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St. Augustine: A Voice from the Past That Still Speaks Today

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we speak of the Reformation, our minds naturally turn to Martin Luther and that fateful day in 1517 when he posted his 95 Theses. But behind Luther stood a long line of faithful voices, none more influential than St. Augustine of Hippo. Though he lived over a thousand years before Luther, Augustine helped shape the theological ground on which the Reformation would one day stand. His life, writings, and conversion continue to speak powerfully into our faith today.

Augustine was born in 354 A.D. in North Africa. He was intellectually brilliant, but spiritually restless. For years, he sought fulfillment in philosophy, fame, and pleasure. His mother, St. Monica, was a devout Christian who never ceased praying for her wayward son. Augustine dabbled in different religions and schools of thought, but none could satisfy the ache of his soul. His big "revelation moment" came when he heard a child's voice say, "Take and read, take and read." He opened the Scriptures and his eyes fell on Romans 13:13-14:

"Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."

In that moment, God opened Augustine's heart to the transforming power of grace. He left his old life behind and was baptized by Ambrose of Milan in 387 A.D. From that point forward, Augustine became one of the Church's most powerful voices for the truth of God's Word.

His writings, especially Confessions and The City of God, still resonate today. Confessions is not only the first spiritual autobiography in Christian history, but also a raw and honest look at the human soul's journey to God. It reminds us that the path to salvation is not about earning God's favor, but about being transformed by His mercy. The City of God offers deep insight into how Christians live in a broken world while longing for the eternal Kingdom. It is as relevant in our complex modern world as it was in the chaos of the collapsing Roman Empire.

For Martin Luther, Augustine was a trusted guide. Luther was an Augustinian monk, and it was through Augustine's writings that he learned the true depth of sin, and the even greater power of God's grace. Augustine's teaching on the bondage of the will, the necessity of grace, and the supremacy of Scripture paved the way for Luther's rediscovery of the Gospel.

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Why does Augustine still matter? Because, like Luther, we live in a world full of searching souls. We see Augustine's story echoed in the lives of people around us, restless hearts trying to find peace in all the wrong places. His famous quote still rings true, **"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."**

At Holy Lamb Lutheran Church, we are privileged to carry forward the same Gospel Augustine embraced and Luther rediscovered, that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Augustine reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace, and no mind too great or heart too lost to be redeemed.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Scott Kirchoff
Holy Lamb Lutheran Church
Myrtle Beach, SC
"Welcome Home!"



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study offers an overview of the four Gospels. This study will help you understand each Gospel's unique focus and how together they provide a fourfold portrait of Jesus and His ministry. Class begins at 9:15 am.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

We meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom using Holy Lamb's standard meeting code. All women are welcome to join us as we delight in God's word as sisters in Christ! Our Bible studies are a deep dive into God's word using the Lutheran Study Bible. We are currently reading and studying the book of Romans. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link please contact Linda Katai (call/text) 740-258-2581 or email at ldkatai2@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

New Bible Study ~ The Life and Legacy of the Apostle Paul

Join us for a 12-week Bible study exploring the life of the Apostle Paul. This study will help you better understand who Paul was, the background behind his letters, and the powerful impact he had on the early church and still has today. Whether you're new to Paul's writings or have read them for years, this study will bring fresh insight and deeper appreciation for his ministry and message. All are welcome! Class begins at 9 am.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter
Sami, friend of Dave & Linda
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 Our Homebound

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

Mourning the Loss

Prayers of condolence for Warren and his family and friends on the passing of his mother, Nancy.

Mourning the loss of Faith, a long time friend of Adele's, who recently passed away.
 Prayers of comfort for her family and friends.

Prayers of comfort for the family and friends mourning the loss of Andrea Nezich.

God bless you with His comfort and strength.

For Healing

Maryanne, mother of Michael Zabbara
Ron, Ed's Cousin
Scott, son of J.R.
Brian, Son of Adele Keeney
Joan, friend of Marsha Dunn
Nathan, B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort
Brian, friend of Hayley Lauritsen
Bill, stepdad of Darcy Taiani
Maureen, neighbor of Chuck/ Sharon Bumgarner
Tammy, sister of Sharon Bumgarner
Norm Boulet
Marsha Dunn
Mary Margaret Kluge
Karen McCarthy
Steven Rehm
Bob & Myrle Rumsey
Doc & Nancy Rehm
Theresa Zweigle
Henry Twentier

Merle Falke
Mary Lee
Kathy Orlowski
Marty Reynolds
Monica Steele
Al Heiber
Jim & Erin Murphy
Jay Malloy



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.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of June (to date)	\$19,131	\$ 13,448
Year to Date Needs	\$109,516	\$ 84,050

Family Reads Books for Forestbrook Elementary

A reminder to be on the lookout over the summer for used books for elementary aged students. There is a container to leave donated books under the table in the church narthex. Donations of books and money are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Holy Lamb Church with "Family Reads" in the memo line. Over the last school year, Holy Lamb cleaned and delivered 2033 books, 2 books for each child. Many thanks to Sunny Fry at Socastee Methodist for leading this effort.

Thank you.

Phil Harris, Stewardship



Stewardship ~ Saved to Serve

In Luther's Small Catechism, the explanation of the First Article of the Creed says that God "gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." God is the ultimate giver of all that we have. To acknowledge these gifts and our dependence on the Lord, God calls us to give a portion of our income back to Him through our financial offerings. As the hymn says: "We give Thee but Thine own" (LSB #781). Indeed, the scriptures are very clear: Christians are to give generously to support the work of the Church, which God has established to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments.

Fundraiser for Help4Kids The Big Shoe is Coming in August



During the month of August Holy Lamb will be collecting shoes, socks and monetary donations for the children being helped by Help4Kids.

During the month of August, the Big Shoe will be in the church Narthex along with a jar for monetary donations.

The biggest need is for **children's size 1 to 5 and for 6 to 8 year old boys and girls**

For information - Help4Kids is a 100% volunteer organization which serves about 3,000 children weekly with food, clothing, and school supplies.

Thank you for your support.

In His Service July 2025		
Altar Guild	Denise Brown	Barb Evans
Newsletter Proofer	Barb Evans	
Bulletin Assembly	Bill Steele	

July 6	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Ellyn Andrews	George Hulshart
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

July 13	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Dave Katai	Barb Evans
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

July 20	8:00 am	10:30 am
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Usher	Pat Allison	Bill Steele
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Denise Brown	TBD
Audio	Julia Diem	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

July 27	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	TBD	TBD
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

Volunteers Needed

Calling all potential Audio, Video, Readers & Ushers

Our church relies on its members to volunteer in various roles in order for our worship services to run smoothly. Without you, it is difficult to do the many things we need to do. We are in need of volunteers to run the sound system (8am & 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am. We are also accepting names for readers (pick your date & time and sign up in the narthex). Please consider helping out with these very important parts of our worship services. If you have questions, please talk to those who do the job or talk to Bill Steele or call or email the office. Training is provided.

We are asking for as little as one hour a month ~ male or female.



Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for July 2025



- July 6th ~ In memory of Nancy's
mother Grace by Nancy and
Doc Rehm
- July 13th ~ In memory of daughter and
parents by Bill and Monica
Steele
- July 20th ~ In honor of Ed's birthday,
by Sylvia Stedina
- July 27th ~ In memory of her parents by
Barb Evans



Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by July 6. If you are turning in the box, please pick up a new one or put your money in a plastic bag. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and mark on the memo line: MITES. Thank you for your support.

Our next project is the red stocking, proceeds going to New Directions, that was handed out in December. Anytime in July you will put seven (7) quarters in.

*Karen Bombria
President, LWML of Holy Lamb*

The Brew Crew ~ Palmetto Tap ~ July 12

The Brew Crew will be meeting on Saturday July 12 at 4:00 pm at the Palmetto Tap, 909 4th Avenue in Conway. With 40 taps on the wall, it will be fun choosing your own beer: IPA, Stout, Porter, Hard Cider, Seltzer and Prosecco wine. Coke products are also available. We will have Pizza delivered as this establishment does not serve food, but encourages outside food to be brought in.



Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.
Tom and Pat Marquardt



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.*





July



1st Kathy Panning
11th Kathy Orlowski
23rd Eddie Stedina
26th Tom Marquardt

5th George & Marsha Hulshart
8th Gene & Karen McCarthy

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

Books for Forestbrook Elementary

In June of 2020 Sunny Fry through Socastee United Methodist Church began collecting, cleaning, and sharing books with children in the Socastee Community under "Families Read."



As part of Sunny's effort, Holy Lamb has been cleaning and distributing books to Forestbrook Elementary for about 2 years.

We need books! We ask that the congregation be on the lookout for gently used children's books. Possible sources are yard sales, estate sales, grandchildren, libraries outside of Horry County, used book stores, etc.

There is a labeled box under a table in the church narthex for donated books.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Stewardship Meeting

There will be a Stewardship meeting July 15th at 10:30 am after Bible study. When meetings are needed, we will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am.

Thank you.

Phil Harris, Stewardship

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!

Yeah yeah, I know... not until October. BUT we'd like to have you **save the dates** now. On **October 11**, the pumpkins will arrive on an 18 wheeler from New Mexico. They are raised on the Navajo Indian Reservation and the farm workers are 95% Native American.

Pumpkins USA began in North Carolina and they grew their pumpkins there until..... you guessed it..... Hurricanes... Hugo convinced them to find another growing area.



With the money earned from the pumpkin patch we have traditionally had a FALL Festival, inviting the community to bring kids to visit Holy Lamb for a day of games, crafts, music, bouncy houses and FUN. FREE to the community except for the food court and the bake sale that the LWML organizes.

The Fall Festival will be held on **Oct 25th** this year.

Both the sale of the pumpkins and the Festival could use your help:

Our leaders thus far are:

Henry Twentier - Events coordinator

Sylvia Stedina - Chair of the festival

Merilynn Sell - Pumpkin patch and sales

Pat and Tom Marquardt - Festival games

Barb Evans- Festival Crafts & Pumpkin Patch evening closer



Holy Lamb's 40th Anniversary

After much work the Charter was signed on Palm Sunday, March 23, 1986. The members then began planning for organizational Sunday. After the constitution was written and approved, organization Sunday was celebrated on November 30th. That same fall, a parcel of land on Forestbrook Road was purchased as a future site by the District..

We are beginning the planning of our 40th Anniversary celebration. It will be on September 25 beginning at 5:30 PM. We would greatly appreciate it if you would RSVP on the church website. Just click on the 40th Anniversary tab.

Holy Lamb Vision and Mission & Focus Statements

VISION

To be a Christ centered community that nurtures faith across generations, fosters connections, and equips members to serve God and others in Myrtle Beach and beyond.

MISSION

Through word and sacrament, we welcome all into a vibrant community of faith, provide opportunities for lifelong spiritual growth, and joyfully share the love of Christ with the world.

FOCUS

We aim to be a haven for all who seek refuge from life's storms. A safe harbor where you can explore your faith, grow in God's word, and be supported by a warm, caring church family.



Note of Thanks

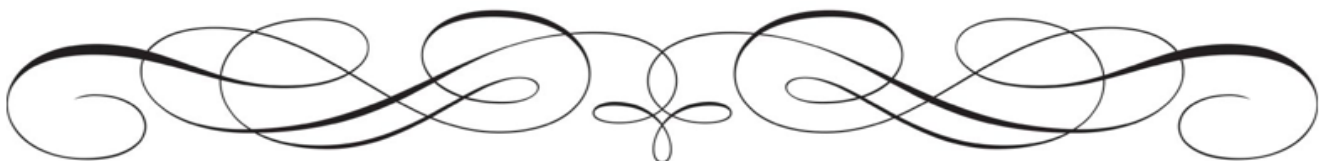
We are thankful to have received a generous gift for new altar candles from Mary Beswick in memory of Mike. They worshipped with us during their snowbird time away from northern Illinois and always brought a positive spirit to our church. We are honored to serve all those who make us their adopted spiritual home on vacation or snowbirding.



Family Game Night

The next family game night will be **Saturday, July 5th, from 4pm-7pm.**

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



Flower Openings

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

If you would like to reserve a spot, please sign up on the flower chart on the wall in the Narthex. The cost is \$40.



Men's Fellowship meets every second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8th.



Our next Evangelism meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00 AM.

Please plan to attend.



Why Should I Tithe?

Reflect on the principles that scripture gives every Christian regarding money offerings:

- * The Lord wants me to make my money offerings **WILLINGLY**.

Read—2 Corinthians 9:7

- * The Lord wants me to make my money offerings to Him **FIRST**. He is not pleased when I give Him leftovers.

Read—Proverbs 3:9-10 and Malachi 3:8-10

- * The Lord wants me to make my money offerings in Him **REGULARLY**; this is, whenever I have income, whether I am able to attend church that week or not.

Read—1 Corinthians 16:2

- * My money offerings to the Lord should also be made **GENEROUSLY**.

Read—2 Corinthians 8:1-4 and Mark 12:41-44

Church Council

Church Council Meeting Note

Church Council is taking the month of July off.

The next meeting will be August 12

Our New Website

Although we are at the same web address (www.holylambda.myrtlebeach.org), we are in the process of updating our look.

If you feel there are things we should add to our current website, please mention it to Tom Marquardt.

Property Notes

The lock on the side entry door has been replaced. Your old code may no longer work. You will be contacted with your new code if necessary.

We would like to thank all of those who help with our ongoing lawn care.

We hope you have noticed the new paint in the women's bathroom. It has surely brightened it up!

Happy Independence Day!



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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study ~ The Gospels	9:15 am
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 1st	Elders' Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, July 5th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, July 8th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Friday, July 11th	Visitation for Andrea	10:00 AM
	Memorial Service	11:00 AM
Saturday, July 12th	Brew Crew—Palmetto Tap	4:00 PM
Tuesday, July 15th	Stewardship Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday, July 23rd	Evangelism Meeting	10:00 AM
Monday, July 28th	<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	