

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## February 2025

### The Four Pillars of the Early Church

As I reflect on the life of the early church recorded in Acts 2:42, I'm struck by the simplicity and strength of their community. Picture it: a small, dedicated group of believers gathering in homes, united by their faith in Jesus. They were not focused on grand buildings or elaborate programs; their strength lay in their devotion to four simple yet profound practices: the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.

What must it have been like to sit in those gatherings? To listen intently as the apostles shared the teachings of Jesus—His parables, His miracles, His death, and His resurrection. These teachings were the bedrock of their faith, and for us, they remain preserved in Scripture and summarized in the Apostles' Creed. When we confess the Creed today, we stand in that same tradition, declaring the timeless truths of our faith.

Imagine the warmth of their fellowship. These early Christians didn't just see each other once a week; they shared their lives. They broke bread together, not just as a meal but as an act of communion, partaking in the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. It was a moment of unity, a tangible reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and the grace He freely gives.

And then there was their commitment to prayer. These were people who turned to God in everything—lifting up their joys, their needs, their fears, and their thanksgiving. Whether it was the beautiful simplicity of the Lord's Prayer or the heartfelt cries of their hearts, prayer connected them to their Heavenly Father and to one another.

These four practices weren't just rituals; they were lifelines. They gave the early church strength to persevere, even in the face of persecution and hardship. They built a community bound not by convenience but by the shared mission of living as disciples of Christ.

Now, as we gather here at Holy Lamb, I see these same pillars in our own church life. When we gather to hear God's Word and confess the Creed, we are grounded in the apostles' teaching. When

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we enjoy the fellowship of a potluck or lend a listening ear to a fellow believer, we are living out the community of faith. When we kneel at the altar to receive the Lord's Supper, we are nourished and united by Christ Himself.

And when we join our voices in prayer, we echo the devotion of those early believers, trusting in the same God who is faithful and present in all things.

This month, I invite you to step deeper into these holy habits. Take time to reflect on the Apostles' Creed and the truths it proclaims. Reach out to someone in the church to share in fellowship. Approach the Lord's Supper with a renewed sense of awe and gratitude. And make prayer a daily practice, whether it's the Lord's Prayer or your own personal petitions.

Let us, like the early church, devote ourselves to these four pillars. May they shape our lives, our congregation, and our witness to the world. Together, we can be a community rooted in Christ, drawing strength from the practices that sustained the earliest followers of our Lord.

In Christ's service,  
Pastor Scott Kirchoff



## *Bible Study Opportunities*



### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

We are excited to announce a new Bible study on the Pentateuch, also known as the Books of Moses, beginning Sunday, February 9, 2025. Over the course of 14 weeks, we will explore the foundational stories and teachings from Genesis through Deuteronomy. These books reveal God's covenant with His people, the origins of His plan of salvation, and His call to holy living. We invite you to join us on this journey of discovery and growth!

### **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 studying the book of Acts using our 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

### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Tuesday morning bible study is held in the Fellowship Hall. We are continuing our study of Ephesians. We hope you can join one or all of our bible study opportunities as we grow in Christ together!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



## Cancer Issues

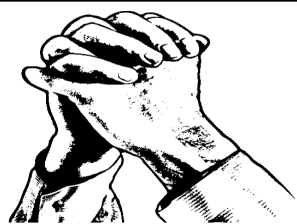
**Linda G.**, Carol Stocum's goddaughter  
**Sami**, friend of Dave & Linda  
**Terri**, Pat Allison's daughter  
**Mary**, friend of Paul & Jane  
**Pastor Omar Krieger**  
**Les Cotton**  
**Ted**, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina  
**Dorothy O.**, Adell Keeney's friend  
**Eleonore Kidder**

## For Healing

**Maryanne**, mother of Michael Zabbara  
**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  
**Katie**, daughter of Pastor & Caren Vogt  
**Pat Allison**  
**Marsha Dunn**  
**Mary Margaret Kluge**  
**Karen McCarthy**  
**Steven Rehm**  
**Doug Ruddick**  
**Sylvia Stedina**  
**Monica Steele**  
**Theresa Zweigle**  
**Norm Boulet**  
**Merle Falke**  
**Mary Lee**  
**Kathy Orlowski**  
**Marty Reynolds**  
**Bob & Myrle Rumsey**  
**Doc & Nancy Rehm**  
**Al Heiber**  
**Jim & Erin Murphy**

## For Our Homebound

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



## Prayer Requests

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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.

## Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of January (to date)	\$15,759	\$13,448
Year to Date Needs	\$15,759	\$13,448

### Praying in Color Ministry

Attention Praying in Color team and anyone who would like to know more about this program. Please mark your calendars for March 8th and plan to come to our annual meeting. We will meet about 11:00 am after the LWML meeting that starts at 10:00 am. We will have a potluck lunch and then...well you will just have to come to see what else is planned. The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex starting Feb 2nd. Please bring samples of your work and be prepared to share where you get your supplies. Also, please bring colored pencils and or gel pens. Thank you!

*Eileen StClair*

### *February 14 St. Valentine's Day Dinner*

The Valentine's Dinner (\$20.00) on February 14 will be a Fun Filled Night beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Appetizers

Salad

Garlic Bread

Spaghetti with Meatballs with Sauce

Molten Lava Chocolate Cake

#### Silent Auction Items:

2 Tickets to Darlington Race Track

Dinner for 8 in your home, prepared by Chef Tom

Couples Massage or 2 one-hour massages at

Touch of Aloha Spa, Market Commons

#### Raffle Items;

Restaurant Gift Cards

Round of Golf

Gift Baskets

Raffle Ticket price: \$5 = 6 tickets.

\$10 = 15 tickets

On January 26, February 2 and February 9, Tickets for the Valentine's Dinner will be available after each service. Beginning February 2 and February 9, the Silent Auction and Raffle Items will be available for you to see and bid on.

Please see either Dave Bingham or Pat Marquardt for dinner or raffle tickets.

## In His Service February 2025

Altar Guild	Pat Marquardt	Hayley Lauritsen
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Snyder 2/27	
Bulletin Assembly	Reyne & Phil Harris	

Feb. 2		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Julia Diem	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

Feb. 9		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

Feb. 16		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

Feb. 23		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Julia Diem



### 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 volunteer!

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.

### Family Game Night

The next family game night will be **Saturday, February 1st, from 4pm-7pm.**

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



*You are*  
**Appreciated**

## Please Note



Our online giving platform is suspended until future notice as we try to get some clarity with Vanco. Watch the notes for any updates.

You are still welcome to contribute through your bank's app or website by using the "Bill Pay" option. Most bank's even allow you to set up a reoccurring payment if you would like to do so.

## LWML News

Sunday, February February 2 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.

Our next project is the red stocking that was handed out on December 1. Anytime in February is the month to put two (2) quarters in. Anytime in March you will put three (3) quarters in.

*Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML*

## Church Sign Fund

The LED sign fund is making great progress. As of this month, we have raised \$14,616 towards our goal of \$36,000.

This is a wonderful opportunity to Serve and give Grace to Holy Lamb and our Community!

## Men's Fellowship Club

**Men's Fellowship Club**  
Men's Fellowship will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at the Veteran's Café at 11:30 am.

**Ziplocs for the Less Fortunate**—The Ziploc bags are available in the narthex. If you are comfortable with it, please take a bag to give to a homeless person as you see them on the street.

## Evangelism - Expansion Ministries Committee

### Microbrew Group

Our next meeting will be at the Southern Hops Brewing Company on Saturday, February 8th at 4:00 PM. The address is 5148 Highway 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. If you plan to attend, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex rack.

## 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.

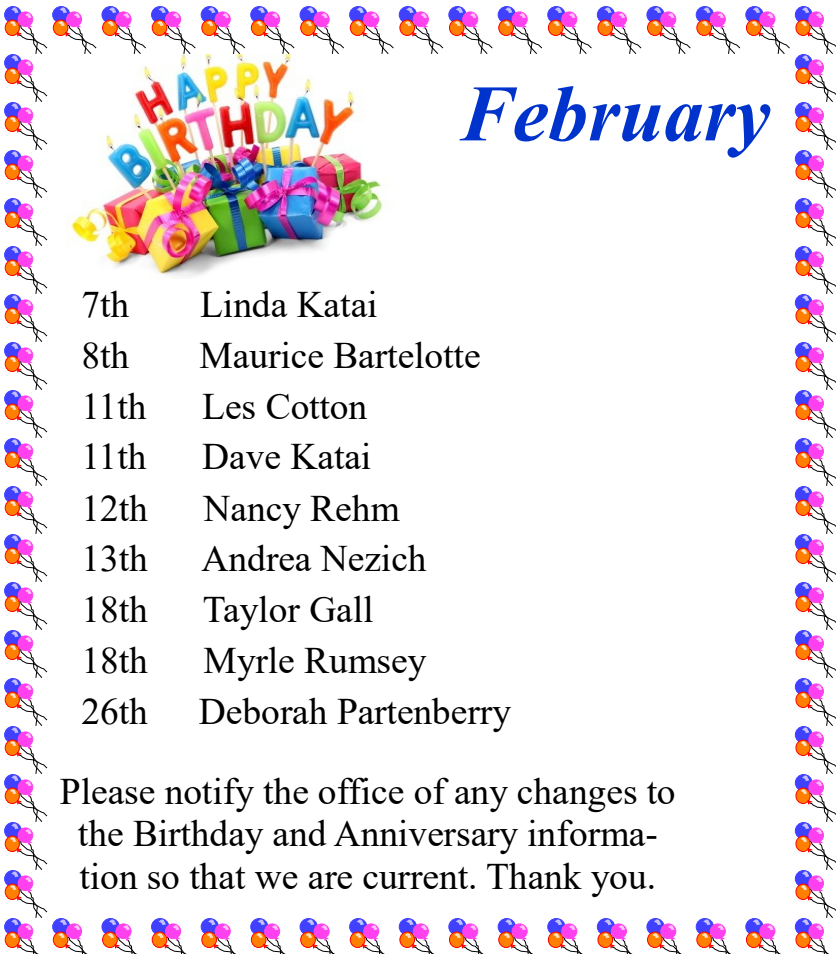
If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

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

If you have questions, please contact Linda Snyder.

*We have many openings for altar flowers during 2025. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.*





# February

- 7th Linda Katai
- 8th Maurice Bartelotte
- 11th Les Cotton
- 11th Dave Katai
- 12th Nancy Rehm
- 13th Andrea Nezich
- 18th Taylor Gall
- 18th Myrle Rumsey
- 26th Deborah Partenberry

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

## We Need Your Help!

Many of the empty cool whip containers for the flowers are missing. They are kept next to the stove on the little cabinet on wheels in the kitchen. We only have one left. Any donations will also be appreciated. Thank you!



Above is an example of the shape container we are seeking, 8 oz.

## Stewardship

**Opportunity to Serve and Fellowship:** The booklets are in on the narthex table. 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. Please return them by Sunday, February 9th. A basket is on the black table in the Narthex for you to drop them off.

**Pledge Funding Sunday:** Pledge Cards are on the narthex table and are a confidential commitment between you and God. Please bring the cards in a sealed envelope and drop off the cards in the basket on the black table in the narthex on Sunday, February 2nd. They will not be opened as they are confidential so will be destroyed. Again, this is a commitment between you and God.

### **Thank you Jars**

Thanks again to all who gave to the "Thank you Jars". The amount raised was \$241.15.



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### Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

### Bible Study

Sunday The Books of Moses Bible Study	9:15 am
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am

### FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 1st	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 4th	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday, February 11th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Tuesday, February 11th	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Friday, February 14th	Valentine's Day Dinner	5:00 PM
Tuesday, February 18th	Expansion Committee	7:00 PM
Sunday, February 23rd	Stewardship Meeting	11:30 AM