

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

## August 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### “A Little Bit About Our Beloved Synod”

Holy Lamb is a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Through this synod, we operate colleges and seminaries, schools and high schools, and of course Concordia Publishing House. Some of our missionaries are sent by the synod, others are sponsored in part or in full by individual congregations. The Synod currently maintains Lutheran Youth Fellowship for our young people; they meet every three years in huge rallies. (At one time the youth program of our synod was called Walther League. This was dissolved in the 1960s.) Synod also has a number of RSOs (Recognized Service Organizations); among them are the LWML (Womens’ Missionary League) and LLL (Laymen’s League).

A lot of people are in a fog regarding just what the Synod is and does. Simply put, the Synod is a fellowship of self-governing congregations. (This does not mean they can do anything they want.) Though sometimes far apart in distance, still they are close, “walking together” in faith and love.

Usually, we begin to tell our story in religious turmoil of the 1830s. The latter part of that decade saw the Saxon Immigration to Missouri. Boatloads of Saxons left Bremen looking for religious freedom in America. They were real pilgrims fleeing religious persecution at home. They did not land in New York for fear of getting lost in the great crowds of the east coast. Instead, they sailed to New Orleans and headed up the Mississippi. Along the way, they dealt with a little scandal of their own; one ship was lost at sea. At one point they had a crisis of identity and considered going home. But most of them stayed. Read on.

The title of our Synod is usually hyphenated. Back in the day when our church body was formed (1847), its name was the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States (written out in German, of course.) Over the years, we simply became known as the Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The Saxons who arrived in 1839 settled in Missouri. After their identity crisis C. F. W. Walther rose to become their new leader and their chief theologian. His journal *Der Lutheraner* sparked the interests of many in the U. S. who wanted to be genuinely Lutheran. In eight years the Saxons were ready to talk seriously with other Lutherans in the Midwest, especially those associated with Rev. Wilhelm Loehe, who remained in Germany but steadfastly supported Lutheran immigration to the United States.

The first meeting of these confessionally minded Lutherans was held in Chicago in 1847. It surprised no one that Carl Walther was elected first synod president. However, his congregation did not immediately join the new synod. Walther was an active pastor, publisher of a journal, head teacher of the college in Perry County, Missouri and now president of the new synod. The college would eventually become Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Eventually Rev. Loehe in Germany sent over men and mission minded Germans. This group is associated with Concordia Theological Seminary, now in Ft. Wayne, IN. That is how our synod came to have two world class seminaries, independent of each other.

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What's a synod? For our purposes, a synod is a group of congregations having come together for mission and ministry. The word *synod* in Greek (loosely defined) has something to do with "walking together and being in fellowship." Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations (churches) see themselves as a synod or a fellowship of congregations (churches), which has divided itself into districts. If you know anything about the ELCA (the other Lutheran body in the USA), they see themselves as a Church body made up of regional synods. It all depends on how you define your terms.

The LCMS's constitution is the same one adopted in 1847, in Chicago. Over the years, it has been amended and expanded and translated into English. Currently, our synod meets every third year; in between the districts meet in one year, and the circuits meet in the third. The Synod president is elected by representatives from the entire synod before the Synod convention. He has several vice presidents to assist him. The Circuit visitors are accountable to him, though they are elected by their respective district conventions. The District Presidents are elected from their respective districts; as are their vice presidents. The DPs meet frequently to discuss issues facing the Synod and to advise the Synod president. Also, the District presidents meet at the Synod's colleges and seminaries to assign teachers, vicars (seminary interns), and graduating pastors.

Our Synod's convention was just held in July. It was presided over by the Synod president, Matthew Harrison. The convention is a time for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and the discussion of ideas presented in the various overtures which become resolutions when brought to the floor. Overtures will normally come through the congregations and are published in the convention workbook. Similar overtures, having a common theme, are combined and edited by a floor committee and presented as a resolution to the convention. The delegates to the convention consider, discuss, and amend the resolution before it is voted on. Robert's Rules of Order govern the discussion.

The convention lasts about a week. Next to the convention hall, is another hall dedicated to commerce; Concordia Publishing House has stuff to sell, also various liturgical supply houses like C. M. Almy or Gaspard send representatives. There will inevitably be an organ company, builders, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, the Lutheran Credit Union, various mission societies, the colleges and seminaries, the LWML... it seems everyone has a booth. You need a day to make your way through it.

What most people seem to enjoy are the worship opportunities. People like the sound of some 3000 voices singing. Who goes to these? Anybody. You can go as a visitor and observe the proceedings. Representatives come from the congregations through Circuit elections.

- The Circuit Visitor guided by procedures outlined in the current edition of The Synod Handbook sets the date for the circuit meeting to which every congregation in the circuit sends their pastor and a lay representative. The layperson must be willing to attend the convention if he/ she were elected.
- At the meeting, one pastor and one layperson are chosen to represent the circuit. They must not be from the same congregation. Also, a pair of alternates will be elected just in case a change needs to be made. In all, four different congregations will each have a person elected.
- Generally, the Circuit visitor will ask those gathered who has already attended a convention in order to give someone else an opportunity. He will also ask who would like to go. Ballots are cast and counted and the winners announced; sometimes you need several ballots to come to a decision.
- The congregations and the districts provide the transportation and some meals. Most districts meet each morning of the convention over breakfast to discuss the day's events.

This is probably not your normal newsletter stuff, but it seemed to me that enough of us wanted to know how synod works. And, in the space of a newsletter yours truly cannot answer or anticipate every question. But if there's something I have left out and you need to know it, just ask. Beware, I love history, and I may tell you more than you need to know.

Till next time.

Pr. Steve

## Call Committee Report

We are moving on to the next step of the Call process! Our required documents have been mailed and are heading to the District President. You may be asking.... "what do we do now?" Well, we pray!!

We pray that the Lord continues to move Holy Lamb toward the pastor that He has in mind for us. We pray a prayer of Thanksgiving that He has led us to this point so quickly. We pray for all the pastors who are a part of this Call process, however big or small that part may be. Also, we pray for strength for our congregation as we go through this step of the process.

We have also received a few nominations from the congregation and they will be given to our Circuit Visitor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any Call Committee member.

Blessings on your day!



## LWML NEWS

August 6<sup>th</sup> 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 August we are collecting **SOCKS AND SHOES** For *Help 4 Kids*. Please put them in the marked box or the BIG SHOE in the Narthex. Thank you for all your donations.

*Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb*

## THANK YOU FROM THE PANNINGS

Kathy and I cannot fully express our appreciation for the tremendous outpouring of love that you have shown us as we enter retirement. Your gifts have been most generous and thoughtful and the gift from the church, that so many contributed to, was beyond any expectation.

Thank you to all who attended the dinner. Your presence was, itself, a wonderful gift. Your laughter and warm wishes made the evening memorable. And thank you to all who participated in planning the evening and making it happen. Your attention to every detail made it a perfect success. We will cherish that evening, always.

May God bless each one of you, and may He continue to bless Holy Lamb.

*Pastor Panning*



## Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of July (to date)	\$12,713	\$14,148
Year to Date Needs	\$106,110	\$108,404

## Stewardship Committee Report

““God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after the 10:30am service. 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.

1. *Help4Kids Big Shoe and Backpack Buddies*: We are set for a "BBQ on the Lawn" fundraiser for *Help4Kids*. The event is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteer signup sheets will be set out for those who want to help with the event. Make sure you put this on your calendar. Details can be found on page 6.
2. *Praying in Color*: This ministry continues with Eileen St. Clair facilitating. If you know of anyone in need of this ministry, contact Eileen. We are also working on establishing a backup facilitator for this ministry.
3. *First Time Visits with Local Guests*: To date, we've had 3 in-person visits with local visitors who've joined us for worship service. Our visits have all gone well and were well received.
4. *Visitor Thank You Card Outreach*: To date, we've sent out 24 thank you cards to out of town visitors who've joined us for Worship Service. We want to plant seeds to those who've joined in hopes that they'll visit us again.
5. *Time & Talent sheets*: The Expansion Ministry Team has finalized this. We're looking at sending these out to congregation members in the January/February time period.
6. *Pledge Funding Sunday*: The team will be looking at sending this out in early January. As a reminder, the pledge cards are a commitment between the member and God.
7. *Pumpkin/Fall Festival*: Church Council has given the Pumpkin and Fall Festival committee approval to move forward with their project plan. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, a final project plan will be presented to Council.

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

In His Service,

*Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson*

## Expansion Ministries Committee Report

The expansion ministry committee meets once a month on the 3<sup>RD</sup> 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, Reyne Harris, Ron Hajduk, Phil Harris, and David Bingham.

### 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. The LCMS headquarters has approved our request to use the Missouri Synod cross Logo. We are working to have the cards available in August.

### Visitor Packets

The work continues 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, a Holy Lamb ink pen, and the story of how Holy Lamb came into being. 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 have completed the setting in place a procedure to have the pertinent information from the church, monthly newsletter, congregation meeting minutes, and church correspondences mailed to them. We are putting in place back up group of folks with Phil & Reyne Harris being the primary points of contact. Again, 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:05. The Pelicans will host the Kannapolis Canon Balls. The theme that night is 'dinosaurs' and there will be fireworks show after the game. We will have a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex during the entire month of July **with the 30<sup>th</sup> being the final day to sign up and all monies will be due at that time.** We are opening up the buffet idea as several folks have made requests for it. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Marquardt or David Bingham.

### Church Signs

We have just started discussions about updating the church sign that is on Dick Pond Rd as well as looking at other possibilities of placing signs out with the church information. If you have any ideas, please let a committee member know.

# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER

## *HELP4KIDS*

### To Purchase Shoes and Socks



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

EAT IN or TAKE OUT

**\$10 FOR ADULTS**

CHOICE OF:

HAMBURGER,  
HOT DOG OR  
BRATS



BAKED BEANS and a COOKIE  
AND

CHOICE of WATER, LEMONADE or ICED TEA

**\$8 FOR CHILDREN**

HOT DOG, CHIPS and a DRINK

**\$0.50 For a Chocolate Chip Cookie**

**\$1.00 FOR a HOT DOG**

AT HOLY LAMB LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2541 FORESTBROOK ROAD  
MYRTLE BEACH

DONATIONS OF *NEW* SHOES AND SOCKS GREATLY APPRECIATED

## 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

The Book of James

9:00 AM

Will resume August 1

## 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](http://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 “**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. This study ends on August 11. We’ll begin following our next 3 week study titled “**Psalms for Prayer**” on August 14<sup>th</sup>. God’s people have used the Psalms to guide worship and prayer since before Christ. We will read and pray through 15 psalms focusing on a specific topic each day.

**In His Service  
August 2023**

Altar Guild	Bonnie Toth	Barbara Evans
Newsletter Proofer	Camille August (August 24th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Camille August	

<b>August 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

<b>August 13</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
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

<b>August 20</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

<b>August 27</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Paul Jankowski
Ushers	N/A	Warren Gall
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

**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 the Church  
Property Manager**

Folks, there are three thermostats located in the building, one outside the office, one in the sanctuary and one in the fellowship room.

If you use any of these rooms for meetings, etc, please set the temperature to what makes you comfortable but when you are finished, please reset the temperature to 80 degrees before you leave.

Thanks,  
Dave Katai



*August*  
**Blessings on your Birthday!**

- 2nd Bob Orłowski
- 3rd Irv Ewing
- 4th Lois Murphy
- 9th Pat Marquardt
- 14th Jane Jankowski
- 14th Mary Lee
- 16th Bob Rumsey
- 24th Richard Thomas
- 25th Maureen Thomas
- 26th Marsha Hulshart
- 26th Terrie Reynolds
- 27th Larry Laufer
- 28th Bryan Tainter
- 29th Duane St. Clair



**Happy Anniversary!**

- 9th Steven & Nancy Rehm
- 13th Paul & Jane Jankowski
- 15th David & Kathy Panning
- 22nd Ed & Sylvia Stedina
- 28th Duane & Eileen St. Clair
- 29th Tom & Pat Marquardt
- 30th Doug & Rose Ruddick

**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, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm..

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

See ya then!!!



## 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 August, 2023

August 6 ~ Given in memory of Ray Boulet, brother of Norm Boulet.

August 13 ~ Open

August 20 ~ Given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Ed & Sylvia Stedina.

August 27 ~ In memory of Esther & Alfred Balke 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

**Pat Allison**

**Carol Boulet**

**Merle Falke**

**Mary Lee**

**Steven Rehm**

**Bob & Myrle Rumsey**

**Theresa Zweigle**

**Norm Boulet**

**Theresa Falke**

**Karen McCarthy**

**Marty Reynolds**

**Al Stout**

**Andrea Nezych**

## 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

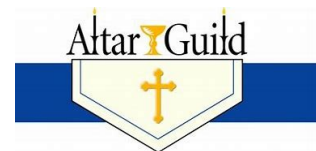
**Barb**, friend of Pastor & Kathy

**Matt**, Son of Tom & Pat

**Michael**, Lois' B-I-L

## Mourning the Loss

**Ray Boulet**, brother of Norman Boulet.



We are in need of volunteers to prepare the altar for Holy Communion for the months of August and September at the 10:30 am service. If you are able to help for the month or just a portion of the month, please contact Linda Davis at 440-897-1028 or Reyne Harris at 864-590-0237.

**Please save your Cool Whip containers.** The Altar Guild is in need of your empty Cool Whip containers. If you have any, please drop them off to the church and leave on the counter in the kitchen.

## **Holy Lamb Lutheran Church**

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Rev. Stephen Vogt, Vacancy Pastor

### **Church**

843-236-1344

### **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

