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Walking with Christ Through Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month of March, the Church steps more deeply into the sacred season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, prayer, and renewal, a forty-day journey that prepares our hearts to walk with Jesus toward the cross and the empty tomb. It is not a season of gloom, but a season of honest faith, where we confront our sin, receive God's mercy, and grow in gratitude for the salvation Christ has won for us.

Lent steadily leads us toward the most important days of the Christian faith: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. These three holy days are not separate events, but belong together as one complete story, like three acts in a powerful play that reveal God's great work of redemption.

On Maundy Thursday, we witness Jesus humbling Himself as He washes His disciples' feet and gives us the gift of His Holy Supper. It is the night of love, service, and promise, where Christ gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. This is where the journey toward the cross begins in earnest.

On Good Friday, we stand at Calvary and see the depth of God's love as Jesus willingly suffers and dies for the sins of the world. It is a solemn day, yet filled with hope, for through His sacrifice we are forgiven, redeemed, and reconciled to God.

Then comes Easter Sunday, the joyful climax of the story. The tomb is empty. Christ is risen! Death is defeated, sin is conquered, and eternal life is assured for all who trust in Him.

These three days belong together. Each has its own importance and meaning, yet together they form one complete narrative of salvation. In Scripture, God said, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." The promise made to Abraham unfolded through Isaac and was ultimately

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fulfilled in Jacob. In the same way, Maundy Thursday begins the sacred movement that leads us through the cross of Good Friday and into the joy and victory of Easter morning. Three acts, one glorious story of God's saving grace. As we journey through Lent this month, I encourage you to join us in worship, prayer, and reflection. Come walk with Jesus. Come hear again the story of His love. Come experience the depth of His sacrifice and the triumph of His resurrection.

May this Lenten season draw us closer to our Savior and prepare our hearts to rejoice fully on Easter morning.

In Christ's love and service,
Pastor Scott Kirchoff



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



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month. March's meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 PM.**



Family Game Night

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Sunday of the month. Join in the fun on **Sunday, March 8 from 4-7 pm.** 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

The Sunday Adult Bible Study meeting at 9:15 AM 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 Cry Room. Please be sure to place your donation in the appropriate labeled container. Suggestions: canned chicken, pasta, beans, Vienna sausages, soup, canned fruit, shampoo, toothpaste, Depends, toilet paper.

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
 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

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.



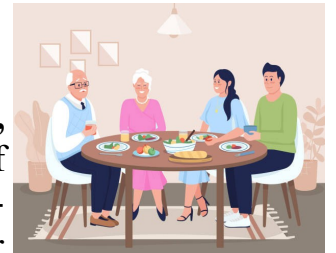
We meet the second Saturday of every month at 4:00 PM. You can reserve your spot on the church website: holylambmyrtlebeach.org under the Events tab.

Please join us Saturday, March 14 at 4:30 PM at Bohemian Grill, 2859 US-17, Murrells Inlet.

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 **March 24 @ 5:15 PM at Villa Romano, 707 South Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach** (about 10 blocks north of the road the airport is on). This is a locals favorite and they just celebrated their 41st anniversary. This will be a five course dinner for 2 for \$48 (\$24/person). Each person chooses an entrée from their entire regular menu. Meal includes antipasto appetizer, soup, salad, and a mini cannoli...bread too. Each person should purchase a beverage (coffee, tea, etc.) An accordion player is usually serenading! We'll pair folks up so everyone can get this special. There are a handful of daily specials if you prefer. Email Merilynn at meri859@cs.com if you would like to join in.

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. **In March, we will meet at The Grumpy Monk (Broadway at the Beach).**

We will try to get us lakeside. This group is especially nice if you don't like to drive at night. We had 18 folks in February. Please email Merilynn (see below) if you would like to join in.

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 February	\$ 16,906	\$13,620
Year to Date Needs	\$ 36,584	\$27,240



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 (8 AM & 10:30 AM) and video (10:30 AM) services.

Since we are beginning to use the monitors, this also opens up opportunities for people to help at both services with advancing the slides. This sounds more technical than what it is...you'll simply be clicking one of two buttons on a handheld device. You'll still be able to sit in your regular seat in the sanctuary.

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 Snyder 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 have any questions or if you want to help.

Thank you!

In His Service

March 2026

Altar Guild	Pat Allison	Hayley Lauitsen
Newsletter Proofer	Sylvia Stedina (March 26th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Barbara Evans	

March 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	N/A	Blaine Lefort
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Dave Katai
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Readers	Reyne Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

March 4 Midweek 6:00 PM	
Usher	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Linda Snyder

March 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	N/A	Pete Snyder
Ushers	Denise Brown	Dave Katai
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Readers	Linda Snyder	Jerry Miller
Audio	Julia Diem	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

March 11 Midweek 6:00 PM	
Usher	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Sonja Kirchoff

March 15 8:00 am 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	N/A	George Hulshart
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Pat Marquardt	George Hulshart
Audio	Tom Marquardt	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

March 18 Midweek 6:00 PM	
Usher	Rose Ruddick
Audio	Tom Marquardt

March 22 Combined 9:30 am	
Altar Assistant	Todd Devaney
Usher	Hayley Lauritsen / Ed Stedina
Readers	Jerry Miller
Audio	Tom Marquardt
Video	Linda Snyder

March 25 Midweek 6:00 PM	
Usher	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris

March 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	Dave Katai	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Pat Allison Denise Brown	Warren Gall Paul Jankowski
Readers	Linda Snyder	Sonja Kirchoff
Audio	Phil Harris	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

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 March 2026



- March 1 ~ Lisa Seifts IMO Al Svarplaitis
March 8 ~ **Available
March 15 ~ Bonnie & Jim Toth IHO their birthdays
March 22 ~ Nancy & Doc Rehm IHO Parker Rehm's birthday
March 29 ~ Merilyn & Jack Sell

** If you'd like to purchase flowers for an available date, 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 in the cry room for donated books.

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



March



17th Sarah Jackson
 24th Parker Rehm

27th Jack & Merilynn Sell
 30th Julia & Christopher Diem

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

Thank you.

March Stewardship: The Season of Service

Lent invites us into service and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, we remember that Jesus gave His time to heal, teach, and redeem. We are called to do the same in Myrtle Beach, where so many long for meaning and connection.



Stewardship this month means rolling up our sleeves, helping with worship, volunteering for outreach, offering rides, or simply writing a note of encouragement or thanks. Every act of service is a sermon without words, proclaiming Christ's compassion in tangible ways.

- Who in my life needs to see Christ's love in action this month?
- What ministry at Holy Lamb could use my help or presence?
- How can my service during Lent prepare my heart for Easter?

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





Please remember to deposit the money from your mite boxes into the large mite box in the Narthex by March 1. 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 and mark on the memo line: MITES. Thank you for your support.

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 am. Pat Marquardt will be the Bible study leader.

LWML's next project will take place over the next 6 months. Once again, we will be putting together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief to distribute. Each month, we will ask for a different item to be donated and for the month that item can be put in the box in the Cry Room. You may donate more than one of any of the items. In March we are collecting **ADULT SIZE TOOTHBRUSHES**. We will be putting together the care kits sometime in July. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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 5:00 PM and worship at 6:00 PM.

We kicked off the meals on February 25th with our 2nd Annual Soup Contest. We had five delicious entries (thank you to the contributors); after much tasting and contemplation, the 1st prize trophy went to Pastor Scott & Sonja Kirchoff! Congratulations on the wonderful Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder! Second prize went to the delicious Italian Meatball Soup made by Camille August.

You may sign up 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 the week. That sign up sheet is also in the Narthex.

We still have an opening for March 25th!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 29	Palm Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 AM
April 2	Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM
April 3	Good Friday	6:00 PM
April 5	Easter Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 AM



REMINDER—SPRING AHEAD!!

Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Sunday, March 8 (technically @ 2:00 AM).

Set your clocks ahead before bed on Saturday night!

**ANNUAL PRAYING IN COLOR
GET TOGETHER**

Praying in color

Our annual Praying in Color get together is on Saturday, March 14. As in other years, it will be a potluck held about 11:00 AM following the LWML meeting.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please indicate what dish you will bring to share. Bring a friend — men are also invited to come. **Last day to sign up for this event is March 8.** 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.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

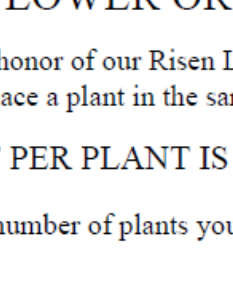
In glory and honor of our Risen Lord & Savior,
I would like to place a plant in the sanctuary for Easter.

COST PER PLANT IS \$15.00

Please indicate the number of plants you wish to purchase.



_____ Tulip



_____ Lily



_____ Hyacinth

✿ Given in memory of _____

✿ Given for another reason (honor, praise, thanksgiving) _____

✿ GIVEN BY: (your name) _____

Please place order form with payment in the "FLOWER" box located on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made out to "Holy Lamb Church" and write "EASTER FLOWERS" on the memo line.

Deadline for flower orders is March 29th.

LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONAL SERIES

“The Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain”



As we gather to study the Sermon on the Mount this Lenten season, we enter a sacred forty-day journey of repentance, reflection, and renewal, remembering that the Sundays along the way are not counted among the days of Lent but stand as little celebrations of the resurrection. In these holy weeks, we sit as disciples at the feet of Jesus, listening to words that are both searching and deeply compassionate. Our Lord speaks not only to our outward lives but to the hidden places of the heart, revealing our need for grace and drawing us closer to Himself. For us as Lutherans, this is a season to experience anew how the Law humbles us and the Gospel heals and restores us through Christ's mercy. The Sermon on the Mount is not a ladder we climb to earn God's favor, but a gracious invitation to trust the One who has fulfilled all righteousness for us. May this Lenten pilgrimage quiet our souls, deepen our faith, and lead us again to the comfort, hope, and peace of the cross

Pastor Kirchoff wrote a new Lenten Daily Devotional Series, available on the Church's FaceBook page. You may also pick up a hard copy (limited supply) on the table in the Narthex.

It's not too late to begin your Lenten journey with this series.

MARCH EVENTS

Wednesday, March 4th	Lenten Midweek Fellowship Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM
Sunday, March 8th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, March 10th	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11th	Lenten Midweek Fellowship Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM
Thursday, March 12th	GriefShare ~ <i>"Wilderness and Waiting"</i>	3:00 PM
Saturday, March 14th	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
	Praying in Color Information/Potluck	10:45 AM
	Brew Crew ~ Bohemian Grill (MI)	4:30 PM
Wednesday, March 18th	Lenten Midweek Fellowship Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM
Saturday, March 21st	Lunch Bunch ~ The Grumpy Monk (B@B)	12:00 PM
Sunday, March 22nd	Combined Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Congregation Meeting	10:45 AM
Tuesday, March 24th	Dining with Friends ~ Villa Romano (MB)	5:15 PM
Wednesday, March 25th	Lenten Midweek Fellowship Meal	5:00 PM
	Lenten Midweek Service	6:00 PM

APRIL EVENTS

Thursday, April 2nd	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 PM
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday Service	6:00 PM
Sunday, April 5th	Easter Sunday Service 1	8:00 AM
	Easter Sunday Service 2	10:30 AM
Thursday, April 9th	GriefShare ~ <i>"Cross and Resurrection"</i>	3:00 PM
Saturday, April 18th	Lunch Bunch ~ Location TBD	12:00 PM
Tuesday, April 28th	Dining with Friends ~ Location TBD	5:15 PM

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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

Be on the lookout for our new LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund brochure.

This gives information on our Future Building Fund Endowment and ways that you can contribute to our future expansion.

Pictures for Church Directory

We will begin taking pictures for the new directory after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services on March 1, March 8, and March 15. **Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** We will limit the number of people to 12 between the services to allow for a short review. The max following the 10:30 AM service will be ten slots.

For those who participate remotely or can't make it on the indicated dates, you may email your own photos to the church office (holylambcms@aol.com).

Please note the following guidelines:

- * 2-3 photos
- * Neutral background
- * Dark or neutral clothing
- * Use camera flash
- * Have someone else take the shots - on the vertical axis if possible.
- * Frame the subject from the knees to about 2 feet above the head.
- * Ensure your background has no distracting features. Solid walls are good.
- * For those wearing glasses:
 - ~ Tilt your head slightly away from the camera
 - ~ Keep your eyes on the camera/phone to avoid reflections.

For questions, you may call Jerry Miller at (410) 688-3069. Please dress well to get a nice shot, preferably wearing dark clothing.