

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Rogers and Hammerstein's *THE KING AND I*, Anna, a widowed British school teacher, is hired by the King of Siam to educate his children. If you don't know it, it's a story about a clash between east and west; it's also a beautiful love story. Early in the play, Anna introduces herself to the royal household with a wonderful song; "Getting to Know You."

Chances are most of you have heard it. The lyrics indicate her hope that they will all get along, grow to like each other and learn from one another.

But in short order, it appears that the king and Anna have significant differences in the way they view the world and deal with it. *THE KING AND I* is less about the education of the royal children and more about two adults, a man and a woman, getting along in a changing world. The king knows that he is king. But Anna is a 19th century woman, she wants her rights and liberties respected. Anna will not be told what to do or think; she will make up her own mind. Even though there are signs of love, their two worlds clash as the story progresses.

We live in the 21st century. Change is all around us. As Christians, we go forth from worship each Sunday to live in this world, and we must deal with its morals, its politics, its beliefs and its family issues. As Christians, we are witnesses to God's truth; we know how we must live: we must hold on to our faith in Jesus Christ; and we will receive with gratitude the wisdom God reveals in his Word. Divine wisdom is derived from private reading of the Bible, and from the public preaching of that Word. Sunday worship is very important.

Pr. Panning and Kathy are on their journey west and we wish them well in this new chapter in their lives. We too are beginning a new chapter. For the next few months, however short or long that may be, we will find that there's more than one way to be God's Church. Pr. Vogt is not Pr. Panning, nor will he be the same as the new pastor the Holy Spirit leads us to Call. Every pastor is uniquely equipped with the diverse gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). The way he approaches Bible study and sermon preparation is partially his own and partially derived from his seminary training. He will have his own strengths and weaknesses. As we pray for Pr. Panning and send him on his way, so we must pray for that man, as yet unknown to us, whom God will send us.

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER For the time being, let me introduce myself to you. Your "vacancy Pastor" is Rev. Stephen Vogt; call me Pr. Steve. And some of you know that I have already filled in for Pr. Panning. I am the son of German immigrants and grew up in Stamford, Connecticut, a suburb of New York City. Caren and I spent most of our professional years in Hamburg, New Jersey: 36 years at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Post seminary, I pastored Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fisher, Illinois. In NJ, I worked with the LWML, was secretary for the New Jersey District Board of Directors, and served a term as Circuit Visitor. Caren and I have been to a number of Synod conventions over the years, both as delegates and as guests. Before retirement I served as one of the district's three vice presidents.

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The Vogts met at Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, graduating in 1978 and 1979. Caren was Called as a Lutheran teacher and has taught both elementary and middle school, and later nursery school. She finished her years in the NJ District office as its Education Executive and Administrative Assistant to the District President. Steve and Caren have two daughters Katie and Naomi, both are teachers in the LCMS; Katie in New York and Naomi in Shanghai China.

Growing up in the 60s and 70s left its mark on me. The *Jesus movement*, which gave us GODSPELL, JOSEPH AND THE DREAMCOAT, and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, influences my thought process still. College introduced me to the classics in art and music and literature. A life-long Lutheran, it's not unusual to hear me quoting hymn stanzas and popular tunes.

As time moves forward, we will get to know a lot more about each other. If you need to know something, please ask. I look forward to meeting all of you and learning about you. Together we are God's children. And, in this place we are his Church—*called out of darkness into his wonderful light* (1 Peter 2:9 ff). Let's glorify him together.

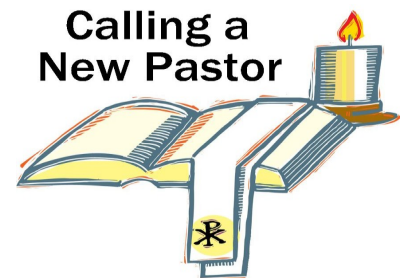
In His service,

Stephen Vogt, Vacancy Pastor

Call Committee News

We have been hard at work completing the profile of Holy Lamb Church. This document represents Holy Lamb as a church congregation and will be sent to the district along with other important documents that we feel present a whole picture of us. Before we send this, we need you to review and approve the document as a representation of Holy Lamb as a whole.

We will be calling a special congregational meeting (which should be very short) on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 9:30 am, between the worship services, as to not inconvenience anyone. Prior to this meeting, we will email a copy of the profile so you have time to review it and bring any questions to the meeting on the 16th. The email will arrive on or about July 3rd so please be on the look out for it. We pray that you can find the time to review the document and attend the short meeting as we continue to lead you through this process.



As always we appreciate your prayers as we move forward with the Call Process. Here is a short prayer specific to our need:...

Dear Lord, we pray for Your blessing on those who are called to serve on the Call Committee. Please give them the gifts they need to seek and find the pastor of Your own nurturing, the shepherd of Your own choosing, that we at Holy Lamb may be fed by Your Holy word and sacraments and grow in faith, love and ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessings on your day!

Holy Lamb Call Committee

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of June	\$11,560	\$14,148
Year to Date Needs	\$95,691	\$91,962

Stewardship Committee

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
Phillipians 4:19

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4th Sunday of the month. Our current committee members are:

Cheryl Bingham - Chair; Eileen St. Clair, Duane St. Clair, David Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Caroline Twentier, Bill Steele, and Reyne Harris.

Here are some of the items the team is working on.

- *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 26, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Make sure you put this on your calendar.
- *Praying in Color*: This ministry continues with Eileen St. Clair facilitating. If you know of anyone in need of this ministry, contact Eileen.
- *First Time Visits with Local Guests*: To date we've had 3 visits with local visitors who've joined us for worship service. Our visits have all gone well and were well received.
- *Visitor Thank You Card Outreach*: To date, we've sent out 21 thank you cards to out of town visitors who've joined us for Worship Service.
- *Time & Talent sheets*: The Expansion Ministry Team is finalizing this. We are looking at sending these out in late fall.
- *Pledge Funding Sunday*: The team will be looking at sending this out the 1st or 2nd Sunday in January. This is a commitment between the church member and God.

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

In His Service,

Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson

LWML News

July 2nd 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.

For the month of July, we are continuing to collect **SCHOOL SUPPLIES INCLUDING BACK PACKS**. Please put them in the marked box in the Narthex. Our next meeting is July 8th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pat Marquardt is our Bible study leader

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.

Ziplocs for the less fortunate Phase II

The Ziploc bags, containing a Bible, bottle of water, snack bar, a gift card for a local food place, a poncho and a *'What Lutherans Believe'* pamphlet, were made available on June 11th. **Thank you** all for taking a bag and participating in this ministry and a **big thanks** to Fred and Ashlee Reimer for the Thrivent Action Team Card and to Ron Hajduk for making this happen. We are receiving joyful feedback from congregation members who have given the bags away.

Holy Lamb Ministries & Events List

The events & ministry list phase I is completed. The list has 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. As changes will occur the document is scheduled to be reviewed on a quarterly basis. The next review will be in September.

Holy Lamb Information Cards for Congregation Members

This project is to create a business size card for members to have readily available to give away containing the church's information. The design of the card is in progress, and we have picked John 3:16 to be the verse that is on the card along with pertinent church information. A request will be sent to the LCMS headquarters to use the Missouri Synod cross Logo. We are working to have the cards available in July or August.

Visitor Packets

We have just started work on creating a bag to have readily available to give to 1st time visitors to the church, be they from out of town or from the local area. We have determined that the bag should contain a summary list of the events & ministries of Holy Lamb, the *'What Lutherans Believe'* pamphlet, the Holy Lamb information card. Another possible idea is a Holy Lamb pen. If you have any ideas, please let a committee member know.

Members of Holy Lamb Mailings

We have found several members of the church who do not own or use a computer. We are in the process of setting a procedure to have the pertinent information from the church, monthly newsletter, congregation meeting minutes, and church correspondences mailed to them. A big **thank you** to Phil and Reyne Harris for taking the lead on this project.

Second Holy Lamb Night at a Pelicans Baseball Game

We are planning on going to another game on Friday, August 25th at 7:05. The Pelicans will host the Kannapolis Canon Balls. The theme that night is 'dinosaurs' and there will be a fireworks show after the game. We will have a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex during the entire month of July with the 30th being the final day to sign up and all monies will be due at that time. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Marquardt or David Bingham.

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.

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 current study is on **The Genealogy of Jesus**. With God’s heart for His people and Jesus’ family history in view, we are discovering 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. We will finish this 5-week study on Thursday, July 6 and then on July 10 we’ll begin a 5 -week study on **Romans**. In his letter to the Romans, Paul encourages his fellow brothers and sisters to remember the fullness of the Gospel message; how it removes barriers, unifies believers, and shapes their and our everyday lives.

If you have any questions and/or would like to join us, please contact: Darcy Taiani - call or text: 724-840-0888 or email darcytaiani@gmail.com.

**In His Service
July 2023**

Altar Guild	Bonnie Toth	Reyne Harris
Newsletter Proofer	Barb Evans (July 27)	
Bulletin Assembly	Barb Evans	

July 2	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Haley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

July 30	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	Linda Snyder

July 9	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner

July 16	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Bill Steele
Ushers	N/A	Haley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

July 23	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Warren Gall
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
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.

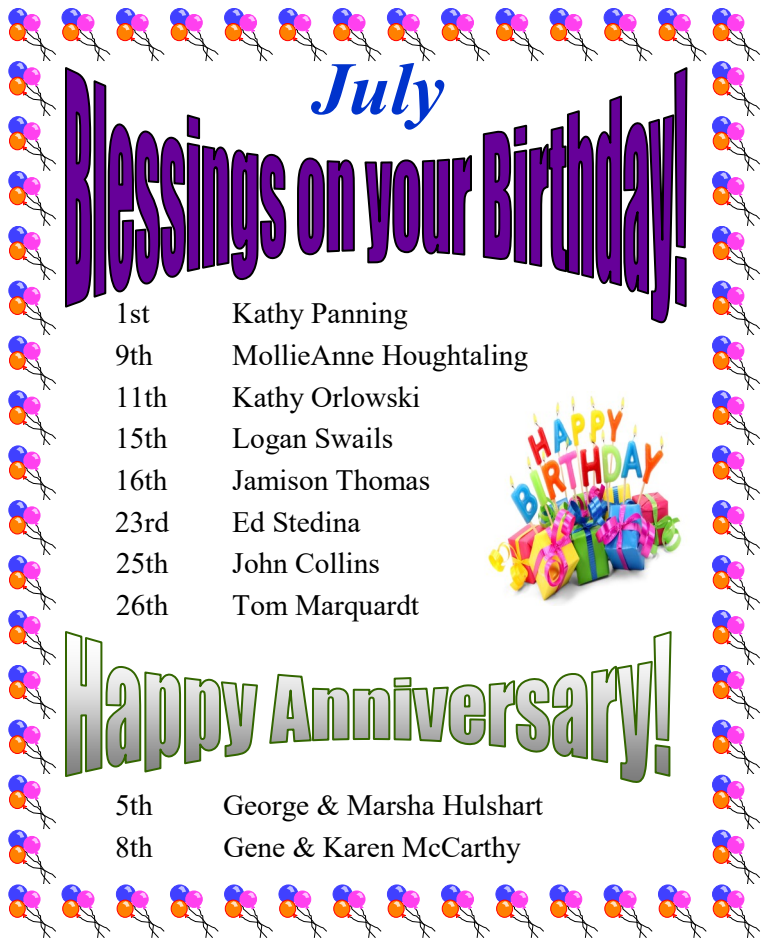
Please consider helping out with this important part of our worship services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am.

Contact Bill Steele if you can help.
Thank you!

A Message from our Property Manager

A round of thanks to Irv Ewing for loaning his power washing equipment and to Pete Snyder for supplying the manpower needed in cleaning the front walks and entrance brick walls.

Dave Katai, Church Property Manager



July

Blessings on your Birthday!

- 1st Kathy Panning
- 9th MollieAnne Houghtaling
- 11th Kathy Orlovski
- 15th Logan Swails
- 16th Jamison Thomas
- 23rd Ed Stedina
- 25th John Collins
- 26th Tom Marquardt



Happy Anniversary!

- 5th George & Marsha Hulshart
- 8th Gene & Karen McCarthy

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 WFAZ 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, July 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*



Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, July 7 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

Important Announcement! Special Congregation Meeting July 16th

On Sunday, July 16th, there will be a special congregation meeting at 9:30 am (between services) to approve the documents for the Call Process. Once approved, they will be sent to the District so we can continue this process and move forward with the Call.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting! Your vote is important and vital. There will be a small fellowship following the meeting.



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 July 2023

- July 2 ~ Given to the Glory of God by Norm & Carol Boulet.
- July 9 ~ Given in memory of their parents and daughter by Bill & Monica Steele.
- July 16 ~ Given in memory of Fred Weller given by Mary K. Weller and Margie Panther.
- July 23 ~ In honor of Ed Stedina's birthday, given by Sylvia Stedina.
- July 30 ~ In memory of her husband Tom, given by Carol Stocum.

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

Nevelynn, Ron's granddaughter

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Norm Boulet

Theresa Falke

Karen McCarthy

Marty Reynolds

Al Stout

Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter

Ron W., Monica's brother

Sami, friend of Dave & Linda

Terri, Pat Allison's daughter

Monica Steele

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

Brian, Dale's father, Ethan's grandfather

Rev. John Kassouf

John, friend of Jack & Merilynn

Pastor Omar Krieger

Mike, Robbies's husband

Debbie, friend of Camille

Barb, friend of Pastor & Kathyt

Matt, Son of Tom & Pat

Michael, Lois' B-I-L

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.

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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
Thursday Evening Women’s Bible Study	6:30 pm

