

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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March 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we engage in the necessary busy-ness of transition it is easy to become distracted from the essential ministry and mission of the church. Keeping mission and ministry ‘front and center,’ while adding all the tasks associated with the call process means that we will be busier than ever. This is certainly true for my schedule as well.

Let me update you on some things regarding the transition that have already happened or are underway:

- Our audio/video wiring in the Fellowship Hall has been completed. We will no longer have wires strung across the floor to enable a Zoom conference call for Bible studies or meetings. This means that we will not need to move the wires when resetting the room for other purposes.
- Our Financial records and recording-keeping are being streamlined and reconciled to provide a more complete picture of our financial position. This process will be completed by our March Council meeting.
- Our computer systems (software and storage) are being updated and expanded to allow more efficient and productive operation and troubleshooting.

Council determined that accomplishing these things will best position Holy Lamb for the opportunities to come. These steps might be considered ‘filling in the potholes’ in the road as we prepare for the journey. Yet to come are more tasks that might be compared to widening the road and improving access points.

More than just eliminating some negatives (potholes) these will have the impact of creating excitement for the future.

However, as I stated at the beginning of this column, our primary focus remains the mission and ministry of Holy Lamb – bringing the comfort, hope, and peace of the Gospel to bear in the lives of our members, guests, and the community. To that end, we continue to engage in our regular and occasional ministry actions:

- Our worship services continue, including our Lenten midweek services. This year we are looking at Places of the Passion, highlighting the various locations of the Passion narrative and what Jesus experienced, and why, at these various locations.
 - One new feature this year is that I will be rotating with Pastor Josh Keinath from Risen Christ in leading our worship. Pastor Keinath and I will alternate between Risen Christ and Holy Lamb. Risen Christ’s vicar, Tim Phanco, will also take one Wednesday.
- Our Bible studies on Sunday and Tuesday mornings continue.
- On Sundays at 9:15, we will look at Themes of Lent. Our Sunday morning topics are: Walking in the Wilderness, Relying on the Promises, Confessing and Repenting, Receiving and Sharing Forgiveness, and Fasting as a Reminder.

On Tuesdays at 9:00, we continue to study select chapters of Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet who delivered many of the well-known prophecies of the Messiah.

- We have a New Member Class meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 to instruct those who are, or may be, interested in joining Holy Lamb.
- And, of course, all of our administrative and support activities, which are necessary for our proper functioning, continue as usual.

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A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Join us for the *Places of the Passion* special services beginning March 1 through March 29 as we follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation.

March 1: We go to Bethany to remember that Jesus is anointed for burial by his friend Mary, at her home in this small town. We are called to prepare our hearts for Christ's death as well, while still looking toward the fragrant surprise of the empty tomb.

March 8: We go to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus went with his disciples to pray. We are called to find places to pray this Lent and seek the will of the Lord in our lives.

March 15: We head to Gethsemane where Jesus is betrayed and arrested in the garden under cover of darkness. We witness Jesus being taken away by soldiers, but we know that his journey toward the cross will take away our sins.

March 22: We go to the courtyard, outside of where Jesus is put on trial before the high priest and where Peter denies Jesus. We are called to confess that we often tend to distance ourselves from Christ, when we should be drawing closer to him.

March 29: We go to Pilate's Judgment Hall where Pilate is positioned here to set Jesus free, but turns him over to be crucified instead. We are called to remember that the judgment that should have been placed on us was placed on him that we might be free.

Call Committee News

The call committee had it's first meeting and soon there will be a booklet available which will introduce the committee members to the congregation. Our next step is to meet in small groups in order to find out what the congregation is looking for as we move forward. If you have any questions that cannot be addressed at one of these small group meetings please feel free to contact a committee member.

Your prayers will be greatly appreciated throughout the entire call process.

Praying in Color

We will have a praying in color get together on March 4th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All Men and women interested in this ministry are invited to come. Not sure? Come and see what we are all about. Members of the praying in color team bring samples of your cards and be prepared to share. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Come join in the fun.

There is a sign up sheet for the March 4th get together in the rack in the Narthex. If you plan on attending, please sign up by March 1st. Men are encouraged to join us.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile Financial Update - Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of February	\$10,968	\$10,611
Year to Date Needs	\$28,554	\$28,296

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You may have noticed that I did not mention our Call Committee. I have no direct, or even indirect, involvement in the work of that committee. This appropriate and necessary for the proper functioning of the committee and to ensure a valid result. I can only share that I have heard only good comments, accompanied by smiles and excitement, as the committee begins its work. I encourage everyone to take every opportunity to participate and contribute as you have occasion to do so.

A few months ago, I had a conversation with a member about a comment I had made in a sermon. Then, more recently, this same member and I were both involved in a conversation that included another, retired pastor. He made a statement which enlightened our member regarding the comment from that particular sermon and our subsequent conversation. The member was thrilled to gain an additional understanding. All of this is to set the stage for the comment I then made, "See, there is going to be great value in having a new pastor! You will hear things differently and come to a better understanding!" Just as there is value in having four Gospels rather than one, so also, hearing another pastor's preaching and teaching will open your eyes to an even better understanding of God's love for you.

As I consider all the new opportunities for learning, growth, and outreach that will be part of Holy Lamb's future, I am truly excited for the journey you will be on.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

LWML

March 5 is Mite Box Sunday. Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by March 5. If you are turning in the box, please pick up a new one or put your money in a plastic bag. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and mark on the memo line: MITES. Thank you for your support. Our next meeting is Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 am. Kathy Panning will be the Bible study leader.

Our next project is collecting toiletries and school supplies for Help4Kids. All items collected will be FULL SIZE (NOT Travel size). During the month of **March**, we will be collecting soap and washcloths. At the end of each month, items will be taken to Help4Kids. Thank you very much for all your donations.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who prayed for me, sent me cards, brought meals and helped me with household chores over the last 5 months. I appreciate all of you.

Eileen St. Clair

Congregation Meeting & Meal

There will be a congregation meeting on Sunday, March 26th after the 10:30 am service with a meal to follow prepared by Chef Tom Mullalley.

Hope you will plan to attend.

Magnet Ministry First Time Visitor Follow up

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham at (719) 452-1398 or email at dbnghm7@gmail.com.

**In His Service
March 2023**

Altar Guild	Pat Allison	Sharon Bumgarner
Newsletter Proofer	Phil & Reyne Harris (March 30)	
Bulletin Assembly	Phil & Reyne Harris	

Midweek Lenten Service March 1 7:00 PM	
Ushers	Pat Allison
Audio	Don Piel

Midweek Lenten Service March 22 7:00 PM	
Ushers	Warren Gall
Audio	Linda Snyder

March 5 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

March 26 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Kathy Panning
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Midweek Lenten Service March 8 7:00 PM	
Ushers	Chuck Russell
Piano	Bret Rhoades

Midweek Lenten Service March 29 7:00 PM	
Ushers	Dave Bingham
Audio	Julia Diem

March 12 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Midweek Lenten Service March 15 7:00 PM	
Ushers	Chuck Russell
Audio	Phil Harris

March 19 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Paul Jankowski
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Kathy Panning	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner

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.
Thank you!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

On Sundays at 9:15, we will look at Themes of Lent. Our Sunday morning topics are: Walking in the Wilderness, Relying on the Promises, Confessing and Repenting, Receiving and Sharing Forgiveness, and Fasting as a Reminder.

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.

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!)*

Our Lenten study: **Your People Forever** begins the week of February 20. Join us in this seven-week study as we journey through the history of God's people in **I & II Chronicles**, rejoicing in the faithfulness of a God who keeps His promises to a wayward people from generation to generation.

Through reading these books of Old Testament history, followed by Holy Week readings, we will make our way to the cross and the empty tomb with a renewed sense of our risen King.

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/>.

March

Blessings on your Birthday!

7th	Pam Entis
7th	Linda Scott
7th	Austin Thomas
9th	Al Stout
17th	Sarah Jackson
19th	Lucius Swails
23rd	Joe Hirsh
24th	Parker Rehm
31st	Michael Bugno



Happy Anniversary!

27th	Jack & Merilynn Sell
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Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm..

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

See ya then!!!



Men' Fellowship

Important Announcement

In reviewing the requirements of conducting the pumpkin sales and festival this past year, I have recommended to the Men's Group that a committee of three individuals assume responsibility of these two events. These two events, designed to further develop the awareness of Christ and Holy Lamb in the community, should be done so with input by all the members of Holy Lamb. To that regard I, as past president of the Men's Group and with their approval, have volunteered to provide support to the Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival team. I am looking to put together a three- person leadership team. Commitment to this role is needed immediately as pumpkins must be ordered. Without this leadership team in place the project will not be held for 2023.

Our next meeting will be held on March 25th at 9:30 am.

Henry Twentier, Men, Christian Fellowship

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 March 2023

March 5 ~ Open

March 12 ~ Open

March 19 ~ In honor of the St. Joseph Festival, given by Tom & Pat Marquardt.

March 26 ~ In memory of all their loved ones who have passed on, given by Jack & Merilynn Sell.

Altar flowers for March (during Lent) will be placed on the table in the Narthex.

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

Randy, friend of the Rehm family

Carol Boulet

Norm Boulet

Merle Falke

Theresa Falke

Mary Lee

Karen McCarthy

Steven Rehm

Marty Reynolds

Carol Stocum

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Theresa Zweigle

Eileen St. Clair

Al Stout

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 Circle

Please join us in prayer every Tuesday at 11:00 am. We pray for the needs of all in the congregation, we pray for the call committee that they would have wisdom and discernment in looking for a new pastor and we pray for individuals who have asked for prayers."Could you not watch and pray one hour with me?"-Mark 14:34.

Please contact Margaret Bartelotte with questions or concerns.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday Lenten Services 3/1—3/29 7 pm

Bible Study

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