

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

September 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the summer comes to an end, there are new opportunities for conversation and participation at Holy Lamb:

- Our Ministry Expansion Committee is working on several ideas for new ministry endeavors. They have a report on page 4 of this newsletter. Please read that report and consider joining the conversation.
- Our Pumpkin Patch will have pumpkins for sale in October. Consider volunteering to staff our sales table for a couple of hours. It's a great time to visit with a fellow member (we always have at least 2 on hand), as well as an opportunity to engage our neighbors in friendly conversation.
- For the second year, we will join Risen Christ in presenting a Cantata. If you enjoy singing, take a look at page 5 and consider joining this effort.
- In December, we will hold elections for half of our administrative offices. Look for a detailed listing in the coming months and engage in a little self-examination to see if you have the gifts required, and then consider whether you would be willing to serve in that capacity.
- This month, we resume our 4 Bible study opportunities (actually, one did not take a break over the summer):

1. Sunday mornings at 9:15 between services, in the Fellowship Hall;

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So join us on Sept. 11, **Holy Cross Day**, (we'll skip Labor Day weekend) for a sampling of this new study and to make some selections.

2. Tuesday morning at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall, also available via Zoom; beginning Sept. 6. In this study we will look at many of **The Parables of Jesus**. But we will hear them with an understanding of the culture in which He told them. This will give us a greater understanding of the message Jesus was sharing. Some parables that seem confusing, or even contrary to logic, suddenly are easily understood.

Since I have researched and written this study over the summer, there is no cost for this material. Join us to discover some new depth to well-known and/or confusing passages of Scripture.

3. Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall; beginning Sept. 7.

We will begin a study titled **The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament**. Jesus said, "You search the Scriptures...and it is they that bear witness to me!" (John 5:39) Of course, at the time Jesus said this, the only Scriptures were the Old Testament. We will 'search' the Old Testament and discover what Jesus was talking about. The study guide cost is \$17. However, I have sample printouts of the first session, allowing us to 'try before you buy.'

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4. Thursday evening Women's Bible study at 6:30; available exclusively on Zoom.

Kathy has a detailed description of this study on page 7 of this newsletter.

While I do not participate in this Bible study and am not privy to any specifics, I have heard wonderful things about the conversations that develop and the relationships that are nourished during this time. I do hear a lot of laughter coming from Kathy's office during the study, so I know they're having a good time.

This study continued over the summer, but they begin a new topic every several weeks, so you can join any time and not feel like the newbie.

We are still getting used to gathering in-person and indoors after our Covid-challenging summer. We have several new and newer members who may still be unknown. Let's make a diligent effort to get to know each other. This applies to all of us: If you are a long-time member and/or already know a number of our members, reach out to an unfamiliar face and introduce yourself. If you are new, don't hesitate to say, "I recently joined Holy Lamb and don't believe I've met you, yet."

I pray that our time together in worship, fellowship, and service strengthens your relationship with your savior, Jesus, and nourishes your relationships with each other.

In the service of our Lord,

Pastor Panning

Report from Pastor John Kassouf

Some of our members will remember Pastor Kassouf from his many years as pastor at Risen Christ. Even if you didn't know him, I encourage you to read his letter below. He displays the Christian's confident hope in the Lord – for healing in this life, if it is God's will, and for eternal healing because it is God's promised gift.

In response to asking Pastor Kassouf how he was doing, he sent the following reply and gave me permission to share it with the members of Holy Lamb and Risen Christ:

Dave, how wonderful to hear from you. Good to hear that Kathy has kept you apprised of our situation and that you have included Francine and me in your Sunday prayers.

We have felt those prayers as we have seen the hand of God open doors that otherwise would be closed. Certainly these have been more than coincidences, they have been "God-incidences".

At this writing, I am sitting in a chair at the cancer infusion center we are attached to medically, receiving my 6th and final chemotherapy treatment. The oncology team I have is outstanding! They are positive, upbeat and express hope. Certainly they are part of the Lord's blessing that has come thru the care prayers folks have sent. At the mid point of these treatments, the cancer levels had dropped significantly in my body. We have requested another scan in early October to establish a baseline of whatever cancer evidence remains. The conclusion of chemo is not the conclusion of care as I am receiving 3 courses of different treatments to arrest this disease and only giving up the chemo portion. The other two are "rest of my life treatments". No cure for this, only treatment. I strongly urge men to keep up on the PSA test as they cross age 50. Better to catch this contained in the prostate versus fully stage 4 as I am experiencing.

My spirit lives on with great hope as attitude is half the battle. Folks with this diagnosis may care to accept this next phrase as their own... "Today, I am living with cancer, not dying of cancer and tomorrow isn't looking too good on dying either." Same is true with heart disease as I had open heart surgery in 2012 and I have been living with thanks each day for life, living as a cardiac patient these 10 years.

Please send my heartfelt greetings to those families that have inquired and to your congregation as a whole as they have remembered me in prayer.

Our address is. Rev. John & Francine Kassouf, 10301 Colechester St., Fredericksburg VA 22408.

Stewardship Opportunity

Do you buy from Amazon? If so, Holy Lamb can benefit on your purchases. First, go to www.amazonsmiles.com first and click on “supporting,” then put in Holy Lamb and follow the prompts. You will be taken to your Amazon home page to log in. It should say on your home page that you are supporting Holy Lamb. Make your purchase and check out. It’s that easy. After checking out, that page will say “thank you for supporting Holy Lamb”. Even though it's 0.05% of your purchase, every penny helps our church to spread the word of God. Thank you

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

LWML

September 4th 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.

RADA KNIVES

RADA Cutlery Catalogues with instructions and order forms are in the Narthex. **Last day to turn in your order is October 9.** They make great Christmas gifts. Rada not only sells fine cutlery and utensils, but also some food items.

Pick up a catalogue, look at it, and if you want to order anything, carefully take one order form from the back page, fill out and put in an envelope with your payment (cash or check payable to Cash or Karen Bombria). **Do not make payment to Holy Lamb.** Give to Karen or put in the LWML box in the office. Return the book for others to take.

Please note: The pages that say online only, please contact Karen at karenbombria@yahoo.com

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Holy Lamb’s Men’s Christian Fellowship



Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 24th at 9:30 am at the church. All men are welcomed to join us.

Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, September 5th at 6:30 pm.. Bring an "easy to eat and clean up" snack and one of your favorite games. See ya then!!!



**Family
Game Night**

Holy Lamb Financial Profile Financial Update - Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of August to Date	\$10,685	\$10,638
Year to Date	\$120,5641	116,716

Attention Women of Holy Lamb! Important Altar Guild Announcement

For the past 7 years, I have been the chairperson for the Altar Guild. Last year, I made the decision to retire and was looking for a replacement. Ultimately, no one came forward and I committed to another year.

This year, on December 31st, I will be stepping down as chairperson. I am, once again, asking for a volunteer to replace me. You do not have to be a current member of the Altar Guild, just someone willing to serve the Lord in this capacity. I will train you in all there is to know and be there to guide and answer questions along the way.

If no one steps forward, my plans will remain to retire at the end of the year. Won't you please give this your prayerful consideration?

I would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested. You can reach me by email sls195163@yahoo.com or my cell phone, 724-622-0563.

Thank you.

Sylvia Stedina, Chairperson, Holy Lamb Altar Guild

Ministry Expansion

The Ministry Expansion Team has begun, and we are working on our initial projects in the hope of kicking a couple of them off in the September/October time frame.

If you have any ideas for this ministry, please contact (preferably by email), any of the team members listed below. Thank you

The team consists of:

David Bingham - dbnghm7@gmail.com,

Cheryl Bingham - bingamdancin@gmail.com,

Darcy Taiani - darcytaiani@gmail.com,

George Hulshart - ghulshart@aol.com,

Phil Harris - pgharris@gmail.com,

Ron Hajduk - dukester0127@gmail.com.

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.



Kick-Off Presentation and Luncheon for Cantata **“The Glory of Christmas”**

Luncheon – Sunday September 11
1:00 pm – Parish Hall -Risen Christ

The music department of Risen Christ Lutheran will be hosting a luncheon for all singers who would like to sing with the Advent/Christmas cantata this year. We will play a recording of the work for your enjoyment during lunch. Spouses and/or significant others are also invited to join in the fellowship.

Our cantata will be presented twice, once at **Holy Lamb on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm** and also at **Risen Christ on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm**. We will practice on Saturdays between 10:00 am and 11:30 beginning on September 10th. Cantata booklets will be handed out at that time. We will also have a short final rehearsal the evening before each presentation.

Please consider lending your voices to this important church/community presentation. If you have a desire to sing with the cantata but are not sure you wish to make a commitment yet, please come out, enjoy the food and fellowship, hear the music and then decide if you would like to participate. In addition to your voices, the cantata will be accompanied by a small chamber orchestra. If you are interested in participating, please speak to Pastor Panning or contact me directly. Karen at (843) 872-7644 glassgram03@yahoo.com.

We are also seeking sponsors to help support the expense of this cantata. The cost of the music has increased significantly this year and furthermore we need to reimburse the orchestra musicians for their time and talent. You may make out a check to Risen Christ and place in Holy Lamb's collection plate on Sundays or hand to Pastor Panning. However, be sure to indicate on your check that it should go into the **cantata fund**. We will be collecting donations up until the presentation dates.

Thank you in advance for any support you can give. It will be much appreciated!
God Bless!

Karen Meeker
Organist/Choir Director
Risen Christ Lutheran Church
8:30 Traditional Service

**In His Service
September 2022**

Altar Guild	Linda Davis	Andrea Nezich
Newsletter Proofer	Sylvia Stedina (September 29)	

Sept. 4	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Paul Jankowski
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Sept. 11	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Marsha Dunn	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

Sept. 18	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elders	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Don Piel	Kathy Panning
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

Sept. 25	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

Volunteers Needed

Audio and Video

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run smoothly. Without you, it would be difficult to do the many things we need to do. We are in need of volunteers to run the sound system (8am and 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. Just one hour a month is all we're asking ~ male or female. Please consider helping out with this important part of our worship services. We could always use more ushers for both services too.

Contact Bill Steele.

Property Management News

Church members are always welcomed and encouraged to share their suggestions for any improvements, large or small, to support the church and church grounds. Please put your recommendation, along with your name and phone number in the Property Management box in the church office.

Due to rising gas prices, the church lawn, front and back, will be cut every two weeks.

Interior room painting of the previous day care room and hall will take place in the near future but will not interfere with normal church daily functions

Thanks,
Dave Katai, Property Manager Holy Lamb



Sunday Morning Bible Study***Feasts and Festivals*****9:15 AM**

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study***The Parables of Jesus*****9:00 AM**

On September 6th at 9:00 am, we begin a study of some of the parables of Jesus. Our priority will be those parables which our participants identify as being of particular interest. To understand the parables, we will look at the contexts (people, setting, and culture) in which Jesus told them. Hearing the parables as the people heard them allows us to grasp the full impact of Jesus' teaching.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study***Will Resume September 7*****6:30 PM****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!)*

We are continuing our 3 week study called **Amen & Amen: A Journey Through the Psalms**. The book of Psalms is made up of five smaller books—individual songs and prayers compiled to tell one cohesive story for past, present, and future worshipers. We're reading selected psalms from each section to see how they contribute to the beauty of the compiled book. It's not too late to join us in this journey through the hymn book of the Bible!

The week of September 12, we begin a two week study of the book of **Ruth**. The book of Ruth is a record of ordinary people who wrestle with God's character as they seek to orient their lives around God, His commands, and reflecting His unfailing love and loyalty to those around them. As we read this seemingly simple story, we'll discover how these ordinary lives are part of a much bigger story. Join us as we look at the life and legacy of Ruth to remind us that we too are brought near to God in His story of redemption!

Coming the week of September 26, a three week study of **Leviticus** followed by a three week study of **Hebrews**! The book of Leviticus has sometimes been described as '*the place where annual Bible reading plans die*'. Have you ever wondered if there is anything relevant in Leviticus for Christians today? Join us as we explore this often overlooked, divinely inspired book of Scripture!

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

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 WFAX 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/>.

September Blessings on your Birthday!

- 3rd Rose Ruddick
- 9th David Panning
- 14th Fred Reimer
- 14th Doug Ruddick
- 15th Monica Steele
- 16th Merle Falke
- 21st Linda Snyder
- 29th Tim Jackson
- 30th James Gardner



Happy Anniversary!

- 4th Dave & Linda Katai
- 20th Michael & Norma Bugno
- 26th Charles & Theresa Zweigle



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 \$35.00. 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 September, 2022

September 4 ~ In memory of Alfred Balke, father of Carol Stocum.

September 11 ~ Open.

September 18 ~ In memory of the birthday of Charlie Thropp, given by Judy Thropp.

September 25 ~ In memory of their father and grandfather, given by the Murphy family.

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Netty, neighbor of Deb

George, friend of Bret & Janette

Joan, friend, Duane & Eileen

Rebekah, granddaughter, Duane & Eileen

Rita, friend of Theresa

Rick, friend of Henry

Pat Allison

Norm Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Jerry Palmer

Steven Rehm

Carol Stocum

Carol Boulet

Sharon Ewing

Linda Katai

Karen McCarthy

Judy Palmer

Marty Reynolds

Theresa Zweigle

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

Ed, friend of Dave & Linda

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Jackie, friend of Mark & Bernadette

Joan, friend of Duane & Eileen St. Clair

Mary, Marty's mother

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

David, Janette's brother-in-law

Kathy, Friend of Rose

Brian, Dale's father, Ethan's grandfather

Called Home to Heaven

Family of Mark Leonardo, friend of Bernadette & Mark Hilb.

Covid-19

Linda Snyder

Thanksgiving

Rick, friend of Henry's, recovering

Lois, Deb's mom recovering from surgery

Kevin, Karen & John's son, recovering from surgery

Bob & Myrle, recovering from a variety of health issues

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

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Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Wednesday Eve. Bible Study Will resume 9/7	6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm