

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

January 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray your Christmas was blessed by the knowledge that Christ was born to bring the assurance of forgiveness and eternal life to you. Sometimes, even when we remember the ‘reason for the season,’ we forget the specifics associated with the birth of Jesus. He came to earth to die so that you can go to heaven to live! It cannot be stated more simply than that.

Thank you to everyone for your generous Christmas gifts! From sweet treats to generous cash gifts, your generosity abounds, and we greatly appreciate it.

And now, Happy New Year! 2023 holds great opportunities for Holy Lamb. This is due to many positive ‘markers’ of church health:

- Our participation rate is strong in many areas: attendance at worship and Bible studies, working on committees, and taking on new projects and ministries.
- Financially we are in better shape than at any time in the 17 years I’ve been here. From our annual budgetary needs to designated funds for various purposes; from a reserve fund to cover expiring usefulness of building components to making extra payments on our mortgage, our finances reflect a strong commitment to Holy Lamb’s ministry.
- The mood at Holy Lamb is wonderful. We frequently hear comments about expanding our building, exploring new ways of reaching people, and serving.

All of this points to a healthy church, ready to tackle new challenges and opportunities. I look forward to seeing how the Lord leads us to respond to these, using the variety of resources and energy he has showered on us.

One of the resources at our disposal is our Southeastern District office in Springfield, VA. We are a large district, extending from one county in Pennsylvania, south through South Carolina. While this can give the impression that we are too remote from the office to be of interest or to expect assistance, this is not true. In fact, our newly elected District President, Rev. Bill Harmon, is visiting Myrtle Beach on January 21st. He will be at Risen Christ for a ‘town hall’ type gathering at 3:00. All members of LCMS churches are invited to attend.

This is a great opportunity to get to know our DP personally, learn of the structure and services of the district, and ask questions. In the months ahead, as we explore new directions, knowing how the district can assist us will make our journey far easier. I hope many of you will join me there for this very rare opportunity.

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Some of the new opportunities available immediately are:

- New Tuesday Bible Study – We will look at the book of Isaiah, not all 66 chapters, but especially those that point to the Messiah, as well as those that our participants identify as being of particular interest to them. We will use the commentary, *Exalting Jesus in Isaiah*. It is available from Amazon for \$14.99. If you don't get free shipping and would like me to order one for you, please let me know. We will also have several copies in the Library, available for borrowing for the duration of the study.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 and are also available via Zoom.

- New Sunday morning Bible study – We are going to look at the progression of the writings of John as he moves from the Gospel to the 3 epistles to the book of Revelation. It will be fascinating to see how he applies the unchanging theology of salvation through Jesus to the varying situations and challenges that the early church faced (and we still do today). We meet between services at 9:15.

Again, I look forward to an exciting 2023. I invite you to join me in praying for God's guidance in responding to all that awaits.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

First Time Visitor Follow Up: (Magnet Ministry)

Volunteers are needed to make in person visits to first time visitors to Holy Lamb. The visits are to be done in pairs, within 7 to 10 days after the guest has attended Holy Lamb and should only last for 2 to 3 minutes. During the visit you will give them a jar of cookies, a pamphlet 'What Lutherans Believe' and a magnet with information about our church, which will be provided. We will have a 30 minute training class on Wednesday, January 25th at 10:00 AM. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and if you have any questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham at (719)452-1398 or email at dbnghm7@gmail.com.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of December	\$19,520	\$14,184
Year to Date Needs	\$191,606	\$184,392

LWML

Sunday, January 1 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 22, 2023**, 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. Put the items from below in the marked box in the Narthex on January 15 and 22. Thank you in advance for your donations. **From Life Quotes, Lutherans for Life** "These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois*

All women are invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, January 14 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Linda Katai will be the Bible study leader.

Watch for news of LWML's next project in next month's newsletter.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Please donate one (or more) of the following items.
They may be brought in through January 22 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)

Thank You!

On behalf of Gift-A-Vet Foundation and Veterans: Thanks for your support in providing Christmas gifts for those living in SC Veteran's Nursing homes. 160+ boxes of items (including a significant cash donation) were delivered to Florence, Walterboro, and Columbia Veteran's Facilities just prior to Christmas.



**In His Service
January 2023**

Altar Guild	Sylvia Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Theresa Falke (January 26th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Betty Panning	

Jan. 1		10:00 AM
Elder	George Hulshart	
Ushers	Rose Ruddick	
Ushers	Bill Steele	
Audio	Don Piel	
Video	Fred Reimer	

Jan. 29		8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt	
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Warren Gall	
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski	
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder	
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt	

Jan. 8		8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele	
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall	
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski	
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades	
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner	

Jan. 15		8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bret Rhoades	
Ushers	Marsha Dunn	Rose Ruddick	
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele	
Audio	Kathy Panning	Darcy Taiani	
Video	N/A	Julia Diem	

Jan. 22		8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart	
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall	
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski	
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Bret Rhoades	
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer	

Volunteers Needed
Ushers 10:30 am
Audio and Video (both services)

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., especially 10:30am.

Contact Bill Steele.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

We will not have a Sunday morning Bible study on New Year's Day. We will resume on January 8 with a unique study of the person of John, 'the disciple whom Jesus loved.' This came about as we looked at the Festival of John and realized that his writings – the Gospel, his 3 letters, and the book of Revelation – present an interesting study that reveals a progression of thought from the theology of the pure Gospel to the challenges of the early church to the hope we all share as revealed in Revelation.

This will be a short, fast moving study of a few weeks as we watch John move from the theology of the Gospel to the challenges of proclaiming that Gospel to the future promised in that Gospel.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:00 AM

On January 3, we began a study of Isaiah – the Old Testament book that frequently promised the Messiah. While Isaiah has 66 chapters, we will limit our study to those chapters which have the more commonly known passages of promise and see what they meant in Israel's time and how they have been fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus.

This will be a wonderful, traditional look at the familiar passages we hear in Advent and Lent, as we dig into their relevance for us, today.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Hiatus

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

Details below on this page

6:30 PM



Bible Study Opportunities



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 2, we begin a 5 week study on **The Life of Jesus**, focusing our reading on three of the four Gospels: **Matthew, Mark, and Luke**. Collectively known as the Synoptic Gospels, these three books of the Bible were written by three different people, from three unique perspectives, to record the life of Jesus on earth. We'll read about the different movements of Jesus's life and ministry, learning not just from what He taught, but how He lived. We'll see how Jesus —fully God and fully human—lived, how He responded to the people around Him, and how He interacted with God the Father. Together, we will look at Scripture to learn about Jesus and from Jesus, inviting His life to shape our own.

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

January

Blessings on your Birthday!

- 4th Richard Bertolone
- 4th Joi Stephenson
- 11th David Cunningham
- 12th Pam Gall
- 14th Julia Diem
- 18th Mark Entis
- 24th Devyn Riley
- 27th Sylvia Stedina
- 27th Ron Hajduk
- 28th Theresa Falke
- 30th George Hulshart
- 31st Pete Snyder



Happy Anniversary!

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

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

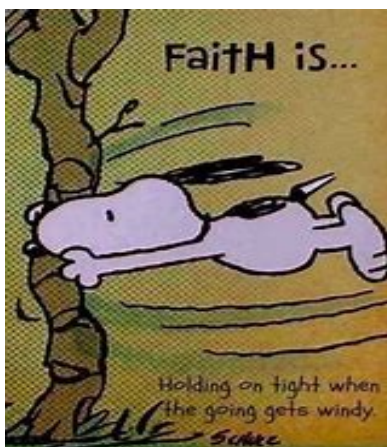
Now, LHM has teamed up with WFX out of DC & they will broadcast **The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm.** Even if you are not within their local listening area, just go to their website and listen online at <http://wfax.com/>.

Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, January 6th at 6:30 pm..

Bring an "easy to eat and clean up" snack and one of your favorite games.

See ya then!!!



Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to those who have been so generous during the holiday season. Your gift was unexpected and greatly appreciated. We are blessed to be a part of the Holy Lamb family.

Blessings in the new year!
Linda Snyder

Once again I am amazed at the generosity of this congregation! Thanks so much for your generous Christmas gift to me! It is appreciated more than you can know and I am thankful for all of you.

Have a healthy, happy and blessed new year.
Marsha, Church Office Secretary

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 2023

The flower chart for 2023 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 2023

- January 1 ~ Given to the Glory of God for the new Year, by Norm & Carol Boulet.
- January 8 ~ Given to the Glory of God, by Norm & Carol Boulet.
- January 15 ~ Given to the Glory of God, by Norm & Carol Boulet.
- January 22 ~ In honor of the birthday celebrations of Sylvia Stedina and Ron Hajduk.
- January 29 In honor of the 75th birthday of Theresa Falke.

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Phyllis, Les' sister

Nick, friend of Lois

Debbie, friend of Camille

Ray, Norm's brother

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Carol Stocum

Theresa Zweigle

Al Stout

Norm Boulet

Theresa Falke

Karen McCarthy

Marty Reynolds

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Eileen St. Clair

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

Mary, Marty's mother

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

Robin, Tim's sister

Kathy, Friend of Rose

Brian, Dale's father, Ethan's grandfather

Rev. John Kassouf

John, friend of Jack & Merilynn

Pastor Omar Krieger

Mike, Robbies's husband

Gary, Al's son



Prayer Requests

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

New Year's Eve 7 pm

New Year's Day 10:00 am

Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:15 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Wednesday Eve. Bible Study	On hiatus
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm

