

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## September 2025

### Holy Lamb Lutheran Church – 40th Anniversary

Dear Members and Friends of Holy Lamb,

This year marks a sacred milestone in the life of our church family – **40 years** of worship, fellowship, and faithful service here at Holy Lamb Lutheran Church. What a joy and a privilege it is to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the journey God has led us on.

The number 40 in Scripture is never just a number – it always marks a time of preparation, testing, and promise. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, I can't help but think of Abraham, to whom God gave great promises – descendants, land, and a future filled with blessing. But Abraham would not see the full picture. It would take generations. It would take Jacob wrestling with God at night, refusing to let go until he received a blessing. And in that struggle, Jacob was given a new name: Israel, which means “he struggles with God” or “God prevails.”

The name – Israel – has become foundational for God's people. Not because we were perfect, but because we hold onto faith through our struggles and trials, and God is always faithful to His promises.

Now, as Holy Lamb Lutheran Church stands at the 40-year mark, I believe we are entering what I would call our Isaac generation. Isaac, the son of promise, did not build a nation, but he dug wells. He built infrastructure. He honored his father Abraham's legacy. He grew roots. Isaac's life was about establishing what had been promised, making it sustainable, and preparing it to flourish.

That is where we are now.

We are blessed beyond measure to have this beautiful piece of land, nestled in the heart of Myrtle Beach. We are even more blessed to say that our church building is paid off, a testimony to the faithful stewardship of those who came before us. But let us not simply admire what has been done – we are now called to dig our own wells. That means building stronger infrastructure for ministry, deepening our outreach to the community, and preparing a place where many will come to drink the Living Water.

Our task is to grow steadily and wisely, honoring what has come before while anticipating the new things God is preparing to do among us. We are planting seeds for the next generation, so that Holy Lamb continues to be a spiritual home for those who seek Jesus in a world often too noisy to hear His voice.

As your Pastor, I am humbled and deeply grateful to serve this church at such a meaningful time in its history. You have welcomed me and Sonja with warmth and joy. You have embraced your mission with energy and grace. I truly believe that Holy Lamb Lutheran Church is a colony of heaven in Myrtle Beach – a small but vibrant outpost of the Kingdom of God, where grace is poured out, love is practiced, and Jesus is proclaimed.

Here's to the years of ministry to come. May we continue to be faithful, fruitful, and fearless – knowing that God prevails, and His promises never fail.

In Christ's love and service,  
**Pastor Scott Kirchoff**

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# *Bible Study Opportunities*



## **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

This Bible study offers 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 1 Corinthians. 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](mailto:ldkatai2@gmail.com).

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

### **New Bible Study ~ The Life and Legacy of the Apostle Paul**

Join us 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.

## **Family Game Night ~ New Day & Date**

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Friday of the month. In September, we will get together on **Friday, September 12 from 4pm-7pm**. Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game.



## **New Contact Information**

Holy Lamb now has more ways to contact Pastor Scott. You can always call the office and speak to someone or leave a message if you call outside of office hours. If you have a more urgent matter and need to talk to someone sooner, you can now call or text our cell phone number to reach Pastor Scott. Please keep this number or add it to your contacts:

**(843) 602-4339**

It may take a couple days to get the voicemail set up so it would be best to text him for now.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



## Cancer Issues

**Linda G.**, Carol Stocum's goddaughter  
**Sami**, friend of Dave & Linda  
**Pastor Omar Krieger**  
**Les Cotton**  
**Ted**, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina  
**Dorothy O.**, Adell Keeney's friend  
**Eleonore Kidder**  
**J R Relford**

## For Our Homebound

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

## Mourning the Loss

Laiza Miller, wife of Matthew Miller, passed away unexpectedly on August 6th. We are mourning her loss and requesting prayers for Matthew and his family. Matthew has three young children. He is the son of Ronnie and Michael Miller from Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

We are mourning the loss of Sylvia Stedina's sister Mary who passed away earlier this week.

## For Healing

<b>Joanne</b> , S-I-L of Ron	
<b>Maryanne</b> , mother of Michael Zabbara	
<b>Ron</b> , Ed's Cousin	
<b>Scott</b> , son of J.R.	
<b>Brian</b> , Son of Adele Keeney	
<b>Joan</b> , friend of Marsha Dunn	
<b>Nathan</b> , B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort	
<b>Brian</b> , friend of Hayley Lauritsen	
<b>Bill</b> , stepdad of Darcy Taiani	
<b>Maureen</b> , neighbor of Chuck/ Sharon Bumgarner	
<b>Tammy</b> , sister of Sharon Bumgarner	
<b>Melvin</b> , father of Sonja Kirchoff	
<b>Norm Boulet</b>	
<b>Marsha Dunn</b>	<b>Merle Falke</b>
<b>Mary Margaret Kluge</b>	<b>Mary Lee</b>
<b>Karen &amp; Gene McCarthy</b>	<b>Kathy Orlowski</b>
<b>Steven Rehm</b>	<b>Marty Reynolds</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Myrle Rumsey</b>	<b>Monica &amp; Bill Steele</b>
<b>Doc &amp; Nancy Rehm</b>	<b>Al Heiber</b>
<b>Theresa Zweigle</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Erin Murphy</b>
<b>Henry Twentier</b>	<b>Jay Malloy</b>
<b>Brian Tainter</b>	

## 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 regard 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.

## Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of August	\$15,649	\$ 13,448
Year to Date Needs	\$142,055	\$ 114,308

### *Stewardship ~ Saved to Serve*

While the priesthood in the Old Testament was appointed to minister to a single small nation, God calls the Church of the New Testament to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ to the entire world by preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments to the faithful. So, while adhering to those same Old Testament laws is no longer required for Christians, the principle remains in effect—and, in fact, our mission field is much larger! Scripture now says we ought to “excel in giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7 *But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.*) It is hard to imagine “excelling” to mean anything less than giving the 10% that God commanded in the Old Testament.

#### **A Note from the Treasurer**

This year has been an unpredictable one to say the least!

#### ***First, let me refresh your memories....***

Last year, our finances fell short from our budget by about \$3,000. It would have been a lot worse if we had to pay a piano player, as well as some other expenses that, thankfully, were included but not used in that budget. The 2024 budget was \$10,000 more than the budget for this year. When working on the budget for 2025, the things we thought we could do without were cut, and the accepted proposal was \$10,000 less.

#### ***Now, and looking forward to 2026...***

We are so grateful for the congregation's continued support, and the General Fund is exceeding our budget goals so far. Holy Lamb has also been challenged with some needs and wants for the church to grow more (as it has been).

This year we will do something different for our annual Stewardship Campaign. We are going to use the model that so many other churches adopted to help them budget better for the future.

We will collect the pledge cards in October and we will use your input to help us budget for 2026. There will only be ONE person who will see your pledge cards. Watch for more on this plan in the coming weeks. I will also talk about this at the Congregation Meeting, which is scheduled for September 28th.

I hope you have read the Stewardship articles in the past newsletters and notes. They will be repeated in October to help you prepare for the completion of your pledge cards.

We hope that everyone who is a regular attendee of Holy Lamb will complete one of these pledge cards and return it on or before October 26th.

In His Service September 2025		
Altar Guild	Linda Davis	Linda Katai
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Snyder	
Bulletin Assembly	Linda Davis	

September 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Linda Snyder	Sonja Kirchoff
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

September 14 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Jerry Miller
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Ellyn Andrews	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Linda Snyder	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

September 21 8:00 am 10:30 am		
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Usher	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Dave Katai	Neal Riley
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

September 28 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Linda Snyder	Tom Marquardt
Audio	Linda Snyder	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

## Volunteers Needed

### Calling all potential Audio, Video, Readers & 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 & 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am. We are also accepting names for readers (pick your date & time and sign up in the narthex). 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 September 2025



September 7 ~ Katai anniversary  
September 14 ~ Doug Ruddick birthday  
September 21 ~ Edgar Smith , father of  
Murphy family  
September 28 ~ Linda Snyder birthday

### 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.*



Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by September 7. 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 (mark on the memo line: MITES). Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to put nine (9) quarters in the red stocking, proceeds going to New Directions. If you don't want to put quarters in every month, the total at the end would be \$19.75. You can put that in the stocking and turn it in to Rose Ruddick at any time between now and November 30.

All women are invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, September 13 at 10 am in the fellowship hall. Linda Davis will be the Bible study leader .

### SAVE THE DATE ~ Thanksgiving Day Potluck

We will hold our annual Thanksgiving Day Potluck here at the church on November 27 beginning at 1:00 PM. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex at a later date.





# September



3rd Rose Ruddick  
15th Monica Steele  
16th Merle Falke  
9th David Panning  
21st Linda Snyder  
29th Tim Jackson  
29th Christel Lefort

4th Dave & Linda Katai

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

Thank you.

## Fundraiser for Help4Kids ~ The Big Shoe

During the month of August Holy Lamb collected shoes, socks and monetary donations for the children being helped by Help4Kids, a 100% volunteer organization which serves about 3,000 children weekly with food, clothing, and school supplies.

Proceeds from the 9th Annual Cookout totaled \$1,274.50. The total for donated socks and shoes will be reported in the Sunday, September 7th Bulletin Notes.

Barbara Evans extends a thank you to the volunteers for all of their hard work. Thank you to those of you that made donations.

## Books for Forestbrook Elementary

In June of 2020 Sunny Fry, through Socastee United Methodist Church, began collecting, cleaning, and sharing books with children in the Socastee Community under "Families Read."

As part of Sunny's effort, Holy Lamb has been cleaning and distributing books to Forestbrook Elementary for about 2 years.

**We need books!** We ask that the congregation be on the lookout for gently used children's books. Possible sources are yard sales, estate sales, grandchildren, libraries outside of Horry County, used book stores, etc.

There is a labeled box under a table in the church narthex for donated books.

Please help us help our littlest neighbors grow the skills they need to maximize their gifts and graces.

Phil Harris, Stewardship

## THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!

“The Pumpkins are Coming” on October 11 in a big 18-wheeler, all the way from the Navajo Indian reservation in New Mexico. No, don't worry, we aren't getting a full load. The truck will have a few stops at other churches along the way, but we will be getting 500-600 pumpkins of various sizes. We could use your help. We take the pumpkins off the truck one by one and pass them down the line fireman style, until we get them located on the church lawn. We are fortunate to have the Socastee Scout Troop and the Socastee ROTC kids to help us unload the truck. They get credit for their community service. We also use wheelbarrows and wagons that our members loan to us for the day. And then we have pizza.



Look for our sign up sheets that will be in the rack in the Narthex to help with the “unloading of the truck,” “sales of the pumpkins” and our Fall Festival Event, which will be held on October 25. The proceeds of the pumpkin sales funds our Festival that is basically a free event for the families in our Forestbrook community.

Our pumpkins from pumpkinsusa.com, based in Greensboro, North Carolina, cost a little bit more than the ones you buy at the local stores, but they are non-GMO, and they use sustainable agricultural practices including crop rotation and soil mapping, employing over 600 mostly Native Americans during the harvest season. Pumpkins USA lets us have the pumpkins “on our honor” and only charge us based on the dollar amount we sell. We don't pay for rotten pumpkins or for those we don't sell. We traditionally have made around \$1,200 for our Fall Festival.

**We could use a publicity chairman to put information on line, in news media, and perhaps on local TV programs that feature local events. Our own Barb Evans and Henry Twentier were on Carolina A.M. recently to talk about our COOKOUT. Great job guys!!!**

**Any ideas.** We can always use new ideas to freshen our Patch and make our Fall Festival more community friendly.

We will have flyers in the Narthex with information on the Fall Festival We encourage you to take some and give them to folks you know with kids or grandkids!!!

### **The Committee:**

Sylvia Stedina — Fall Festival sls195163@yahoo.com

Henry Twentier—Coordinator htwentier@aol.com

Merilynn Sell — Pumpkin Patch Sales meri859@cs.com



**Holy Lamb  
Vision and Mission & 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.

**FREE**



**Sat. Oct. 25, 2025 10am to 2pm**

**Holy Lamb Lutheran Church**

2541 Forestbrook Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Free:

Kids activities, Games, Crafts and Music

For Sale:

Pumpkins, Baked Goods, and Food Concessions

**Beer with Friends ~ Saturday, September 13**

We will meet at Christel and Blain Lefort's home, 1715 Hemingway Drive SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC. Time is 4:00 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and plan to be outside unless the weather tells us otherwise. The Leforts will provide drinks (beer, wine, cider, ginger ale, soda).



## Flower Openings

There are a few openings remaining for altar flowers in December 2025. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please sign up on the flower chart on the wall in the Narthex. The cost is \$40.



The Holy Lamb Mens Fellowship Club will meet for lunch at the Veterans Cafe on **Tuesday, September 9** at 11:30 am.

We will discuss which charities we will contribute to, like Backpack Buddies, as we sell our 2026 Attractions Books to raise new funds. We have a great group of men attend but would always like to have more. All Holy Lamb men are welcome. Come and enjoy some great conversation and good food.

## Why Should I Tithe?

Reflect on the principles that scripture gives every Christian regarding money offerings:

- \* The Lord tells me that it is not the amount itself that is important. What is important is that I make my offerings PROPORTIONATELY. In other words, I should give a generous percentage of the income the Lord enables me to earn through my work and investments.

Read—Deuteronomy 16:17 & 1 Corinthians 16:2

- \* Meditate on how God's Word says Christians are to view and manage money.

Read—Hebrews 13:5, Luke 16:10-13 and Matthew 6:19-33

- \* Understand the duty that Christians have to support their church and their pastor.

Read—1 Corinthians 9:13-14, Galatians 6:6 and 1 Timothy 5:17-18

- \* My money offerings to the Lord should also be made GENEROUSLY.

Read—2 Corinthians 8:1-4 and Mark 12:41-44

## Our New Website

Although we are at the same web address ([www.holy lamb myrtle beach.org](http://www.holy lamb myrtle beach.org)), we are updating our look. Have you checked our website out lately?

If you feel there are things we should add to our current website, please mention it to Tom Marquardt.

40<sup>TH</sup>  
*Anniversary*

HOLY LAMB CHURCH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

5:30PM

HOLY LAMB CHURCH  
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RSVP:  
[holylambmyrtlebeach.org](http://holylambmyrtlebeach.org)

click on the 40<sup>th</sup>  
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### **Rev. Scott Kirchoff, Pastor**

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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

### **SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, September 9th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Friday, September 12th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Saturday, September 13th	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
	Beer With Friends	4:00 PM
Monday, September 22nd	<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	
Friday, September 26th	40th Anniversary Celebration	5:30 PM
Sunday, September 28th	Combined Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Congregation Meeting	10:30 AM