Dunn	Chuck Bumgarner
	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Linda Katai
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

January 23	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Marsha Dunn	Chuck Bumgarner
	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Kathy Panning
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

January 9	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

January 30	9:30 AM
Elder	Bill Steele
Ushers	Warren Gall
	Paul Jankowski
Audio/Piano	Bret Rhoades
Video	Julia Diem

January 16	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
	N/A	Bob Rumsey
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Linda Katai
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

Volunteers Needed

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



Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Holy Lamb in Ministry

9:15 AM

In January, we will use this study to explore 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

Luther's 95 Theses

6:30 PM

Beginning Wednesday, January 5th, we will study Luther's 95 Theses. This was the document that started the Reformation. In posting these 95 statements, Luther only intended to generate a discussion of some theological points that he believed needed to be corrected in the Roman Catholic Church. Of course, it generated much more than that.

We will look at the text of the 95 Theses but, more importantly, we will examine the context, meaning, and scriptural understanding of the theology behind them.

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!)*

On Monday, January 3, we begin a 5 week study of the Gospel of John. Of all the New Testament books, the Gospel of John most clearly teaches the divinity of Christ. John emphasizes Jesus's identity as the Son of God and His invitation for us to respond in faith. John's Gospel is an open door into the life-changing ministry and message of Jesus. Join us as we respond to Jesus's invitation to 'come and see' that He truly is the Son of God!

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

Christmas Gift Thank You!

Thank you to every member and friend of Holy Lamb for your Christmas gifts this year. Kathy and I appreciate your overwhelming (and sometimes tasty) generosity. I pray you had a blessed Christmas.

Pastor Panning

Heartfelt thanks to my Holy Lamb family for your very generous monetary gift to me. I was overwhelmed, to say the least, and moved by your kindness. Thank you also for the anonymous card and gift that was left on my desk! Feeling blessed!

Marsha Dunn



January
Blessings on your Birthday!

4th	Rich Bertolone
11th	David Cunningham
12th	Pam Gall
14th	Julia Diem
18th	Mark Entis
24th	Devyn Riley
27th	Ron Hajduk
27th	Sylvia Stedina
30th	George Hulshart
31st	Pete Snyder

Happy Anniversary!

15th	Maurice & Margaret Bartelotte
30th	Pete & Linda Snyder

Praying in color—Thank You!

I want to thank all the members of the praying in color team for praying in color. This week I got a Christmas card from Linda Scott, one of the people on our list. She addresses it to Prayer Warrior:. *"Thank you for the many thoughtful cards of prayer from you. They have blessed me very much! You have a wonderful Christmas. Thanks for your ministry you share with others. Love, Linda Scott"*

I will post this on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

This ministry is open for anyone wanting to join us. Contact me, and I will set you up with a kit and a list. Happy New Year!

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 January, 2022

January 2nd ~ Given to the Glory of God. By Tom & Pat Marquardt

January 9th ~ Open

January 16th ~ Open

January 23rd ~ In honor of the birthday of Sylvia Stedina, given by Ed & Sylvia Stedina.

January 30th ~ Open



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

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

Sharon Ewing

Dorothy Gardner

Ron Nuehring

Carol Stocum

Norm Boulet

Bob Orlowski

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Theresa Zweigle

J. R. Relford

Taiani Memorial Service

On January 8th, a memorial service for Vince Taiani will be held at the church at 2 pm.

Visitation will be from 1-2 pm to pay respects to the family with a light reception to follow after the service.

Mourning the Loss of

Linda Riley, wife & mother of Neal & Devyn Riley

Vince Taiani, husband of Darcy Taiani

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Rev. David J. Panning, Pastor

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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