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Walking with Christ Through Lent

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.’” – John 11:25

As April unfolds here in Myrtle Beach, we find ourselves surrounded once again by the quiet miracle of spring. The brown of winter gives way to green, the chill of the ocean breeze softens, and life seems to rise all around us. There is something deeply comforting – and profoundly theological – about this season. It reminds us that what appears lifeless is not gone, only waiting.

This year, we are blessed with an early Easter, and that timing feels especially fitting. Just as the earth awakens, so too we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter does not arrive in isolation; it comes as the answer to Lent, just as spring follows winter. The rhythm of the seasons mirrors the rhythm of our faith: repentance leads to renewal, sorrow gives way to joy, and death is overcome by life.

Spring teaches us something we often need to relearn. Winter is not the end of the story. The trees that seemed barren were not dead. The ground that looked empty was not finished. In the same way, the crosses we carry, the griefs we endure, and the storms we face are not the final word. God is always at work beneath the surface.

And how many storms we face in life. Yet even there, God gives us a promise. The rainbow does not appear before the storm, but after. It stands as a reminder that God’s faithfulness shines most clearly on the backside of our trials. What we endure is real, but it is not ultimate. Resurrection always has the final say.

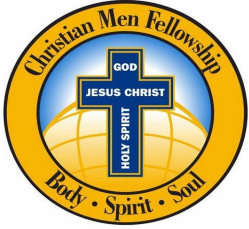
This is the joy of Easter, not just a day, but a reality. Christ is risen, and because He lives, we live also. His resurrection is not only a past event; it is a present power. It breathes hope into weary hearts, strength into struggling lives, and purpose into uncertain days. So as you walk the beaches, see the flowers bloom, or feel the warmth of the sun returning, let it be more than a seasonal change. Let it be a reminder of God’s greater promise: that in Christ, every winter of the soul gives way to spring.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Pastor Scott Kirchoff

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Holy Lamb Men's Fellowship Club meets the second Tuesday each month. April's lunch will be at the Veterans Cafe on:

Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30 AM



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month. April's meeting will be on:

Tuesday, April 14 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, April 12 from 4-7 pm**. Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.

Ladies of Holy Lamb Church

You are all invited to a Tea Party!

**Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM
at Holy Lamb Church**

Various teas, finger sandwiches, fruit and desserts will be served.

Hosted by LWML—just bring your tea or coffee cup.

RSVP: holylambmyrtlebeach.org under Events





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! We are finishing the book of Galatians and then will be studying Ephesians. 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 ~ 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 Until Easter Sunday



Non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected from Ash Wednesday through Easter to support CAP (Churches Assisting People) in Conway. **Thank you to all those who contributed. It is 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 around 4:00 PM. You can reserve your spot on the church website: holylambmyrtlebeach.org under the Events tab.

Please join us Saturday, April 11 at 4:30 PM at Palmetto Taps, 909 4th Avenue, Conway. Palmetto Taps is a self-serve taproom featuring over 40 rotating taps with craft beers, ciders and wine. Palmetto now serves food!

RSVP @ holylambmyrtlebeach.org/events

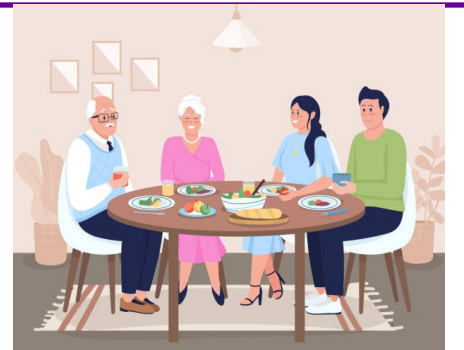
In 2026, the Brew Crew will check out some new places to have a brewski and meal. Here's our lineup for the new year:

- ~ 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

Dining with Friends

We will gather on **April 28 @ 5:15 PM.**

The location will be announced in the weekly Notes.



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.

The next gathering is on Saturday, April 18. Location will be announced in the weekly Notes.



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

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u> (as of 3/22)	<u>\Budget</u>
Month of March	\$ 28,806	\$13,620
Year to Date Needs	\$ 65,390	\$40,860



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
April 2026**

Altar Guild	Bernadette Hilb	Barbara Evans
Newsletter Proofer	Ann Stegall (April 28)	
Bulletin Assembly	Ann Stegall	

April 2 — Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM	
Altar Assistant	Dave Katai
Ushers	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	Ed Stedina
Audio	Phil Harris

April 3 — Good Friday 6:00 PM	
Ushers	Pat Allison
Ushers	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Linda Snyder

April 5 — Easter Sunday 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	Pete Snyder	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Dave Katai	Hayley Lauritsen
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Readers	Linda Snyder	Tom Marquardt
Audio	Phil Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

April 12 8:00 am 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	N/A	Pete Snyder
Usher	Pat Allison	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Readers	Sonja Kirchoff	Jerry Miller
Audio	Julia Diem	Linda Snyder
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

April 19 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Denise Brown	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Readers	Reyne Harris	George Hulshart
Audio	Phil Harris	Sonja Kirchoff
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

April 26 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Altar Assistant	N/A	Blaine Lefort
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Dave Katai
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Readers	Pat Marquardt	Barbara Evans
Audio	Tom Marquardt	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

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 April 2026



- April 5 ~ To the Glory of Our Risen Savior
April 12 ~ Blaine & Christel Lefort Anniversary
April 19 ~ Barb Evans IHO 80th birthday
April 26 ~ Eileen St. Clair birthday

** 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.



April



- 2nd Marsha Dunn
- 4th Bill Steele
- 9th Jack Sell
- 15th William Krachala
- 19th Barbara Evans
- 27th Mikey Murray
- 28th Eileen St. Clair
- 30th Rick McGraw

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

Thank you.

April Stewardship: Resurrection Generosity

Easter transforms our hearts into instruments of generosity. The resurrection proclaims that nothing given to God is ever lost; it is multiplied in grace and eternal life. As Holy Lamb celebrates the risen Lord, we are reminded that our offerings – of money, music, or mercy – carry resurrection power.



This month, we give joyfully because Christ has given us everything. Through our generosity, we sustain a ministry that keeps resurrection hope alive for residents, snowbirds, and visitors alike.

- How does the resurrection inspire me to give more freely?
- Where have I seen generosity bring new life to someone?
- What does it mean for my giving to reflect Easter joy?

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





April 5, is Mite Box Sunday. Please put your Mite box or money from Mite box in a plastic bag and deposit in the large purple Mite box. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and in the memo area put “LWML Mites.” Thank you very much.

We are continuing to fill our Personal Care Kits.

In April, we will collect **METAL NAIL CLIPPERS**, with or without a file attached. **SINGLE FILES ARE NOT NEEDED.**

In May, we will collect 4 oz. **BARS OF SOAP**. Each kit will need two bars in a Ziploc bag. You may purchase a multi-pack, but each bar needs to be individually wrapped.

Thank you for all your donations.

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

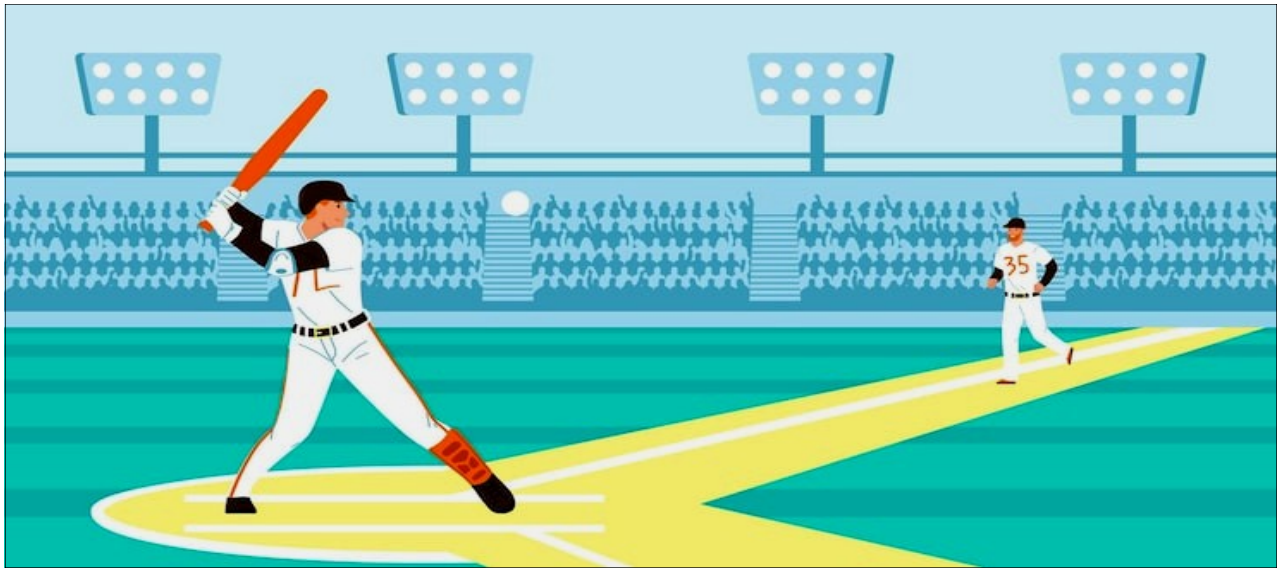
GRIEF SHARE 2026



GRIEF SHARE exists as a ministry of compassion and healing, offering a safe place where we can share our pain, listen to others who understand, and rediscover that, even in the darkness, God is still near.

GRIEF SHARE meets on the second Thursday each month at 3:00 PM.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
April 9	“Cross and Resurrection”
May 14	“Mothering Mercy”
June 11	“Fatherhood, Foundations, and the Father’s Heart”
July 9	“Freedom and Independence”



Annual Holy Lamb Baseball Game Outing

Myrtle Beach Pelicans v. Augusta Greenjackets

WHEN: Sunday, June 14, 2026

PRICE: \$33.00 per person, including picnic buffet served prior to the game.

The all-you-can-eat picnic buffet runs from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

GAME STARTS AT 6:35 PM.

If interested in tickets, please complete the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex and pay Tom Marquardt by May 18.

Praying in color

On Sat March 14th we held our annual get together. It was very well attended. We had 3 new people sign up for the ministry. I gave a report on how the ministry works and told everybody that the first meeting we had that started the ministry was in October of 2016 with a prayer list of 17 people. We will be going for 10 years this October. We have received many thank you cards (which I post in the Narthex). Some of these cards have donations in them to help further the ministry. We have grown to a list of 72 people and 22 prayer partners.

I shared a few stories of responses from those getting the cards — it really shows God's hand at work as many said they were having a not so good day and went to the mailbox and there was a card that lifted them.

God continues to bless and grow this ministry. Just this weekend we received Stamps donated by Les Cotton and from Pastor Scott's family from his dad's collection of forever stamps. A big thank you to all of them.

By next Sunday I should have envelopes containing stamps for each person on the prayer team. You will find an envelope with your name on it (stamps inside) in the Praying in Color mail box in the office. Please pick them up.

If anyone is interested in joining the ministry, please contact me:

Email: cardmaker874@gmail.com

Call: 843-294-1607

I have an answering machine. If I'm not home leave a message and I will get back to you.

Thank you ~ Eileen

LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund

The LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund brochure is now available.

Please see Linda Snyder for a copy of the brochure, which gives information on our Future Building Fund Endowment and ways that you can contribute to our future expansion.

Pictures for Church Directory



If you were unable to sit for a photo following the designated dates in March, or if you generally participate remotely, 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.

