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Why Do We Receive an Offering in Worship?

Every Sunday during the Divine Service, we receive an offering. It may seem like a practical part of worship, something necessary to pay bills, support ministries, maintain the church building, and provide for the work of the congregation. Certainly, our offerings do support those things. But in the Lutheran Church, the offering is much more than fundraising. It is an act of worship. We give because God has first given everything to us.

Scripture reminds us, “The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof” (Psalm 24:1). Everything we possess ultimately comes from the gracious hand of God. Our homes, employment, food, families, abilities, time, possessions, and even the breath in our lungs are gifts received from our heavenly Father. In the Small Catechism, Luther teaches us to confess that God has given us our body and soul, clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, and everything we need to support this body and life. When we place an offering before the Lord, therefore, we are not giving God something that He lacks. We are returning a portion of what He has already entrusted to us.

This is why Christian giving is not rooted primarily in obligation, pressure, or guilt. St. Paul writes, “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). The Gospel changes the character of our giving. We do not give in order to earn God's favor. We already possess His favor because of Jesus Christ. Christ has given Himself completely for us, His life, His righteousness, His forgiveness, and His salvation. Christian generosity therefore becomes a response of faith: God has been generous toward me, and now I am free to be generous toward others.

Our giving also becomes a way of making peace by providing peace. When the Church helps a struggling family, supports a missionary, feeds someone who is hungry, cares for a person in

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crisis, comforts the grieving, or provides a place where the Gospel can be preached and the Sacraments administered, our gifts are doing more than paying expenses. They are bringing stability, mercy, encouragement, and peace into the lives of other people. Generosity can ease fear. It can relieve burdens. It can remind another person that he or she has not been forgotten. In this way, our giving becomes one of the many means through which Christians carry the peace of Christ into a troubled world.

There is another important reason we give visibly and faithfully: the generations behind us are watching. Children and grandchildren learn what matters to us not only from what we say but from what they see us do. When they see parents and grandparents worship faithfully, pray, receive the Sacrament, serve others, and give generously, they learn that faith is not simply something we talk about. It shapes the way we live. Christian stewardship becomes part of the faith we hand down. We teach the next generation that money is a gift to be managed, not a god to be worshiped, and that generosity is part of a life lived in gratitude to Christ.

Receiving the offering during worship also reminds us that our entire lives belong before the altar of God. We bring our prayers, our praise, our burdens, our sins, our hopes, and also a portion of what God has placed into our hands. The offering is therefore a small picture of the Christian life itself. God gives to us, and by His grace we respond.

Blessings,

Pastor Scott Kirchoff



Family Game Day

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 October 24 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, October 13 at 11:30 AM



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Adult Bible Class focuses 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, October 13 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

Nancy Rehm

Al Heiber

Jim & Erin Murphy

Caroline Twentier

For Our Homebound

Norm Boulet

Marsha Dunn

Mary Margaret Kluge

Mary Lee

Myrle Rumsey

Ron Ziembko



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.

Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 PM
Home of Blain and Christel Lefort (North Carolina)

Bring a dish to share for the potluck and a favorite beverage, if you would 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 note what dish you plan to bring. **The address in North Carolina will be shared with those who RSVP.**

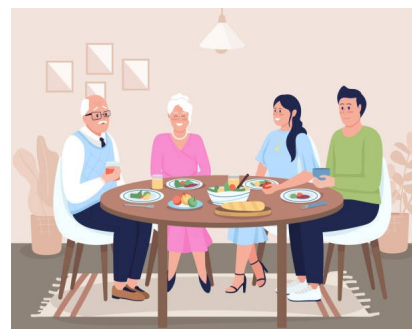
In 2026, the Brew Crew will check out some new places to have a brewski and meal. Here's our lineup for the year:

- ~ 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, October 27 at 5:15 PM
Location: To be announced in 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.

Saturday, October 17 at Noon
Location: To be announced in 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 September	\$ 19,785	\$ 13,620
Year to Date	\$204,647	\$132,795

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**



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.

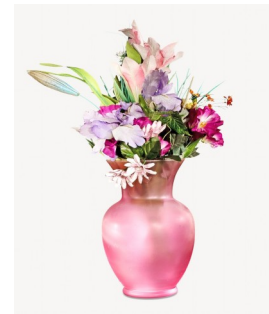
Serving in worship is more than just filling a role — it is a way to support your church family and contribute to an atmosphere where God’s Word can be heard clearly and received with joy.

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 October 2026



October 4 ~ Merilynn & Jack Sell in memory of loved ones

October 11 ~ **Available

October 18 ~ Bill & Monica Steele to celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary

October 25 ~ Ed & Sylvia Stedina in memory of loved ones

**** 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.

For a few hours during Pumpkin Patch sales on Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, October 31, there will be a table set up with free books (suitable for children and/or adults).



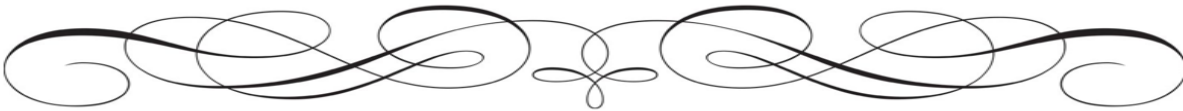
October



1st Karen Bombria
3rd Linda Davis
6th Karen McCarthy
6th Rosemary Wheeler
9th Peter Schline
10th Camille August

18th Bill & Monica Steele
26th Jeff & Susan Murray
26th Tim & Kathy Jackson

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



October: Living Thankfully

Autumn invites reflection and thanksgiving. We look around our sanctuary, our fellowship hall, and our beachside community, and see countless reasons to praise God. Stewardship this month means living thankfully, expressing our gratitude not just in words but in action. Through generous giving and willing service, we testify to the goodness of God.

When the world grows weary and cynical, the thankful heart of a steward shines as a living witness to grace.

- How can I practice gratitude in tangible ways this month?
- Who might need to hear a word of thanks from me?
- What part of my life reflects thankfulness to God?

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.

**Have you checked out our website lately?
www.holylambmyrtlebeach.org**

Click on the "GET INVOLVED" tab at the top of the page to see how you can support the mission of Holy Lamb. We would love to get new members involved!

If you feel there are things we should add to our website, please mention it to Tom Marquardt.

Combined Worship Service Reformation Sunday

October 25 @ 9:00 AM

**Followed by the Harvest
Home Potluck Lunch!**

**See Potluck
sign-up sheet
in the Narthex.**



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



October 4 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 LWML (in the memo area, put MITES).

Thank you for your support.

Karen Bombria

President, Holy Lamb LWML



UPDATE

As of September 17, 2026

LCMS Foundation Endowment Fund

Fair Market Value is approximately \$108,195.



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

**Dates and topics for GRIEF SHARE 2027
will be posted in the December newsletter.**





2027 ATTRACTIONS BOOK

**On Sale Now
through January 1, 2027**

Holy Lamb Men's Fellowship is donating the majority of its funds from 2027 Attractions Book sales [and Blood Connection events] to "Help 4 Kids" (Backpack Buddies). The funds will be used to help feed 3,000 very needy kids in Horry County during the summer and on weekends when school is not in session.

Food is delivered by volunteers to various locations in Horry County at no cost to families.

Thank you for the outstanding response! Because of your generosity:

- Thousands of Horry County children receive weekend food each school year and during the summer recess.
- Students begin the school year with backpacks filled with essential school supplies.
- Families facing difficult times know they are not alone.
- Local children are given hope, encouragement, and the opportunity to succeed.

Please call Ron Hajduk, Henry Twentier, or Dave Katai to purchase an Attractions Book. Price is only \$25.00.

Please consider purchasing another book for yourself or as a gift for a friend or neighbor.



PUMPKINS ARRIVE OCTOBER 17!

We could really use your help in the Patch. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex with 2-hour slots from 12-2 PM, 2-4 PM and 4-6 PM through October 31.

We always sit in the patch by 2's as a safety precaution. You can sit with anyone you would like...a spouse, church member, neighbor, or friend, so start thinking about with whom you might like to spend 2 hours.

**Everyone who comes to the Patch is your neighbor...
and this is an outreach into the community. Have fun!!**

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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

10:15 AM

OCTOBER EVENTS

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Tuesday, October 6	Elders Meeting		6:00 PM	
Thursday, October 8	GRIEFSHARE ~ “Saints, Harvest & The Long View”		3:00 PM	
Saturday, October 10	Altar Guild Meeting / Harvest Set Up		10:00 AM	
Tuesday, October 13	Men’s Fellowship		11:30 AM	
	Council Meeting		6:00 PM	
Saturday, October 17	Pumpkins Arrive!			
	Lunch Bunch ~ TBA		12:00 PM	
Sunday, October 18	Daily Pumpkin Sales Begin thru October 31		12:00 PM	
Saturday, October 24	Family Game Day		12:00 PM	
	Brew Crew ~ Home of Blain & Christel Lefort		4:00 PM	
	“Free Books” Table during Pumpkin Sales	~ 12:00 PM		
Sunday, October 25	Combined Worship / Reformation Sunday		9:00 AM	
	Harvest Home Potluck Lunch	~ 10:45 AM		
Tuesday, October 27	Dining with Friends ~ Pachangueros (<i>tent.</i>)		5:15 PM	
Saturday, October 31	“Free Books” Table during Pumpkin Sales	~ 12:00 PM		

NOVEMBER EVENTS

★ Tuesday, November 3	Elders Meeting	6:00 PM	★
★ Thursday, November 12	GRIEFSHARE ~ “Gratitude with Empty Chairs”	3:00 PM	★
★ Saturday, November 14	LWML Meeting	10:00 AM	★
★ Friday, November 20	Evangelism Committee Meeting ~ Church	1:00 PM	★
★ Tuesday, November 24	Dining with Friends ~ TBA	5:15 PM	★
★ Saturday, November 28	Family Game Day	12:00 PM	★