

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The apostle Peter encourages us to cast all our cares upon Jesus, because he cares for us. And we are happy to do that (or at least we think we do) when we are confident that we have the solution well in hand. It is far more difficult to trust that Jesus has a solution when we cannot see one.

Such is the case, now. Is a vaccine only weeks or months away? Will our case count rebound as in Europe? How is this going to end? When will it end? What are we to do in the meantime?

The answer to the last question is far easier to answer than it may seem. We are to continue to worship, pray, give thanks, and proclaim God's love. We are to continue to rejoice in His mercy, recognizing His gifts and presence among us, even when it is not seen in the specifics we seek.

And we are to continue to serve Him in the new ways presented by the new circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Just as we have discovered new ways to eat out (who would have thought of curbside service a year ago), new ways to worship (online video was only for the technically savvy or those without a local congregation), and new ways to engage in Bible study (Zoom is not just a description of a fast-moving car), so also we have a whole list of new tasks in the church.

Lists of Time & Talent opportunities now include: directing traffic in the parking lot (even for a church of our size), serving as communion assistant now requires the ability to traverse the front lawn; providing music for worship no longer requires sitting at a keyboard (although we are extremely grateful for those who can and do); and producing a screen-ready video production is now as easy as touching the screen of a hand-held tablet.

I would like to address our needs for the last 2 items above. I'm sure that many of you marvel at our ability to provide digital music and video for worship. Even with my experience in computers that dates back to our first computer in the 80's, I was shocked at the ease with which novices are able to produce beautiful, elaborate sounds and crisp, properly framed videos with nothing more than a finger pressing a key or touching a screen.

Years ago computer users were thrilled with the concept of 'plug and play.' This made installing new hardware easy – no more installing software or finding drivers. If you are using a computer, you have experienced plug and play without even knowing it: you plug in your new mouse, keyboard, or printer and it works. It did not used to be that simple.

Now the same is true for audio and video production. Perhaps instead of 'plug and play' we could call it 'touch and do.' You, literally, touch the screen or mouse button and the computer does what you want it to. It really is that easy.

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Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in the *Shoes and Socks for Kids* fundraiser held in August. We collected 334 pairs of new socks, 50 pairs of new school shoes and \$608 in monetary donations. We have received a thank you note from Back Pack Buddies which is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Our nomination committee will be looking for people to fill offices. Please consider taking an office on the church council. Thanking you in advance

Council Elections

Hello All! Hope everyone is hanging in there during this Corona pandemic.

The terms for the following positions for Council are up for election. They are: President, Stewardship, Treasurer, Property Manager, Human Care and Christian Education.

If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please contact Ron Hajduk at 219-307-0727 as soon as possible so a slate can be put together and sent to the membership for approval along with the 2021 budget.

As of the end of the year, June Soucy will be retiring from the position of recording secretary. I would like to thank her for keeping me in line and providing good minutes for the Council. I will be appointing Sarah Jackson to fill the remainder of the term.

Take care and God bless,

Ron Hajduk, Council President

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I raise this point and expand on the ease of operation because we have a real need for individuals to staff our audio and video stations for our worship services. If you have ever lowered the needle of a record player onto the vinyl disk or pressed the button on your TV remote, you have all the skills necessary to serve in these capacities. No, I'm not kidding or exaggerating! There is no music to read or viewfinder to look through. Just a screen or mouse to touch.

If you would like to explore the experience before making a commitment, please give me a call. I'll demonstrate what's involved and give you a chance to try it. I also want to point out that, until we resume congregational worship in the Sanctuary, the only people in the Sanctuary for our Sunday morning worship recording are: sound tech, video tech, possibly the Altar Guild person, and myself. We are safely distanced from each other.

Yes, I've spent my entire column this month on these two tasks. In this new era, and even after the emergency has passed, these tasks will remain because genuine musicians are hard to come by and we will continue to broadcast our worship services even when we are worshiping indoors. So consider a new opportunity for service that did not even exist a couple of years ago. Perhaps you can make beautiful music, after all. And, while you may not be able 'preach like Paul' (as the hymn goes) you can broadcast the Gospel to the world.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

Bible Studies Update

We just completed both of our weekly Bible studies.

Tuesday Morning

9:00 AM

In our **Tuesday morning** study, we have begun a look at Genesis. We will not examine every verse of every chapter. In order to see the larger picture of God's relationship with his creation, as it is revealed in Genesis, we will examine those interactions between God his chosen people that shed light on how God developed his relationship with man and his process of revealing his method for redeeming that relationship through the coming Messiah, His Son, Jesus.

Wednesday evening

Our Wednesday evening Bible study will be on hiatus until after the first of the year. While most of the country seems to be doing less during the Corona virus, my schedule has become busier. By way of explanation: we have 2 different Catechism classes – one meets weekly, one meets bi-weekly; a weekly new member class; preparing and delivering 6 electronic tablets, weekly, to those who do not have access to our online worship; computer network modifications for our worship and Zoom videos, as well providing access to our computer from a few specific homes. These are all new or newer developments in addition to the usual Tuesday morning Bible study, weekly sermon and worship prep, individual communion visits, newsletter articles, and the new Pause with Pastor.

I thoroughly enjoy all of the interactions with our members at all the various encounters listed above and am not complaining, nor asking for someone to take them off my hands. I list them here, only to explain why it necessary to take a break from our Wednesday classes.

We still have our Thursday evening women's study, as well our Tuesday morning study to remain in His Word. I look forward to resuming our Wednesday studies after January 1st.

A Look Ahead

As a glance down the road, when our Tuesday morning study finishes Genesis, we will look at Revelation. When some members began requesting a study of Revelation, my first reaction was, "Really? We've done that 3 times, already." Then I considered that I have been here 15 years and it does not seem excessive if we average once every 5 years, since we have so many new members constantly joining us, as well as continuing members who are developing an interest in Bible study. And of course, especially with regards to Revelation, there is always something new to learn.

I don't have a start date for the Revelation study. It will depend on our progress in Genesis. So I'm still open to suggestions for Wednesdays in the new year.

Pastor Panning

Praying in color-- What is This?

It is a ministry where we color cards at home while praying for the person it is going to. We add a bible verse and say, "as I colored this card I was praying for you," and sign our first name.

We have received several thank you cards from people grateful for the prayers and cards. God has arranged for some of the cards to arrive on a day when an uplifting message was most needed.

If anyone is interested in joining us in this ministry, please contact Eileen St. Clair and she will start you off with some cards to color and a list of people, and answer any questions you may have about this ministry. Thank you to those of you already praying in color, you have touched lives.

Praying in color reminder: If you have put a name on the list and there is a change in the person's condition, please contact Eileen St. Clair.

LWML NEWS

Even though we are not back in the church building, we are still collecting mites and items for our Christmas gifts to the long-term residents at Compass of Conway. Next Sunday, October 4th is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection from the past month. 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 put *LWML MITES*. The big purple box will be on the table outside when our services are on the front lawn. Thank you for your support.

A list of items you can donate to our items for Seniors at the Compass facility in Conway is attached to the marked container as well as listed below. The new list for October is: STUFFED ANIMALS – SMALL; TRINKET BOXES; SUGAR FREE CANDY; WHEELCHAIR/WALKER POUCH.

The lists from previous months are: LOTION*; DEODORANT*; BODY SPRAY* ; AFTERSHAVE*; BODY WASH*; SMALL PACKS (8.6X8.3) OF TISSUES; SHAVING CREAM* (**NO RAZORS**); FINGERNAIL POLISH* (**NO REMOVER**); OR FILES* (**NOT CLIPPERS**). These items should be *travel size* and *not* large sizes. STATIONARY; ENVELOPES; BLANK CARDS; STAMPS; ADDRESS BOOK; QUALITY PENS; KNITTING AND CROCHET MATERIALS; CRAYONS, COLORED PENCILS*; JIG-SAW PUZZLES (LESS THAN 48 PIECES); PUZZLE BOOKS-LARGE PRINT (WORD SEARCH); CARDS – SKIP-BO OR RUMMY CARDS; LARGE-PRINT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS; ADULT COLOR BOOKS*; AUDIO BOOKS; CD PLAYER AND HEADPHONES; SLIPPERS*; SHAWLS*; WRAPS AND FUZZY SOCKS WITH GRIPS* (**MUST HAVE GRIPS**).

Items with an * are especially needed. Any item can be brought in during the month of October.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Karen Bombria, Holy Lamb, LWML President



Ladies Society Fall Meeting

Please plan to attend our "outdoor meeting" Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 10:30 am on the Church Lawn.

Rain Date: Oct. 7th. Please bring your lawn chair.

Thank you,

Pat Marquardt, President



Holy Lamb's Men's Fellowship

Holy Lamb Men's Fellowship Club is now selling the 2021 Attractions Books. Once again, the price is \$20 and the club receives \$10 for each sale.

Proceeds will be used to help those in our church and community who have experienced financial distress during these tough times. The goal is to sell at least 100 books and have Pastor Panning disperse the funds where he sees the most need.

There are 82 new discount deals this year. Many are with restaurants some of which have expanded **take out options** like Texas Roadhouse, Ducatis, Lombardo's, Beach Burgers etc.

Please consider purchasing a book for yourself and maybe one for a gift. Just call or see John Bombria 631-375-8493 or Henry Twentier 540-729-5415.



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.



Beginning September 28th, we will be reading the Old Testament book of Daniel. A Jewish exile in Babylon, Daniel sought to honor God even as he lived in a land of false gods and under the rule of foreign kings. In this 3 week study, we see how God is the King whose dominion is not shaken even in the most dire of circumstances and we'll explore what it means to serve our faithful, unstoppable God.

On October 19th, we will start the 4 week study of Proverbs, covering different aspects of wisdom, from how to interact with our friends, families, and neighbors, to fearing God and keeping His commands. Join us as we learn what it means to grow in our understanding of God and walk in the way of His wisdom.

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

Daylight Savings Sunday, November 1st

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Sunday, November 1st, at 2:00 am.



All Saints' Day

will be observed Sunday, November 1st

Sunday, November 1st is *All Saints Day*. Remember loved ones who have passed away in this past year of 2020. **To submit a name, put their name, their relationship to you and who is remembering them.** The best way is to email the church office. If you can't email, you may call the church office or leave a note on the church office desk.

The deadline to submit names is October 25th.



Holy Lamb Financial Profile

Financial Update - Giving

	Actual	Budget
Month of September to Date	\$11,991	\$10,311
Year to Date	\$133,200	\$130,606

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—9:00 am

Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am
The Book of Genesis

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
On Hiatus

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
The Book of Daniel (Currently)
Proverbs (beginning Oct. 19th)