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“Give us this day our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:11)

The season of Lent is often understood as a time for giving things up. We fast, simplify, and reflect on habits or attachments that may distract us from our life with God. Yet Lent is not only about letting go; it is also about taking on new practices of faith, generosity, and care for our neighbor. The disciplines of Lent are meant to shape our hearts outward, drawing us into lives of mercy and service.

When we pray the Lord’s Prayer and ask God to give us our daily bread, we are praying for far more than food for ourselves. “Daily bread” includes all that is necessary for life – food, shelter, clothing, security, and community. It is a prayer that reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God, and that God often answers this prayer through the hands and hearts of His people.

During Lent, our congregation is invited to collect non-perishable food items for Churches Assisting People (CAP). CAP is a faith-based community ministry supported by local churches, businesses, and volunteers. Its mission is to provide emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing short-term crisis. Through CAP, our shared gifts become daily bread for neighbors who are facing unexpected hardship and need immediate help.

As we move into spring, Lent also coincides with a natural season of renewal. Many of us begin cleaning closets, sorting cupboards, and evaluating what we truly use and need. This practical rhythm pairs well with Lent’s spiritual call to self-examination. It becomes an opportunity to let go of what we no longer need, to sell or give away what is unused, and to be more intentional about what we purchase and keep.

Lent, then, is not simply about subtraction, but about purpose. We give up so that we may give more fully. We take on the practice of generosity, learning again that abundance is meant to be shared. Bringing non-perishable food items for CAP is a simple yet meaningful way to live out our prayer for daily bread, trusting that God provides and that He calls us to be part of that provision.

Pastor Scott Kirchoff

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Family Game Night

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Sunday of the month. Join in the fun 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.



Praying in color

SAVE THIS DATE!

We will have our annual Praying in Color get together on Saturday, March 14. Please put this on your calendar. As in other years, it will be a potluck held about 11:00 AM following the LWML meeting.

The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on February 15. Please sign up and indicate what dish you will bring to share. Bring a friend — men are also invited to come. We will have our lunch first, then information on Praying in Color will be provided. There will be freebies and door prizes. Hope to see you all there! Anyone interested in learning more about our ministry or wanting to join the group, please sign up to attend. ~ Eileen St. Clair



Holy Lamb Men's Fellowship Club meets the second Tuesday each month. February's lunch will be at the Veterans Cafe on **Tuesday, February 10 at 11:30 AM**.

Membership Drive

If you enjoy conversing with people and supporting a good cause, please consider joining us at Veterans Cafe, Tuesday, February 3 at 11:30 AM.

There are no rules or obligations. Our financial support comes from people who purchase our Attractions Books. So far this season, we have donated \$520 from book sales to "Help for Kids" that feeds some 3,000 children in Horry County who otherwise would go hungry on weekends and during the summer when school is out. Last season we donated \$900 to SE Disaster relief. **Our members still have 2026 books available. If you would like one, please just ask Ron or another member.**



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month.

February's meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 PM**.



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

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 will soon finish 2 Corinthians and will begin Galatians. 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

We have begun 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.

Food Drive During Lent



Non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected from Ash Wednesday through Easter to support CAP (Churches Assisting People) in Conway. All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated.

Drop off location is in the *Praying In Color* Room (outside the offices). Suggestions: canned chicken, pasta, beans, Vienna sausages, soup, canned fruit, shampoo, toothpaste, Depends, toilet paper.



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 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
Mary Margaret Kluge
Karen & Gene McCarthy
Steven Rehm
Myrle Rumsey
Doc & Nancy Rehm
Theresa Zweigle
Henry Twentier
Brian Tainter

Merle Falke
Mary Lee
Kathy Orlowski
Marty Reynolds
Monica & Bill Steele
Al Heiber
Jim & Erin Murphy
Jay Malloy

For Our Homebound

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

Mourning the Loss

Pastor Kirchoff's father David went home to our Lord on Sunday, January 18. Pastor, Sonja, his family and especially his mother Roberta are remembered in our prayers.

Brenda Devaney's father passed away on January 26. We remember Brenda and her family at this time.

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.



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.

Please join us **Saturday, February 14** at 4:00 PM at Teakwood Bar vs Grill, 139 Willbrook in Pawleys Island.

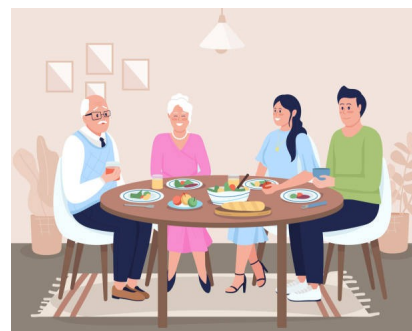
In 2026, the Brew Crew will check out some new places to have a brewski and meal. Here's our lineup for the new year:

- ~ Crooked Hammock Brewery (Barefoot Landing)
- ~ Black Drum Brewing (Myrtle Beach)
- ~ Southern Hops Brewery (Murrells Inlet)
- ~ 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 **February 24 @ 5:15 PM**

Location to be announced in the weekly Bulletin.



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 January	\$ 19,676	\$13,620
Year to Date Needs	\$ 19,676	\$13,620



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 & 10:30 AM) and video (10:30 AM) 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 Linda 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 Linda Snyder if you can help.



In His Service February 2026

Altar Guild	Pat Marquardt	Jane Miller
Newsletter Proofer	Reyne Harris (February 24)	
Bulletin Assembly	Reyne Harris	

February 1	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	Blaine Lefort
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Denise Brown	Jerry Miller
Audio	Phil Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

February 22	8:00 am	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	Pete Snyder
Usher	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Pat Marquardt	Barb Evans
Audio	Tom Marquardt	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

February 8	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	Dave Katai
Ushers	Dave Katai	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Reyne Harris	Jerry Miller
Audio	Linda Snyder	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

February 25	Midweek 6:00 PM
Usher	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Tom Marquardt

February 15	8:00 am	10:30 AM
Altar Assistant	N/A	George Hulshart
Usher	Denise Brown	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Readers	Linda Snyder	George Hulshart
Audio	Phil Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

February 18 Ash Wednesday	6:00 PM
Altar Assistant	Tom Marquardt
Usher	Pat Allison
Audio	Linda Snyder

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

The volunteer schedules are 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.

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God February 2026



February 1 ~ **Available

February 8 ~ Merle & Theresa Falke IMO Merle's mother

February 15 ~ **Available

February 22 ~ **Available

** 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



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.



February



1st Jerry Miller
7th Linda Katai
8th Maurice Bartelotte
11th Les Cotton
David Katai
12th Nancy Rehm
18th Taylor Gall
18th Myrle Rumsey
26th Deb Partenberry

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

Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP: The Gift of Time

During this shorter month, we reflect on how precious our time truly is. The world measures time in hours and schedules, but God measures it in opportunities to serve. Every visit with a shut-in, helping visitors feel welcome at worship, every quiet prayer over coffee is time invested in the kingdom. As snowbirds worship alongside residents, and vacationers step into our sanctuary, our stewardship of time creates a rhythm of grace that binds us together. May we spend our days not only enjoying this beautiful coast, but also giving time to what endures, the love of Christ shared freely with others.



- How much time each week do I intentionally set aside for God?
- What small act of service could I give more time to this month?
- How can I balance my leisure with opportunities for ministry?

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.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.

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





Sunday, February 1 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.

Thank you to everyone for donating money to our Red Stocking Project for New Directions. We sent \$452.25 to them.

Our next project will be collecting items for personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Each month, we will ask for a different item to be donated and for four (4) weeks that item can be put in the Narthex. You may donate more than one of any of the items.

Being collected in February are ***DARK COLORED, LIGHTWEIGHT TOWELS*** (NOT microfiber) (20x40 or 27x52).

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML



Lenten Midweek Fellowship & Worship

We will hold fellowship hour before midweek services every Wednesday during Lent.

Meals begin with a prayer at 5pm and worship at 6pm.

We will kick off the meals on February 25th at 5pm with our ***2nd Annual Soup Contest.***

The trophy is once again up for grabs. Enter your favorite soup or come enjoy some soup and be one of the judges.

Please signup in the Narthex if you will be attending the weekly meals (so we know how much to make).

Also, consider being a part of one of the weekly groups who provide and serve the meal. Nothing big, just soup, sandwiches, bread, or a dessert. You can coordinate with the others signed up for that week.

This sheet can also be found on a clipboard in the Narthex.

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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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sunday, February 8th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 10th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, February 12th	GriefShare	3:00 PM
Saturday, February 14th	Brew Crew ~ Teakwoods Bar vs Grill	4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 18th	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 PM
Saturday, February 21st	Lunch Bunch ~ Crooked Oak Tavern	12:00 PM
Tuesday, February 24th	Dining with Friends ~ TBD	5:15 PM
Wednesday, February 25th	Lenten Midweek Meal /Soup Contest	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM

MARCH EVENTS

Wednesday, March 4th	Lenten Midweek Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 10th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11th	Lenten Midweek Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM
Thursday, March 12th	GriefShare	3:00 PM
Saturday, March 14th	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
	Praying in Color Information/Potluck	11:30 AM
Wednesday, March 18th	Lenten Midweek Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM
Saturday, March 21st	Lunch Bunch ~ The Grumpy Monk (B@B)	12:00 PM
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