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Finding Our Way in the New Year

If you've ever been on the beach in Myrtle Beach during turtle season, you may know the story. Tiny hatchlings break free from their nests, instinctively heading toward the sound of the surf and the reflection of the moon and stars on the water. It's a breathtaking sight, life beginning its journey, drawn by the call of the sea. But sadly, many never make it. Artificial lights – streetlamps, porch bulbs, and billboards – confuse them. Instead of following the call of the ocean, they wander inland toward glowing distractions, only to be lost.

What a picture this is of our own spiritual journey, especially as we step into a new year. Like those turtles, we are meant to follow the steady sound of the waves – God's Word calling us, guiding us, and leading us to life. Yet how easy it is to be pulled away by the bright lights of our culture: endless advertising, worldly success, self-centered goals, and voices promising fulfillment apart from Christ. They shine, they dazzle, and they distract. And before we realize it, we're moving in the wrong direction.

The good news is that God has given us His own illumination to follow. His Word shines "*a lamp to our feet and a light to our path*" (Psalm 119:105). Even more, He draws us by the light of His Sacraments. In Holy Baptism, He has marked us as His own. In Holy Communion, He feeds us with Christ's true body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation. These are the lights that will never mislead or confuse. They do not pull us away from Him; they draw us closer.

This January, we are invited to set the tone for the year ahead. Not by making resolutions that fade in weeks, but by setting our hearts on Christ who never fails. Ask yourself: What light will I follow in 2026? Will it be the flashing glow of the world's billboards? Or will it be the steady radiance of God's promises?

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As we begin this new year at Holy Lamb, let us not be dazzled by the world's distractions, but instead listen for the sound of God's Word, like the rhythm of the waves that never cease. Let us move toward the true illumination of Christ, especially in His Supper, where heaven and earth meet. There, we are nourished and strengthened for the journey.

May 2026 be a year where we do not wander inland toward what cannot save, but stay the course toward the ocean of God's grace.

New Year's Blessings,
Pastor Scott Kirchoff

Family Game Night

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Sunday of the month. We will **NOT** get together in January. We will start the fun again on Sunday, February 8 **from 4-7 pm**. Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.



GIFT-a-VET

The Gift-A-Vet Foundation thanks the members of Holy Lamb for their generous contributions.

Approximately \$20K worth of personal care items were collected in the Grand Strand area.

Items were collected, sorted, boxed and delivered to Veterans Nursing Homes in Columbia, Sumter, Walterboro, and Florence.



Holy Lamb Mens Fellowship Club meets the second Tuesday each month.

January's lunch will be at the Veterans Cafe on **Tuesday, January 13 at 11:30 AM.**



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month.

January's meeting will be **Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 PM.**



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Beginning **Sunday, January 4, 2025**, the Sunday Adult Bible Study meeting at 9:15 a.m. will focus on the three Scripture readings appointed for that Sunday's worship service. This study will offer a deeper dive into the selected readings, allowing time for thoughtful teaching, group discussion, and reflection. The goal is to enrich the learning process and help participants engage more fully with God's Word as it is proclaimed in worship. This format is also intended to be more convenient for those who travel a distance, allowing one study to support both learning and worship on the same Sunday.

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 are currently studying 2 Corinthians. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, please contact Linda Katai.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study **New Bible Study ~ Listen to the Land**

Beginning **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**, we will begin a new study titled **Listen to the Land**. This study explores the unique land God gifted to Abraham and his descendants and how the land itself bears witness to God's blessings and promises. We will also reflect on what this teaches us about the Church today, especially in light of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, our response to salvation as lives guided and sustained by the Holy Spirit.



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, Myrle Rumsey, Brenda Tainter



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
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.

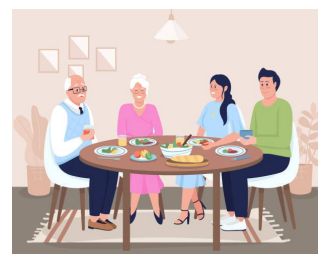


Please join us **Saturday, January 10** at 4:00 PM at Voodoo Brewing House, 1318 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach (Broadway at the Beach). RSVP under Events tab on holylambmyrtlebeach.org website.

We meet the second Saturday of every month at 4:00 PM. You can reserve your spot on the church website: holylambmyrtlebeach.org under the Events tab.

In 2026, the Brew Crew will check out some new places to have a brewski and meal. Here's our lineup for the new year:

- ~ Crooked Hammock Brewery (Barefoot Landing)
- ~ Black Drum Brewing (Myrtle Beach)
- ~ Southern Hops Brewery (Murrells Inlet)
- ~ Locals Eat Drink Celebrate (Pawley's Island)
- ~ Barbecue hosted by Blain & Christel Lefort at their home in Ocean Isle Beach, NC
- ~ BYOB Party Tiki Boat (either Crazy Sister Marina or Island Adventure Water Sports ~ Swing Bridge ~ Socastee)



Dining with Friends

We will get together at Angelo's
(Kings Highway not far from the airport)
January 27. @ 5:15 PM

NEW FOR 2026!



Lunch Bunch

The concept for this new group is to select places where you can enjoy your day before and/or after lunch (and in the daylight hours).

The Holy Lamb Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on the third Saturday of the month. Here is the schedule for the first few months in 2026:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 17	J Peters	Murrells Inlet/Marsh Walk
February 21	Crooked Oak Tavern	Conway
March 21	The Grumpy Monk	Broadway at the Beach

We are always open to suggestions...email yours to Merilynn Sell (meri859@cs.com).

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of December	\$ 19,255	\$ 13,448
Year to Date Needs	\$ 215,129	\$174,812



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Beginning January 2026, the volunteer schedules will be produced by Linda Snyder.

The schedule will be emailed to all those on the list. The schedule will also be on the clipboard in the Narthex. If there are any email changes, or if you would like to be added to the list, please get in touch with Linda.

If you cannot volunteer for the date you are assigned, please try to arrange a fill-in for that date and let Linda and/or the office know as soon as possible so the schedule can be updated.

PLEASE NOTE: Some people are listed in multiple sections, so please review the entire schedule.



SAVE THIS DATE!

On March 15 we will have our annual Praying in Color get together. Please put this on your calendar. As in other years, it will be a potluck held about 11:00 AM following the LWML meeting. Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on February 15.

Anyone interested in learning more about our ministry or wanting to join the group, please sign up to attend. As usual, I will have give aways and door prizes. ~ Eileen

In His Service

January 2026

Altar Guild	Sylvia Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Newsletter Proofer	Lisa Seifts (January 27)	
Bulletin Assembly	Lisa Seifts	

January 4	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Denise Brown	Tom Marquardt
Audio	Phil Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

January 11	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	Jerry Miller
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Reyne Harris	Jerry Miller
Audio	Phil Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

January 18	8:00 am	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	George Hulshart
Usher	Pat Allison	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Sonja Kirchoff	George Hulshart
Audio	Julia Diem	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

January 25	8:00 am	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	Dave Katai
Usher	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Pat Marquardt	Barbara Evans
Audio	Tom Marquardt	Julia Diem
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 January 2026



January 4 ~ Tom & Pat Marquardt to celebrate Pastor's first year

January 11 ~ Pastor & Sonja Kirchoff to celebrate birth of granddaughter

January 18 ~ *Available***

January 25 ~ Ed Stedina to celebrate Sylvia's birthday

** If you'd like to purchase flowers for one of these dates, please contact the office.

Flower Openings

The flower chart for 2026 is in the Narthex. You may now sign up for your preferred dates. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers. 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.

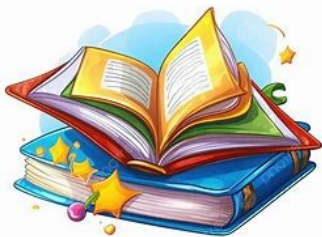
If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelopes.



Books for Forestbrook Elementary

Book Cleaning at Socastee Methodist



There will be a book cleaning in the Fellowship Hall at Socastee Methodist Church from **9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday, January 10.**

We are cleaning books for the Free Book Fairs at Forestbrook and Socastee Elementary schools. Come for a worthwhile cause and meet the other people involved with Families Read supporting our local elementary schools. Stay as little or as long as is convenient. For questions, please contact Phil Harris.

Phil Harris, Stewardship



January



12th Pam Gall
14th Michael Zabbara
14th Julia Diem
16th Adell Keeney
27th Sylvia Stedina
27th Ron Hajduk
28th Theresa Falke
30th George Hulshart
31st Pete Snyder

15th Maurice & Margaret Bartelotte
30th Pete & Linda Snyder

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

Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP: Beginning with Gratitude

The new year opens with thankfulness for the blessing of time itself. God grants us another year to serve, love, and grow together as His people at Holy Lamb. In Myrtle Beach, where seasons and visitors come and go, we pause to remember that every moment is holy when offered back to God.



Stewardship begins not with money but with gratitude, an open heart that sees time as a gift to be used wisely in worship, prayer, and kindness toward others.

As we step into 2026, let us commit the coming days to Christ, trusting that He will multiply the moments we dedicate to His glory.

- How can I begin this year by dedicating my time to God in prayer or worship?
- What am I most thankful for at Holy Lamb?
- In what ways can I express gratitude through action this month?

Pastor Scott Kirchoff
(Edited - Phil Harris)

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

The Year in Review ~ You Tube

We started our channel on April 28, 2020. Our most popular 2025 videos were:

1. Bible Study Peter #2, 90 views, March 10
2. 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, 65 views, November 11, Apostle Paul
3. 15th Sunday after Pentecost, 39 views, September 21, Where are we going as a church?
4. 12th Sunday after Pentecost, 32 views, August 31, Reconciliation
5. 6th Sunday after Pentecost , 32 views, July 20, Daniel — Faith in the Lion's Den

We have 33 subscribers, 17 joined this year. Our 68 videos had 974 views.

Our most recent Sunday service videos have between and 8 and 13 unique views.



ATTENTION MEMBERS OF LWML

Sunday, January 4 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 LWML MITES. We are grateful for all your support.

In conjunction with **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, which will be **January 18, 2026**, we will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Closet at Coastline Women's Center in Conway. The goal of Coastline Women's Center is to transform the lives of those they serve by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, upholding the sanctity of human life, and dealing with the impact of unplanned pregnancy and abortion on women and men. Abigail's Closet is a room at Coastline where mothers and/or fathers can go to purchase items with "Mommy Money" earned from attending parenting classes. Put any of the items from the below list in the marked box in the Narthex on January 18 and January 25. Thank you in advance for your donations.

From Life Quotes, Lutherans for Life "The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who 'knits us together,' so that we are 'intricately and wonderfully made.' Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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

Our next project, beginning next month, will be collecting items for personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Watch the notes and the newsletter for the next 6 months for the different items to be collected.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

***Please donate one (or more) of the following items.
They may be brought in through January 25 and placed in the marked box.***

Bibs	Baby Wash
Baby Wipes	Baby Lotion
Sleepers	Baby Socks
Pacifiers	Infant Toys
Baby Shampoo	Onesies (boy or girl)
Diaper Rash Ointment	

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study ~ <i>Focus on the Scriptures</i>	9:15 am
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study ~ <i>Listen to the Land</i>	9:00 am

JANUARY EVENTS

Tuesday, January 6th	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 10th	Book Cleaning ~ Socastee Methodist	9:00 AM
	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
	Brew Crew ~ Voodoo Brewing House	4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 13th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 17th	Altar Guild Meeting	10:00 AM
	Lunch Bunch ~ J Peters (Marsh Walk)	12:00 PM
Sunday, January 18th	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	
Tuesday, January 27th	Dining with Friends ~ Angelo's	5:15 PM

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Tuesday, February 3rd	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Sunday, February 8th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 10th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, February 21st	Lunch Bunch ~ Crooked Oak Tavern	12:00 PM
Tuesday, February 24th	Dining with Friends	5:15 PM