

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday's reading from Acts speaks of 3000 new converts being added to the church in one day. (I quoted it last Sunday and it will be in this Sunday's readings.) What a miraculous example of the power of the Word of God! What would Holy Lamb do if even 1% (30) of that miracle happened here?

As this is my last newsletter column, I would like to share some encouragement for Holy Lamb moving forward. Prior to Covid, we had seen a steady increase in attendance for many years. That growth leveled off as we reached a weekly worship attendance of 95-96 in 2018 and 2019. We bounced against that ceiling in 2012 & 2013, also. While our Sanctuary can seat over 120 if more chairs were added and every seat was occupied, such a crowd cannot be maintained – people are simply uncomfortable being that crowded every Sunday.

I fully expect that the excitement of a newly ordained pastor (some months down the road) will generate another increase in attendance. This is to be expected – it happened in the years following my arrival. In order to accommodate this anticipated growth, AS WELL AS PREPARE FOR EVEN MORE, Holy Lamb must take an objective look at both the capacity and functionality of our building. This is not simply saying, "We need a larger Sanctuary." Such a study will look at the way the building is used and seek to find improvements to traffic flow, etc.

Ultimately, such a study will result in some modifications and/or additions to the building. WHEN that time comes, there will be a strong desire to DO something, but will the funds be there? Of course, a capital fund drive at that time can raise significant funds for a building. And while that will be a wise and necessary step at that time, there is one thing that can be done immediately that can provide a firm foundation on which to build (pun intended) the resources to accomplish that construction.

We already have a Building Fund in our Dedicated Funds account. It is specifically limited to 'New Construction' activities, not merely remodeling or repairing the existing space. As long as new square footage is added, the Fund can be used for that purpose. But this type of funding is subject to the decision of Council and the Congregation. I am told that such a fund existed in the past. But as circumstances appeared dire, the congregation used those funds for General Fund expenses. This is not a criticism of that decision – it was made years before I arrived and I am in no position to comment on the decision.

As we begin to think in terms of building, though, it would be advisable to guard those funds more securely. Doing so would, hopefully, in a future time of financial distress, lead the congregation to other methods of dealing with the shortfall, rather than rely on the easy path of bleeding the Building Fund.

To that end, our Council, in conjunction with the LCMS Foundation, is developing an Endowment Fund for Holy Lamb's future building needs. Ron Hajduk and I met with Rev. John Denninger, a representative of the Foundation, to discuss how such a fund might be established. Unlike many endowment funds, this fund will allow the principle to be spent on appropriate building projects. At our May Council meeting, Council began to establish the criteria for such a fund. The foundation has been drafting a proposal for Holy Lamb to consider as a means to safeguard money that is contributed for building purposes, in order that it not be spent in other areas. This proposal may or may not be ready for the congregational meeting on June 11. If it is, I encourage that it be adopted. If it comes later, my encouragement remains the same.

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There are advantages in establishing (and then contributing to) this fund. Holy Lamb has never called a pastor ‘from the field.’ A pastor who is called will come and visit Holy Lamb to ‘get the lay of the land.’ A short visit will reveal the many shortcomings of our building and the need to make some changes. Rather than merely acknowledge these shortcomings, an established and growing Building Fund will proclaim the message, “We know some of our needs and are prepared to DO something about them!” This message shouts, “We are excited about the future and are already taking steps to address our needs!” This excitement will be contagious, first within our congregation, second with our guests, and finally, it will be evident to the prospective pastor. Such excitement is more inviting than even a large, beautiful building, if that building is occupied by members with a lackluster attitude.

Holy Lamb has a very advantageous location – in the middle of a growing residential community with planned road expansion that will provide easy access from an even wider area. A dedicated and safe-guarded Building Fund is the ideal first step in preparing for the growth that I am confident God will provide.

We may not get 3000 in one Sunday, but I am confident that God has great things in store for Holy Lamb – well above what any of us can imagine today. I encourage you to plan NOW to be ready to reap the harvest that will come as the Holy Spirit works the miracle of faith in the hearts of hearers in the years ahead.

I pray God’s richest blessings for all of you and for Holy Lamb.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

Call Committee News

We have been working hard to complete the congregation profile document and we are getting close to having all the information. We are looking forward to being able to present it to the congregation in the near future. For now, we would like you to know that a contract has been drawn up and signed between Holy Lamb and Pastor Stephen Vogt to act as our vacancy pastor. We feel the transition from Pastor Panning and Pastor Vogt will be seamless as we work and pray for guidance toward our pastoral calling.

We wish to thank all those who have completed surveys, have attended the small group meetings, and have shared their opinions and suggestions as we move forward, but most of all, we thank those who continue to pray for all those involved with the retirement and call processes. Please continue to keep Holy Lamb, the Pannings, the call committee, and our vacancy pastor in your prayers as we look forward to calling the Pastor that Christ has already chosen for us.

In Christ,

Holy Lamb Call Committee

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of May	\$15,180	\$14,148
Year to Date Needs	\$84,131	\$77,814

Expansion Ministries Committee

The Expansion Ministry Committee meets once a month on the 3RD Tuesday of the month. We are working on or have completed the following projects. If you have any ideas for a ministry or questions, please contact one of the committee members, Darcy Taiani, Cheryl Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Phil Harris, and David Bingham.

Holy Lamb Night at Pelicans Baseball Game

A group of 19 people from Holy Lamb attended a Pelicans Baseball Game on Saturday, May 13th. We enjoyed a picnic buffet before the game and the game as the Pelicans won 7 to 2. We are planning on going to another game on Friday, August 25th. The Pelicans will host the Kannapolis Canon Balls. The theme that night is 'dinosaurs' and there will be fireworks after the game. A big thank you to Tom Marquardt for all the work he did for this event.

Ziplocs for the less fortunate Phase II

Based upon several comments and feedback, we are going to have a phase II for the Ziplocs for the less fortunate. A number of folks who had taken a Ziploc bag last October reported back when they gave the bag to a person in need, they were very receptive and appreciative of it. So, we will be rolling another 50 bags containing a bible, bottle of water, snack bar, a gift card for a local food place, and a 'What Lutherans Believe' pamphlet. We have 2 items that are in the shipping process, so the bags will be available in early June.

Holy Lamb Ministries & Events List

The events & ministry list has only a few minor updates and the table of contents to be completed. For each event & ministry we are collecting the following information: name of Ministry or event, point of contact, description, day, and time it occurs, frequency and objective. This list will be used by the call committee, expansion ministry team and the stewardship committee. The second phase of the project is to create a one page summary to be given to the members of the church and in a visitor's packet to be given to guests so that they will know more about the events and ministries at our church.

Holy Lamb Information Cards for Congregation Members

Have you ever had a conversation with someone about Holy Lamb and during that time you wanted a business size card to give to them that has information about Holy Lamb. The Expansion Ministry is working with the elders to create such a card to be available to the church members to take/carry with them for such occasions. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.



LWML News

June 4 is Mite Box Sunday. Please put your mite box or money from mite box in a plastic bag and deposit in the large purple mite box. 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. Thank you very much. Continuing to contribute to Help4Kids, we are collecting for the month of June, **SCHOOL SUPPLIES INCLUDING BACK PACKS**. Please put them in the marked box in the Narthex.

Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb

A Message from our Property Manager

To any church members who might be able to assist, I am asking for volunteers who can paint walls and/or trim. The final portion of the interior painting is the sanctuary. Painting will begin Monday, June 5th with a completion sometime during the week.

I will be there every day from the 5th until the completion, but if anyone can assist for whatever time you have, half a day, a day. whatever, this would be appreciated.

All materials are on hand, just need more hands to finish the work. If you can lend your support, please call or text me at 740-258-2580 or leave a note in the property manager mailbox in the office.

Thanks,
Dave Katai

Stewardship

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain". 1 Corinthians 15:58

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4th Sunday of the month. Our current committee members are Eileen St. Clair, Cheryl Bingham, David Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Caroline Twentier, and Reyne Harris. Here are some of the items the team is working on.

Our Current Ministries

1. **Help4Kids**, Big Shoe, and Backpack Buddies - We are set to have a "BBQ on the Lawn" as a fundraiser for *Help4Kids*. The event is currently scheduled for August 26th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Make sure you put this on your calendar.
2. **Praying in Color:** This ministry continues with Eileen St. Clair facilitating. If you know of anyone in need of this ministry, contact Eileen.
3. **First Time Visits with Local Guests:** To date we've had 2 visits with local visitors who've joined us for worship service.

Our New Ministries

Visitor Thank You Card Outreach: To date, we've sent out 15 thank you cards to out of town visitors who've joined us for Worship Service.

Time & Talent: The Team is working on this.

If you have any ideas or are interested in joining us, please let us know.

In His Service
Cheryl Bingham, Stewardship - Chair

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

We are studying the book of Galatians. In this letter, Paul clearly but briefly explains the difference between the Law and the Gospel; and why understanding the difference is of utmost importance. Join us as we dig deeper into some familiar passages, such as: “whatever one sows that will he also reap,” and “the righteous shall live by faith.”

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:00 AM

We are currently studying the book 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

6:30 PM

Why the Pro Life Movement Is Ever-New and Why It Shall Succeed Again:

Timothy S. Goeglein—whose career spans the United States Senate, the White House, and now Focus on the Family, all in Washington DC—will discuss with precision what is next for the new pro-life movement post-Dobbs, and why, state by state and with continued vigilance in Washington, this new post Dobbs pro-life movement will succeed as well, affirming President George W. Bush’s observation that ‘there has never been an insignificant life.’

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 June 5, we will begin a 5 week study on **The Genealogy of Jesus**. In this reading plan, we’ll read together the story of Jesus’s physical human lineage. Through the stories of real people and the pain and celebration they experienced, this reading plan explores the lineage from which Jesus came. With God’s heart for His people and Jesus’s family history in view, we’ll discover the story of a God who is at work to bring people from all places to share in the gospel reality that we are planted forever in the family of God.

If you would like to join us on Thursday nights or just follow along on your own, please contact Kathy Panning (text 843-424-5257 or email katpanning@hotmail.com) and she will send the material to you.

**In His Service
June 2023**

Altar Guild	Reyne Harris	Linda Davis
Newsletter Proofer	Haley Lauritsen (June 22 nd)	
Bulletin Assembly	Linda Katai	

June 4	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

June 11	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Usher	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner

June 18	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Haley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

June 25	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Open	Bill Steele
Ushers	N/A	Haley Lauritsen
Audio	Open	Don Piel
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Volunteers Needed
Ushers (both services)
Audio and Video (both services)

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run our worship services 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 Rose Ruddick if you can help.
Thank you!

Digital and Audio Coordinator Needed

With Pastor Panning's retirement close upon us, we are looking for someone to immediately fill this role so that we will be able to continue to stream our worship services. This person would be responsible for the scheduling of volunteers for both the audio (both services) and video (10:30 am service). You do not have to train the volunteers. Training will be provided.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact Ron Hajduk.

Congregation Meeting & Meal
Sunday, June 11

There will be a congregation meeting after the 10:30 am service on June 11. Chef Tom will prepare a meal which will immediately follow the meeting.

Combined Worship Service
Sunday, June 25

On June 25th there will be one worship service at 9:30 am. This will be Pastor Panning's final worship service with us at Holy Lamb.



June

Blessings on your Birthday!

- 2nd Haley Lauritsen
- 9th Brent Swails
- 10th Darcy Taiani
- 16th Ruth McGraw
- 18th Michele Entis
- 19th Margaret Bartelotte
- 24th Meaghan Williams



Happy Anniversary!

- 5th Fred & Ashlee Reimer
- 11th Mark & Pam Entis
- 26th Norm & Carol Boulet

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/>.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday, June 11th, at 11:30 am at the Veteran's Café, 3544 Northgate Dr., MB. All men are welcome to join them.

Please note that these meetings will now meet every **second** Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the *Veteran's Café*



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.

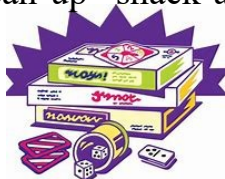
Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline or fill out a prayer request form which are hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, June 2 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

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 June 2023

June 4 ~ Given to the Glory of God by Norm & Carol Boulet.

June 11 ~ Given In memory of her mother, by Sue Bennet.

June 18 ~ Given in memory of her parents, by Barb Evans.

June 25 ~ In honor of their 69th wedding anniversary by Norm & Carol Boulet.



For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Nick, friend of Lois

Glen, Lois' brother

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Kathy Orlowski

Theresa Zweigle

Al Stout

Norm Boulet

Theresa Falke

Karen McCarthy

Marty Reynolds

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Eileen St. Clair

Andrea Nezich

Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter

Ron W., Monica's brother

Sammi, friend of Dave & Linda

Terri, Pat Allison's daughter

Monica Steele

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

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Brian, Dale's father, Ethan's grandfather

Rev. John Kassouf

John, friend of Jack & Merilynn

Pastor Omar Krieger

Mike, Robbies's husband

Russ, friend of Marsha

Debbie, friend of Camille

Barb, friend of Pastor & Kathy

Matt, Son of Tom & Pat

Michael, Lois' B-I-L



Prayer Requests

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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

