

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## December 2024

### Embracing the Joy of Advent and Christmas 2024

Dear Holy Lamb Family,

As we enter the season of Advent, we're invited into a time of joyful anticipation, a season rich in meaning and filled with reminders of God's faithful promises. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ—a miraculous event that brought hope into a dark world. Just as the first light of dawn breaks through the night, so the birth of Jesus brings light and peace to all people. This season is not only for celebrating with loved ones but also for honoring new beginnings and the deep joy that fills our hearts as we await His arrival.

In the same way that great things often begin in small ways, the story of our Savior's birth reminds us of how God works through humble beginnings. Jesus, the Messiah, entered this world not in the grandeur of a palace but in the simplicity of a stable, surrounded by shepherds and animals. Just as a tiny seed eventually grows into a tree, this small beginning led to the most significant event in history—God's love revealed to all humankind. It's a beautiful reminder that some of the most profound changes in our lives and the world around us come from simple acts of love and faithfulness.

This Advent season, we gather with gratitude for the community we share and the love we experience among family and friends. As we celebrate, we also remember that God's promises never go unfulfilled. Long ago, He promised a Savior, and that promise came true in Bethlehem. As we sing familiar hymns, light the Advent candles, and share our time together, let us reflect on God's faithfulness and prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

May this season of Advent bring you renewed hope and joy, and may the celebration of Christ's birth fill you with peace. Let us carry forward the anticipation of His arrival and the joyful promise of new beginnings, trusting that God is ever-present, working through us and within us.

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And as we look forward to the new year, I cannot express enough the joy I feel in becoming your new pastor, starting in January 2025. I eagerly anticipate joining you in worship, service, and fellowship as we grow together in faith and live out God's love here at Holy Lamb. It is a blessing to begin this journey with all of you, especially during this season of light, hope, and joy.

Blessings in Christ,  
*Pastor Scott Kirchoff*



## *Bible Study Opportunities*



### **Sunday Morning & Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

The Sunday and Tuesday morning bible study are held in the Fellowship Hall. We are using Living Way Bible Study on Ephesians. We hope you can join one or both of these bible studies as each discussion will be a little different depending on the participants.

### **Monday Evening Women's Bible Study**

We meet every Monday at 6:30pm on Zoom (use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code) and all women are welcome to join us to delight in God's word as sisters in Christ! We are continuing our study of the book of John using our Lutheran Study Bible as our guide. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link please contact Darcy Taiani (call or text) at 724-840-0888 or email at [darcytaiani@gmail.com](mailto:darcytaiani@gmail.com).

### **Getting to Know Pastor Scott Kirchoff**

Each week leading up to Pastor Kirchoff's Installation (on Sunday, January 5th) we will give you a little bit of insight about what he has planned for Holy Lamb.

We are very excited to start the New Year with a New Members Class. This class is for everyone who wishes to become a member of Holy Lamb and for those interested in what it is to be an LCMS Lutheran as well as members who may have questions or even feel they need a refresher course.

This will be a four (4).week course starting on Sunday, January 12th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## Stewardship Newsletter – December 2024

*If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:11*

There will be no Stewardship Committee meeting in December. Our current committee members are: Cheryl Bingham, Chair; Reyne Harris, Caroline Twentier, Ron Hajduk, Bill Steele, and David Bingham.

Here are some of the items the Stewardship team is working on:

**Praying in Color:** This ministry continues to provide prayer cards as a support ministry for those in need. If you know someone who needs this ministry, please reach out to Eileen St. Clair.

**First Time Visits with Local Guests:** This is an outreach ministry that visits local guests who have joined us for service. To date we've completed 9 Total In-Person visits. We encourage everyone to reach out and welcome anyone who joins us for service. We have Welcome Packets in the Narthex to provide information to them about Holy Lamb. If anyone wants to join the team, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

**Visitor Thank You Card Outreach:** This is an outreach that mails out Thank You cards to visitors from outside the Myrtle Beach area for worship service. To date, for 2024 we've sent out 38 thank you cards. We want to plant seeds for those who've joined in hopes that they'll visit us again in the future.

**Families Read** – This is a ministry that works with Families Read and Socastee Methodist Church to clean books for Forest Brook Elementary School students. We have set up the Little Free Book Fair stand at the school for the 24-25 school year and will be replenishing it 2 to 3 times a month. **Our next book cleaning will be on Saturday, January 11th starting at 9:00 AM at the Socastee Methodist Church.** Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship for a great cause. As well we need gently used children's books. If you have any or know anyone who would like to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Please place the books under the black table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, reach out to Cheryl Bingham.

**Line Dance Class** – The absolute beginner line dance class is held on Fridays at 6:00 PM at the Socastee United Methodist Church on the corner of highway 707 and Dick Pond Rd. The address is 5575 Dick Pond Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. If you have never line danced or have little experience or if you have line danced but it was a long time ago this would be a great class to join. We will be dancing in the building behind the church building. Please use the double door side entrance facing Dick Pond Road. There is a donation request for use of the building of 1 to 2 dollars per person.

In December classes will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, class for the 13<sup>th</sup> is canceled due to a holiday gathering. If you would like to be added to the email distro or have questions, please contact Cheryl Bingham or David Bingham.

**Pledge Cards** - Friendly reminder to please check your pledge card. We are at the end of the year for 2024. New 2025 Pledge cards will be coming out in January.

**Thank you Jars** – “A Penny for Your Thoughts” - As we enter the Holiday Season, our days and weeks tend to become a blur. The holidays can become hectic and a whirlwind. We want to encourage everyone to truly remember what the season is about. The birth of Jesus Christ. To help you stop and remember, we have “Thankful Jars” in the narthex. We are encouraging everyone to take one. During the months of November and December, we want everyone to stop, take a moment and think about all the blessings God has given us each day in our lives. Our health, our family, our church family. As you do this, put a coin in the Thankful Jar for each time you feel thankful. At the end of each week or 2 weeks, bring your thanks to church and give it to God. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Bingham.

**Georgetown Yuletide Home Tour** - On Saturday, December 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM there will be ten residences in and around Georgetown's Historic District decorated for the holidays and opened for visiting. In addition, two houses of worship will open their doors to tour participants, as well as three museums, the Georgetown County, the Gullah and the Kaminski House. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit go to the Friends of the Georgetown Library— <https://www.myfogl.org/our-events>, scroll down to “Yuletide Home Tour,” and click on “More Information.” If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Bingham at 719-321-4724.

## CHURCH LED SIGN FUND DRIVE

As an outreach to our community, a church sign is a ministry to all people, every hour of every day of the week. We have reached \$7,100 in the sign fund as of late October with our goal being \$36,000. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to Holy Lamb Church and in the memo section: SIGN FUND ACCOUNT 223 or You can donate online, just go to our website, [holylambmyrtlebeach.org](http://holylambmyrtlebeach.org).



Above is an example of the LED sign that is being researched for our church. More Information is available by the LED Sign Fundraising goal in the Narthex.

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

The Ziploc bags, containing a bible, bottle of water, snack bar, a gift card for a local food place, a poncho, pair of socks and a 'What Lutherans Believe' pamphlet are available in the narthex. If you are comfortable with it, please take a bag to give to a homeless person when you see them on the street.

### **Thanksgiving Day Potluck**

Thanks to all who attended the Thanksgiving Day Potluck. Please look for more information on Dining with Friends in December in the bulletin notes.

### **Building Expansion Committee**

Please note that this evaluation will take 2 to 5 years to complete. We have begun to look at the original plans of the church created in 1989, and to document how the responses and ideas we received would fit into the building expansion from a reference point of having a sanctuary in the front of the church or a sanctuary in the back of the church.

We visited Risen Christ at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 25th, taking pictures and collecting the historical information on their buildings. We had brief phone call with the pastor at the Gathering Community Church on 707 and will be sitting up a meeting in early December.

Our next building expansion meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th at 2:00 PM where we will continue to document the ideas and responses. If you have questions, please contact anyone of the committee members Tom & Pat Marquardt, Bill & Monica Steele, Jack & Merylynn Sell or Dave Bingham.

1 Chronicles 28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

### **Restaurant Dining Group**

Thanks to all who attended our meeting at Rotelli's Rotelli Pizza & Pasta on November 26th. Our December meeting is canceled due to it falling on Christmas Eve. Once the meeting place in January is determined, it will be in the bulletin notes

### **Microbrew Group**

Thanks to all who attended our meeting at the Independent Republic Brewing Company. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 28th, but we have not determined a location at this time.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



## 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**  
**Sue Bennett**  
**Les Cotton**  
**Paula**, friend of Lois Murphy  
**Ted**, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina  
**Dorothy O.**, Adell Keeney's friend  
**Eleonore Kidder**

## For Healing

**Verlene**, sister of Myrle  
**Ron**, Ed's Cousin  
**Scott**, son of J.R.  
**Brian**, Son of Adell Keeney  
**Joan**, friend of Marsha Dunn  
**Nathan**, B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort  
**Eric**, brother-in-law of Doug  
**Bobby**, brother of Sharon Bumgarner  
**Brian**, friend of Hayley Lauritsen  
**Bill**, stepdad of Darcy Taiani  
**Nancy**, mother of Warren Gall  
**Maureen**, neighbor of Chuck/ Sharon Bumgarner  
**Tammy**, sister of Sharon Bumgarner

<b>Pat Allison</b>	<b>Norm Boulet</b>
<b>Marsha Dunn</b>	<b>Merle Falke</b>
<b>Mary Margaret Kluge</b>	<b>Mary Lee</b>
<b>Karen McCarthy</b>	<b>Kathy Orłowski</b>
<b>Steven Rehm</b>	<b>Marty Reynolds</b>
<b>Doug Ruddick</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Myrle Rumsey</b>
<b>Sylvia Stedina</b>	<b>Doc &amp; Nancy Rehm</b>
<b>Monica Steele</b>	<b>Al Heiber</b>
<b>Theresa Zweigle</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Erin Murphy</b>

## For Our Homebound

Sue Alderson, Ron and Joan Johnson, Mary Margaret Kluge, Bob and Myrle Rumsey, Brenda Tainter



## Prayer Requests

### 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.

# 2025 HOLY LAMB LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET

BS 11/21/24

WORSHIP			ADMINISTRATION		
016-10-10-10	Pianist	0	016-40-10-00	Office Supplies	100
016-10-10-20	Music Material/LSB	250	016-40-20-01	Stamps	150
016-10-20-00	Altar Supplies	1632	016-40-20-02	Special Mail	50
016-10-30-00	Guest Pastor	3090	016-40-30-01	Computers, Cameras, Tablets	650
016-10-40-00	Portals of Prayer	360	016-40-30-02	Cables, Etc.	0
<b>PASTOR</b>			016-40-30-21	Virus Protection	150
016-20-10-01	Salary	85595	016-40-30-23	File Backup Service	0
016-20-10-02	Housing Allowance	0	016-40-30-24	Shep Staff License/Subscript	350
016-20-20-01	Health	0	016-40-30-25	Website License/Subscript	500
016-20-20-03	Concordia plan	9405	016-40-30-40	Outside Supp/troubleshoot	750
016-20-30-01	Mileage	0	016-40-40-01	Copier Lease	4162
016-20-30-05	Education	0	016-40-40-02	Property Tax	800
016-20-30-10	Book Allowance	0	016-40-40-06	Copier Supplies	1300
016-20-30-11	Clothing Allowance	0	016-40-50-01	Church Administrator	0
<b>BUILDING</b>			016-40-50-02	Church Secretary	9689
016-30-10-01	Landscaping	1000	<b>INSURANCE</b>		
016-30-10-02	HVAC	750	016-45-10-00	Workers Compensation	640
016-30-10-03	Janitorial Supples	200	016-45-20-00	Liab/Prop	5907
016-30-10-04	Cleaning Contract	2600	<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>		
016-30-10-05	Alarm Service Contract	672	016-50-10-00	Human Care	300
016-30-10-06 A	Extinguisher Service	420	016-50-20-00	Benevolence	0
016-30-10-06 B	Hood Inspection	225	016-50-30-00	Coastline Women's Center	0
016-30-10-07	Pest Control	705	016-50-40-00	Missionary	0
016-30-10-08	Kitchen Supplies	0	<b>SEC/LCMS</b>		
016-30-20-01	Electricity	4500	016-55-10-00	SED Contribution	2400
016-30-20-02	Water	1000	016-55-20-01	Registration	0
016-30-20-03	Propane	0	016-55-20-02	Lodging	0
016-30-20-04	Telephone and internet	1200	016-16-55-03	Food	0
016-30-20-05	Telephone Directory	260	016-55-20-04	Mileage	0
016-30-30-00	Repairs	2500	016-55-30-00	Synodical Assessment	0
016-30-40-01	LCEF Mortgage	24000	<b>EDUCATION</b>		
016-30-40-02	Reserve Fund	5000	016-60-10-00	Adult Studies	0
			016-60-20-00	Sunday School	0
<b>EVANGELISM</b>			016-60-30-00	VBS	0
016-70-00-00	Evangelism	1000	<b>YOUTH</b>		
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>			016-65-10-00	Senior Youth	0
016-75-00-00	Stewardship	550	016-65-20-00	Junior Youth	0
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>146914</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>174812</b>	<b>27898</b>

**In His Service  
December 2024**

Altar Guild	Linda Davis	Hayley Lauritsen
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Snyder 12/26	
Bulletin Assembly	Linda Snyder	

<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

**Dec. 4 Midweek Advent. Service  
Wednesday 7 PM**

Usher	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Julia Diem

**Dec. 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM**

Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

**Dec. 11 Midweek Advent. Service  
Wednesday 7 PM**

Usher	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Linda Snyder

**Dec. 15 9:30 AM**

Elder	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris
Video	Tom Marquardt

**Dec. 18 Midweek Advent. Service  
Wednesday 7 PM**

Usher	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Julia Diem

<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

**Dec. 24 7:00 PM**

Elder	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris
Video	N/A

**Dec. 25 10:00 AM**

Elder	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Linda Snyder
Video	Tom Marquardt

**Dec. 29 9:30 AM**

Elder	George Hulshart
Ushers	Warren Gall
Ushers	Bill Steele
Audio	Julia Diem
Video	Seth Rylander



## Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for December 2024



December 1st ~ In honor of Florence Smith  
by the Murphy Family

December 8th ~ In loving memory of the  
passing of Linda C. Riley by Neal & Devyn

December 15th & 22nd ~ Vacant

December 29th ~ In loving memory of their  
daughter Sammi's birthday by Pete & Linda  
Snyder

### Angel Christmas Tree

If you chose an angel  
from the tree, please  
return the gift by  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
wrapped with the tag  
affixed well with tape.



If you were unable to buy the gift, please  
return the tag so another person can buy a  
gift. Thank you for your generosity!

*Linda*

### Family Game Night

The next family game night will be **Saturday,  
December 7th, from 4pm-7pm.**

Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your fa-  
vorite game or plan to learn a new one.



**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.

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Listen to 'The Lutheran Hour' on **Sirius-XM Family Talk** 131 Sundays at 10:00am ET

You can download "The Lutheran Hour" app and listen there or wherever you listen to podcasts

**AFN Version: If you're interested in the weekly AFN (American Forces Network) version of *The Lutheran Hour*, you can listen to it by clicking on the sermon title on their website<sup>2</sup> or directly on the AFN**

### Flower Purchase Reminder

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and 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.**

If you have questions, please contact Linda Snyder.

*There are several openings for altar flowers during 2025. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.*





# December



- 9th Riley Smith
- 18th Norman Boulet
- 19th Mary Margaret Kluge
- 24th Donald Piel

*None this month*

Please notify the office of any changes to the Birthday and Anniversary information so that we are current. Thank you.

## Council Upcoming Events

On December 15<sup>th</sup> there will be one worship service at 9:30 am. Following the service is our Voters Meeting. There will be a catered dinner and an art sale after the voters meeting.

There are 4 council positions expiring at the end of the year. They are President, Property Manager, Human Care and Treasurer. Ron Hajduk is running for President again, Dave Katai is running for Property Manager again, Andrea Nezich is running for Human Care again and Linda Snyder is running for Treasurer as Doug Ruddick is retiring.

As always, anyone interested in running for any of these positions should let Ron Hajduk know. The election of officers will be held at the congregation meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> along with the passing of the 2025 Budget. Hope to see you there for this important meeting.

Next year's budget is included in your bulletin for you to review. If you have questions please make sure to bring them to the voters meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>!

*Ron*

## LWML News

December 1st 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. Thank you for your support.



LWML will be selling Christmas cookies. Please pre-order on our website ([www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org](http://www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org)) by clicking in the upper right corner of the screen on the word cookies and then fill in the information. If you click on cookie price you can pull down using the down arrow and order however many dozen you wish. There is a space to message Pat to enter more information for your order. Hit submit and you are done.

Pre-orders must be submitted by Sunday, December 8th. If you would like to pre-order the old fashioned way, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Proceeds will help fund our Christmas donations. We could use donations of cookies also. Please bring them in before 10:00 am on Saturday, December 14. Cookies can be picked up on Saturday between 11am and 12 noon or on Sunday after the service.



December 1 we are handing out red stockings that will be collected on November 30 and December 7, **2025** with quarters collected from January – December. Follow the saying on the attached card. January, one quarter goes in the stocking; February, two quarters; March, three quarters, etc. When you turn the stocking back by December 7 you will have put in \$19.50 worth of quarters. Please donate at least \$19.50 (quarters, bills or check). Any questions, ask the ladies handing out the stockings. The money collected will go to New Directions in **2025**. Thank you.

Looking forward – We will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Place at Women's Coastline Center January 19 and 26.

*Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb*

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

To honor the birth of our Lord & Savior, I would like to place a plant in the sanctuary for Christmas.  
COST PER PLANT IS \$15.00

Please indicate the number of plants you wish to purchase. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant(s) after Christmas Service      \_\_\_\_\_ Please give my plant(s) to a shut-in.

Given in memory of

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Given for another reason (honor, praise, thanksgiving)

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GIVEN BY: (your name)

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Please place order form with payment in the “FLOWER” box located on the table in the narthex.  
Checks should be made out to “Holy Lamb Church” and write “POINSETTIA” on the memo line.  
Last day to place orders is December 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of November (to date)	\$14,990	\$14,220
Year to Date Needs	\$150,175	\$170,640

### Notes from the Property Manager

There is a fully stocked first aid kit located inside the women’s restroom on the shelf in the event of a minor emergency.

All maintenance services have been conducted and are currently up to date.

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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