

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

## February 2024

### Revisiting the Traditions

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and yes, we all know it's also Valentines Day. We'll assume you all know how to tell that certain someone that you love them. And for the sake of your conscience, let's all agree that a small box of Valentine chocolates will not violate any Lenten rules or bar your entrance into the Kingdom. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 7 writes that a smart wife has two concerns, the kingdom of God and her husband. That goes for the fellows too.

But more importantly Paul advises the Ephesian Christians to "look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15 -17) Lent might find its origin in these words of Paul. But make this distinction in your mind, Lent is part of our tradition, it is not the law of God. There's no need to get hysterical if you violate the tradition. This period of time is designed to help you in "your walk" with God, not complicate it.

**FORTY DAYS** Point one; Lent is forty days long, not counting Sundays. Sundays are "in Lent" but they are never counted "of Lent." Two; Lent is not a forty-day funeral for Christ. Sundays always remind us of the Resurrection and in that sense, they are little Easters. Hot Cross Buns have always been that special Lenten treat on a Sunday morning and at other times.

**THE SPRINGTIME OF THE FAITH** During Lent there arose the tradition of penitents learning the Catechism. That done they would present themselves for baptism on Easter morning, or at the Easter Vigil. "Cleansed of their sins" they presented themselves for membership and their first communion.

Somewhere in the dim past the word "Lent" has a connection to springtime. And from this connection there emerges the custom of household spring cleaning. Whose home can't benefit from a good cleaning from top to bottom? Part of spring cleaning means cleansing the pantry. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday. On this day, Christians went to their pastor (priest) for confession. Absolved of their sin, they would come home to pancakes or Fastnachts (a kind of doughnut). The idea was that all the left-over lard and flour from Christmas baking would be used up, making room for the new.

**THE TITHE** In the bigger picture, Lent is (give or take) a tithe of the year, it is our gift of time. The tithe is literally 10% and the time of Lent is devoted to God. During Lent and leading up to Easter, we make an extra effort to offer ourselves to God in daily devotions, and go out of our way to perform acts of kindness for God, for our neighbor, and for one another at home.

As to devotions, some congregations offer booklets on a theme, which feature a daily Bible reading and some thoughts leading to prayer. The Lutheran Laymen's League offers these; you might visit their website. A Christian bookstore has offerings. And, you might visit [cph.org](http://cph.org), (Concordia Publishing House) for some Lenten reading. You might just decide to read through the Gospel of John this Lent.

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**SACRIFICE** When we were kids, we'd try to outdo one another in giving up something for Lent. Did we really imagine that giving up chocolate, or desert, or chewing gum actually made us more holy before God? But we were kids. What made matters worse was that some of the adults tried to do without beer or cigarettes. What got lost in all of this is the idea of "what you give up you should give away."

Does anyone remember those little Lenten coin banks or cards we received in Sunday school or church? Into these your candy money went. After your devotion, you put your coins in the bank or into the slots on the card and these were then brought to church on Easter, the money dedicated for some project like Food for the Poor. The idea; if you give it up you should give it away. Sacrifice.

Our Lord Jesus gave up his life for us on the cross. The greater sacrifice was God's. God through Jesus won for us eternal life. Our doing without for a few weeks pales by comparison to the cross. If we feel pain in going without coffee imagine how God felt in offering up his Son. In the end, God wins a people for himself. The Bible calls us his "royal priesthood," a people called out of the darkness of sin into God's wonderful light. In the end, we may have helped to feed children half-way round the world, or even lost a few pounds ourself.

Pr. Steve

## LWML News

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. 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. We are grateful for all your support.

Coastline Women's Center thanks you very much for all your donations to Abigail's Closet. For our next project, we will be collecting toiletries and school supplies for *Help4Kids*. Each month, in the newsletter and notes, will be different items for collection. All Items collected, will be FULL SIZE (NOT Travel size).

During the month of February, we will be collecting toothbrushes (adult and kids) and toothpaste. At the end of each month, items will be taken to *Help4Kids*. Thank you very much for all your donations.

**All women** are invited to join us on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for lunch at Serafino's Pizzeria and Restaurant at 587 Burcale Rd. If you plan on attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the rack in the narthex. If you have questions, contact Darcy Taiani, (call or text) 724-840-0888 (email) [darcytaiani@gmail.com](mailto:darcytaiani@gmail.com).



## Praying in Color Gathering Date Change

Regarding the open invitation for Praying in Color. I am sorry to announce that because I contracted Covid, I am rescheduling for **Saturday, March 9th** after the LWML meeting about 11 AM. We will have a light lunch before we do sharing, door prizes and surprises. You are also invited to join us for the LWML meeting and find out what we are all about. A double invitation so to speak. A sign up sheet will be posted by Feb 11th. **If you signed up for the original date, please sign up again on February 11th.** Please put this on your calendar and plan to join us. Thank you all for understanding.

Eileen St. Clair

## Stewardship Committee Report

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

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 Stewardship team is working on.

**Praying in Color:** The gathering has been rescheduled for *Saturday, March 9th*. We ask ALL to come and join! If you have any questions, please contact Eileen St. Clair.

**First Time Visits with Local Guests:** To date, for 2024, we haven't visited with any local guests. We ask everyone to reach out and welcome anyone who joins us for service. We have welcome packets in the Narthex to provide to them about Holy Lamb. If anyone wants to join the team, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

**Visitor Thank You Card Outreach:** To date, for 2024, we've sent out 3 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 in the future. We ask everyone to reach out and welcome anyone who joins us for service.

**“Opportunity to Serve and Fellowship”** : These booklets were handed out at the congregation meeting on *December 17<sup>th</sup>*. A basket has been placed in the Narthex for anyone who would like to return them. We are asking every member to let us know what areas of the church they would like to consider giving of their time and talents.

**Pledge Funding Sunday:** Pledge Cards were also handed out at the congregation meeting on Sunday, *December 17<sup>th</sup>*. The pledge cards are a confidential commitment between you and God. A set of 2 cards were given: One for you to keep and one to bring to the altar. For those who wish to bring them to the altar, this will be done on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please bring them in a sealed envelope. They will not be opened as they are confidential. The sealed cards will be destroyed. Again, this is a commitment between you and God.

**Day Trip Opportunity:** This is an opportunity to get to know each other and share some fellowship with other members of Holy Lamb. We are organizing fun day trips around the area. For our first trip, we're looking at Georgetown waterfront. There is a day tour in which a tram drives you around historic points of interest and you hear history spanning 300 years. It is tentatively scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. Keep watching for information.

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

In His Service,

Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson



## **Evangelism/Expansion Ministries Committee**

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.

### **Restaurant Dining Group**

Thanks to all who attended the restaurant dining group this past Tuesday at Logan's Roadhouse. Our next dining group will be meeting at the Hot Fish Club at 4911 Highway 17 Business, Murrells Inlet on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15. If you plan to attend there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl 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. Research continues into the Horry County regulations.

### **Basic Beginner Bible Study Class**

The second week of this 4 week course meets at 9:15 to 10:00 AM in the cry room. We will continue our review, discuss & answer the questions of what the Bible is, how it is arranged, its origin, who wrote it, how to read & study it and why, and the various versions, etc. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bingham.

### **Microbrew Group**

Thanks to all who attended the Luther Brew Crew meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Handley's Pub & Grub. We will be meeting at the *Grumpy Monk* on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The address 1317 Celebrity Cir, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. If you are planning on attending, there is a signup sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham. Our April meeting will be Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at *Café Old Vienna*. Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer! Attributed to Martin Luther.

### **Ziplocs for the Less Fortunate**

In February, we will again have Ziploc bags available for the less fortunate in the narthex for members to take and give out. We will have 40 bags available containing a bible, bottle of water, snack bar, a gift card for a local food place, a pair of socks and the 'What We Believe' pamphlet.

### **Dining with Friends**

Thanks to all who attended the Dining with Friends on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cracker Barrel Country Store. For February, we will be meeting at the church at noon for a meal prepared by Chef Tom on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be

*Deviled eggs with candied bacon, rolls & butter*

*Salad of baby greens with carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, and raisins laced in a citrus-parmesan vinaigrette.*

*Sauteed "Chicken Franchise" in a light egg batter with white wine -lemon Sauce (my most popular chicken),*

*Twice baked yukon gold potatoes, fresh roasted vegetables.*

*Warm flowing chocolate souffle with vanilla sauce (my most popular dessert)*

The cost is \$20.00 per Person, and we must have minimum of 18 attending. If you are planning on attending, there is a signup sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham. Deadline to sign up is February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## Myrtle Beach History Trolley and Step-On Tours

We are beginning to look at trolley tours that are offered in Myrtle beach: History, movies and music, early Myrtle Beach history including WWII years and the area ghosts, pirates and historic families. These enclosed tours are done in a climate-controlled trolley on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 AM to noon. More information will be included in future bulletins. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

## Families Read

This project will be a combined effort between the Stewardship team and the Expansion Ministry Team. We will choose 320 books from the Socastee Methodist Church on a monthly basis, clean them up and take them to the Forestbrook Elementary school to be made available to those students for free. We need volunteers to help clean the books when you have time. This can be very flexible and can be done in a group or folks can take books home with them and clean them at their leisure. This is not a commitment per say, it is just as folks have time and want to do it. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bingham.

## Lent Begins in February

We begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with worship-at 7 PM. Midweek services will be held each Wednesday beginning February 21st through March 20th at 7 PM.



Holy week services are as follows:

March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	8 AM & 10:30 AM
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	7 PM
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	7 PM
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday	8 AM & 10:30 AM





<b>Sunday Morning Bible Study</b>	<b>The Book of Colossians</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Basic Beginner Bible Study</b>		<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</b>	<b>Contemporary Issues</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study</b>	<b>Details below on this page</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>



## *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 studying the book of Matthew using our Lutheran Study Bible as our guide.

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](mailto:darcytaiani@gmail.com).

### **Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of Jan. (to date)	\$11,909	\$10,665
Year to Date Needs	\$11,909	\$10,665

### **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 on the podium in the Narthex.

**In His Service  
February 2024**

Altar Guild	Pat Marquardt	Andrea Nezich
Newsletter Proofer	Dave Katai (Feb. 29)	
Bulletin Assembly	Sylvia Stedina	

<b>February 4 8:00 AM 10:30 AM</b>		
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Don Piel	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

<b>February 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM</b>		
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

<b>February 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM</b>		
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

<b>February 28 Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM</b>	
Usher	Dave Bingham
Audio	Don Piel

<b>February 14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM</b>	
Usher	Dave Bingham
Audio	Julia Diem

<b>February 18 8:00 AM 10:30 AM</b>		
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Audio	Don Piel	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

<b>February 21 Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM</b>	
Usher	Dave Bingham I
Audio	Julia Diem



**V O L U N T E E R**

*All that's missing is **U**!*



# February Blessings on your Birthday!

- 7th Linda Katai
- 8th Maurice Bartelotte
- 11th Les Cotton
- 11th Dave Katai
- 12th Nancy Rehm
- 13th Andrea Nezich
- 16th Tiffany Hirsh
- 18th Taylor Gall
- 18th Myrle Rumsey
- 22nd Therese Cunningham
- 26th Deborah Partenberry



# Happy Anniversary!

16th Bill & MollieAnne Houghtaling

**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.



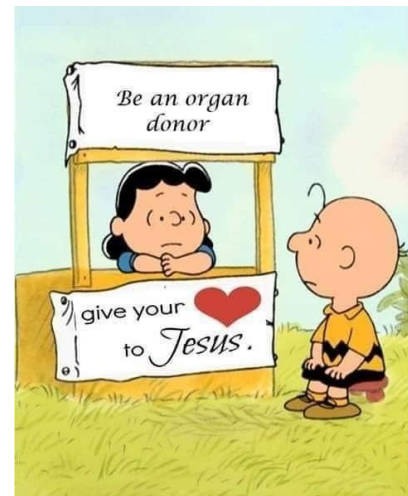
WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	5:00 AM
WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	7:00 AM
WRNN	1450	AM	Sun	7:00 AM

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/>.

## Altar Guild

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the Altar Guild are encouraged to attend. We will review and discuss procedures and recent changes. Blessings on all of our devoted guild members.

In His service,  
*Linda Davis and Reyne Harris*



## Men's Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am. All men are welcome to join them.

## Family Game Night

The next family game night is Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4pm-7pm. Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.





## 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 \$40.00. If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

**Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelope.**

### Flower Chart 2024

The flower chart for 2024 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 February, 2024

February 4 ~ Open

February 11 ~ Given in thanksgiving for Linda, Dan and Nancy, by Jack & Merilynn Sell.

February 18 ~ No altar flowers during Lent.

February 25 ~ No altar flowers during Lent



## For Healing

**Julia**, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

**Verlene**, sister of Myrle

**Ron**, Ed's Cousin

**Nick**, friend of Lois

**Erin**, daughter of Lois Murphy

**Scott**, son of J.R.

**Jim**, husband of Lois Murphy

**Brian**, Son of Adell Keeney

**Joan**, friend of Marsha Dunn

**Helen**, sister of Lois Murphy

**Nathan**, B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort

**Glen**, brother of Lois Murphy

**Alice**, friend of Doug & Rose

**Bobby**, brother of Sharon Bumgarner

**Pat Allison**

**Carol Boulet**

**Merle Falke**

**Mary Lee**

**Steven Rehm**

**Bob & Myrle Rumsey**

**Theresa Zweigle**

**Monica Steele**

**Norm Boulet**

**Theresa Falke**

**Karen McCarthy**

**Marty Reynolds**

**Al Stout**

**Kathy Orlowski**

## Cancer Issues

**Linda G.**, Carol Stocum's goddaughter

**Sami**, friend of Dave & Linda

**Terri**, Pat Allison's daughter

**Mary**, friend of Paul & Jane

**Pastor Omar Krieger**

**Matt**, Son of Tom & Pat

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

**Sue Bennett**

## Thanksgiving

**Jessica**, daughter of Jim & Bonnie Toth. Thankful for good test results.

## Mourning the Loss

**Carol**, sister of Caroline Twentier

## The Call Process

Praying for our new-to-be Pastor and the Call Committee decision making process.

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### Church

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### Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Ash Wednesday— February 14th, 7 pm

Midweek Lenten Service—February 21<sup>st</sup> 7 pm

Midweek Lenten Service—February 28<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

### Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:15 am
Sunday Morning Beginner's Bible Study	9:15 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
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