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“Walking in Your Divine Purpose: Faith That Moves”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, we reflected on the incredible truth that God made us uniquely and intentionally – and that He calls us to salvation through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Now we ask, *what comes next?*

God didn’t just save us *from* something – He saved us *for* something.

You have a divine purpose. Not just “church people” or pastors or saints in stained glass – but *you*. God has placed you in your family, your workplace, your neighborhood, and this church for a reason. The Spirit who called you in baptism continues to shape and guide your life, sanctifying you day by day.

And yet, we often wrestle with this: *“If God has a plan for my life, do I really have a choice?”* Absolutely. God gives us freedom – real freedom. We are not coerced by grace but invited into it. As Martin Luther once said, “The Holy Spirit is not a tyrant but a helper.” We are not mindless robots, stripped of free will. Instead, God empowers us to walk with Him in love.

Your gifts, your ideas, your passions – they matter. The Church is not a machine run by a few; it is the living Body of Christ where each part plays a role. Ephesians 2:10 says, *“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

Predestination is not about fate. It’s about *faith*. It’s not a trap—it’s a trajectory. God sees the whole path of your life, and He walks it with you. And when we stumble or wander, He calls us back – not with wrath, but with mercy. He does not manipulate us like puppets. He woos us with grace.

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So, how do we live this out?

By embracing your role in the Church – no matter how small it may seem.

By loving your neighbor intentionally and sacrificially.

By offering your work, your relationships, and your time to God as worship.

You are not an accident. You are a disciple. You are not a pawn. You are a partner in the Gospel. And wherever you are in your walk, God is still shaping your story.

Let's walk boldly in His purpose this month – and beyond.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Scott Kirchoff

Family Game Night ~ Schedule Change!

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Sunday of the month. In November, we will get together on **Sunday, November 9 from 4-7pm**. Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.



**Daylight Savings Time ends at
2:00 AM on Sunday, November 2.**

**Don't forget to reset your clocks
before you go to bed on Saturday
night!**



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

The Ladies Bible Study meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom using Holy Lamb's standard meeting code. All women are invited and 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 will soon be finishing 1 Corinthians and then will be starting 2 Corinthians. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, please contact Linda Katai.

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 began on October 12 at 9:30 AM in the Praying in Color Room. Classes will end on November 9. 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.



Angel Tree Project

The LCMS is sponsoring the Angel Tree Project. The Angel tree will be in the Narthex before Thanksgiving to give people time to pick their Angel and to buy gifts. Please consider first buying warm clothes, coats and pajamas for your child. If you choose to also give a small toy or bible story book, please do that also as the Lord leads you.

Your gift will be going to kids in need in our immediate area through Backpack Buddies/Help4Kids. More information will be available later in November in the Bulletin notes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Linda Katai.

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.



Suggestions include the following:

- ~ **National Merchants** (Walmart, Target, Old Navy, Kohl's, etc.)
- ~ **Restaurant Chains** (Olive Garden, Wendy's, Pizza Hut, etc.)
- ~ **Service/Gas Stations** (BP, Shell, Marathon) - increments of \$25
- ~ **Visa or Mastercard** gift cards

Cards should be for smaller increments (\$10, \$20, \$25). 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.

If participating, please have your donations in by November 23.

Thank you to all who join in this effort .

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of October	\$ 19,427	\$ 13,448
Year to Date Needs	\$178,990	\$144,566



We're taking the month of November off.
The next date will be announced in the weekly Bulletin/Notes.

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 is in the Narthex. As always, entertainment will be provided...maybe this year by Tom & Pat's grandkids!



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



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month. November's meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 PM**.

In His Service November 2025		
Altar Guild	Brown, Twentier, Toth	Jane Jankowski
Newsletter Proofer	Linda Snyder	
Bulletin Assembly	Sylvia Stedina	

November 2	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul. Jankowski
Readers	Denise Brown	Sonja Kirchoff
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

November 30	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Linda Snyder	Neal Riley
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

November 9	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Jerry Miller
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Linda Snyder	Angela Suarez
Audio	Linda Snyder	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

November 16	8:00 am	10:30 am
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Usher	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Darcy Taiani	Barbara Evans
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

November 23	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Warren Gall
Readers	Dave Katai	Jann Kip
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
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!

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God November 2025



- November 2 ~ Merle & Theresa Falke
- November 9 ~ In memory of Carol Boulet's birthday
- November 16 ~ Sonja Kirchoff in honor of Pastor's 30th year in Ministry
- November 23 ~ Merle & Theresa Falke in celebration of their anniversary
- November 30 ~ Neal Riley in memory of Linda Riley

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.



November 2 is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc 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 and in the memo area put MITES. Thank you for your support.

Remember to put eleven (11) quarters in your red stocking for November and twelve (12) for December. The stockings can be handed in on November 30 and December 7 with \$19.75 in quarters or cash.

Thank you for helping us donate to New Directions .



November



5th	Blain Lefort	8th	Warren & Pam Gall
6th	Warren Gall	25th	Merle & Theresa Falke
6th	Paul Jankowski		
15th	Betty Panning		
22nd	Hoy Holler		
24th	Sandy Orr		
30th	Erin Murphy		

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

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

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.

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.

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

Gift-A-Vet Donations



GIFT-a-VET

There is a collection box located in the Narthex for the Gift-A-Vet Foundation. This is an opportunity to provide gifts of personal care items or financial gifts to military veterans living in nursing homes located in South Carolina.

For additional information, please contact Pete Snyder.

Advent at Holy Lamb:
A Season of Fellowship, Song, and Joy!



The season of Advent is a time of joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. This December, Holy Lamb Lutheran Church invites you to join us for three special **Wednesday evening Advent services** on **December 3, 10, and 17, 2025**.

Each evening begins with a **light dinner at 5:00 p.m.**, graciously sponsored by our **Men's Club**. The menu will feature warm **soups, sandwiches, and salads** – simple, hearty meals shared in good company and fellowship.

Following the meal, our **Advent service will begin at 6:00 p.m.** and last **no more than 25–30 minutes**. We've designed the service to be **time-sensitive and respectful** for those who prefer not to drive after dark.

This year's Advent theme will be a bit different, instead of a sermon, we'll enjoy **Christmas-themed short skits** and plenty of **singing!** These lighthearted yet meaningful services will help us celebrate the joy and wonder of Christ's birth in a fresh and engaging way.

Come and take a midweek pause during this busy season to share in food, fellowship, laughter, and the hope of Advent. **Bring your family, friends, and Christmas spirit – it's going to be fun!**

If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex on November 13.

Note: A volunteer is needed for December 17. If you are interested, please contact Tom Marquardt.

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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 9 9:30 am



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4th	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, November 8th	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
Sunday, November 9th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, November 11th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Tuesday, November 11th	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday, November 25th	Dining with Friends	5:15 PM
Thursday, November 27th	Thanksgiving Day Potluck	1:00 PM

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, December 9th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
Tuesday, December 9th	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Sunday, December 14th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, December 23rd	Dining with Friends	5:15 PM

