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Dear Holy Lamb Family,

As the days grow cooler and the leaves begin to turn, October reminds us of the rhythm of the harvest, a time when farmers reap what was sown months earlier with hope and prayer. At Holy Lamb Lutheran Church, we are stepping into a spiritual harvest this month through a three-week sermon series titled **Firstfruits of Grace: God's Harvest in Every Season**.

Each Sunday in October will explore a different facet of God's abundant grace and our calling to respond with thankful hearts and generous lives:

October 5 – “The Joy of the Harvest: Giving Back to God”

We begin by rejoicing in all that God has provided. Just as Israel celebrated the Feast of Weeks with gratitude, we are reminded that every good gift we enjoy is from the Lord. Through the Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12), we're challenged to shift our treasure from earthly gain to eternal purpose.

October 12 – “The Firstfruits of the Spirit: God's Ongoing Harvest”

As James writes, we are “a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.” This week highlights how God's work in us continues as we live out our faith in practical ways, serving others, sharing the Gospel, and stewarding the resources He has entrusted to us for the sake of those in need.

October 19 – “The Fulfillment of the Harvest: Pentecost and the Church”

The series culminates in a powerful reminder of the Spirit's outpouring on Pentecost. The Church is the great harvest field, and the Holy Spirit equips each of us to be laborers in His kingdom. Jesus tells us, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” May we be ready to go wherever He sends.

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Alongside this sermon series, we are launching our 2025 Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship is not just about funding ministry, it's about faith, discipleship, and trust. As you pray over your time, talents, and treasures this month, ask God how you can joyfully return the firstfruits of what He has given you.

We'll provide opportunities to reflect on what it means to be "cheerful givers" (2 Corinthians 9). Whether it's serving on a ministry team, supporting missions, or offering your skills behind the scenes, your part matters. Together, we will sow generously and reap a harvest of righteousness and joy.

This October, let us celebrate the goodness of God. Let's lift up our voices in praise, bring forward our offerings with gladness, and commit ourselves anew to His mission. The fields are ripe. The harvest is here.

With gratitude for you all,

Pastor Scott Kirchoff

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.

Family Game Night

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Friday of the month. In October, we will get together on **Friday, October 10 from 4pm-7pm**. Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.





Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

We have begun a new study titled *The Rabbi Jesus*. In this series, we are focusing on Jesus as a teacher, entering into the story as His disciples would have experienced it. Rather than rushing ahead to the ending we already know, we are slowing down to walk with Him, listening to His words, watching His actions, and learning from His wisdom as if we were right there in the moment. 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.

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.

New Member Classes

New member classes will begin on Sunday, October 12 at 9:30 AM in the Praying in Color Room. Classes will continue for four weeks, ending on November 2. If you are interested in Holy Lamb, please contact the office. These sessions will be informational with no obligation to join.

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



Prayer Requests

For Healing

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

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.



Stewardship Sunday – October 19, 2025

In Luther's Small Catechism, the explanation of the First Article of the Creed says that God "gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." God is the ultimate giver of all that we have. To acknowledge these gifts and our dependence on the Lord, God calls us to give a portion of our income back to Him through our financial offerings. As the hymn says: "We give Thee but Thine own" (Lutheran Service Book #781). Indeed, the Scriptures are very clear: Christians are to give generously to support the work of the Church, which God has established to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments.

During the month of October you will see an increased focus on stewardship at Holy Lamb Lutheran Church. As a part of this process, we ask that you reflect on God's word (see the special bulletin inserts during the first few weeks Of October and prayerfully consider how you intend to financially support Holy Lamb during the coming year. Pledge cards will be distributed in the upcoming weeks, and you will be asked to fill them out and return them on (or before) **October 19th**. We encourage participation by everyone who regularly attends Holy Lamb. Your response will enable the church to create an accurate budget, so that we can be good stewards of the resources entrusted to it, just as you are called to be a good steward of the resources entrusted to you.

The message of the Gospel is that Christ has entirely paid for your sins and made you holy before God. No amount of money you give can merit Gods favor. With this in mind, we see that financially supporting the church is simply a joyful response to the priceless gift of salvation that we have already received. Your giving enables the church to continue to fulfill its mission of proclaiming the Word of God. So, as you consider how to allocate and spend your income each month, Christians do well to remember that Jesus says "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21).

Linda Snyder, Treasurer
Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of September	\$ 14,261	\$ 10,086
Year to Date Needs	\$157,822	\$ 127,756



Please join us on Saturday, October 11, 4:00 PM at Grand Strand Brewing Co. located at 819 N. Kings Highway, Unit 101, Myrtle Beach.

Please RSVP under the Events tab on our website (holylambmyrtlebeach.org).

Thanksgiving Day Potluck

Please sign up to attend our annual Thanksgiving Day Potluck dinner here at the church on **November 27 beginning at 1:00 PM**. Turkey will be provided. The potluck sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on November 1. As always, entertainment will be provided...maybe this year by Tom & Pat's grandkids!



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month. October's meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 PM**.



The Holy Lamb Mens Fellowship Club will meet for lunch at the Veterans Cafe on **Tuesday, October 14 at 11:30 am**.

In His Service October 2025		
Altar Guild	Bonnie Toth	Adele Keeney
Newsletter Proofer	Merilynn Sell (October 30)	
Bulletin Assembly	Merilynn Sell	

October 5	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Ellyn Andrews	Angela Suarez
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

October 12	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Jerry Miller
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Reyne Harris	Barbara Evans
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

October 19	8:00 am	10:30 am
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Usher	Pat Allison	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Dave Katai	George Hulshart
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

October 26	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Sonja Kirchoff	Neal Riley
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy / Sonja
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

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!

You are
Appreciated

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God October 2025



- October 5 ~ J. R. Relford in memory of Harry Relford
October 12 ~ Allen Hieber in memory of his mother Laura
October 19 ~ Bill & Monica Steele to celebrate their anniversary & thanksgiving for their grandchildren
October 26 ~ *Available*

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.

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.



October 5 is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a zip lock bag with your collection. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb LWML and in the memo area put MITES. Thank you for your support.

RADA cutlery catalogues with instructions and order forms are in the Narthex. Last day to turn in your order is October 19. They make great Christmas gifts. Pick up a catalogue, look at it and if you want to order anything, carefully take one order form from the back page, fill it out and put in an envelope with your payment (cash or check made payable to CASH or Karen Bombria). Remember to include sales tax and \$2.00 handling fee. Do NOT make check to Holy Lamb. Put in the marked RADA box in the Narthex. Return the book for others to take.



October



1st Karen Bombria
3rd Linda Davis
6th Rosemary Wheeler
6th Angela Suarez
6th Karen McCarthy
9th Peter Schline
10th Camille August

18th Bill & Monica Steele
12th Jeff & Susan Murray
25th Merle & Theresa Falke
26th Tim & Kathy Jackson

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

Thank you.

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

PUMPKIN PATCH

October 11 is almost here...unbelievable.

By now you all know that the Pumpkins are coming to Holy Lamb on October 11th around 3 pm.

We still need some wagons and wheelbarrows for unloading the pumpkins and getting them into the yard. We could use a couple of more FACE Painters for the Fall Festival. There is always a line up of kids waiting to get their face painted.

We also need folks to take our Fall Festival flyers to day cares and private schools in the area. Sign up sheets to sit in the Patch or 2 hour sessions are in the Narthex as will a sign-up sheet for unloading the truck and for the Fall Festival on the 25th.



Questions?

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Our New Website

Although we are at the same web address (www.holylambmyrtlebeach.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.

**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

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2541 Forestbrook Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Free:

Kids activities, Games, Crafts and Music

For Sale:

Pumpkins, Baked Goods, and Food Concessions

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study ~ <i>The Rabbi Jesus</i>	9:15 am
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am

New Member Classes

Sunday mornings October 12 - November 2 9:30 am

OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 7th	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Friday, October 10th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Saturday, October 11th	Pumpkins Arrive	
Saturday, October 11th	Brew Crew	4:00 PM
Tuesday, October 14th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Tuesday, October 14th	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Monday, October 20th	<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	
Saturday, October 25th	Fall Festival	10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 28th	Dining with Friends	5:15 PM

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4th	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, November 8th	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM