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“The Service of the Word – Sola Scriptura ”

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

If the gathering brings us together and absolution restores us, then the Service of the Word establishes our foundation. At Holy Lamb, we are not built on shifting opinions or cultural trends, we are built on the Word of God.

This is what the Lutheran Church has historically called Sola Scriptura – Scripture alone.

That phrase does not mean that we ignore history, tradition, or wisdom from the past. It means something more precise: **Scripture is the final authority.** It is the standard by which everything else is measured. The Church does not stand over the Word to judge it; the Word stands over the Church to guide, correct, and sustain it.

In a world where truth is often treated as flexible, this matters.

When you come into worship at Holy Lamb, you are stepping into a place where something solid is being proclaimed. The readings are not chosen randomly. The sermon is not based on preference or personal philosophy. Everything is anchored in the Scriptures – Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel – because we believe that this is where God has chosen to speak with clarity.

This conviction has deep roots.

Consider Ezra in Nehemiah 8. After the exile, the people of Israel gathered, and Ezra read the Law publicly. But he did more than read, he and the Levites explained it so the people could understand. The authority was not in Ezra himself, but in the Word he proclaimed. The people responded not to personality, but to truth.

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That same pattern shapes our worship today.

At Holy Lamb, the Service of the Word is not a lecture or a religious talk. It is the place where God's Word is read, heard, and proclaimed so that His people may be formed by it. The sermon is not about offering ideas, it is about faithfully delivering what Scripture says and applying it to real life here in Myrtle Beach.

Because Scripture is living and active, it does something.

It reveals who God is. It shows us who we are. It tells the story of salvation centered in Jesus Christ.

And it anchors us in something unchanging in the midst of a constantly changing world.

This is why Sola Scriptura matters, not as a slogan, but as a way of life. It ensures that what you hear in worship is not dependent on the personality of a pastor or the mood of a moment, but on the enduring Word of God.

And next month, we will look more closely at how that Word works on us, through the proper distinction between Law and Gospel.

Blessings,

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.



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

Tuesday, July 14 at 11:30 AM



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday morning bible class will not meet during the month of July.

The Sunday Adult Bible Class will resume on **August 2, between the end of the 9:00 a.m. service and the start of the 11:00 a.m. service.** This class will focus on the Scripture lessons for the sermon, giving us an opportunity to take a deeper dive into the readings, themes, and message for the day. We look forward to growing together in God's Word and strengthening our understanding of the Sunday sermon text. Flexibility and patience are appreciated as we work out the timing and details for this class.

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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning bible class will not meet during the month of July. Classes will resume on **August 4 at 9:00 a.m.** Our topic will be **Samuel and Saul**, a ten-lesson study that follows the rise of Samuel, the calling and fall of Saul, and the early movement toward David's kingship. This study will also incorporate insights from **Listen to the Land**, helping us pay attention not only to the people and events of Scripture, but also to the places where God's Word unfolds and why those locations matter. When this ten-week study is completed, it will lead naturally into a follow-up study on **David and Solomon**, continuing the story of Israel's kings and God's faithful work among His people.



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

Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 PM

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



As Holy Lamb continues to grow, it has become necessary to make changes to our prayer request list. We will keep our friends and family members on the list for one month only. If you would like to keep them on longer, please let the office know with a monthly email to holylambcms@aol.com. Holy Lamb members will remain on the list indefinitely or until you email us to take you off.

Cancer Issues

Sami, friend of Dave & Linda
Les Cotton
Ted, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina
Dorothy O., Adell Keeney's friend
Eleonore Kidder
J R Relford

For Our Homebound

Mary Margaret Kluge, Myrle Rumsey



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
Merle Falke	Mary Lee
Karen & Gene McCarthy	Kathy Orlowski
Steven Rehm	Monica & Bill Steele
Doc & Nancy Rehm	Al Heiber
Jim & Erin Murphy	Caroline Twentier

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.

Our next gathering is on 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 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
- ~ 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, **July 28 at 5:15 PM.**

The location will be announced in the weekly Notes.



LUNCH BUNCH

The concept for the 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, July 18.

The location will be announced in the weekly Notes.

We are always open to suggestions...email yours to Merilynn Sell.

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of June	\$ 23,706	\$13,620
Year to Date	\$139,353	\$88,853

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



Flowers purchased to the Glory of God July 2026

- July 5 ~ Bill & Monica Steele in memory of their daughter and parents
July 12 ~ Caroline Twentier in celebration of Henry's 80th birthday
July 19 ~ Sylvia Stedina in celebration of Ed's birthday
July 26 ~ Pat Marquardt in celebration of Tom's birthday

Flower Openings

The flower chart for 2026 is in the Narthex. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.

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.



July



1st Kathy Panning
 11th Kathy Orlowski
 23rd Eddie Stedina
 26th Tom Marquardt

5th George & Marsha Hulshart
 8th Gene & Karen McCarthy

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

Thank you.

JULY STEWARDSHIP: Treasures That Last



Stewardship

In the heart of summer, we reflect on what truly matters. Myrtle Beach sparkles with attractions, but our true treasure lies in the eternal love of Christ. Jesus warned that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. When we give faithfully, we declare that our hearts belong to God. Stewardship this month is about prioritizing what endures - faith, family, and the fellowship of believers. Every offering, whether large or small, helps us proclaim that Holy Lamb is a church built on the solid rock of Christ.

- What are the treasures I value most in life?
- How does my giving reflect my faith priorities?
- In what ways can I store up treasure in heaven this month?

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

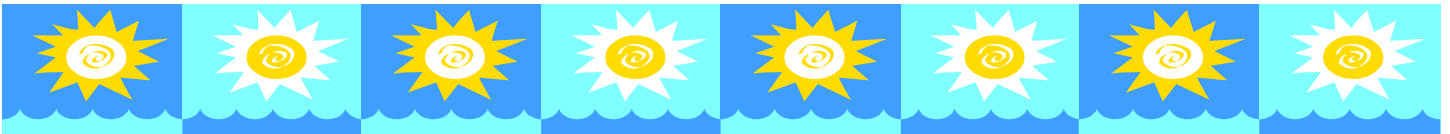
Although we are at the same web address (www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org), we are updating our look. Have you checked our website out lately?

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 (Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM). 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 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.



July 5 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.

The Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit items for the month of July are **STURDY COMBS, NAIL CLIPPERS** and **DARK COLORED, LIGHTWEIGHT TOWELS (NOT microfiber)**

(20x40 or 27x52). *The last day to bring items in is JULY 12.*

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Karen Bombria
President, Holy Lamb LWML

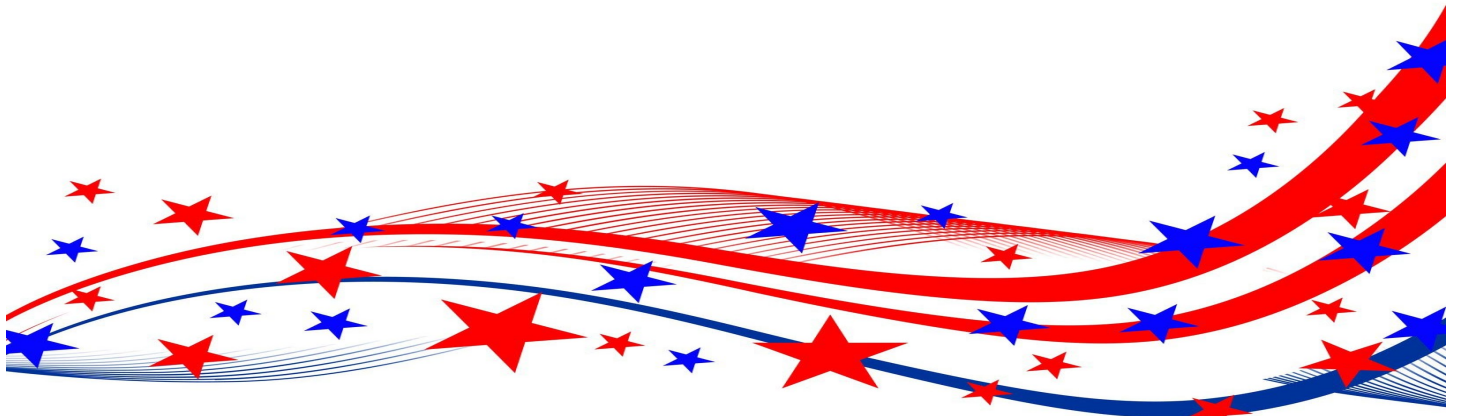


GRIEF SHARE 2026

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.

Date	Topic
July 9	“Freedom and Dependence”
August 13	“Transitions and Gentle Routines”
September 10	“Work, Worth, and Rest”
October 8	“Saints, Harvest, and the Long View”





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 is available in the Narthex. **We currently have time slots available from 11:30 AM through 2:15 PM.**

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. was emailed to all members from the church office. That information is also available on the display board in the Narthex. For questions, please contact Dave Katai.

Thank you!



THE BIG SHOE IS HERE!

The Big Shoe is in the Cry Room off the Sanctuary. **There is also a collection point in the Narthex.**

We are 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. If you would rather write a check, please make it out to Holy Lamb with "Big Shoe" on the memo line. There is a jar next to the collection point in the Narthex for monetary donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Katai.

