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The Means of Grace

Reading around in the Lutheran literature, Bible studies, catechetical material, etc., you will inevitably bump into the term “means of grace.” Pastors often toss the term around forgetting that not everyone knows or uses the term the same way. You may hear it in the installation ceremony of your new pastor. Means of grace is the English form of Gnadenmittle or some form of “Gnaden” (grace) in German. You will find the term used occasionally in the literature of other denominations, but it is not always employed as we use it.

Lutherans generally use *means of grace* in a sacramental sense. The means have to do with the sacraments; particularly we use *means of grace* to speak about how faith, God’s love, forgiveness and absolution, joy peace and grace come to us. These come to us through God’s gifts, the “means” are the avenues and the paths by which we know God.

1. Forgiveness comes to us through **the Word**; the Word in the sense of the Scriptures or even the Gospel. In a broad sense the Bible is The Means of Grace; in its words, in its instruction we come to know the love God in Jesus Christ. The Word is the primary means of grace; all other means (below) trace their origins to it.

2. **Baptism** is a means of grace. It is also a sacrament of the New Testament. Commanded by Jesus, baptism assures all Christians that they are God’s sons and daughters by faith. Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38 help us understand that God’s children are to be baptized and adopted into his family. Baptism’s physical sign is water, without which there is no baptism.

Absolution is a means of grace; otherwise referred to in the Catechism as the Office of the Keys, and Confession-Absolution. A word of caution is in order, Lutherans do not view confession-absolution as a sacrament of the New Testament. Perhaps it ought to be. But within the bounds of our own definitions there is no physical sign connected to Absolution. (For baptism there is water, and for the supper there is bread and wine.)

The Catechism teaches us that “When the pastor absolves us—that is, says, “I forgive you all your sins” –he speaks with Christ’s authority and on his behalf. Therefore, we can firmly

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believe that God himself has completely forgiven our sins.” (p. 310, 2017 ed.)

3. Holy Communion, **the Lord’s Supper** is an important means of grace and a sacrament. In all three gospels, (maybe even John), and in 1 Corinthians 11, the Supper is recorded as a special gift of Jesus to his Church. It is the family meal of Jesus’ Church. Specifically at Matthew 26:28 Jesus tells his followers that the cup they share is the blood of his covenant, “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are means of grace and sacraments because they have physical signs attached to them. They are means in a secondary sense; they rely on the Word for their power and effectiveness. They are means of grace because they offer and assure us of God’s eternal grace, mercy and love.

The Word is and always remains the means of grace, *the primary means*. The hymn reminds us, “Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness...” it breaks into our world of sin with light, truth, joy and peace. The word breaks into our world with *the WORD made flesh*, Jesus Christ. Each means, be they sacrament or not, they all point to Jesus.

So when we hear the term “means of grace” let our hearts leap with joy, for the term speaks to us of God’s limitless power and love, his mercy and his forgiveness toward us in Jesus his Son.

Pr. Steve

Call Committee News

It was a pleasure to see so many people attend our Combined Service as well as the congregation meeting on September 29th.

Along with the information sheets, which were distributed a few Sundays before as well as emailed to our newsletter list, the Call Committee also answered any questions brought to them concerning Pastor Scott and Sonja Kirchoff. They also shared some reasons why we feel he is who the Lord is leading us to select.

UPCOMING CALL COMMITTEE EVENT

October 5th ~ beginning at 11am ~ We will hold a Meet & Greet with the Kirchoffs during a light, finger food type brunch in the fellowship hall. This would be a great time for you to introduce yourself on camera so he can start putting faces with names. Please don't make this an interrogation so try not to put them on the spot with difficult or in-depth questions. If you have questions you would like to ask, please forward them to the office by October 3rd and we can get them to the Pastor so he can answer.

We hope you can join us during this initial meeting and come away with a good feeling about moving forward and extending an official call to them.

Please pray about this very important decision and know that the Lord is guiding us all in this process.

God's Blessings to you all.

Linda Snyder, On behalf of the Call Committee

Stewardship Newsletter – October 2024

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7*

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting on October 6th at 11:30 after the 10:30 am service. Our current committee members are: Cheryl Bingham, Chair; Reyne Harris, Caroline Twentier, Ron Hajduk, Bill Steele, and David Bingham.

Here are some of the items the Stewardship team is working on.

Praying in Color: This ministry continues to provide prayer cards as a support ministry for those in need. If you know someone who needs this ministry, please reach out to Eileen St. Clair.

First Time Visits with Local Guests: This is an outreach ministry that visits local guests who have joined us for service. To date we've completed 8 Total In-Person visits. We encourage everyone to reach out and welcome anyone who joins us for service. We have Welcome Packets in the Narthex to provide information to them about Holy Lamb. If anyone wants to join the team, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Visitor Thank You Card Outreach: This is an outreach that mails out Thank You cards to visitors from outside the Myrtle Beach area for worship service. To date, for 2024 we've sent out **28** thank you cards. We want to plant seeds for those who've joined us in hopes that they'll visit us again in the future.

Families Read – This is a ministry that works with Families Read and Socastee Methodist Church to clean books for Forest Brook Elementary School students. We have setup the Little Free Book Fair stand at the school for the 24-25 school year and will be replenishing it 2 to 3 times a month. **Our monthly book cleaning will be on Sunday, October 6th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.** Please join us for a time of fun and fellowship for a great cause. As well we need gently used children's books. If you have any or know anyone who would like to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Please place the books under the black table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, reach out to Cheryl Bingham.

Day Trip Opportunity: This is an opportunity to get to know and fellowship with other members of Holy Lamb. We have scheduled the day tour to the Georgetown Historical district on Saturday, November 2nd at 11:00 to noon. The trolley is an open-air trolley with a covering. The cost is \$15 per person and is limited to 14 people. We are working with the owner to reserve all 14 seats. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions reach out to Cheryl Bingham.

Line Dance Class - We have started an absolute beginner line dance class on Fridays at 6:00 PM at the Socastee United Methodist Church on the corner of highway 707 and Dick Pond Rd. The address is 5575 Dick Pond Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. If you have never line danced or have little experience or if you have line danced but it was a long time ago this would be a great class to join. We will be dancing in the building behind the church building. Please use the double door side entrance facing Dick Pond Road. There is a donation request to offset the costs of the class of 1 to 2 dollars per person. If you would like to be added to the email or have questions, please contact Cheryl Bingham or David Bingham.

Pledge Cards - Friendly reminder to please check your pledge card. We are at the end of the 3rd quarter for 2024.

If you have any ideas for stewardship or are interested in joining our team, please let us know.

In His Service,
Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson

Evangelism - Expansion Ministries Committee

Human Trafficking Workshop

We would like to invite everyone to a meeting on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 to 8:00 PM with Engaging Minds Services Inc. The services panel and their task force, who aid to facilitate the workshop, will present information regarding prevention, awareness, and how to contribute to combating trafficking in the community. Their mission is to empower and uplift individuals affected by these issues through education, awareness, and community partnerships. By fostering a network of resources and support, we aim to create a safer and more informed community, dedicated to eradicating human trafficking and aiding survivors in their journey toward healing and recovery. Engaging minds provides comprehensive services to victims of human trafficking and abuse, including transitional housing, counseling, and support. For more information, please visit their website at <https://www.engagingminds.info/>

CCU Football

We are planning to attend a CCU Football game on November 23rd. The time of the game is TBD. We have cutoff date to sign up of Sunday, October 6th as the tickets go on sale on October 8th. The tickets cost \$45.00 per person. If you are interested, there will be a signup sheet in narthex on September 28th.

Ziplocs for the Less Fortunate

The ziploc bags, containing a bible, bottle of water, snack bar, a gift card for a local food place, a poncho, pair of socks and a 'What Lutherans Believe' pamphlet are available in the narthex. If you are comfortable with it, please take a bag from the table to give to a homeless person as you see them on the street.

Dining with Friends – Canceled in October

Thanks to all who attended the potluck on September 21st. The October Dining with Friends is canceled due to the Fall Festival. Our next meeting will be November 16th at noon. The restaurant we will attend is TBD. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bingham.

Building Expansion Committee

Please note that a summarized report of the ideas and responses is on the narthex table. The building expansion committee met on September 25th and completed looking at the plans created in 1989, and we have determined that we will meet with the church on highway 707, that was recently built, the week of October 21st to ask questions about what and how of their building and their experiences. Our next meeting will be on October 23rd to continue the work on phase 1. If you have an idea for the building expansion, it is not too late to submit it. The response / idea slips are on the narthex table. If you have questions, please contact anyone of the committee members Tom & Pat Marquardt, Bill & Monica Steele, Jack & Merilynn Sell or Dave Bingham.

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.

Microbrew Group

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 30th at the Independent Republic Brewing Company located by the Landing at The Boathouse. The address is 201 Fantasy Harbour Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. The place to meet on December 28th is to be determined. If you plan to attend please fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bingham or Cheryl Bingham.

Restaurant Dining Group

Thanks to all who attended our meeting at Lil Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar on September 24th. Our next meeting will be on October 22nd at 5:15 PM at the Driftwoods Seafood & Steak Restaurant. The address is 10799 S Carolina # 707, Murrells Inlet, SC. If you plan to attend, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.



Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter
Sami, friend of Dave & Linda
Terri, Pat Allison's daughter
Mary, friend of Paul & Jane
Pastor Omar Krieger
Sue Bennett
Les Cotton
Paula, friend of Lois Murphy
Ted, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina
Dorothy O., Adell Keeney's friend
Eleonore Kidder

For Healing

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
Pat Allison **Norm Boulet**
Marsha Dunn **Merle Falke**
Theresa Falke **Mary Lee**
Karen McCarthy **Kathy Orłowski**
Steven Rehm **Marty Reynolds**
Doug Ruddick **Bob & Myrle Rumsey**
Sylvia Stedina **Doc & Nancy Rehm**
Monica Steele **Al Heiber**
Theresa Zweigle **Jim & Erin Murphy**

For Our Homebound

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

The Call Process

Please continue to pray for our call committee and congregation leadership. Please also pray for God to prepare the way and the heart of our future pastor and his family.

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.
- * Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline or fill out a prayer request form which are on the podium in the Narthex.



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning & Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday and Tuesday morning bible study will beginning on September 8th. We will be using Living Way Bible Study on Ephesians. We hope you can join one or both of these bible studies as each discussion will be a little different depending on participants involved!

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us to delight in God's word as sisters in Christ every Thursday at 6:30pm on Zoom (use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code).

We will be finishing our study of the book of Luke and then begin the Gospel of John using our Lutheran Study Bible as our guide. If you have any questions contact: Darcy Taiani (call or text) 724-840-0888 (email) darcytaiani@gmail.com



LWML News

October 6 is Mite Box Sunday. Please put your mite box or money from mite box in a plastic bag and deposit in the large purple mite box. 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. Thank you very much.

LWML will be selling baked goods at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19 and are asking the congregation (men & women) for baked goods. Packages of cookies (2 per bag) and brownies (1 per bag) will be \$1 and other baked items will be priced individually. Please drop off before 10:30 am on Saturday, October 19. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Proceeds will fund our Christmas donations. Thank you for your delicious items.

Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb



In His Service October 2024

Altar Guild	Bernadette Hilb & Caroline Twentier	Darcy Taiani
Newsletter Proofer	Bill Steele (Oct. 29th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Merilynn Sell	

October 6		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

October 13		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Usher	Dave Bingham	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Darsey Taiani
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

October 20th		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankorski
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

October 27th		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

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.

Contact Bill Steele if you can help.



Family Game Night

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

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

V O L U N T E E R

*All that's missing is **U**!*

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for October, 2024



October 6 ~ In memory of
our loved ones by Ed & Sylvia Stedina

October 13th ~ In honor of Bill & Monica
Steele's Anniversary

October 20th ~ In memory of Laura, Al
Hieber's mother

October 27th ~ To the glory of God in
thanksgiving for their children & spouses by
Merilynn & Jack Sell

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB

At our September meeting, Dave Katai gave a wonderful and comprehensive presentation on VA benefits, especially touching on benefits that many vets are not aware of. For instance, how many vets know that their spouse can qualify for the same benefits when the vet passes away first? That is the case, but the spouse must first apply. If you missed the meeting and have any questions about VA benefits, just contact Dave. His advise is free and he speaks from long experience in the military and is a Vietnam vet. Next meeting will be Oct. 8th, 11:30 am at the Veterans Cafe. All Holy Lamb men are invited!



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.

There are new ways to listen to the Lutheran



Listen to 'The Lutheran Hour' on **Sirius-XM Family Talk** 131 Sundays at 10:00am ET

You can download "The Lutheran Hour" app and listen there or wherever you listen to podcasts

AFN Version: If you're interested in the weekly AFN (American Forces Network) version of *The Lutheran Hour*, you can listen to it by clicking on the sermon title on their website² or directly on the AFN

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.

There are several openings for altar flowers during 2024. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.

Pumpkin Patch Delivery

We have confirmation for the delivery of the pumpkins on Saturday, October 12th at 11:00 AM. We need volunteers to set up skids prior to 11:00 AM, set up a Photo Opportunity, unload the truck, count the pumpkins as they are unloaded and supervise the placement of the pumpkins on the church grounds. We need wagons & wheelbarrows to unload the truck. If you have one and would be willing to let us borrow it, we would deeply appreciate it. The sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex rack on September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Bingham, Sylvia Stedina or Henry Twentier.

Pumpkin Patch Sales

We need volunteers to help with the sales of the pumpkins. The pumpkin sales will be every day of the week from October 12th to October 31st. The shifts each day are 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM and 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex rack. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Bingham, Sylvia Stedina or Henry Twentier.



**Saturday, Oct. 19th 11am to 2pm
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**A FREE Family Friendly Event for Our Community!
Games, Kids Crafts, Prizes, Food
Concessions, Baked Goods, and more**

We need volunteers to help with the crafts, games, food, wear the pumpkin costume, setup and clean up. The sign-up sheets for the specific duties are in the narthex rack. If you have any questions, please contact David Bingham or Sylvia Stedina or Henry Twentier.

From the Property Manager

Just an FYI to the congregation: the church now has a contract in place with Shoreline Towing to remove unauthorized vehicles that seem to be parking in the lot. Towing will be at owners expense and not the church.

Dear members of our Holy Lamb community,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards Holy Lamb. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, *Vanco*. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

We know that every penny counts! **We are so grateful for your time, talent and financial support. While this new e-giving platform offers convenience, there is a small processing fee of 2.9%, as well as a \$0.45 per transaction fee. However, if you decide to have it drafted from your bank account the fee is only 1%. You have the option to offset the processing fees associated with online giving. Your gift can be one-time or recurring.**

Example: If you wish to donate \$50 to Holy Lamb, covering the processing fee of 2.9% or \$1.45, plus the \$0.45 transaction fee, your total cost would be \$51.90 with Holy Lamb receiving \$50.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM2G/home>.

You can also find this link on our church website under the **DONATE tab at <https://holylambmyrtlebeach.org/giving-2/>.**

In addition, you always have the option to set up a recurring donation through your bank if that is more convenient for you. Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings,

Hayley Lauritsen, Financial Secretary

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of September (to date)	\$13,011	\$17,775
Year to Date Needs	\$122,982	\$138,645



Christmas Gift Cards for Seminary Students

For many years, we have been sending gift cards to the students and their families at our Fort Wayne Seminary. We intend to continue that gift-giving this year.

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to **Holy Lamb** and in the memo put **Seminary Christmas Gift**. Your donation to the Seminary students will be included on your yearly giving statement.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill or Monica Steele.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:15 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm