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“We Believe, Therefore We Confess and Pray”

Every Sunday at Holy Lamb Lutheran Church, the sermon is followed by something very intentional: we stand together and confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed. This is more than tradition. The Creed is our response of faith to the Word of God we have just heard. God speaks through the Scriptures and sermon, and together we answer, “This is what we believe.”

The Creeds summarize the Christian faith handed down through the generations. They confess the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and center our faith on Jesus Christ: His incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return. Because these words are so familiar, it can be easy to rush through them. I encourage us to slow down when we confess the Creed. Listen to the words. Think about what we are saying. These are the truths upon which our life and eternal hope rest.

There is also something powerful about confessing the Creed together. Christianity is personal, but it is never merely private. When we speak the Creed with one voice, we are reminded that we belong to something larger than ourselves — the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. We are confessing the same faith that Christians have spoken across centuries, cultures, and nations. In a world where so much seems uncertain and constantly changing, the Creed anchors us in the unchanging promises of God.

After the Creed, we move naturally into the Prayers of the Church. We have heard God's Word, confessed our faith, and now bring the needs of the Church and the world before Him. At Holy Lamb, I normally write these prayers each week based upon the three Scripture readings appointed for that Sunday, allowing the themes of the lessons to shape our petitions.

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The prayers also reflect the life of our congregation. We remember those who are sick, suffering, hospitalized, grieving, recovering, or facing difficult circumstances. But we also give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, healing, answered prayers, and other blessings. As Scripture says, we “rejoice with those who rejoice” and “weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15).

You may notice that during these prayers I move behind the altar. From there, I lead the congregation in bringing our petitions before God.

These are not simply the pastor's prayers; they are the prayers of the whole congregation. When we respond together after each petition, we join our voices in carrying one another before the throne of God's grace.

So rather than seeing the Creed and the Prayers of the Church simply as what comes between the sermon and Holy Communion, think of their purpose: God speaks. His people believe. His people confess. His people pray. Then we come to His altar, where Christ gives Himself to us again in His Holy Supper.

Blessings,

Pastor Scott Kirchoff



Family Game Day ~ New Day & Time

Family Game “Day” is resuming and, once again, we are trying something new. **We will now meet on the fourth Saturday of the month at Noon.**

Mark your calendar for September 26 at Noon.

Bring a finger food to share or a sandwich, and then we will begin play.

If it is nice outside, we may even try to get the corn hole game out. We usually have two or three different games going. Bring one to teach, or come to learn a new one! Everyone will be able to get home before dark!



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

Tuesday, September 8 at 11:30 AM



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Adult Bible Class resumes on **September 13, after the 9:00 AM 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

Our topic is **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, September 8 at 6:00 PM



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 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

For Our Homebound

Mary Margaret Kluge, Myrle Rumsey

THANK YOU...

A heartfelt thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and food during Bill's recovery. It was greatly appreciated.

Monica Steele

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.

We will meet on September 19 at the home of Blain and Christel Lefort. Bring a dish to share for the potluck and a favorite beverage, if you'd like to share. The Leforts will provide meat and a limited selection of beer and wine. RSVP your attendance on the Events tab of the church website (holylambmyrtlebeach.org). Please indicate the dish you plan to bring. **The address will be shared with those who RSVP.**

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

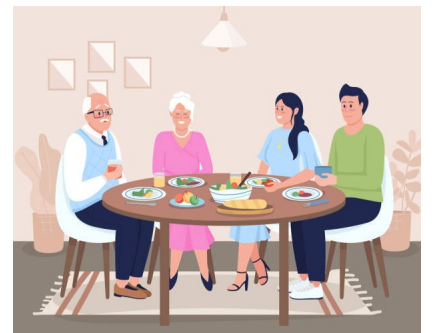
- ~ Crooked Hammock Brewery (Barefoot Landing)
- ~ Black Drum Brewing (Myrtle Beach)
- ~ Southern Hops Brewery (Murrells Inlet)
- ~ Barbecue hosted by Blain & Christel Lefort at their home
- ~ BYOB Party Tiki Boat (either Crazy Sister Marina or Island Adventure Water Sports ~ Swing Bridge ~ Socastee)

DINING WITH FRIENDS

Our next gathering will be:

Tuesday, September 22 at 5:15

Location: Outback Steakhouse



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 September gathering is canceled to accommodate the Brew Crew event noted above.

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

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of August (thru 8/23)	\$ 23,537	\$ 13,620
Year to Date	\$179,985	\$115,770

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 September 2026



September 6 ~ **Available

September 13 ~ Rose Ruddick in memory of Doug's birthday

September 20 ~ The Murphy Family in memory of Lois' father Edgar Smith

September 27 ~ **Available

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

Flower Purchase Reminder

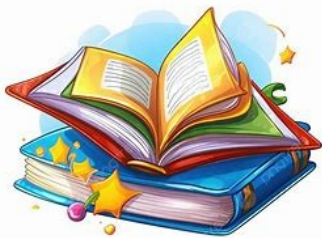
If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The cost is \$40.00.

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.



September



3rd Rose Ruddick
9th David Panning
15th Monica Steele
16th Merle Falke
21st Linda Snyder
29th Tim Jackson
29th Christel Lefort

4th Dave & Linda Katai

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

September: The Harvest of Ministry

As the heat begins to fade and the crowds thin, we enter a time of gratitude for the harvest of ministry. All year we have planted seeds of faith through worship, study, and service.

Now we see the fruit: lives touched, faith strengthened, and a community blessed.

Stewardship means celebrating God's abundance and renewing our commitment to sow again. Just as farmers trust the Lord of the harvest, we trust that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

- Where have I seen God's blessings at work this year?
- What "harvest" of faith can I thank Him for in my life?
- How can I plant new seeds of ministry for the coming season?

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 (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



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship services are at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

The 9:00 AM service streams live on FaceBook.



September 6 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.

be the Bible study leader.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Karen Bombria
President, Holy Lamb LWML

All women are invited to attend our next meeting on **Saturday, September 12 at 10am** in the fellowship hall. Linda Katai will



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
September 10	"Work, Worth, and Rest"
October 8	"Saints, Harvest, and the Long View"
November 12	"Gratitude with Empty Chairs"
December 10	"Advent Waiting, Christmas Light"



Evangelism Committee Meeting

Our next Evangelism Committee meeting will be:

Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 PM
Veteran's Café

The Evangelism Committee meeting begins after the Men's Fellowship lunch and meeting. You are, however, welcome to come at 11:30 AM for lunch and fellowship. The women sit in the restaurant for lunch while the men have lunch and their meeting in the closed-off room.

Please reach out to Darcy Taiani with any questions.



THE BLOOD[®] CONNECTION

Your Community Blood Center

As a final update on the recent Blood Drive at church, the Men's Fellowship is happy to share that Holy Lamb raised \$395, which will be dedicated to feeding school kids in need during the coming school year. Additionally, future blood drives are in the planning stages, so stay tuned for upcoming events.

Please remember to redeem your e-rewards by logging into thebloodconnection.org and setting up an account.



LCMS
Foundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Update on LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund for New Building

During our July 12, 2026 congregation meeting, a motion was made and approved to transfer \$40,000 to the Endowment Fund. This, along with an additional \$300 from our in-house New Building Fund account, has been transferred as of Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Updated amounts in the Fund are as follows:

Previous Approximate Fair Market Value amount:	\$ 61,000
Approx. Increases due to market trends:	\$ 5,000
Recent Deposit to account:	<u>\$ 40,300</u>
Total approximate Fair Market Value of Fund:	\$106,300

***Approximate because Market Trends fluctuate.*

If you are interested in depositing directly into the endowment fund, or you would like more information, please reach out to Linda Snyder.

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Worship Schedule

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Bible Studies

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Sunday Morning Bible Study (resumes Sept. 13)	10:15 am

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, September 1	Elders Meeting	6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 8	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Evangelism Committee	1:00 PM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, September 10	GRIEFSHARE ~ "Work, Worth, and Rest"	3:00 PM
Saturday, September 12	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM
Saturday, September 19	Brew Crew ~ Home of Blain/Christel Lefort	4:00 PM
Tuesday, September 22	Dining with Friends ~ Outback Steakhouse	5:15 PM
Saturday, September 26	Family Game Day	12:00 PM
Sunday, September 27	Combined Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Congregational Meeting	10:30 AM

OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 6	Elder's Meeting	6:00 PM
Thursday, October 8	GRIEFSHARE ~ "Saints, Harvest & The Long View"	3:00 PM
Tuesday, October 13	Men's Fellowship	11:30 AM
	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Saturday, October 17	Pumpkins Arrive!	
Saturday, October 24	Family Game Day	12:00 PM
Sunday, October 25	Harvest Home Potluck	12:30 PM
Tuesday, October 27	Dining with Friends ~ Pachangueros (<i>tent.</i>)	5:15 PM