

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
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February 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now you should have heard that I announced my retirement effective June 30, 2023. Thank you for your kind words regarding my ministry with you and for your well-wishers as we enter retirement.

I was excited to see the turnout for the town hall meeting following worship on January 15th. I shared an explanation of the process of calling a new pastor and answered many excellent questions. Thank you for your participation and your interest in moving Holy Lamb forward into her next 'season.'

During these months leading to my retirement some things WILL NOT change:

- I will still be available for every pastoral need you have.
- I will still be preaching every Sunday except for vacation (and possibly the Florida hurricane response effort)
- I will continue to lead our Sunday and Tuesday Bible studies.
- In short, I will continue to be your full-time pastor.

Beginning on July 1, Pastor Stephen Vogt will serve as Vacancy Pastor. He will assume as many duties of the office of Pastor as the congregation and he agree to. This conversation will probably begin in mid-May and will result in a contract that will continue for the duration of the vacancy.

During the entire time of the call process, Pastor Hank Hollar will work with the Call Committee and the congregation to ensure an appropriate, timely, and God-pleasing result. Pastor Hollar has previously served as a Circuit Visitor in Virginia and has a great deal of experience in guiding congregations through the call process. Holy Lamb is blessed to have him available for this service.

Another key aspect of the transition will be to address the many non-pastoral tasks that I have been accomplishing. These include: technology support for our hardware and software, troubleshooting printer issues before resorting to calling our vendor, audio support for our worship services (this is in addition to Sunday morning operation), video support for our worship livestream, and tablet preparation for our shut-in viewers. All of these technical tasks are better accomplished by someone other than the pastor. We have already begun some of this transition, but we have a need for more people to be involved – the tasks are easily separated and can be shared by several people. If you have a desire to help and a willingness to learn some limited technical skills, please contact me.

As we move through this time of transition, let us pray and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide the Call Committee, that He will lead members to step forward to assist in new ways, and that He will continue to lead new people to Holy Lamb to be nourished with God's Word and Sacraments.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

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Call Committee

A Call Committee has been formed to begin the process of calling a new Pastor for Holy Lamb. It consists of the following members:

Ron Hajduk (co-chair)	Doug Ruddick
Bret Rhoades (co-chair)	Julia Diem
Phil Harris (Zoom Coordinator)	Chuck Bumgarner
Blain Lefort	Darcy Taiani
Linda Snyder (Recording Secretary)	Linda Katai
Pastor Hank Holler (Circuit Visitor)	

Please pray that God will guide them in this decision making process.

Dining with Friends Begins Again!

We are starting DWF again! Our first get together will be held at the church on February 18 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our own chef, Tom Mullally will be preparing the meal buffet style.

On page 3 of this newsletter, is the form to sign up with the price and menu. If you would like to attend, please fill out the form, with your payment, and return to Mary Lee or drop off at the church by the deadline date of February 15th. Forms are located on the table in the Narthex.



Please contact Mary Lee with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Circle Announcement

There will be a Prayer Circle meeting at the church every Tuesday at 11:00 am.

Please contact Margaret Bartelotte with questions or concerns.

Praying in Color

We will have a praying in color get together on March 4th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All Men and women interested in this ministry are invited to come. Not sure? Come and see what we are all about. Members of the praying in color team bring samples of your cards and be prepared to share. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Come join in the fun.

There is a sign up sheet for the March 4th get together in the rack in the Narthex. If you plan on attending, please sign up by March 1st. Men are encouraged to join us.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of January	\$14,616	\$14,148
Year to Date Needs	\$14,616	\$14,148

LWML

February 5 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.

Coastline Women's Center thanks you very much for all your donations to Abigail's Closet. Our next project 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.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Magnet Ministry First Time Visitor Follow up

Volunteers are needed to make in person visits to first time visitors to Holy Lamb. The visits are to be done in pairs, within 7 to 10 days after the guest has attended Holy Lamb and should only last for 2 to 3 minutes. During the visit, you will give them a jar of cookies, a pamphlet 'What Lutherans Believe' and a magnet with information about our church, which will be provided. We will have a 30-minute training class on Wednesday, February 15th at 10:00 AM. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and if you have any questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham at (719) 452-1398 or email at dbnghm7@gmail.com.

DINING WITH FRIENDS

February 18, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

Our own Chef Tom Mullally has invited us to dine for the price of \$20 per person buffet style.

Salad of baby greens, cucumbers, carrots, grape tomatoes, balsamic herb vinaigrette

_____ **Homemade Flavorful Turkey Meatloaf w/gravy on the side and Grilled Chicken Portobello
Mushroom Casserole w/fresh veggies, basmati rice, herbs, cheddar cheese**

**Dessert: Warm flowing chocolate soufflé
Water, unsweetened tea or coffee provided**

Make your check payable to *Holy Lamb*. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 15th.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ **Amount Attached:** _____

Forms are located in the rack in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lee at (586) 214-4459. Note: Please do not put your check and sign up sheet in the offering plate. Give to Mary Lee or place in the envelope marked "Dining with Friends" on the bulletin board in the office.

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 15th.

**In His Service
February 2023**

Altar Guild	Pat Marquardt	Barb Evans
Newsletter Proofer	Betty Panning (February 23)	
Bulletin Assembly	Betty Panning	

Feb 5	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner

Feb 22		Ash Wednesday
		7:00 PM
Elder	Phil Harris	
Ushers	Pat Allison	
Piano	Bret Rhoades	

Feb 12	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Kathy Panning	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

Feb 26	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner

Feb 19	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

A Note from the Property Manager Guy.

In an effort to free up storage spaces of the church, the storage closet across from the kitchen was emptied of a large amount of clutter.

What was not discarded were the many plastic storage boxes on the shelves. These boxes include Holy Lamb banners, a large volume of Christmas cards in bags, VBS tubs of material, Christmas tubs, AV materials, tubs of games, photo albums and more. If anyone or a committee claims ownership of these items, please let me know so we can store them properly. On the other hand, if time has overcome some of this, please let me know so that the items will be disposed of.

Thanks, *Dave Katai*

Volunteers Needed
Ushers 10:30 am

Audio and Video (both services)

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run 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.
Thank you!



Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

We are currently studying the unique person of John, ‘the disciple whom Jesus loved.’ This came about as we looked at the Festival of John and realized that his writings – the Gospel, his 3 letters, and the book of Revelation – present an interesting study that reveals a progression of thought from the theology of the pure Gospel to the challenges of the early church to the hope we all share as revealed in Revelation.

This will be a short, fast moving study of a few weeks as we watch John move from the theology of the Gospel to the challenges of proclaiming that Gospel to the future promised in that Gospel.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:00 AM

On January 3, we began a study of Isaiah – the Old Testament book that frequently promised the Messiah. While Isaiah has 66 chapters, we will limit our study to those chapters which have the more commonly known passages of promise and see what they meant in Israel’s time and how they have been fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus.

This will be a wonderful, traditional look at the familiar passages we hear in Advent and Lent, as we dig into their relevance for us, today.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Hiatus

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. 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!)*

The week of February 6, we will begin a two-week study called **I Will Give You Rest: An Invitation to Sabbath**. Rest is a gift given from God. It is a means of ceasing our striving and work to celebrate Him, to remember the gifts of His provision, and to enjoy His presence. We’ll explore the biblical framework of rest and Scripture’s invitation to intentionally and regularly lay down our striving for the sake of experiencing unhurried space with God.

Our Lenten study: **Your People Forever** begins the week of February 20. Join us in this seven-week study as we journey through the history of God’s people in **I & II Chronicles**, rejoicing in the faithfulness of a God who keeps His promises to a wayward people from generation to generation.

Through reading these books of Old Testament history, followed by Holy Week readings, we will make our way to the cross and the empty tomb with a renewed sense of our risen King.

Contact Kathy Panning if you need more information or help obtaining the daily devotions and Scripture readings.

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
- 16th Ethan Mann
- 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 WFX 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' Fellowship Important Announcement

In reviewing the requirements of conducting the pumpkin sales and festival this past year, I have recommended to the Men's Group that a committee of three individuals assume responsibility of these two events. These two events, designed to further develop the awareness of Christ and Holy Lamb in the community, should be done so with input by all the members of Holy Lamb. To that regard I, as past president of the Men's Group and with their approval, have volunteered to provide support to the Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival team. I am looking to put together a three- person leadership team. Commitment to this role is needed immediately as pumpkins must be ordered. Without this leadership team in place the project will not be held for 2023.

Our next meeting will be held on February 25th at 9:30 am.

Henry Twentier, Men, Christian Fellowship

Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm..

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

See ya then!!!



Family Game Night

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 February 2023

February 5 ~ Open

February 12 ~ In memory of all their loved ones by Merilynn & Jack Sell

February 19 ~ Open.

February 26 ~ Open



For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Phyllis, Les' sister

Nick, friend of Lois

Debbie, friend of Camille

Ray, Norm's brother

Randy, friend of the Rehm family

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Carol Stocum

Theresa Zweigle

Al Stout

Norm Boulet

Theresa Falke

Karen McCarthy

Marty Reynolds

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Eileen St. Clair

Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter

Ron W., Monica's brother

Sammi, friend of Dave & Linda

Michael, Lois' brother-in-law

Glenn, Lois' brother

Terri, Pat Allison's daughter

Monica Steele

Ed, friend of Dave & Linda

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Jackie, friend of Mark & Bernadette

Mary, Marty's mother

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

Robin, Tim's sister

Kathy, Friend of Rose

Brian, Dale's father, Ethan's grandfather

Rev. John Kassouf

John, friend of Jack & Merilynn

Pastor Omar Krieger

Mike, Robbies's husband

Gary, Al's son

Mourning the Loss

John Basso, Kathy Panning's brother

Prayer Circle Announcement

There will be a Prayer Circle meeting at the church every Tuesday at 11:00 am.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

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Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm