

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## June 2026

### “From Confession to Absolution and Song”

*“If we openly confess our sins, He is faithful and just—true to His covenant—to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

Last month, we focused on the beginning of our worship life at Holy Lamb, the gathering of the priesthood of all believers, and the honest moment of confession where we come before God without pretense.

But confession is never the final word. The heart of the gathering is what follows: **absolution**.

After we have spoken the truth about our sin, God speaks a greater truth about His grace. In the words of absolution, Christ Himself declares that our sins are forgiven. Not minimized. Not ignored. Fully forgiven.

This is where worship becomes more than a gathering, it becomes an encounter. Because in that moment, the burden is lifted. The weight we carried into church is not meant to be carried back out again. The words spoken are not symbolic, they are declarative. By the authority of Christ, forgiveness is given. Our past does not define us. Our sin does not have the final word. Christ does.

And having received that forgiveness, we respond. We sing.

Our hymns are not just tradition or transition. They are participation in something ancient. They echo the Psalms sung by the people of Israel as they journeyed up to Jerusalem. These were songs sung along the road – songs of trust, hope, and joy – as they made their pilgrimage upward.

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That journey upward – known as *aliyah* – was both physical and spiritual. As they ascended toward Jerusalem, they sang of God’s faithfulness and mercy. Their voices carried their faith forward.

In a similar way, when we gather at Holy Lamb and lift our voices together, we join that same movement. Our sanctuary becomes a place of spiritual ascent. We sing not as burdened people, but as forgiven people. We sing because grace has already been given.

And that changes everything. Because now, we are ready.

The gathering has done its work. We have been called together. We have been honest about our sin. We have received Christ’s forgiveness. And we have responded in praise.

Now we are prepared to hear the Word, to receive the Sacrament, and ultimately to be sent back into the world.

At Holy Lamb Lutheran Church, the gathering is not just the start of worship, it is the re-centering of our lives. It is where we are reminded who we are, whose we are, and why we are here.

And week after week, we come again.

Not because we have to, but because we need to.

And because here, in this gathering, Christ meets us.

Shalom,

***Pastor Scott Kirchoff***



## **Family Game Night**

Family Game Night is the second Sunday of the month.

**There will be no Family Game Nights in June, July or August.**



# Bible Study Opportunities



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

**The Sunday morning bible class will not meet during the months of June and July.**

This brief sabbatical will give our group time to rest, regroup, and reprocess all that we have studied together. We pray that this summer break will be a refreshing season for everyone. In August, we will come together again with joy to study God's Word and grow in faith. Enjoy your summer, and blessings to you all!

## 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 to join us as we delight in God's word. We are beginning a study on the book of Genesis and will be using the YouTube bible study of Pastor Eric from Redeemer LCMS in Highland, Indiana. Pastor Eric's wonderful passion for God's word has greatly enhanced our previous studies. 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](mailto:ldkatai2@gmail.com).

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

**Tuesday, June 9 at 11:30 AM**



**There is no Council meeting in June.**



**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  
 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 Orłowski  
 Marty Reynolds  
 Monica & Bill Steele  
 Al Heiber  
 Jim & Erin Murphy  
 Jay Malloy

**For Our Homebound**

Ron and Joan Johnson, Mary Margaret Kluge, Myrle Rumsey

**Thank You**

We are so grateful to you all for the prayers and cards for our stepfather Bill and us during his illness and now that he has received his perfect healing and gone home to the Lord. Thank you so much!

~ Darcy Taiani and family

**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](http://holylambmyrtlebeach.org) under the Events tab.

**There is no Brew Crew event in June.**

**The next Brew Crew event will be July 11, 4:30 PM at Ole Smoky Distillery and Yee-Haw Brewing Co., 1216 Celebrity Circle (Broadway at the Beach).**

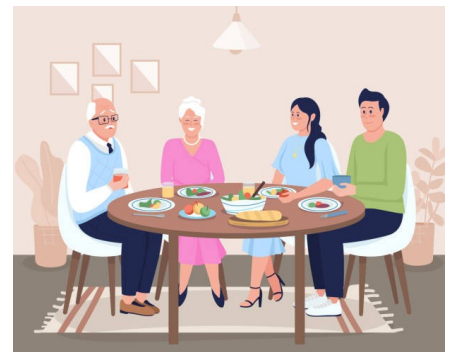
In 2026, the Brew Crew will check out some new places to have a brewski and meal. Here's our lineup for the new year:

- ~ 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

Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, **June 23 at 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 meets at Noon on the third Saturday of the month.

**The group's next gathering is on Saturday, June 20.**

The location will be announced in the weekly Notes.

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



## Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u> (a/o May 24)	<u>Budget</u>
Month of May (a/o 5/24)	\$ 21,827	\$13,620
Year to Date	\$111,789	\$71,505

## 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** (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
- **Video** (9:00 AM)
- **Monitor** slide advancing (both services – simple handheld clicker, and you can remain seated)
- **Ushers** (especially at 11:00 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 June volunteer schedule.*



## Flowers purchased to the Glory of God June 2026

- June 7 ~ Tom & Pat Marquardt for D-day memorial
- June 14 ~ Merilynn & Jack Sell for family birthdays
- June 21 ~ \*\*Available
- June 28 ~ \*\*Available

\*\* 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

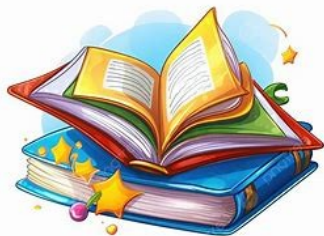
If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The cost is \$40.00.

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.



# June



2nd Hayley Lauritsen

24th Jerry & Jane Miller

9th Margie Weller

25th Lois & James Murphy

10th Darcy Taiani

18th Michelle Entis

19th Margaret Bartelotte

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

Thank you.

## June Stewardship: The Joy of Community



As summer begins and our pews fill with new faces, stewardship becomes hospitality. Holy Lamb’s ministry shines when we greet others with warmth and joy. Residents, snowbirds, and vacationers, all are part of God’s family when they step through our doors. Our time and treasure make this possible: the air-conditioned sanctuary, the music, the bulletins, the sacraments, the friendship. Every handshake and smile are investments in the mission of the Church. Together, we are stewards of a holy welcome.

- How can I make Holy Lamb feel more welcoming to newcomers?
- What does hospitality look like in the name of Jesus?
- How does generosity create space for community?

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**

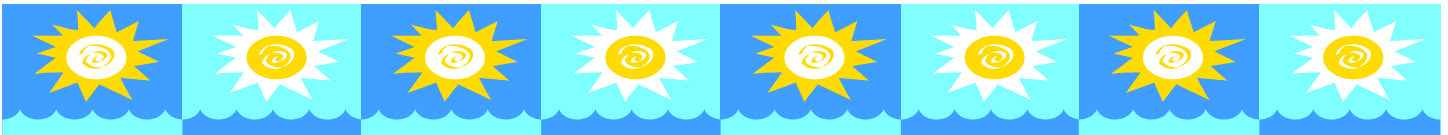
Although we are at the same web address ([www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org](http://www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org)), we are updating our look. Have you checked our website out lately?

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**



## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**June 7 through August 30**

Worship services will be at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.  
**The 9:00 AM service will stream live on FaceBook.**

**No Sunday or Tuesday Bible studies during June and July.**



**June 7 is MITE Box Sunday.** Please return your MITE box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. Don't forget to pickup 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 of your support.

The June items for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits are **STURDY COMBS** and **DARK COLORED LIGHTWEIGHT TOWELS** (NOT microfiber), 20x40 or 27x52.

**WE DO NOT NEED TO COLLECT ANY MORE SOAP.**

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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>
June 11	“Fatherhood, Foundations, and the Father’s Heart”
July 9	“Freedom and Dependence”
August 13	“Transitions and Gentle Routines”
September 10	“Work, Worth, and Rest”

### The Big Shoe is Coming Soon!



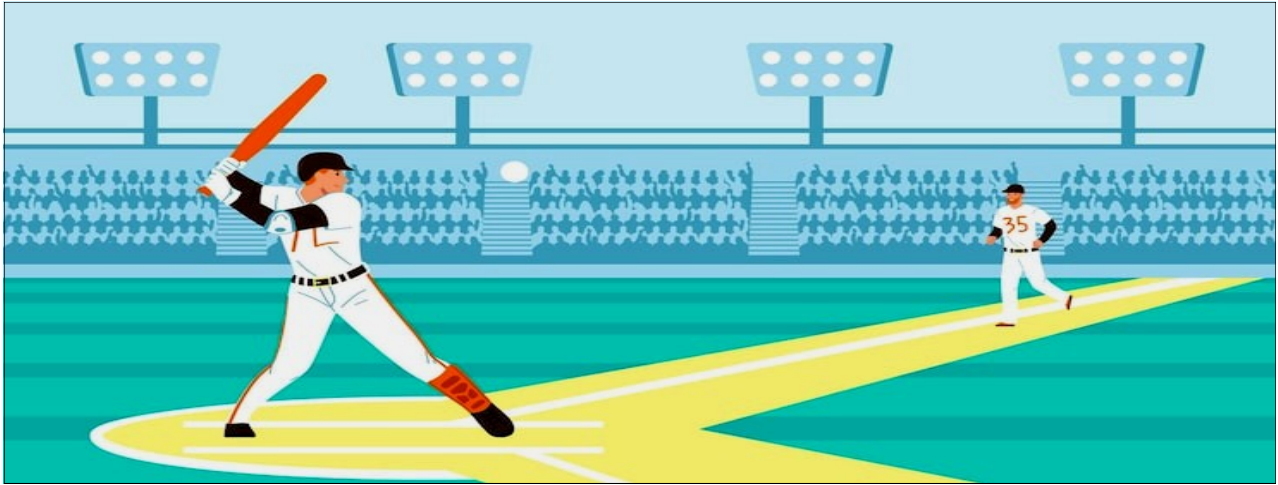
**The Big Shoe will be in the Cry room, off the sanctuary, on June 14th.**

We will be collecting size 1-8 shoes and socks for Help4Kids. **If you would like to donate backpacks, they need to be clear.**

Help4Kids now serves around 3,000 underprivileged local children weekly, providing food, clothing, and other items needed. They are a 100% volunteer-run organization.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Katai at [ldkatai2@gmail.com](mailto:ldkatai2@gmail.com).



**Annual Holy Lamb Baseball Game Outing**  
**Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
**Myrtle Beach Pelicans v. Augusta Greenjackets**

All-you-can-eat picnic buffet is available from 5:30 to 7:00 PM .  
**GAME STARTS AT 6:35 PM.**



**THE BLOOD<sup>®</sup>**  
**CONNECTION**  
*Your Community Blood Center*

The Men's Fellowship is organizing a blood drive at church on **Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available in the Narthex.

**Any person who chooses to donate a pint will receive a \$30 e-card as a thank you from The Blood Connection, the organization doing the blood collection.**

This blood drive is a community event, but also allows the Men's Fellowship to raise funds based on the number of people that participate. Please sign up or get a friend or neighbor to sign up.

Specific details on donating blood due to health issues, age, etc. will be emailed to all members from the church office. Thank you!

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**Summer Worship Schedule**

June 7—August 30  
9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Bible Studies**

Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Tuesday Morning Bible Study (resumes August 4) 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Bible Study (resumes August 2)



**JUNE EVENTS**

★	Tuesday, June 9th	Men’s Fellowship Lunch	11:30 AM	★
★	Thursday, June 11th	GRIEFSHARE ~ “ <i>Fatherhood, Foundations, and the Father’s Heart</i> ”	3:00 PM	★
★	Sunday, June 14th	Holy Family Baseball Outing	5:30 PM	★
★	Saturday, June 20th	Lunch Bunch ~ TBD	12:00 PM	★
★	Tuesday, June 23rd	Dining with Friends ~ TBD	5:15 PM	★

**JULY EVENTS**

★	Tuesday, July 7	Council Meeting	6:00 PM	★
★	Thursday, July 9	GRIEFSHARE ~ “ <i>Freedom and Dependence</i> ”	3:00 PM	★
★	Saturday, July 11	Brew Crew ~ Ole Smokey Distillery	4:30 PM	★
★	Sunday, July 12	Combined Worship Service	10:00 AM	★
★		Congregation Meeting & BBQ	11:00 AM	★
★	Tuesday, July 14	Men’s Fellowship Lunch	11:30 AM	★
★	Saturday, July 18	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM	★
★		Blood Drive	10:00 AM	★
★		Lunch Bunch ~ TBD	12:00 PM	★
★	Tuesday, July 28	Dining with Friends ~ TBD	5:15 PM	★

