

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this, my second-to-the-last newsletter column, I would like to share some thoughts about my optimism for Holy Lamb's future. Paul begins his second letter to the Thessalonians with these words, "We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. (2 Thess. 1:3-4)

Indeed, as I engage with other pastors in conversation about my coming retirement and the impact it will have on Holy Lamb, I assure them that Holy Lamb is more and better prepared now to respond to the challenges and opportunities ahead than at any time in her history. We have many new and newer members who bring a wealth of experience and energy to our leadership. We are in a better financial position than we have been for at least 25 years. And there are opportunities and resources on the horizon that are not yet in full view. All these factors lead me to believe that Holy Lamb will thrive abundantly in the next 5-10 years. Which is a primary indicator that this is exactly the right time, *in Holy Lamb's journey*, for me to retire.

In order to accomplish all that God has in store for Holy Lamb, she will need a pastor as energized for the challenges as her leadership and resources require. I no longer have that level of energy. 17 years ago, when I accepted the call to serve as Pastor, I had thought that Holy Lamb was already in this position; and that God would accomplish the kinds of things I now envision. At that time, I had the energy for a myriad of initiatives. Instead, much groundwork needed to be done to restore broken relationships and restore confidence in our ability to sustain our ministry, not to mention expand it. The growth and strengthening of relationships and faith that has occurred over the last 17 years, to the exclusion of more visible growth and expansion, was not what I had expected would be the primary impact of my ministry. But it is what was necessary to prepare us for the future. And I consider it a privilege to have been God's servant in the process.

Going forward, the congregation, in concert with her new pastor, will need the freedom to consider all options without a concern of Pastor Panning looking over their shoulder. This is a 'best practice' procedure outlined by the synod and strongly encouraged by the district. I have seen churches where the retiring pastor did not follow this guidance and remained engaged in the congregation; I have *never* seen it work well. Having seen the disastrous alternatives, I am committed to being absent from Holy Lamb's mission and ministry activities, with a very few rare and explicitly identified exceptions. This is my choice to follow the synod and district's guidelines, based on my own experiences and observations of other situations.

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My absence will be uncomfortable at first, at least as much for me as for you, but we will all get used to it. That will be necessary for all of us as we continue the journey God has in mind for us. Neither Holy Lamb, nor Kathy and I, will be able to move forward if our eyes are always on the rearview mirror.

But Holy Lamb and each of you, individually, will always be dear to us – in our thoughts and in our prayers. As Paul continued in that opening chapter of Thessalonians, “To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thess. 1:11-12)

Kathy and I pray that God will richly bless you, that Holy Lamb may fulfill all that God has in mind for her.

As always, in His service,

Pastor Panning

Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Committee will start meeting again on a monthly basis. Our current committee members are Eileen St. Clair, Cheryl Bingham, David Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Caroline Twentier, and Reyne Harris. We will be holding our first meeting on Sunday, April 30th at 11:30 a.m. to review some of our current ministries *Help4Kids*, *Big Shoe*, and *Backpack Buddies*. We will also review a couple new ministries - *Visitor Thank You Card Outreach* and *Time & Talent*.

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

In His Service,

Cheryl Bingham, Stewardship Chair

Call Committee News

The Call Committee would like to thank all those who have participated in the small group meetings. Your involvement and honest answers will help Holy Lamb as we move along in the Call Process.

We have emailed a congregational survey and the Committee would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete at least one survey per household. Everyone's voice should be heard. There are additional copies of the survey near the drop box. Once completed, you can drop it in the box in the narthex for us to compile the answers to include on our Congregational Profile. **The survey needs to be returned no later than Sunday, May 14th.** At a future congregational meeting we will provide a full copy of the Congregational Profile for your review and comments.

As always, we ask that you continue to pray for Holy Lamb, Pastor & Kathy Panning, and the new pastor who the Lord is preparing at this very moment for his new call at Holy Lamb.

Blessings on your day!!

Holy Lamb Call Committee

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of March	\$16,980	\$14,148
Year to Date Needs	,\$64,314	\$60,219

Making Disciples for Life
Wednesday evening meal and Bible study
6:00 meal; 6:30 study

In early March, the LCMS held a conference titled “Making Disciples for life.” The conference sessions were video-taped and are available for viewing by registered users. We have secured permission to view and present these videos and are offering a selection of them as our Wednesday evening Bible study.

To encourage and enable broader participation, *we will also offer a light meal as part of the evening.* Since we are preparing a meal, we ask that you register on the clipboard in the Narthex or by calling the church office or by emailing Pat Marquardt at _____ We will collect a nominal amount to cover the cost of the food. If you prefer, you may skip the meal and come for the video and the discussion.

The topics covered, range from the influence of the church in the public square, to mental health issues, to abortion, to youth ministry and teaching teens about life, health and family, and more. The presenters are a wide variety of individuals with backgrounds and experiences that will surprise and enlighten your understanding of the broad scope of issues. We will have a brief conversation following each video to share our impressions and consider how it might impact our lives and the lives of those around us.

This series will run from May 3rd through June 28th, as long as interest remains strong. Our initial topics and meals are listed below:

May3 -The Public Ministry in the Public Square:

Secularism claims a “wall of separation between Church and State.” This false doctrine has largely succeeded in excluding the Word of God from the public square, and disintegrating Christian vocation. This presentation exposes the false doctrine and charts a course toward the reintegration of public and private Christianity.

Pizza will be served \$8.00.

May 10 - Martin Luther on Abortion and Matter of Words:

This presentation will look at Luther’s Genesis commentary relating to abortion and how ‘words matter in life matters’. A Biblical and Creedal overview will be highlighted referring to Luther’s comments on abortion within the context of Biblical marriage, human conception, and procreation.

Sub sandwiches will be served \$8.00

May 17 – Why Martin Luther’s Perspective on Mental Illness is Still Useful:

Martin Luther was familiar with mental health problems, both personally and pastorally. This talk shows that his perspective is still relevant today. It shows that it both can and should be applied by pastors, teachers and laypersons when striving to understand and show mercy towards individuals and families confronting mental illness.

Meal to be determined.

LWML News

May 7 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 May, **BATH TOWELS**. Please put them in the marked box in the Narthex.

Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb

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

Holy Lamb will be hosting a night at a Pelicans Baseball Game on Saturday, May 13th. Our final date to collect is this Sunday April 30th. We have surpassed the minimum attendees of 15 so we will be partaking in the buffet. The total cost is \$30.00 per person, which is \$17.00 for the ticket in the High Tide section (206 to 214) and \$13.00 for the buffet. If you are interested, please contact Tom Marquardt or David Bingham for more information or questions.

Prenatal Vitamins for Abigail's Closet

We delivered 32 bottles of prenatal vitamins to Abigail's Place on April 25th. Thanks to Fred & Ashlee Reimers for all the help on this project.

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. These will be available in the month of May.

Holy Lamb Ministries & Events List

We are nearing the completion of a list of all the events & ministries that are done at Holy Lamb. 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.

Mother's Day
May 14, 2023



Memorial Day
May 29, 2023



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 to resume May 3. See page 3 for details

6:00 PM

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!)*

Beginning May 1, we will be reading the Old Testament book of **Daniel**. Daniel, a Jewish exile in Babylon, sought to honor God even as he lived in a land of false gods and under the rule of foreign kings. In this 3 week study, we see how ***God is the King whose dominion is not shaken even in the most dire of circumstances*** and we’ll explore what it means to serve our faithful, unstoppable God.

This study will be a little different since our group chose to do the Daniel study during She Read Truth’s first ever ‘break’ so there won’t be the usual daily information on the website or in emails and the weekly podcast will not automatically ‘drop’. But 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.

Our group has found that reading Scripture regularly but at a slower pace has enabled us to see things we’ve never seen before (even during the familiar Holy Week readings!) and understand more fully how all of Scripture ties together in telling the one big story of God’s love and plan of redemption. This is a great opportunity to become more familiar with the shortest of the ‘major’ prophetic books. Please consider joining us!

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

**In His Service
May 2023**

Altar Guild	Caroline Twentier	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Haley Lauritsen (May 25th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Volunteer needed for May	

May 7		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Haley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

May 14		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner

May 21		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Paul Jankowski
Ushers	N/A	Warren Gall
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

May 28		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Haley Lauritsen
Audio	Don Piel	Darcy Taiani
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!



May Blessings on your Birthday!

- 3rd Gene McCarthy
- 7th Kyla Thomas
- 9th Aubrey Swails
- 17th Steven (Doc)Rehm
- 18th Ashlee Reimer
- 19th Madison Gall
- 19th Judy Throp
- 21st Pat Allison
- 23rd Steven Rehm
- 24th Merilynn Sell
- 25th Ronald Ziembko



Happy Anniversary!

- 10th Chuck & Litta Russell
- 13th Bob & Kathy Orlowski
- 17th Marty & Terrie Reynolds
- 19th Joe & Jen Hirsh
- 28th John & Karen Bombria
- 30th Bob & Myrle Rumsey

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/>.

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:

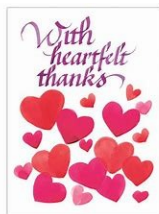
With regards to health issues last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.

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.

A heartfelt thank you to all who sent cards, called me and helped me while I have been laid up. It is so appreciated and such a comfort to know that help is there if needed.

Carol Stocum



Dining with Friends

Due to conflicting schedules and tourist season beginning, also vacations, the next dining with friends will start back up in September. As of now, it will be held in the church like last time with Tom preparing the meal. When the time gets closer I will send you the date and menu. Any questions or concerns, feel free to call me.



God Bless
Mary

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 May 2023

May 7 ~ Given to the Glory of God and our risen Savior, by Norm & Carol Boulet.

May 14 ~ Given in honor of the birthday of Judy Thropp.

May 21 ~ Given in memory of all their loved ones Jack & Merilynn Sell.

May 28 ~ Open



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

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

Andrea Nezich

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

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

Robin, Tim's sister

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

Russ, friend of Marsha



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 Meal (6 pm) & Bible Study	6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm

