

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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How We Got Here

Here: here is Holy Lamb, a Lutheran congregation in South Carolina, one of millions of churches (congregations) scattered around the world. We are of many races and traditions and languages. History tells us how we came to embrace our theology; and be it known, our theologies vary. But for certain we have the sacred scriptures of the Old and New Testament, on them the Church is built. The Church for which Paul gave his life, is the household of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. (1 Tim. 4:15) She exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Blessed Paul left us this firm encouragement. "...brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter." (2 Thes. 2:15) To a youthful Pastor Timothy Paul writes further, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching." (1 Tim 3:13)

Here, today in 2024, we are still faithfully reading the scriptures and sifting through the teachings which give us our identity as the children of God. In 2024 we are still devoted to the faithful preaching Gospel of Jesus Christ and praying for his return in glory.

One of the things you should be hearing a lot in the Call process, especially when it comes installing the pastor, is his and our dedication to the **"Word and Sacraments."** In Lutheran lingo (LI) the Word equals scripture or the Bible; it is the primary *"means of grace"* (LI). Scriptures are the fountain and source of our faith. They are given by God for "teaching, correction, and training in righteousness." (2 Tim. 3:16) They want to make us *wise with regard to salvation*. (2 Tim. 3:15)

The Sacraments are part of our tradition. Not all Christians honor them or hold them in the high distinction that we do. But the sacraments are a vital part of our faith. Baptism is attested throughout the New Testament, and in the Acts it is associated with the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith. Whether it precedes faith or follows it, baptism is not to be omitted. Jesus himself set the example in Matthew 3.

Another sacrament Lutherans spend a lot of time discussing among them-selves is the one often referred to as "THE Sacrament," the Lord's Supper, also called Holy Communion or the Eucharist. One way or another you find the Holy Supper in each of the four Gospels. In 1 Corinthians 11 we find what are referred to as the Words of Institution. About them Paul says he received this teaching directly from Jesus himself by revelation. And so this sacred meal is referred to five times in the New Testament. You think its important?

God's family is held in place by **Word and Sacraments**. Listen for the "lingo" as the Call process proceeds in the new year, and as plans are made for the installation of a new pastor. Responsibility for the exercise these means of grace will be placed into your new pastor's hands that together you may grow in Christ as the people of God in this time and place.

Blessed New Year!

Pr. Steve

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Stewardship Committee Report

“If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.” Romans 12:7

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:30am service.

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: A Gathering for anyone who wants to join and learn more about this ministry is scheduled for **Saturday, February 3rd @ 9:30am**. They will be serving a continental breakfast and coffee. 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, we've had 5 in-person visits with local visitors who've joined us for worship service. Our visits have all gone well and were well received. We have a few more visits to be made. If you are interested in joining us for this ministry, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Visitor Thank You Card Outreach: To date, we've sent out 44 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.

“Opportunity to Serve and Fellowship” booklets will be handed out at the **All-Congregation Meeting on December 17th**. We are asking everyone to return them by Sunday, February 11th. A box will be placed in the Narthex for you to drop them off. We will be 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 will be handed out at the **All-Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 17th**. The pledge cards are a confidential commitment between you and God. For those who wish to bring them to the altar, this will be done on Sunday, February 4th. 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.

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 3RD 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.

Coastal School Ministries

On December 14th Pastor Steve met with the students in the Bible Study classes that meet at Holy Lamb through Coastal School Ministries from Forestbrook Middle School. Pastor gave each student, 38 of them, an Egermeier's Bible Story Book, medallion, donuts, and a flyer with the church service information. Pastor spoke to the students about the importance of continuing to read the Bible, their walk with Jesus and invited them to the church services. We want to thank Pastor Steve, Phil & Reyne Harris, George Hulshart, and Dave Katai for all their work and effort to make this happen.

Restaurant Dining Group

Thanks to all who attended the restaurant dining group this past Tuesday at Hop N' Wich. We will be going to Logan's Roadhouse at 1136 Oak Forest Ln, on January 23rd 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 into the Horry County regulations has begun as well trying to find permit information for the current sign.

First Time Visitor Follow Up Training

We will hold two training sessions in January for volunteers who would like to join the existing group to visit with first time guests who come to Holy Lamb for worship. The goal is to visit with a first time guest no later than 7 business days after they attended Holy Lamb for 2 to 3 minutes. We deliver a refrigerator magnet with the church's information, a 'What we Believe' pamphlet, and cookies. The training sessions are thirty minute long and will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd at 10:30 AM and Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:00 PM. 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.

Building Committee

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.

We are starting a building committee and need volunteers for the initial phase, which will be to collect and document all the ideas to expand the church building. Determine and work on fundraising projects and on ways to make the building project more visible. If you are interested, please contact Dave Bingham.

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Basic Beginner Bible Study Class

The 4 week course begins Sunday, January 21st at 9:15 to 10:00 AM and will be meeting in the cry room. It is the basic class to 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, the various versions, etc. If you plan to attend there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bingham.

Donation for Abigail's Closet

We contacted Abigail's place and asked what their most urgent need at this time was, and they said larger size diapers and wet wipes. On December 11th and 14th, the items were delivered and on December 19th we delivered 4 boxes of Thrivent t-shirts from previous action team requests for the families.

Quarterly Microbrew Group

Luther's Brew Crew (LBC) will be meeting on Saturday, January 13th at 4:00 PM at Handley's Pub & Grub. The address is 3873 Renee Dr, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. 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.

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:

CCU Basketball Game Sign up

Members of Holy Lamb will be attending a CCU basketball game on Saturday, January 27th at 2:00 PM. The cost of the tickets is \$15.00 per person. If you are planning on attending there is a signup sheet in the narthex rack. The final day to purchase tickets is December 31st. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Dave Bingham.

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

We are going to start the Dining with Friends group again with a few changes: We will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, January 20th at noon at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, 1208 N. Retail Ct,. If you are planning on attending, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex rack. Contact Dave or Cheryl with questions.

● There will be a quarterly basis rotation schedule:

- **1st month** - Meet at a restaurant. The suggested restaurants: Cracker Barrel, Villa Romana Italian Restaurant River City Café. There will be no set menu.
- **2nd month** - Meet at the church & have Chef Tom cater the meal.
We need 25 people minimum.
- **3rd month** - Have a potluck at the church.

LWML News

Sunday, January 7 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.



In conjunction with **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, which will be **January 21, 2024**, we will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Closet at Coastline Women's Center in Conway. The goal of Coastline Women's Center is to transform the lives of those they serve by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, upholding the sanctity of human life, and dealing with the impact of unplanned pregnancy and abortion on women and men. Abigail's Closet is a room at Coastline where mothers and/or fathers can go to purchase items with "Mommy money" earned from attending parenting classes. Put any of the items from below in the marked box in the Narthex on January 14 and 21. Thank you in advance for your donations.

From Life Quotes, Lutherans for Life "The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ." *Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life lutheransforlife.org*

Please donate one (or more) of the following items.
They may be brought in through January 21 and placed in the marked box.

BIBS	BABY WASH	BABY WIPES
SLEEPERS	BABY LOTION	BABY SOCKS
PACIFIERS	INFANT TOYS	BABY SHAMPOO
DIAPER RASH OINTMENT		ONESIES (BOY OR GIRL)

All women are invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, January 13 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Darcy Taiani will be the Bible study leader.

Watch for news of LWML's next project in next month's newsletter.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Open invitation: Praying in Color

Praying in color will have a sharing time on Saturday, February 3rd, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All members of the Praying in Color team are invited. Also any person interested in finding out more about this program is welcome to attend. We will have refreshments, door prizes and some surprises. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please sign up if you plan to attend. We will have plenty of refreshments. I ask those of you that are doing praying in color to come prepared to do show and tell.

Eileen St. Clair

Sunday Morning Bible Study	The Book of Colossians	9:15 AM
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	1 John	9:00 AM
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 download their app. The website is free; 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!)*

Our first study in 2024 is titled **"Everything New"** and begins on January 1. When sin entered the world, Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden. God sent them away with a promise to restore what evil had destroyed. Through the lens of scripture, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, this six week plan will deepen our understanding of the truth and beauty of the Gospel!

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.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of Dec. (to date)	\$13,577	\$14,148
Year to Date Needs	\$176,109	\$183,924

In His Service January 2024

Altar Guild	Sylvia Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Katai (Jan. 25)	
Bulletin Assembly	Theresa Falke	

January 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Don Piel	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

January 14 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Usher	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

January 21 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Don Piel	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

January 28 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	Fred Reimer

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 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.
Thank you!


Thank You

Thank you for the recognition for my 21 years of service to Holy Lamb. It was a very unexpected and pleasant surprise.

Bill & Monica Steele



January
Blessings on your Birthday!



4th	Richard Bertolone
4th	Joi Stephenson
11th	David Cunningham
12th	Pam Gall
14th	Julia Diem
18th	Mark Entis
24th	Devyn Riley
27th	Ron Hajduk
27th	Sylvia Stedina
28th	Theresa Falke
30th	George Hulshart
31st	Pete Snyder

Happy Anniversary!

15th	Maurice & Margaret Bartelotte
30th	Pete & Linda Snyder

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/>.



Men's Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 11:30 am. All men are welcome to join them.

Family Game Night

The next family game night is Saturday January 6, 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 January, 2024

January 7 ~ Open

January 14 ~ Open

January 21 ~ In honor of the birthday of Sylvia Stedina. (January 27th)

January 28 ~ Open



For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Nick, friend of Lois

Glen, Lois' brother

Booker, great grandson of Paul & Jane Jankowski

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

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

Ron Ziembko

Prayers Needed

Bill Steele will be having surgery to repair two abdominal aortic aneurysms. He will be released from the hospital on January 5th..

The Call Process

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

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Rev. Stephen Vogt, Vacancy Pastor

Church

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

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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