Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to update you on several things that are going on in the church – from the synodical level to our congregation – and everywhere in between.

I am writing this column from Tampa as I take a break from our triennial synodical convention. I have the privilege of representing our Circuit 18 of the Southeastern District. Over 1000 voting delegates represent our synod's 6 million-plus members as we conduct the business of the synod. You might compare the convention to a congregational meeting on the national level: We elect officers and decide on mission and ministry priorities. Our time also includes worship and fellowship as we celebrate our relationship with God and each other. Since the convention has just begun, I will save a summary report until later.

Our Southeastern District (SED), continues to respond to the flooding from hurricane Florence in North Carolina. At the same time, the district office is developing plans for a quicker, more robust response to future disasters. This includes many different facets, such as: Identifying and equipping churches who could host disaster response operations centers, identifying and training individuals to respond to the wide variety of tasks necessary in a response, and equipping teams to do the work in disaster locations. Many of our members have already been trained in various response activities and Holy Lamb has additional opportunities to be involved in disaster response. We will hear more about these opportunities in the near future.

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As part of this preparation, the SED is hosting a disaster response conference in Myrtle Beach in January 2020. Held at the Crown Reef Resort, this event will offer additional training and insight into disaster response ministry. More details will be available as plans develop.

On the circuit level, both Mt. Olive Lutheran (Irmo, SC) and Island Lutheran (Hilton Head Island, SC) are still in the process of calling pastors to serve them. These call processes will require additional trips by me to meet with the committees and congregations. Also on the circuit level, as Circuit Visitor, I will attend a week of reconciliation training in Williamsburg, VA at the end of September.

I bring all this activity to your attention to highlight the fact that Holy Lamb is part of a much larger organization, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as well as the intermediate levels of administration and ministry. As we conduct our individual activities and ministries we are, by extension, also engaged in much more, as the Gospel is proclaimed in word and deed throughout the region, nation, and world. Our own ministry opportunities continue to increase and the Lord continues to provide members to respond to these opportunities. Some of our newer members are becoming active in our music and evangelism ministries (to name just two). Our LWML is also a recent development.

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Our Ministries Together

Below are some of the various ministries of Holy Lamb. They include opportunities for fellowship, service to each other and the community, Bible study, and more. Review these ministries in light of your interests and gifts.

Adult Bible Study ~ Current Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

We will look at all three of the lessons of the day, considering perspectives not included in the sermon. This study enhances our worship by providing additional background for the lessons and a deeper meaning for the sermon.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

There will be NO Bible Study during the month of August. It will resume again in September.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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Barbecue Fundraiser Shoes and Socks for Kids

Hard to believe we are looking at August and school starting soon. I am sure you have noticed the big shoe in the narthex. We are again collecting shoes and socks for *Help for Kids*. The big shoe will be in the narthex for the month of August. Last year we collected 61 new pairs of shoes all sizes. I would like to challenge us to top that number and aim for 75 pairs. We are also collecting socks of all sizes.





Please set aside August 24th for our 4th annual BBQ Fundraiser for *Help for Kids*. We need help working this event. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for pork pulling on Tuesday, August 20th at 9am and also Thursday, August 22nd at 9:00am. Those that helped with this last year remember the fun we had. We also need people the day of the event from putting up tents and tables , helping with serving and also for clean up and taking down tents. Please sign up for wherever you can help. Many hands make light work. There are also hand outs in the Narthex. Take some and hand them to neighbors, friends and put them up in your club houses. The menu consists of:

BBQ sandwich, cole slaw, beans and a bottle of water — Adults \$8.00. BBQ sandwich chips and a bottle of water - Kids \$6.00

We will have a pre-sale sign up sheet for take out: 2lb containers of pulled pork—\$20. Buy 2 or 3 containers so you can freeze them. This year, besides being able to buy single sandwiches for \$5, we will offer chips for \$.50 and water for \$.50. If you have any questions, please contact me at 843-294-1607.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

Preschool News



Summer Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9am to 12pm
Fall Enrollment going on Now!
Open House
August 19 at 11am
First Day of School

August 26 at 8:30am





8 1/2 by 11 copy paper 8 1/2 by 11 white card stock 8 1/2 by 11 colored card stock

HP 61 ink refills for printer
24# or 26# weight white
copy paper
small toys for treasure box
Binder clips

Candy Bar Sales

Thank you for your continued support of candy sales. Candy Bars are \$1 each and located in the Narthex

Holy Lamb Preschool provides a jump start to
Kindergarten in a fun, loving, Christian environment. Our
focus is on Kindergarten readiness, preparing your 3-5
year old for Horry County Schools. Our 3 day classes
meet Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(a 2 day option is available)

contact us at 843-236-9645 to schedule an appointment

visit us on Facebook or at Holylambcdc.weebly.com



\$25 Referral Gift

We encourage you to spread the word and refer families to our Preschool.

Refer a family, that enrolls in our preschool program, and you will receive a \$25 gift card to a store or restaurant of your choice.





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/.

Ladies Society 2019 Schedule

October 1

10:00 am Meeting to discuss bake sale

November 5

10:00 am Meeting to discuss Christmas donations and cookie sale

December 3

11:30 am Christmas luncheon

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I am excited to see the ideas being generated for mission and ministry here, even as all levels of our church body continue to engage in Gospel proclamation. And that is the point of all this talk about administration and programs: proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came to earth to suffer and die for our sins in order that we can be sure of eternal life in heaven. This is the certainty we have and the Good News our words and lives proclaim.

In His Service,

Pastor Panning

More Sellowship Opportunities at Holy Ramb

Family Game Night



Usually held the 2nd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, families of all sizes & ages gather for board games, card games, etc. Bring your favorite game & snack to share & enjoy an evening with your family, or with other folks with

similar interests while the kids do the same. Come & leave as your schedule allows.

Our next Family Game Night will be held on Friday, August 9th.

Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

Since the Veteran's Café is closed during the summer months, the meetings for July and August of the Men's Christian Fellowship will be held at the church. The next meeting is **Saturday, August 17th** at **9am**.



A light breakfast will be served. All men are invited to join us.

We will resume our meetings at the Café in September.

LWML NEWS

August 4th 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*.

Christmas Shoe Box Project



At any time during the month August, you may purchase one or more of the following *personal items* for whom your box will be going to: Washcloth, comb, bar soap, non-liquid lip balm, flashlight, stick deodorant, band-aids or hair bows. As you put an item in the box, don't forget to say a prayer for the child that will be receiving this Christmas gift which may be the only gift they receive. Reminder - the following items **CANNOT** be included in the boxes: Candy, gum, chocolate, fruit snacks, used items, war related items, liquids; breakable items or aerosol cans. There is a container to put items in if you did not take a box but still want to help. If you have any questions, please speak to Sylvia Stedina at the 8:00 am service or myself at the 10:30 am service.

We thank everyone for your contributions to our cookbook. We will have more information in the September newsletter.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

Holy Lamb Budget Committee

It is hard to believe, but the Budget Committee is starting to work on the 2020 Holy Lamb budget. The members of Holy Lamb will be asked to approve next year's budget at the December 2019 Congregation Meeting. A new line item, **Contribution to Reserve Fund**, was approved at last December's Congregation Meeting and added it to the 2019 budget. Below is additional information on the Reserve Fund.

What is a Reserve Fund?

Many Home Owner Associations and churches set aside monies in a Reserve Fund to cover the cost of equipment replacement. The Holy Lamb Reserve Fund will be used for facility capital improvements. The fund would not be used for new construction.

Why wasn't a Reserve Fund set up years ago at Holy Lamb?

During the period 2006 through late 2017, our income just covered our General Fund expenses and at times fell short of covering our needs. We did not have the funds to establish a Reserve Fund for equipment replacement. Since November of 2017 our income has exceeded our budget by \$39,300.

What equipment replacement will be included in our Reserve Fund?

Office HVAC Fellowship Hall HVAC Sanctuary HVAC Floor Covering for Fellowship Hall, Narthex, Office and Sanctuary Water Heater Doors Windows West side of Roof East side of Roof Riding Lawn Mower Parking lot Shed

When will we be replacing the equipment?

Most of the equipment will replaced over the next six years.

How much money is in the Reserve Fund?

There is \$21,000 in the Reserve Fund with an additional \$3000 budgeted to move into the fund by year end. The major item to be replaced this year is the Sanctuary HVAC. The system is over thirty years old. Additional dollars to be added into the fund next year will be included in the 2020 budget.

If you have any questions about the budgeting process, please see one of the committee members:

Bill Steele, Bill Soucy, Doug Ruddick

- (Q) How much money do we need to contribute to the Reserve Fund to meet our equipment replacement needs over the next several years?
- (A) Attached is a schedule of our Reserve Fund requirements over the next ten years.

Age estimate, expected life and replacement cost are estimates based on inspection of items or apparent condition. The data is intended only as a guide and not as an actual replacement cost.

The Reserve Fund cannot be used for anything but the facility capital improvements. The fund would not be used for new construction.

What is the Reserve Fund?

The Reserve Fund will cover the cost of equipment replacement

What is our equipment replacement schedule?

Review the replacement schedule Upgrade Team List/Age/Boxes

Monies go into fund before the replacement

Each year's contribution need will be in our General Fund budget.

Ladies Society, Altar Guild and Flowers

Preparing communion for the month of August 2019
8:00 am ~ Marsha Dunn/Sylvia Stedina 10:30 am ~ Barb Evans

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. The average cost is \$25.00.

FLOWER PRICE INCREASE

Please note that there will be a \$5 increase for the weekly flowers. This increase helps to cover some of the cost for the flowers to be delivered to the church each week. The cost for flowers will be \$25. There may be additional charges if there is a special request for the arrangement to include specific flowers.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelope.

Flowers purchased to the glory of God for July 2019

August 4 ~ In honor and thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary, given by Doc & Nancy Rehm.

August 11 ~ In honor of her birthday, given by Betty Gagliardi.

August 18 ~ In honor of their wedding anniversary given by Ed & Sylvia Stedina.

August 25 ~ In honor of their wedding anniversary, given by

Duane & Eileen St. Clair and also

Duane's birthday.

There is a flower opening for **September 29th**. If you would like to reserve that Sunday, please fill out the flower chart on the wall in the Narthex.

Thank you.

Those who donate altar flowers are invited to take them home after the late service. Betty Panning will prepare them for you immediately after our late service dismissal.

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3.) Voters approval to move \$18,000 from the General Fund to the Reserve Fund.

2019 Reserve Fund contribution need \$23,575 \$6,000 is in our spending plan for this year Council recommendation is to move \$18,000 from General Fund Balance to Reserve

Future years contribution to reserve will be part of our church budget.

During the period 2006 through late 2017, our income just covered our General Fund expenses and at times fell short of covering our needs. **We did not have the funds to establish a Reserve Fund**. Since November of 2017, our income has exceeded our budget needs and as a result, our opening balance in our General Fund account as of February 1, 2019 is over \$39,000.

Stewardship—the 3-T's

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal, did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

Council Spotlight

Tom Marquardt—Chairman, Board of Elders

My name is Tom Marquardt, Chairman of the Board of Elders. I became an elder in 2018.

My wife, Pat and I moved from Mount Prospect, Illinois to Murrells Inlet in December 2014 after retiring from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

We like South Carolina so much we wish we would have made the move sooner. We both enjoy attending Pastor's Tuesday morning Bible study. Golf and reading are two of my hobbies. I am currently reading *EXODUS*, by Dennis Prager. It is a great read!

ELDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist the Pastor with the administration of the Sacraments of the Church.
- Ensure the well-being of the Pastor and his family.
- Conduct Pastor's annual performance review.
- Visit members in their homes to encourage their continued faithfulness.
- Assist the pastor with visiting the aged, the poor and those in need.
- Call members during bad weather to check on their well-being.

Board of Elders are: Bill Steele, Jack Sell, Irv Ewing and Bob Rumsey

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Preschool

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study—9:15 am

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
There will be NO Bible Study during the month
of August. It will resume again in September.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study There will be NO Bible Study during the month of August. It will resume again in September.

August 26th

Newsletter Deadline

August 24th

BBQ ~ Help for Kids 11am—6:30 pm

August 17th

Men's Christian Fellowship

9:00 am 6:00 pm

Pelican's Baseball Game

August 15th

Stewardship Meeting

2:00 pm

Council Meeting

Preschool Board Meeting

9:00 am

7:00 am

August 9th

Family Game Night

6:30 pm

August 12th

FELLOWSHIP & IMPORTANT DATESAugust 1stDeadline to sign up for Pelican's GameAugust 6thElder's Meeting7:00 pmAugust 7thEvangelism Meeting10:00 am

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