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Seeing God in Nature

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Go to the ant, O sluggard, consider her ways, and be wise.” – Proverbs 6:6
Summer has arrived, and with it, the rhythm of longer days, family visits, cookouts, sandy footprints, and the hum of life here in Myrtle Beach. There’s something about this season that invites us to slow down, reconnect, and savor the gifts God gives us, especially the blessings of family and friends.

As I was watching a small line of ants industriously crossing the sidewalk recently, I couldn’t help but marvel at their determination. Scripture tells us that King Solomon, in his wisdom, admired these tiny creatures. In Proverbs 6, he highlights their tenacity, focus, and preparation. They have no ruler, yet they gather their food in season. There’s a purpose in their path and a quiet strength in their work, a reminder to us all that even the smallest parts of creation reflect the wisdom of their Creator.

This is what theologians call *natural revelation*, the fingerprints of God seen in nature itself. Thomas Aquinas, one of the great minds of the Church, wrote at length about this. He believed that all creation bears witness to the Creator’s glory, that reason and observation alone can lead us to the recognition of a divine hand behind it all. St. Paul echoes this in Romans 1, writing that “what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes... have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world” (Romans 1:19–20). In other words, to reject God is not a lack of evidence, it’s a lack of observation.

So as you head outside this summer, whether you’re biking, gardening, grilling, or just sitting on a porch watching the world go by, take a moment to notice the world God made. Pay attention to the small wonders. Marvel at the intricacy of life. Give thanks for the wisdom of ants, the glory of sunsets, and the joy of being alive in a world created by our Father.

Of course, summer in Myrtle Beach also means *crowds*. Roads get busier, restaurants fill up, and finding a parking space can feel like its own parable in patience. But those crowds also remind us why we’re here. They represent families reconnecting, grandparents seeing grandkids, friends reuniting after long absences, and they remind us of the vital ministry we offer here at Holy Lamb Lutheran Church.

So this summer, enjoy the gifts of friendship and family. Take joy in the work God has given you to do. Watch the ants. Marvel at creation. And above all, stay grounded in the One who made it all and holds it all together, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Scott Kirchoff

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church, Myrtle Beach, SC

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Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Starting Sunday, June 1st, we will begin a new Bible study offering 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 beginning next Tuesday 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.



Holy Lamb's 40th Anniversary

June 15, 1985

The charter members of Holy Lamb held their first worship service at the Big D's Bar-B-Que Barn on Pottery Road. The service was conducted by Dr. Roy Russell.

We have come a long way since then and we would like to celebrate the grace that the Lord has bestowed upon us.

We have many milestones within the next year and wish to plan a celebration later in the year. We would love to have your help. Please join the 40th Anniversary Committee by contacting Pat Marquardt at (847) 502-3751.





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 comfort for the family and friends mourning the loss of Andrea Nezych.

God bless you with His comfort and strength.

Also, please pray for Doug Ruddick's sister Betsy and her family. His brother-in-law Eric passed away after a year long battle with ALS.

Prayers of comfort are also needed for the family and friends of Mary Ellen, the sister-in-law of Hayley Lauritsen. She passed away peacefully on Sunday afternoon.

For Healing

Maryanne , mother of Michael Zabbara	
Verlene , sister of Myrle	
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	
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	
Faith , friend of Adele	
Norm Boulet	
Marsha Dunn	Merle Falke
Mary Margaret Kluge	Mary Lee
Karen McCarthy	Kathy Orlowski
Steven Rehm	Marty Reynolds
Bob & Myrle Rumsey	Monica Steele
Doc & Nancy Rehm	Al Heiber
Theresa Zweigle	Jim & Erin Murphy
Henry Twentier	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

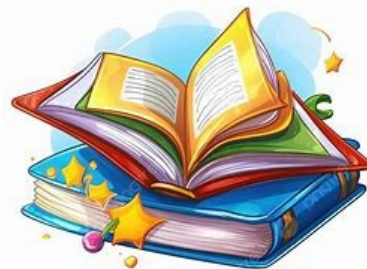
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of May (to date)	\$13,056	\$ 13,448
Year to Date Needs	\$90,385	\$70, 602

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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ~ JUNE 15, 2025

Holy Lamb Night at the Pelicans

Wednesday, June 18th is Holy Lamb Night at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans!



Reminder for all those who purchased tickets for the Pelicans game and the ALL YOU CAN EAT Buffet. The picnic begins at 6 pm (when gates open) for 90 minutes in the picnic area next to the Clark & Addison Grille. The game begins at 7:05 pm.

Picnics include a delicious mix of chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, cookies, tea, lemonade and water. Beer and soda can be purchased separately.

In His Service

June 2025

Altar Guild	Linda Davis / Sylvia Stedina	Adele Keeney
Newsletter Proofer	<i>Needed</i>	
Bulletin Assembly	Bill Steele	

June 1	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Bumgarner	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder
June 8	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander
June 15	8:00 am	10:30 am
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Usher	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt
June 22	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
June 29	9:30 AM	(Combined)
Elder	Larry Lauffer	
Ushers	Rose Ruddick	
Ushers	Bill Steele	
Audio	Linda Snyder	
Video	Seth Rylander	

Volunteers Needed

Calling all potential Audio, Video, and 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 and 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am. 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.**

Contact Bill Steele if you can help.
Thank you!



Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for June 2025



June 1st ~ In memory of daughter,
Patty by Judy Thropp

June 8th ~ *Available*

June 15th ~ *Available—Father's Day*

June 22nd ~ In memory of Carol Boulet
for Anniversary by Norm

June 29th ~ In honor of Dana's birthday
by Dave & Linda Katai



Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by June 1st. 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 June you will put six (6) quarters in.

Karen Bombria, President

LWML of Holy Lamb

OFFICE SECRETARY

We have an opening for an Office Secretary. This position is in charge of all the day to day office correspondence, weekly bulletin and monthly newsletters to name a few. The job entails working Tuesdays & Thursdays about 8—10 hours per week. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is required and training on special programs will be provided.

Anyone interested in the position please contact the office at 843-236-1344 or Ron Hajduk at 219-307-0727.

Family Game Night



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

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

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.*





June



2nd Hayley Lauritsen
9th Margie Weller
10th Darcy Taiani
19th Margaret Bartelotte

5th Fred & Ashlee Reimer

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

I want to thank everyone that sent birthday cards to my mother, Sue, for her 90th Birthday. She was blessed to receive more than 50 cards and loved reading each and every one! I appreciate everyone who helped to make her milestone birthday so very special.

- Brenda Tainter



Altar Guild ~ Note

Our Candleholders have served us well over the years but have gone through repairs and are tarnished. It has been decided that new candleholders are needed. The cost will be over \$1800. Donations will be greatly appreciated to defer the cost. Checks can be made to the church with "**Candleholder Fund**" in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

Stewardship Meeting

There will be a Stewardship meeting June 17 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

How does your garden grow?

We know it's early but we are planting some seeds now for our Pumpkin Patch & FALL FESTIVAL.

Seeds for thought, that is. We need some new ideas for this years Fall Festival and would love to hear from you. We especially need some new craft ideas, a volunteer to play music and make announcements, ideas for reaching out into the community... especially local newsletters etc.

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.

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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

JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 3rd	Elders' Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 7th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, June 10th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Tuesday, June 10th	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 17th	Stewardship Meeting	10:30 AM
Wednesday, June 18th	Pelican's Game Night	6:00 PM
Sunday, June 29th	Combined Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday, June 29th	Congregational Meeting	10:45 AM
Sunday, June 29th	Potluck Lunch	<i>after meeting</i>

Mark Your Calendars!!

June 29, 2025 Combined Worship Service—9:30 AM

Congregation Meeting at 10:45 AM

Potluck to follow

Please sign up on the clip board in the narthex and let us know what you plan to bring.
Hope to see you there!