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“The Gathering of the Priesthood of All Believers”

“And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds, not neglecting our own congregational meetings – as some have made a practice – but rather encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24–25)

There is something deeply intentional about the way we gather each week at Holy Lamb. Our worship is not random, nor is it merely habit or routine. It is shaped around a pattern that has guided the Church for centuries, a pattern rooted in Scripture and lived out in the life of God’s people.

We often describe this pattern in four parts: **the Gathering of the Priesthood of All Believers, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Sending of the Saints.** But everything begins with the gathering.

The gathering is more than simply showing up. It is about being called together. In a place like Myrtle Beach, where life moves at the rhythm of visitors, retirees, and changing seasons, the act of setting aside weekly time for worship becomes a quiet but powerful statement: *this matters*. It says that our lives are not defined only by schedules, responsibilities, or even rest, but by our relationship with the Lord and His people.

When we gather at Holy Lamb, we are living out what Scripture calls the “priesthood of all believers.” Each person who walks through those doors comes not as a spectator, but as one called by God, baptized into Christ, and brought into His family. We come from different weeks – some joyful, some heavy, some exhausting – but we come together as one body.

This weekly gathering requires intention. It means stepping away from distractions and choosing something deeper. Christian community is not optional for the life of faith, it is essential. Just as the body needs nourishment, the soul needs the steady rhythm of gathering with God’s people.

And so, we gather.

Yet when we gather, we do not pretend.

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One of the most honest moments in our worship comes early in the service: **Confession**. This is where we stand before God, and alongside one another, with truth. We acknowledge that the past week has not been perfect. We bring our impatience, our failures, our missed opportunities, and our sins. Confession is not abstract, it is real, relatable, and rational. It reflects real lives lived in a real world.

This is not new to the people of God. Think of Moses standing before the Lord. When Moses encountered God, there was no pretense, only reverence and honesty. He removed his sandals before the burning bush, recognizing he stood on holy ground. Later, he would confess the sins of Israel and plead for mercy. When God's people come before Him, they come truthfully.

And that is where we will pick up next month, because confession is not the end of the story.

Shalom,

Pastor Scott Kirchoff



Family Game Night

Family Game Nights will now be on the second Sunday of the month. Join in the fun on **Sunday, May 10 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 PM 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 studying the book of 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.



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

Tuesday, May 12 at 11:30 AM



The Council meets on the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting will be on:

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM



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

Ron and Joan Johnson, Mary Margaret Kluge, Myrle Rumsey

In Remembrance

Sue Alderson went home to our Lord on April 7. A service of remembrance and celebration was held at Holy Lamb on April 17. Keep her family in your prayers.

Darcy Taiani's stepfather Bill went home to our Lord on April 28. Remember her in your prayers 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 around 4:00 PM. You can reserve your spot on the church website: holylambmyrtlebeach.org under the Events tab.

Note: We will not have a Brew Crew event in May or June.

Our next Brew Crew event will be at on July 11 @ 4:30 PM at Ole Smoky Distillery and Yee-Haw Brewing Co. (Barefoot Landing).

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

Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, **May 26 at 5:15 PM at:**

Bonfire Taqueria
951 2nd Avenue
Conway



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 meets at Noon on the third Saturday of the month.

The next gathering is on Saturday, May 16 at:

Abuelo's
740 Coastal Grand Circle
(Coastal Grand Mall)

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 April	\$19,251	\$13,620
Year to Date	\$90,002	\$57,885

Volunteers Needed for Worship Services

Our worship services at Holy Lamb are strengthened and supported by the faithful service of our members. Quite simply, we cannot do what we do each Sunday without volunteers who are willing to step in and help.

We are currently in need of volunteers in several areas:

- **Audio** (8:00 & 10:30 AM)
- **Video** (10:30 AM)
- **Monitor** Slide advancing (both services – simple handheld clicker, and you can remain seated)
- **Ushers** (especially at 10:30 AM)
- **Readers** (you may choose a date and sign up in the Narthex)



If you have ever thought about helping but felt unsure, this is a great time to step forward. All roles are easy to learn. We are only asking for about **one hour per month**, making this a simple and meaningful way to serve.

Serving in worship is more than just filling a role—it is a way to support your church family and contribute to an atmosphere where God’s Word can be heard clearly and received with joy.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the **church office**.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for supporting the life and worship of Holy Lamb.

Pastor Scott & the Elders

See Insert for May volunteer schedule.



Flowers purchased to the Glory of God May 2026

- May 3 ~ Rejoice—Nathaniel Kirchoff Graduation from Medical School
- May 10 ~ Kathy & Bob Orłowski Anniversary
- May 17 ~ **Available
- May 24 ~ Steven Rehm’s birthday
- May 31 ~ IMO Judy Thropp’s daughter Patty

** If you’d like to purchase flowers for an available date, please contact the office.

Flower Openings

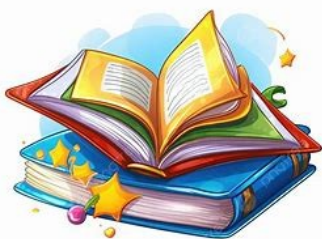
The flower chart for 2026 is in the Narthex. You may now sign up for your preferred dates. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers. The cost is \$40.

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.



May



3rd Gene McCarthy
 17th Steven (Doc) Rehm
 19th Judy Thropp
 19th Madison Gall
 21st Pat Allison
 23rd Jane Miller
 23rd Steven Rehm
 24th Merilynn Sell
 25th Ronald Ziembko

13th Bob & Kathy Orlowski
 28th John & Karen Bombria
 30th Bob & Myrle Rumsey

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

Thank you.

May Stewardship: Nurturing Our Talents

Spring awakens creation, and with it, our call to grow the gifts God has planted within us. Each of us has talents that can bless the church: teaching, listening, organizing, building, singing, caring. Stewardship of talent means recognizing that God has equipped us uniquely to serve His mission.



In Myrtle Beach, where our congregation includes many backgrounds and experiences, every gift adds beauty to the body of Christ. When we share our abilities for His purpose, we reflect the creativity the Creator Himself.

- What gifts or abilities has God entrusted to me?
- Am I using my talents in ways that glorify Him?
- How can I help others discover and use their gifts in the church?

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

You Tube Analytics ~ March 2026

Total Views:	146 (Sunday services and Bible studies)
Most Watched Video:	Palm Sunday (17 unique viewers)
Subscribers:	2 new subscribers, bringing the total to 37
Watch Time:	1,290 total minutes



Thank you for your donations of Metal Nail Clippers. For the month of May we are collecting **4 oz. BARS OF SOAP**. Each kit will need two bars. You may purchase a multi-pack but each bar needs to be individually wrapped.

Looking ahead to June, we will be collecting **STURDY COMBS**. As always, we are grateful for your support.

May 3 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.

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Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

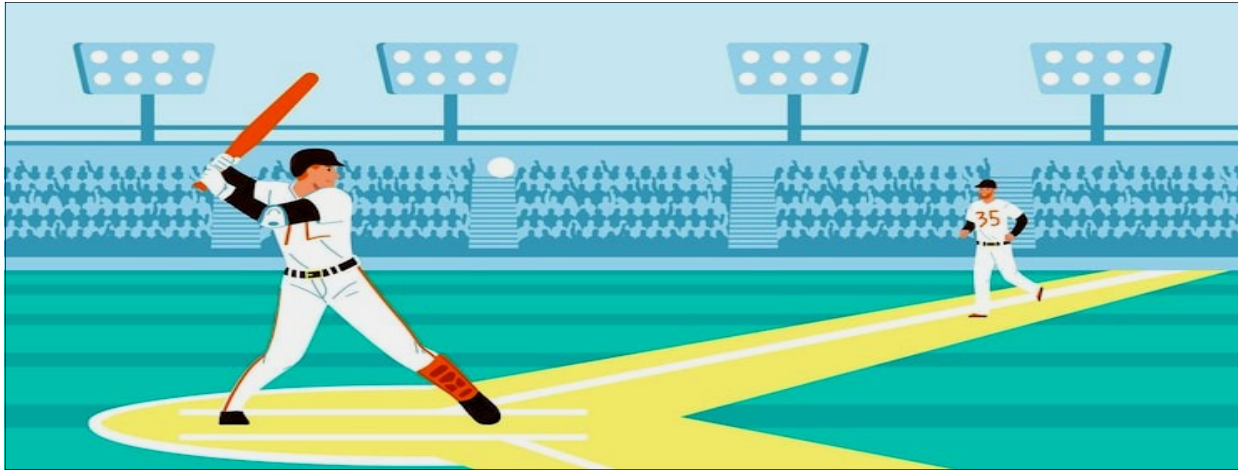
GRIEF SHARE 2026



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>
May 21	“Mothering Mercy”
June 11	“Fatherhood, Foundations, and the Father’s Heart”
July 9	“Freedom and Independence”
August 13	“Transitions and Gentle Routines”



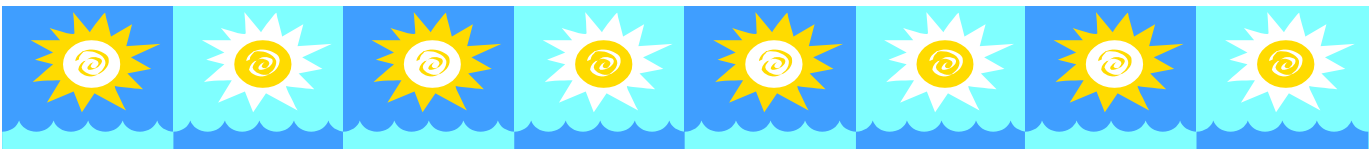
Annual Holy Lamb Baseball Game Outing Myrtle Beach Pelicans v. Augusta Greenjackets

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.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning June 7, worship services will be at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

No Bible studies (Sunday & Tuesday) during June and July.

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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



MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 9th	LWML Meeting & Ladies Tea Party	10:00 AM
Sunday, May 10th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 12th	Men’s Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, May 16th	Lunch Bunch ~ Abuelo’s	12:00 PM
Monday, May 18th	Last day to Pay for Pelicans Game Tickets	
Thursday, May 21st	GRIEFSHARE ~ “Mothering Mercy”	3:00 PM
Monday, May 25th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Tuesday, May 26th	Dining with Friends ~ Bonfire Taqueria	5:15 PM

JUNE EVENTS

Thursday, June 11th	GRIEFSHARE ~ “Fatherhood, Foundations and the Father’s Heart”	3:00 PM
Sunday, June 14th	Family Game Night	4:00 PM
Saturday, June 20th	Lunch Bunch ~ TBD	12:00 PM
Tuesday, June 23rd	Dining with Friends ~ TBD	5:15 PM

