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The Ministry of Welcome

If there's one thing Myrtle Beach knows how to do, it's hospitality. We live in a place known for its sunshine, sandy shores, and Southern charm. People come here to relax, to start a new chapter in life, or just to get away for a while. But as Christians, we're called to a deeper kind of welcome—one that goes beyond warm smiles and kind gestures. We are called to a ministry of welcome.

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us, **“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it”** (Hebrews 13:2). That verse carries more weight than we might expect. It's a call to remember that behind every visitor, every newcomer, every unfamiliar face in the pew, there may be someone longing for more than just a friendly handshake. They may be looking for a place to belong, to heal, to reconnect with God.

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church is uniquely positioned for this ministry. We're a church in a city that constantly welcomes newcomers. That's not just a demographic detail, it's a divine opportunity. Every person who walks through our doors is someone Christ has brought into our path. Whether they're here for a week or for the rest of their life, we can be a place of peace, purpose, and proclamation.

Hospitality in the church isn't limited to the greeters at the door, it's something each of us is called to embody. It looks like noticing someone sitting alone and choosing to sit with them. It looks like remembering a visitor's name. It looks like making room in our hearts, our seats, and our social circles for someone new. Hospitality, at its core, is about making space for Christ to work through us.

Jesus Himself modeled this so well. He welcomed tax collectors, children, lepers, and outcasts. He made room at His table, and ultimately, made room for all of us in His Father's house.

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This is why, before our worship begins each Sunday, we start with the words, **“Welcome Home.”** It’s more than a greeting. It’s a declaration of who we are and what we believe. We are a family in Christ, and worship is our shared home—no matter where you’ve come from, how long you’re staying, or what your story is. “Welcome Home” says: **You belong here, because Christ has made a place for you.**

As we continue to grow as a church family here at Holy Lamb, let’s lean into this ministry of welcome. Let’s be known not only as a friendly church, but as a Christ-centered, grace-filled place where strangers become friends and visitors become family. Because in the end, the ministry of welcome isn’t just about helping people feel at home in our church. It’s about helping them find their home in Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Scott Kirchoff



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

We are continuing a Bible study on the Pentateuch, also known as the Books of Moses. We have explored Genesis and are moving toward Deuteronomy. These books reveal God's covenant with His people, the origins of His plan of salvation, and His call to holy living. We invite you to join us on this journey of discovery and growth! Class begins at 9:15 am.

Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study

We meet every Monday at 6:30pm on Zoom (use Holy Lamb’s Standard meeting code) and all women are welcome to join us to delight in God’s word as sisters in Christ! We are beginning the book of Romans using our Study Bible as our guide. This will be a 9 week bible study. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link contact Darcy Taiani (call/text) 724-840-0888 or email at darcytaiani@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us at Holy Lamb Lutheran Church for the Tuesday morning Bible class. This 10 lesson study continues to focus on the life and faith of the Apostle Peter, exploring his journey from fisherman to faithful disciple of Christ.

Come and grow in your understanding of Peter’s story and how his experiences can strengthen our own walk with the Lord. All are welcome to attend!

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 comfort for the Orlowski Family who are mourning the loss of Sue Bennett, Kathy's sister. God bless you with His comfort and strength.



Prayer Requests

For Healing

Maryanne , mother of Michael Zabbara	
Verlene , sister of Myrle	
Ron , Ed's Cousin	
Scott , son of J.R.	
Brian , Son of Adell Keeney	
Joan , friend of Marsha Dunn	
Nathan , B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort	
Eric , brother-in-law of Doug	
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	
Katie , daughter of Pastor & Caren Vogt	
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

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:

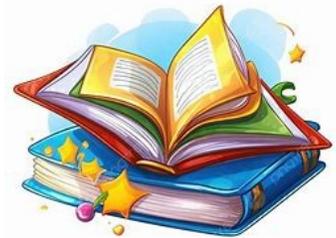
- * With regards to health issues last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.
- * Information regarding conditions, diagnosis, or procedures will be given only at the initial church announcement, not in print.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of April (to date)	\$14,377	\$10,086
Year to Date Needs	\$75,100	\$53,792

Families Read

Holy Lamb continues to supply books to Forestbrook Elementary School to improve student's reading skills. This is under the guidance and direction of Sunny Fry at Socastee Methodist Church. Holy Lamb members can support this effort by 1) Supplying used or new books for elementary age students. (Sources could be family, friends, used book stores, yard sales, etc.). A book collection box will be in the narthex. 2) Monetary donations to purchase books can be made to Holy Lamb Lutheran Church with Stewardship books in the memo line. Many thanks for your support.



Phil Harris - Stewardship

The Brew Crew



Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 pm, the Brew Crew will meet at The Big Chill Island House at 4736 Hwy 17 S, North Myrtle Beach. The restaurant is situated on the Intercoastal Waterway in Barefoot Landing. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Dinner reservations are required. All are welcome!

In June, the Brew Crew will take a month off and attend a Pelican Baseball Game on Wednesday, June 18 that has been organized with a pre-game picnic (all you can eat Buffet). Gates open at 6:00 pm and the Picnic is open for 90 minutes. Baseball game at 7:05 pm.

Holy Lamb Night at the Pelicans

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



For \$32 you can take in a Pelicans game and enjoy an **ALL YOU CAN EAT Buffet!** The picnic begins at 6 pm when gates open and run for 90 minutes in the picnic area next to the Clark & Addison Grille.

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.

Come join us! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. *Tom & Pat Marquardt*

**In His Service
May 2025**

Altar Guild	Caroline Twentier	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Snyder(5/29)	
Bulletin Assembly	Rose Ruddick	

May 4		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

May 11		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Pat Allison	Paul Jankowski
Ushers	N/A	Warren Gall
Audio		Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

May 18		
	8:00 am	10:30 am
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Usher	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

May 25		
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio		Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen



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 volunteer!

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.

You are
Appreciated

**Flowers purchased to
the Glory of God for
May 2025**



- May 4th ~ By Barb Evans
- May 11th ~ Bob & Kathy Orlowski's anniversary
- May 18th ~ Jack & Merrilyn Sell's family birthdays
- May 25th ~ In memory of Linda Riley by Neal & Devyn



Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by May 4. 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.

Saturday, May 10 is our next meeting at 10:00 am. Eileen St. Clair will be the Bible study leader. For the ongoing red stocking project, proceeds going to New Directions, remember to put in five (5) quarters during the month of May. 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 as Linda Katai will be retiring at the end of the month. This position is very important as it handles all the communications, correspondence, weekly bulletin and newsletter to name a few. The job entails working Tuesdays & Thursdays with fluctuating hours with basic office skills required. Training on special programs will be provided.

Anyone interested in the position please contact Ron Hajduk at 219-307-0727.

Family Game Night



The next family game night will be **Saturday, May 3rd, 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.

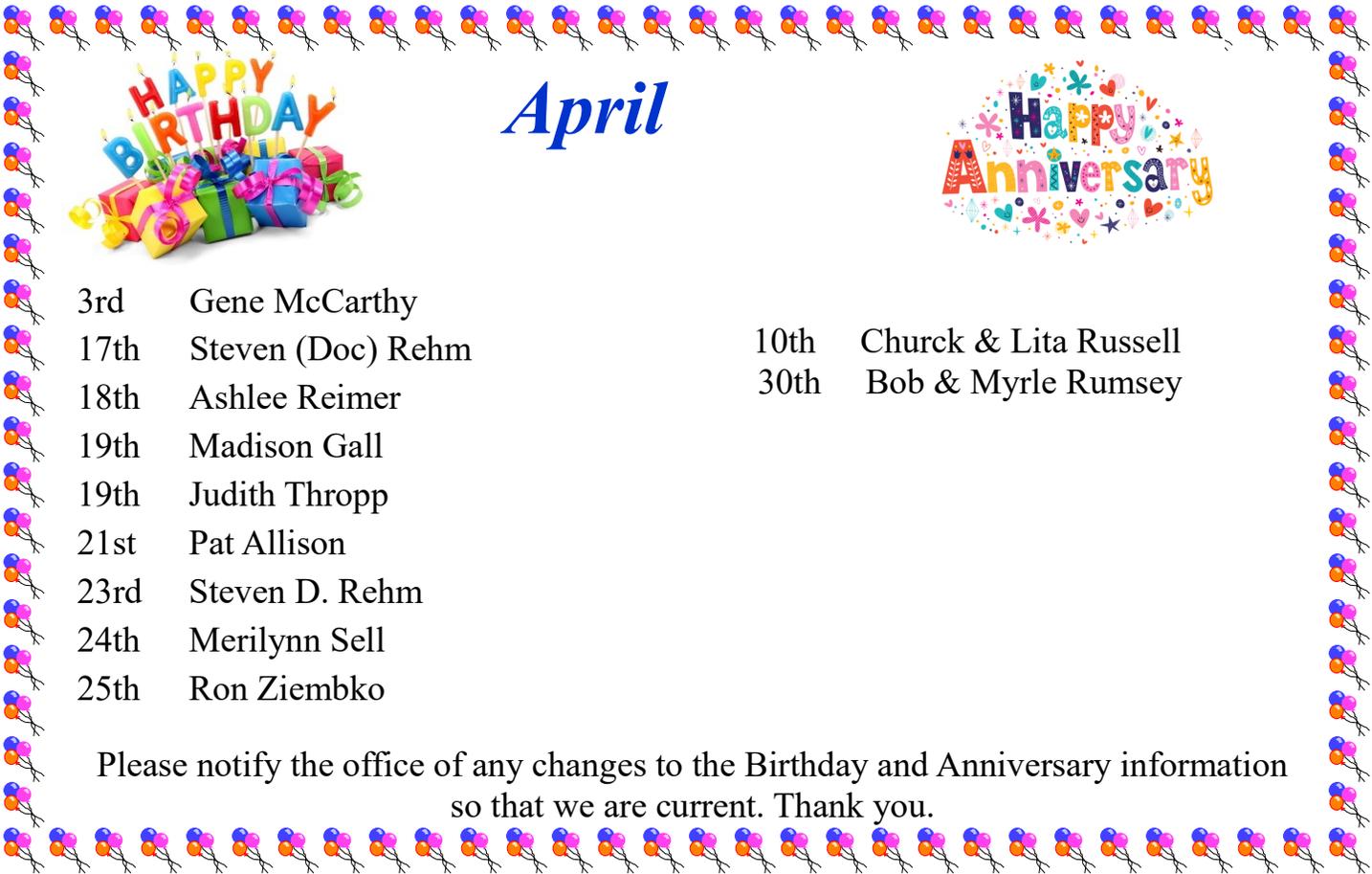
If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

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.



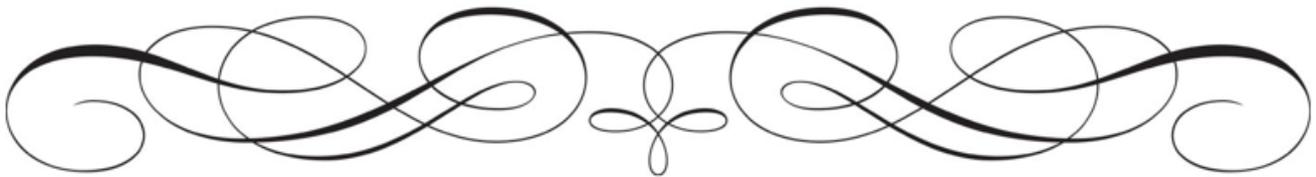


April



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|------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 3rd | Gene McCarthy | 10th | Churck & Lita Russell |
| 17th | Steven (Doc) Rehm | 30th | Bob & Myrle Rumsey |
| 18th | Ashlee Reimer | | |
| 19th | Madison Gall | | |
| 19th | Judith Thropp | | |
| 21st | Pat Allison | | |
| 23rd | Steven D. Rehm | | |
| 24th | Merilynn Sell | | |
| 25th | Ron Ziemko | | |

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



Holy Lamb’s Vision and Mission and 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.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday The Books of Moses Bible Study	9:15 am
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 3rd	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 6th	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, May 10th	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 10th	Brew Crew	4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 13th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 13th	Council Meeting	6:00 PM