

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Culture of Our Synod

The story of Lutherans in America is the story of Christians trying to be true to the faith of their fathers in the new world and in a new culture. Lutherans came from Europe, bringing with them Bibles, catechisms and hymnals in the many languages they spoke: German, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Czech, Finnish and others. The thing is they did not all agree on what it meant to be Lutheran. In the Scandinavian countries the Reformation happened by an act of Parliament. In the German territories the Reformation was about church doctrine. The worship of some groups looked more “catholic” than others. And for some, coming to America meant being “protestant.”

The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states came into existence in Chicago, 1847. (A footnote is in order here; the Synod held together throughout the Civil War!) In the mid twentieth century, after they figured out you can speak English and still God’s church, they shortened the name to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LCMS was not alone; the other synods were dealing with similar issues. The Wisconsin Synod (WELS), and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), after discussions with the LCMS formed the Synodical Conference in 1872. They discussed the need for American worship forms; the need for theological education on this side of the Atlantic, mission work; and of course theology. The lasting legacy of the Synodical Conference was The Lutheran Hymnal, ca. 1940.

Unable to settle theological differences the WELS left the Conference in the early 1960s. Missouri and ELS, being the only ones left, merged. In the 1970s, Missouri Synod (now an American denomination) began talks with the Lutheran Church of America and the American Lutheran Church (not to be confused). Besides a merger, the goal was a common liturgy and hymnal. This resulted in the publication of the green LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship). For several reasons the LCMS published its own revision with a blue cover, LW (Lutheran Worship).

And now we begin to show our colors. In the early 1970s Missouri was struggling with its own problems. The Walther League (the Synod’s very successful youth program) was dissolved in 1968. (A student of history will read this in the context of the Viet Nam War, national civil unrest at colleges and universities, and the race riots.) Other ailments in the Synod were complaints about the theology taught in the denomination’s schools. Personality differences emerged at the district and synod levels, and in the faculties of the Synod’s schools. That a number of Missouri’s older families were interrelated by marriage didn’t help matters. The big crisis came when the majority of the St. Louis Seminary faculty walked off campus, never to return. The seminary faculty eventually merged with the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. About 200 congregations left the Synod, eventually joined what would become the ELCA.

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The other synods have their own stories to tell. But this is our history in a nutshell. It explains Missouri Synod's more conservative nature with regard to social issues and theology, as compared to other American churches.

Missouri's congregations are self-governing, each one acts somewhat independently. They call and install pastors with the help of the district office. Missouri congregations own their property and sanctuaries, though there may be a mortgage involved, (the Lutheran Church Extension Fund). The Synod's congregations also fund a health and pension plan.

Understand, the Synod, in its own words, is not a form of ecclesiastical government. It is an association of congregations, with advisory functions. "No resolution of the Synod may impose anything on the congregation" if it is not in accordance with the Words of God, or if it appears to be inexpedient.

(LCMS Constitution)

During this time of pastoral vacancy, may our Lord continue to bless this congregation with wise leaders, capable volunteers and eager workers. In all things may Jesus be honored and adored. Amen

The Jesus Prayer

Several Sundays back we read Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman in Matthew 15. Persistently, she continually cried out after him, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, son of David..." (22). (A similar prayer is uttered by the lepers in Luke 17:13, only there the emphasis is in returning thanks.) A demon left the woman's daughter, the lepers were healed. Jesus was glorified.

I have the words of this prayer printed on a laminated card. It's called The Jesus Prayer. In the Orthodox Christian tradition one prays these words repeatedly until they become second nature and we "pray them without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17)

In both Matthew and Luke, we find the ones praying, call out repeatedly to Jesus asking for mercy, trusting that God's mercy will take the form he knows is best. Thus the tradition was born: Kyrie. We call out Kyrios Jesus—Lord Jesus. In the divine service we sing "the Kyrie." Jesus "Lord have mercy [upon us]." We pray for personal peace, for our salvation, for the peace of the world, and for our church. We trust that God hears.

The text is beautiful in its simplicity. Like the Lord's Prayer, it is hard to forget, and it offers comfort. "Lord Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us." Amen

Till next time.

Pr. Steve

Call Committee Report

Keep the prayers coming!

We heard from the district and they are currently gathering a list of candidates. We should receive some names around the end of September. At this time we want to remind you that it is only the beginning of the weeding process and it doesn't guarantee that one of these pastors will be the right fit for us, but it is a good thing that we match up with several pastor profiles. Once Pastor Hollar (our Circuit Visitor) receives the names, he will find out if they are willing and able to take a call at this time. The names of the willing candidates will be passed to the Call Committee for review.

Please continue to pray that we keep our eyes on the LORD and our hearts open so that we follow His lead toward our next Pastor.

Blessings on your day!



LWML NEWS

September 3 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 for all your donations.

Our next meeting is Saturday, September 9 at 10:00 am. Linda Davis is our Bible study leader.

Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb

Praying in Color

Hi everyone want to share with you what was part of a thank you letter we received from someone on our praying in color list. She writes " I want to encourage you to continue with this ministry. So often we wonder if our labors are worthwhile. But God promises that his words will not fall on deaf ears. Dear sisters in Christ rest assured that yours is a valuable ministry--even if you do not hear from those who receive the cards."

The card is posted in the narthex. It is a hand made card with flowers that she colored. I thank all our praying in color people for taking the time to color a card or page and write a bible verse on it. If anyone would like to join us in this ministry they may contact me at cardmaker874@gmail.com for more information.

Eileen

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Month of July (to date) | \$12,713 | \$14,148 |
| Year to Date Needs | \$106,110 | \$108,404 |

Stewardship Committee Report

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 (NKJV)

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:30am service.

Our Current Committee Members are:

Cheryl Bingham, *Chair*; Eileen St. Clair, Duane St. Clair, David Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Caroline Twentier, Bill Steele, and Reyne Harris.

Here are some of the projects the team is working on.

1. *Help4Kids Big Shoe Fundraiser*: On August 26th, Holy Lamb hosted the 7th annual Big Shoe BBQ fundraiser to raise money and collect shoes and socks in support of *Help4Kids*. Below are the current totals for the fundraiser:

- Total Meals served = 67
- Total Money Raised = \$1,270.00
- Total Shoe Collected = 32 pairs
- Total Socks Collected = 339 pairs

A huge thank you to the Stewardship team, LWML and all who came out or donated to support *Help4Kids*. We want to say a special thank you to all who braved the heat and donated their time and talents to volunteer for the event!

2. *Praying in Color*: This ministry continues with Eileen St. Clair facilitating. If you know of anyone in need of this ministry, contact Eileen.

3. *First Time Visits with Local Guests*: To date, we've had 4 in-person visits with local visitors who've joined us for worship service. Our visits have all gone well and we were well received.

4. *Visitor Thank You Card Outreach*: To date, we've sent out 35 thank you cards to out of town visitors who've joined us for worship service. We want to plant seeds to those who've joined us in hopes that they'll visit us again.

5. *Time & Talent sheets*: We're looking at sending these out to congregation members in the January/February time period.

6. *Pledge Funding Sunday*: The team will be looking at sending these out in early January. As a reminder, the pledge cards are a commitment between the member and God.

7. *Potential New Ministry* - We met with Barb Mains from *Help4Kids* to discuss a new project to provide cookware to families in need through *Help4Kids* and area schools. We want to Thank Phil and Reyne Harris for the idea.

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

In His Service,

Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson

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2023 Hurricane Preparedness

We are in the hurricane season. There are steps we can take to protect ourselves and our possessions.

First and foremost, it is important to monitor local weather reports and follow advisories from local authorities about preparation and evacuation.

Know your zone.

Zone A

All areas east of Business 17 up to the intersection with US 17

Zone B

All areas east of US 17 bypass to US 17

All areas south of Hwy 707 and Longwood Drive

All areas in Longwood Plantation (Blackmoor sub division)

Zone C

All areas between Hwy 701 and Hwy 544

All areas east of Hwy 31 to Hwy 90

All areas east of Hwy 90 to US 17 in northern Horry County line

- Develop a family disaster plan.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit. Make sure to stock or restock non perishable food items and replace batteries.
- Put copies of important documents in a safe place, preferably a water tight container.
- If you have prescription drugs, make sure to document the RX number, name, address and phone number of the pharmacy where you fill your prescriptions. Also record your administering doctor's name and phone number.
- Create an evacuation plan. Know your evacuation route and decide early when you will leave and where you will go.

Identify an out-of-area emergency contact.

Fill up the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.

Have enough cash on hand for a few days because ATM's may not be available due to power outages.

Holy Lamb maintains an **Emergency Contact Sheet** for each of our families.

If you have not identified your Emergency Contact, please fill out the church information sheet that is available on the table in the narthex.

Expansion Ministries Committee

The expansion ministry committee meets once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We are working on or have completed the following projects. If you have any ideas for a ministry or questions, please contact one of the committee members, Darcy Taiani, Cheryl Bingham, Reyne Harris, Ron Hajduk, Phil Harris, or David Bingham.

Holy Lamb Information Cards for Congregation Members

This project is to create a business size card for members to have readily available to give away containing the church's information is completed. The cards are available on the table in the Narthex.

Visitor Packets

The work continues on creating a visitor packet to have readily available to give to 1st time visitors to the church be they from out of town or from the local area. The bag will contain a summary list of the events & ministries of Holy Lamb, the 'What Lutherans Believe' pamphlet, the Holy Lamb information card, a Holy Lamb ink pen, the story of how Holy Lamb came into being and information about our building fund. If you have any ideas, please let a committee member know.

Second Holy Lamb Night at a Pelican's Baseball Game

We had seven members of Holy Lamb attend the game on Friday, August 25th at 7:05. Thanks to all who attended. Sadly, the Pelicans lost 8 to 10 to the Kannapolis Canon Balls. The next night at a Pelicans game will be in April/May of 2024.

Church Signs

We have just started discussions about updating the church sign that is on Dick Pond Rd as well as looking at other possibilities of placing signs out with the church information. If you have any ideas, please let a committee member know.

Quarterly Microbrew Group

We are looking into starting a group that meets quarterly at a local microbrew in the Grand Strand area. The details for when, where, etc will be worked out in the month of September and we will start meeting in the last quarter of the year. The name of the group will be Luther's Brew Crew (LBC)

This quote is attributed to Martin Luther: "Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep. Whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!"

It is said, but not verified, that Luther made this statement when he and a colleague were traveling in Germany and Martin was running out of drink, it was safer to drink wine and beer than water. Luther knew that his wife Katharine, who was a master brewer, was making a new batch of beer and wine. So, he sent a message to her to send all the old wine and beer to him. It is during this time that Luther stated this quote.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:15 AM

We are studying the book of Galatians. In this letter, Paul clearly but briefly explains the difference between the Law and the Gospel; and why understanding the difference is of utmost importance. Join us as we dig deeper into some familiar passages, such as: “whatever one sows that will he also reap,” and “the righteous shall live by faith.”

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Book of James

9:00 AM

Thursday Evening Women’s Bible Study

Details below on this page

6:30 PM



Bible Study Opportunities



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. (For those men who are feeling ‘left out’, there is also a ‘He Reads Truth’ reading plan at the website!)*

We begin “**Ezra...Repairing Ruins**” the week of **September 4**. In this two-week study of this OT book, we will remember the faithfulness of God who keeps His promises to His people of restoration and renewal that are only possible through Him. Then, beginning the week of **September 18 – October 15** we will continue studying, learning and delighting in 20 more **Psalms**.

If you have any questions and/or would like to join us, please contact: Darcy Taiani - call or text: 724-840-0888 or email darcytaiani@gmail.com.

In His Service September 2023

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| Altar Guild | Linda Davis | Andrea Nezich |
| Newsletter Proofer | Barb Evans (Sept. 28th)) | |
| Bulletin Assembly | Betty Panning | |

| Sept. 3 | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
|---------|---------------|------------------|
| Elder | N/A | Tom Marquardt |
| Ushers | Chuck Russell | Hayley Lauritsen |
| Ushers | N/A | Rose Ruddick |
| Audio | Phil Harris | Darcy Taiani |
| Video | N/A | Tom Marquardt |

| Sept. 10 | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
|----------|-------------|----------------|
| Elder | N/A | Neal Riley |
| Usher | Pat Allison | Warren Gall |
| Ushers | N/A | Paul Jankowski |
| Audio | Don Piel | Linda Snyder |
| Video | N/A | Fred Reimer |

| Sept. 17 | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| Elder | N/A | George Hulshart |
| Ushers | Ed Stedina | Rose Ruddick |
| Ushers | N/A | Bill Steele |
| Audio | Phil Harris | Darcy Taiani |
| Video | N/A | Chuck Bumgarner |

| Sept. 24 | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
|----------|--------------|----------------|
| Elder | N/A | Bill Steele |
| Ushers | Dave Bingham | Paul Jankowski |
| Ushers | N/A | Warren Gall |
| Audio | Don Piel | Julia Diem |
| Video | N/A | Fred Reimer |

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 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.
Thank you!

A Message From the Church Property Manager

Folks, there are three thermostats located in the building, one outside the office, one in the sanctuary and one in the fellowship room.

If you use any of these rooms for meetings, etc, please set the temperature to what makes you comfortable but when you are finished, please reset the temperature to 80 degrees before you leave.

Thanks,
Dave Katai

September
Blessings on your Birthday!

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| 3rd | Rose Ruddick |
| 9th | David Panning |
| 14th | Fred Reimer |
| 14th | Doug Ruddick |
| 15th | Monica Steele |
| 16th | Merle Falke |
| 21st | Linda Snyder |
| 25th | Norma Bugno |
| 29th | Tim Jackson |
| 30th | James Gardner |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 4th | Dave & Linda Katai |
| 20th | Michael & Norma Bugno |
| 26th | Charlie & Tess Zweigle |

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. You can listen to the Lutheran Hour on the radio every week. Stations & times are listed below.



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| WRNN | 99.5 | FM | Sun | 5:00 AM |
| WRNN | 99.5 | FM | Sun | 7:00 AM |
| WRNN | 1450 | AM | Sun | 7:00 AM |

Now, LHM has teamed up with WFX out of DC & they will broadcast **The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm.** Even if you are not within their local listening area, just go to their website and listen online at <http://wfax.com/>.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and support during my 5 and 1/2 years of treatments. The bone marrow biopsy was successful and showed no myeloma in the blood. I am in complete remission.

Giving thanks to God!!

Monica



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday, September 12th, at 11:30 am at the Veteran's Café, 3544 Northgate Dr., MB. All men are welcome to join them.

Please note that these meetings take place every **second** Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am at the *Veteran's Café*

Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, September 1st at 6:30 pm..

Bring an "easy to eat and clean up" snack and one of your favorite games.

See ya then!!!



Family Game Night

Altar Guild

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, just a reminder, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board & place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The cost is \$35.00. If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelope.

Flower Chart 2023

The flower chart for 2023 is **posted** on the wall in the Narthex by the church entrance. **NOTE:** Highlighted dates are those within the seasons of Lent or Advent. During these times, we refrain from placing flowers on the altar out of reverence to our Lord and Savior. However, you may still purchase flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or special event and have them in the **Narthex** as well as listed in the weekly notes.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Dunn or Linda Snyder.

Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter

Ken, Monica's brother

Sami, friend of Dave & Linda

Terri, Pat Allison's daughter

Monica Steele

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Rev. John Kassouf

Pastor Omar Krieger

Matt, Son of Tom & Pat

Michael, Lois' B-I-L

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for September, 2023

September 3 ~ Given in honor of their anniversary and birthdays by Doug & Rose Ruddick.

September 10~ Given in honor and thanksgiving for their anniversary by Dave & Linda Katai.

September 17 ~ Given in memory of their parents, by Jack & Merilynn Sell.

September 24 ~ Given in memory of Edgar Smith, by the Murphy Family.

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Nick, friend of Lois

Glen, Lois' brother

Pat Allison

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Theresa Zweigle

Norm Boulet

Theresa Falke

Karen McCarthy

Marty Reynolds

Al Stout

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.



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Church

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

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

