

# Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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## February 2011

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was a child, suppertime rarely brought any surprises. Mom had a collection of recipes that Dad and we five kids liked and she was not one to experiment with new dishes. After all, what she was preparing was nourishing, well-liked by all of us (no small feat), and familiar enough to her that we could have a reliable meal time. We were confident in, and comfortable with Mom's cooking. The usual, "What's for supper?" brought a response that had my mouth watering, whatever the answer was.

Kathy and I married at a young age and I soon discovered a new variety of foods and meals. This discovery process was not always smooth. The question "What's for supper?" often brought an answer I had never heard, before. Upon further query, Kathy would begin to list the ingredients of this new dish. Rarely did that ease my anxiety. Let's face it, after working construction all day, I was hungry and not in the mood for 'trying' something that I might not like, and would not be able to eat enough of to be full.

Kathy soon learned that, with all the information she was giving me, I was sitting down to eat with a preconceived idea of whether I would like this new dish or not – and usually I was more than a little skeptical. So one day the answer to my supper question was, "A new taste sensation!" She restricted me from the kitchen and would not tell me what was going to be served. Well, as it turned out, I enjoyed the meal. And so began a journey that continues to this day of new taste sensations.

I have learned that change is not always bad, that some new things can be very good, and that the statement "A new taste sensation!" was not necessarily reason for despair. Of course Kathy learned, too. She learned which types of tastes and textures we liked and which ones we didn't. She learned to adjust recipes to accommodate our particular preferences, even on the first try. This learning process did result in some duds; but after 35 years of marriage we've come to the point that "A new taste sensation!" is usually a pretty good thing. (Actually, it took far less time.)

Holy Lamb, too, has experienced some changes over recent years. From a part-time, interim pastor to a vicar to a full-time pastor; from a change in worship time and adding an 8:00 service several years ago to rearranging our sanctuary seating and adding chairs; from changing hymnals to trying new liturgies; from a preschool of less than 12 to a crowd of 24 and discussions of an Open Arms Child Development Center, we are experiencing a lot of new taste sensations. We, sometimes, receive the news with skepticism, before we even experience it. We, sometimes, spit it out before it has a chance to reach our taste buds.

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# Our Ministries Together

Below are some of the various ministries of Holy Lamb. They include opportunities for fellowship, service to each other and the community, Bible study, and more. Review these ministries in light of your interests and gifts. There is very likely a ministry that would enrich your life and benefit from your involvement. **The bold text in the articles below indicate the upcoming scheduled events for those ministries.**

## Do you enjoy singing?

Our choir's contribution to our worship is genuinely appreciated. They generally sing hymns from the hymnal that are new to the congregation. Recently, they have also incorporated hymns from a relatively new Lutheran hymn-writer, Stephen Starke.



**We would love to have a larger choir.**  
We practice on Wednesdays, at 5:30pm.

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us. You do not need to be able to read music. More voices will enhance our singing and allow us to have a strong choir even when some members travel.

Contact Carol Stocum at 357-8170

## Tuesday Bible Study

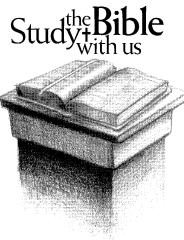
We will continue the video series that examines the wonder of creation as we study the miracles within our own bodies..

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

### Martin Luther – Heretic

This study is a 4-session look at Martin Luther's life and theological discovery using a movie of the significant years of his life.

The movie is a full theatrical production divided into 4 segments as examine how his study of Scripture changed his understanding of who God is, and how that new understanding impacts our faith and life today.



## Ladies Society

The Holy Lamb Lutheran Church Ladies Society is a society of women of the church with an interest in the Christian needs of the church and who are willing to give their time and talents to provide funds and assistance to the church through projects while enjoying fellowship with one another.

Contact Sharon Ewing at 650-4923.



## Youth Group

All Youth of our congregation in 7th through 12th grade, and their guests, are invited to participate in our Youth Group. We meet every Sunday evening—sometimes at Pastor Panning's house for food, fellowship, and more. On other occasions we will visit an amusement venue or explore some other activity.

**February 6th Youth Group at Panning's**

**February 13th Youth Group Outing**

**February 18th-21st Youth Group Retreat**

**February 27th Congregation Bowling/Youth Group**

Contact Pastor Panning

## Ministry with Meals

This group gathers monthly to prepare a simple meal, usually a casserole, and delivers it to members who are shut-ins and others unable to worship with us regularly, to those facing serious financial burdens, those who have a temporary need (recovering from a medical condition), and others. If you would like to assist in the meal preparation, know of someone who could use such a meal, or would like to receive one yourself, please call the church office.

**Watch the bulletin for the next scheduled Ministry with Meals or contact Geoffry Deans.**

## Dining with Friends

Is on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Angelo's Restaurant located on 2011 South Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach. Everyone must be seated by 4:30pm.

Angelo's has invited us to dine for the price of \$18.00 per person. This price includes entrée, salad, one side item, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity. They offer the following menu:

Chicken Parmesan

Chicken Marsala

Lasagna

10oz. Grilled Ribeye Steak

Please make your check payable to Holy Lamb. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Rehm, 446-1211(cell) or 236-7470(home). Please do not put your check and sign-up sheet in the offering plate. Give to Nancy Rehm or place in the envelope marked "Dining with Friends" on the bulletin board in the office.



## Valentine's Day Dinner sponsored by Holy Lamb's Men's Club

Due to a scheduling conflict the dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Holy Lamb Lutheran Church. We will eat at 6:00pm.

Dinner will cost a maximum of \$15.00 per person, possibly less if enough people sign-up.

Dinner will consist of chicken, potatoes, green beans, roll & butter, salad, drink and desert. Live entertainment will play from 6:00-8:00pm. Attendance will be restricted to 40 people, either couples or individuals.

Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex no later than February 6<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be payable to Holy Lamb Men's Club,

Call Duane St. Clair at 843-294-1607 or email at [p47@earthlink.net](mailto:p47@earthlink.net), if you have any questions.

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But, more often than not, the changes have been exciting and fruitful and ultimately leave a good taste in our mouth, and more importantly have strengthened us spiritually and have brought more people into our midst to be exposed to the love of God and the knowledge of their Savior.

Now I know the angst Kathy experienced, because I need to share with you that we will have more new taste sensations in our future. It is unavoidable. Long before we have the funds to build additional space, we will be called on to meet the needs of a growing congregation – it has already begun. In less than one month we have gone from a maximum of two in our children's Sunday School to a regular ten or more, with an immediate potential for even more. We have gone from two or three attending our youth evenings to six or more. And our worship attendance continues to increase.

Some of the more recent 'sensations' include: removing the pews along the perimeter, replacing them with chairs, and creating new aisles for easier access and maneuverability; moving our adult Sunday School class into the sanctuary to allow for two Sunday School classes to meet in the Fellowship Hall (in addition to the two classes that meet in the preschool classrooms.)

Not all of the changes will be due to space limitations. Our ministries of education and care will need to expand without increasing paid staff. This will mean opportunities for service for our new members, and new and different opportunities for long-time members.

Now here's the truly ironic piece in all of this growth: we are intentionally striving for more. Our partnership with **THE 72- Partners on the Road** is designed to help us become even more adept at inviting our friends, welcoming guests, and incorporating new friends into our ministries. (Be sure to read page 6 for the latest news regarding their visit in March and April.) Why now? Why now, if we are already seeing the results of the Holy Spirit working among us? "Nothing breeds success like success." Just as the best spokesman for a product is a new customer who has just discovered it, so also the best outreach for a church are her newest worshippers and members. And as more people experience us and the Gospel, ever more people are hearing about us. It is an increasing spiral of opportunity, one that we cannot, in good conscience, ignore.

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To add your request to our prayer chain please call Lil Ruska at 843-347-6603.

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### For Guidance

For members of our visiting team from **THE 72**

### For Healing

**Danny, Rob, Harry, Susan, & Sue**, friends of Ron and Linda Ziembo, suffering from illnesses.

**Madeline Bernstein**, mother of David Bernstein, suffering from stage 4 cancer.

**Anita Berry**, daughter-in-law of Bob and Shirley Berry, recovering from an ankle and foot injury.

**Bob**, brother of Boulets, suffering from cancer.

**Sue Boulet**, suffering from respiratory problems.

**Tom Burton**, friend of Andy and Annmarie Porbansky, recovering from surgery.

**Kevin Bynes**, friend of Greg Rech anticipating gall bladder surgery.

**Carol**, friend of Betty Gagliardi, suffering from Cancer.

**Herb Eckman**, friend of Karl and Diane Ziemendorf, recovering from a car accident.

**Betty and Sam Edens**, sister and brother-in-law of Ron and Joan Johnson, suffering from numerous illnesses.

**Steve Fisher**, friend of Doc and Nancy Rehm, undergoing another round of radiation.

**Troy Jackson**, father of Tim Jackson, suffering from lung cancer.

**Sean Meehan**, friend of Bob and Shirley Berry, suffering from a stroke.

**Dorothy Osgood**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Ray Saldi**, friend of Bob and Shirley Berry, hospitalized with numerous infections.

**Rose Marie Stout**, suffering from respiratory and other illness.

**Sandy Streets**, suffering from shingles.

**Tiffany**, friend of Tom and Carol Stocum, suffering with 3 tumors in her brain.

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### For Comfort

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of the people killed in the plane crash in North Myrtle Beach.**

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of David Brittain**, friend of Doc and Nancy Rehm.

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Carolyn**, friend of Warren Gall

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Jane Erdman**, Aunt of Warren Gall.

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Mr. James**, friend and neighbor of Camille August.

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Jerry**, friend of the Ziembo's.

**Miss Leslie and Olivia**, friends of the Tomlins, who mourn the loss of a family member and are experiencing financial difficulties.

**Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Rhonda Smith**, friends of the Jankowski's.

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### Of Thanksgiving

**John Koenig**, doing excellent with his prosthetic legs.

**Candace Jones**, for successful surgery.

**Ralph Malach**, friend of the Jankowski's received good news concerning the treatment he has been receiving.

**Ed Piel**, for successful surgery and recovery.

**Marty and Terrie Reynolds** for employment.

**George Rumsey**, brother of Bob Rumsey, successful surgery and continued recovery.

**Tom Smiley**, successful surgery.

**Birth of Delcan Zachary Steele**, son of Andy and Jackie Steele and grandson of Bill and Monica Steele.

**Vivki Vasquez**, mother of Ann Marie Porbansky, successful heart catheterization.

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### Other

**For all who are struggling** with shelter, food and finances in our church and community in these economic times.

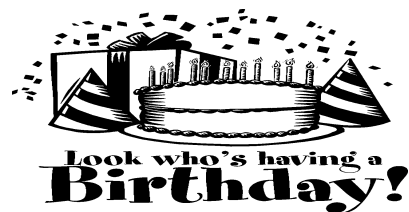
**For all those affected by the plane crash**, comfort for the families of those who were killed, healing for the men burned, peace for students who are still fearful, and Thanksgiving that Risen Christ Church and School were spared.

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## In His Service

Altar Guild	Betty Gagliardi	
Bulletin Folders	John and Sandy Orr	
<b>February 6th</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Organist	John Orr	John Orr
Lay Reader	N/A	Barb Evans
Acolyte	Sarah Jackson	Madison Gall
Elders	John Orr	Jack Sell
	N/A	Ron Ziembko
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Warren Gall
	N/A	Bob Rumsey
Greeter	N/A	Carol Stocum
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Orlowski
<b>February 13th</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Organist	N/A	N/A
Lay Reader	N/A	Warren Gall
Acolyte	Alyssa Porbansky	Allison St. Clair
Elders	Bill Steele	Bill Steele
	N/A	Ron Johnson
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Jay Indla
	N/A	Ron Ziembko
Greeter	N/A	Monica Steele
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Steele
<b>February 20th</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Organist	John Orr	John Orr
Lay Reader	N/A	Peggy Grachan
Acolyte	Sarah Jackson	Madison Gall
Elders	John Orr	Bill Steele
	N/A	Ron Johnson
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Bob Berry
	N/A	Harold Ruska
Greeter	N/A	Barb Evans
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Jankowski
<b>February 27th</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Organist	John Orr	John Orr
Lay Reader	N/A	Margaret Bartelotte
Acolyte	Alyssa Porbansky	Allison St. Clair
Elders	John Orr	Bill Steele
	N/A	Ron Johnson
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Maurice Bartelotte
	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Greeter	N/A	Peggy Grachan
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Soucy



2nd	Carol Lweis
8th	Maurice Bartelotte
12th	Nancy Rehm
18th	Taylor Gall
20th	Michael Kegler
23rd	Dorothy Gardner
26th	Amparo Bercik
26th	L.J. Hasci
27th	Lillian Ruska
28th	Christina Mc Grath



16th William and MollieAnne Houghtling

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### For Our Shut-Ins

**At home:** Aleda Graves, Lynda Holler, Betty Kurce, Mary Margaret Kluge, Dorothy Osgood, Rosemarie Stout, and Jan VanDyke.

**Evans Correctional Institute:** Tom Crosby

**At Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institute:** Donna Sheedy.

### For Those in the Armed Forces

Members, relatives and friends in the armed forces:

**Glen Carter, Sara Lang, Andy Steele, Raymond August, Jay Thaxter, Nick Weisner, Casey McLaughlin, Lynne Orme, Justin Weisner, James Bannan, and Mark Strunk.**

# Calendar Items



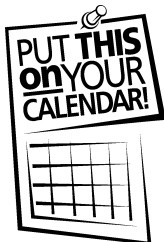
## New Member/Adult Instruction Classes

This class is for those who would like a refresher in Christian doctrine as well as those considering membership at Holy Lamb. Our study guide is *Above All Else – What the Bible Teaches*. On our seven sessions we will look at Biblical doctrine as it applies to our daily lives. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour.

## Game Night

We will gather on the second Friday evening of each month (**February 11**) for fun and fellowship, with a few snacks thrown in, to play cards, board games, etc. Join us for an evening of relaxation after a tough week at work, on the golf course, with the kids, etc.

**And while you're at it, bring a friend!** We'll be here from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, but come and leave as your schedule allows.



## Brunch at the Cooper House

The buffet will include: Egg casserole, bacon or sausage, French toast bake or pancake bake, fruit, coffee, hot and cold tea, milk, and orange juice. The costs are: \$8.00 including tax and tip for adults; children under 8 -- \$4.50; children under 5 – no charge.

We will take a head count during announcements on February 20th; the buffet will be waiting for us at noon.



**BoWLiNG**

## Congregation Bowling

Join us on Sunday, February 27th at 4:45pm as we try our luck again. We will have lanes with bumpers for the kids (and maybe others, as well).

Contact Merilynn Sell – 293-1997.

## THE 72 Modules

We have established a schedule for the modules that will be offered by **THE 72** team that will be arriving in March. A calendar listing those modules can be found on page 8. Some of the modules are offered at multiple times in order to accommodate a multitude of schedules and preferences. Note that some of the modules are offered during our regularly scheduled events, such as Bible Studies and Youth Nights. Within the next week or so we will have a catalog of the modules, complete with descriptions, times offered, and a registration form. Begin, now, to consider which modules appeal to you and pencil the times in your calendar. Then take a deeper look when the catalog is published.



## Highlights

### February

#### New Member Class

Thursdays @ 7:00pm  
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#### Youth Group

Sundays @ 5:00pm  
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#### Choir Practice

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm  
See Page 2

#### Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 9:00am  
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm  
See page 2

#### Game Night

February 11th @ 6:30pm  
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#### Valentine's Day Dinner

February 15th @ 6:00pm  
See page 3

#### Youth Group Retreat

February 18th-21st  
See page 11

#### Dining with Friends

February 19th @ 4:30pm  
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#### Brunch @ Cooper House

February 20th @ 12:00pm  
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#### Congregation Bowling

February 27th @ 4:45pm  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		February 1	2	3	4	5
		9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Ev. Mtg	5:30pm Choir 6:00pm Bible Study	6:00pm TOPS 7:00pm New Mem Class		9:00am Catech. Class
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## THE 72 - Schedule of Modules - March/April

Sunday March 20	Monday March 21	Tuesday March 22	Wednesday March 23	Thursday March 24	Friday March 25	Saturday March 26
8:00 & 10:30am <b>Commissioning</b>  9:30am Bible Study <b>"For All to See"</b> <b>Session 1</b>  12:00pm <b>Potluck</b>  5:00pm <b>Youth Group            Planning            With Parents</b>	3:00pm <b>Telecare</b>   7:00pm <b>Visitor            Prospect            Follow up            Part 1</b>	9:00am <b>"Contagious            Christianity"</b> <b>Part 1</b>  3:00pm <b>Visitor/Prospect            Follow up            Part 1</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer Canvass            Planning            Part 1</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer Prospect            Follow up            Part 2</b>	3:00pm <b>Prayer Canvass            Planning            Part 1</b>	3:00pm <b>Visitor/            Prospect            Follow up            Part 2</b>   7:00pm <b>Assimilation</b>	7:00pm <b>Reaching            Inactives</b>	9:00am-3:00pm <b>Relationship-            Based Witness            Workshop</b>   4:00pm <b>Meet With            Evangelism            Committee &amp;            dinner</b>
Sunday March 27	Monday March 28	Tuesday March 29	Wednesday March 30	Thursday March 31	Friday April 1	Saturday April 2
9:30am Bible Study <b>For All To See            Session 2</b>  9:30am <b>Youth /Teen            Class with            THE 72</b>	3:00pm <b>Greeter/Usher            Training</b>  7:00pm <b>Prayer            Canvass            Planning            Part 2</b>  7:00pm <b>Greeter/Usher            Training</b>	9:00am <b>Bible Study            "Contagious            Christianity"</b> <b>Part 2</b>  3:00pm <b>Canvass            Planning            Part 2</b>  7:00pm <b>Assimilation            Follow Up</b>  7:00pm <b>Mission/Vision</b>	3:00pm <b>Assimilation</b>	3:00pm <b>Intentional            Outreach</b>   7:00pm <b>Telecare</b>	7:00pm <b>Family            Ministries</b>	8:30:am-12:30pm <b>Neighborhood            Canvass</b>
Sunday April 3	Monday April 4	Tuesday April 5	Wednesday April 6			
9:30am Bible Study <b>For All To See            Session 3</b>  5:00pm <b>Youth Group            Pizza Party            with Parents</b>	3:00pm <b>Assimilation            Follow up</b>  7:00pm <b>Publicizing            your            Congregation</b>	9:00am <b>Bible Study</b>   7:00pm <b>Intentional            Outreach</b>	8:00pm <b>Closing Event</b>			

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## Stewardship

As part of our ongoing Christian stewardship program, this month Holy Lamb will consider the full meaning of Christian stewardship. As I noted last month, the word "stewardship" has unfortunately come to be understood as giving money to the church, not as living the Christian life. We need to revisit how we define stewardship if we are going to fully understand the richness and fullness of the term Christian stewardship.

The latest LCMS Stewardship newsletter (StewardCAST), discusses a broader understanding of Christian stewardship. It notes, for example, that the Parable of the Talents is often used to illustrate the fact that each person has been given certain unique personal skills, inherited talents, and particular abilities. And that another part of Christian stewardship is the responsibility for the use of time. We have already begun to address the use of our time and talents through our Spiritual Gifts program, and we will revisit that program during February. Other noted areas for Christian stewardship are the management and use of the world's natural resources, stewardship of the body, and stewardship of the Gospel.

Pastor often references Luther's Catechism during sermons and Bible study. The same StewardCAST also discusses the connection between Luther's Catechisms and Christian stewardship by noting "Luther himself thought that the chief contribution of his reforming efforts had been that men and women, young and old, had come to know the Catechism. Luther's Small Catechism is more than a book. It is a way of life. Or, more specifically, it cultivates a world view, out of which we live as believers in Jesus Christ. It creates a mindset which is grounded in the Scriptures and grows out of them. It is a handbook for Christian living." Christian stewardship is about living the Christian life. It is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Luther's Catechisms help us see what Christian life looks like. Luther's Catechisms are handbooks for Christian stewardship.

The worship services and Bible study classes during February will provide all of us an opportunity to expand our understanding of stewardship. They will help us to understand Christian living and to experience the joy and rewards of being a Christian steward.

Jack Molnar  
Chair, Christian Stewardship Committee

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## Elder's Corner

### THE 72

The vision of Holy Lamb Lutheran Church is that by teaching and sharing God's Word and Sacraments, we may reach all people in our community with the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Basically, our mission is to reach out to the unchurched in our community. The 72 project will provide us some additional tools for our toolbox. I encourage you to become involved in at least one of the training modules which will be offered in late March and early April. The specific program content has not been finalized at this time, but will probably contain many of the following training modules:

- Assimilation of new members
- Family, youth and children ministries
- Greeter-Usher training
- Inactives
- Prospect follow up
- Publicizing your congregation
- Telecare

### Elder Activities

As I start my tenure as Chairman, I would like to thank John Orr for his leadership last year and I look forward to working with him, council members, elders and the congregation as we move forward this year.

In our January elders meeting we reviewed several focus areas for this year. We have three basic goals for this year.

- Become more effective in providing a positive worship experience for members, guests and potential members.
- Increase elder contact with existing members, frequent guests and prospects.
- Develop programs to make sure new members have the opportunity to become involved in one or more church activities.

The elders are here to serve you. If you have any comments or suggestions about the worship experience, please contact any elder. Your elders are:

John Orr, Tom Stocum, Bill Steele, Ron Johnson, Ed Piel, Ron Ziembko, and Jack Sell.

Yours in Christ  
Bill Steele  
Chairman, Board of Elders

## Human Care

The congregation donated \$320 in the form of gift cards for Christmas plus an AT&T prepaid phone card that was given to our seminary students in Ft. Wayne. Gods Blessings to each of you.

Over 50 including 11 children attended our Christmas potluck dinner and party. We had lots of good food, fun and fellowship.

We thank everyone who volunteered in preparing and serving the meals before our Advent Worship services. Your efforts are appreciated by all.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> four ladies were able to help prepare and deliver 14 meals to six Holy Lamb families.

A Big Thank You to the congregation for generously donating the can goods and dry foods that was given to our Holy Lamb families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, for those who have a need.

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## Support our preschool every time you shop...with scrip

### What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

### How scrip generates revenue for you

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is our organization’s revenue.

### Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don’t have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they *would make anyway*. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

### Find Out More

Order forms and a list of participants are on the table in the Narthex. For more information contact our preschool at 236-9645 or Shelia Tomlin at 972-832-6411.

## Property Manager Report

I am creating a “Marty’s (Holy Lamb) wish list”. This list may be viewed on page 11 of this newsletter. It will contain items that need to be done in and around the church. If you are interested in helping with any of these items or in donating toward the work please contact me or Pastor Panning.

We will be adding a bulletin board in the narthex for photos of current church activities. The warmer weather is approaching and we will be starting the lawn maintenance again soon. The list for church cleaning duties will be posted in the narthex again. If you are interested in assisting with either of these please talk to me. I will be providing a seminar on home fire safety for all members of Holy Lamb and their friends and guests. I can do one just for children as well if there is an interest. These will take place in early spring. We will be working on many projects this year, and one large one will be working on the electric fixtures. Many light fixtures need repaired and outlets are needed. There are also some fire safety issues that need to be addressed. Thank you all for your anticipated assistance and God Bless.

Marty Reynolds



## Thank you from the Seminary students

We received three Thank You letters from Seminary students who received the gift cards we sent at Christmas. Following are some excerpts expressing their appreciation:

From Seth, for a gas card, “I was able to enjoy a great time with friends and that meant a lot because I had not seen them in over three years.”

From Brian, “Because of your generosity, my wife Jen and I will have a wonderful Christmas this year. ... Though we are going through tough economic times right now, the Lord continues to bless the seminary here in Fort Wayne through the support of His Church.

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Thank you to Holy Lamb congregation for your generous Christmas gifts of cards, cash, and treats. We appreciate your generosity and your Christmas blessings.

Pastor & Kathy Panning  
Kristin Rogers, secretary

Thank you to the many members of Holy Lamb for your prayers, cards, and calls during my recent hospitalization. Your kind thoughts are appreciated and I give thanks to God for my continuing recovery. Ed Piel



## Great Opportunity for our Youth Groups

The North Carolina youth groups that will be visiting us on February 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> have invited our youth to join them for their entire retreat experience – including lodging at the resort overnight, meals, a service project at Street Reach, and a trip to Medieval Times on Sunday evening.

This is an excellent opportunity for our youth to enjoy fellowship with other Lutheran young people in a variety of activities – a rare opportunity for a congregation of our size.

The cost to participate will be \$125 per youth. Since we were not expecting this event, no money was included in the church budget, and the youth have not been engaged in fundraising activities.

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## MARTY'S (HOLY LAMB) WISH LIST 2011

### TOP TWELVE

#### EXTERIOR WORK

- Power wash sheds
- Scrape and paint all exterior wood trim
- Scrape and paint rear sanctuary doors—already begun by Bob Rumsey
- Replace missing roof shingles
- Clean out gutters
- Clean glass on main church sign by road

#### INTERIOR WORK

- Repair all non working fluorescent light fixtures
- Add outlets to sound system and freezer in pantry
- Replace locks on side doors of church
- Add attic ventilation fans
- Re-direct speakers at sanctuary ceiling
- Repair recessed lighting in sanctuary ceiling
- Repair, replace or possibly move emergency lights and exit signs as needed

If you are interested in assisting with any of these items please contact myself or Pastor Panning

## Dear Pastor Panning & Holy Lamb Congregation

I would like to first and foremost wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully this letter will reach you between the two holidays prior to New Years. If not I apologize. I have been able to enjoy some time off during this Christmas, to which I've been reflecting upon all the gifts God has given me.

My living arrangements have been changed, so I am no longer at Palmer. As I'm sure most of you know. I am now at Evans Correctional Institute due to a situation that occurred a few weeks ago. Please know that I made a stand for my integrity, and after much thought I would make that decision again. I am not bitter or upset about what has happened, well maybe just a little bit, but I'm fine and in good spirits. I realize that I can't always choose the path of least resistance, or the ways of the world, as a Christian. Doing so for me is the same rationalization or behavior that sent me to prison.

Through all of this the Lord has given me the strength and courage to endure these times. I ask for you to please join me, and pray for Renee, our family, and friends. This ordeal has been quite a strain on them, as I'm sure you are all personally aware of being our church family. I have so appreciated your support through the cards, letters, visits, and most of all your prayers over the past couple of years.

As my incarceration quickly comes to a close, I rejoice at knowing the Lord has a plan for me, and the blessings He has given me. To name a few; my job at McCall Farms is there for me once this year is over; the love from my support network of family and friends is, and has been, there for me from day one; and through all of these trails my beautiful wife Renee has been by my side the whole time. I have more than I could have ever asked for or deserve and all this I give credit to Jesus Christ my Lord, my Savior. The Lord has used prison to save my life, and remind me again how much He loves me. I can't help but to praise Him no matter where I may be.

I hope that this holiday season has meant as much to you as it has to me in remembrance of Christ's birth. I continue to pray for all of you at Holy Lamb, and look forward to seeing you before the summer. May the peace of the Lord be with you

Sincerely,

Tom Crosby Peter 3:13-17

## This Month's Devotional Readings

(Selections are from *Treasury of Daily Prayer*, Concordia Publishing House)

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### February 1

#### **2 Timothy 4:1-18**                      **Preach the Word**

“Preach the Word!” This is Paul’s instruction to the young pastor, Timothy. He goes on to explain all that is included in that charge: reprove, rebuke, and exhort. The primary purpose of the pastor is to bring the Word of God to bear on every circumstance and condition of the human experience: the Word of Law to correct and guide, the Word of Gospel to forgive and comfort.

### February 2

#### **Titus 1:1-2:6**                      **Qualifications of Pastors**

The term ‘elder’ refers to the position that we know as pastor. Note the high standards that God has established for those who would hold the office.

### February 3

#### **Titus 2:7-3:15**                      **Instructions for the Congregation**

In 3:1-11, Paul instructs Titus regarding his teaching and interaction with the members of his congregation. In addition to the admonitions presented, note that the good works called for are a result of, and driven by the Gospel (vs. 5-8).

### February 4

#### **John 1:1-18**                      **The Word Became Flesh**

This is among my favorite passages in Scripture. Compare the first three words of John’s Gospel with the first three words of Genesis. In this entire passage John shows us that the second person of the Trinity existed with the Father from eternity; that Jesus was the Word of God in human form.

### February 5

#### **John 1:19-34**                      **Behold the Lamb**

The last half of verse 29 could be our congregation’s anchoring Bible passage. John’s message is our message: “Behold the [Holy] Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Announcing Jesus as the One who saves is the task of the church.

### February 6

#### **John 1:35-51**                      **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

Rather than responding to Nathanael’s skepticism with an argument, Philip invites him to come and experience Jesus himself. This is an excellent model for us as we encounter those who question our faith or our commitment to Christ and our church: invite them to “come and see.”

### February 7

#### **John 2:1-12**                      **The Wedding at Cana**

Even Jesus’ own mother didn’t determine when and how he would rescue a situation. Much less do we have the authority to dictate Jesus’ timing. ‘God’s timing is perfect’ is a well-worn, yet often disdained phrase that reminds that He sees everything from a perfect, eternal perspective and thus knows, better than we, what is needed and when.

### February 8

#### **John 2:13-25**                      **Jesus Celebrates the Passover**

Jesus took the occasion of the holiest celebration of the Jews to clean the temple of the money-changers, merchants who were cheating the Jewish travelers by dishonest exchange rates. This celebration is quite different than the one that would happen three years later when Jesus began the final leg of his journey to the cross where he would exchange his life for our sins, another unfair, but this time generous exchange rate.

### February 9

#### **John 3:1-21**                      **Born Again?!**

Beyond the surprise and confusion of this narrative is the often misunderstood of being born again. It is not something that we determine or decide. Whether our mortal birth – of a human mother, or our rebirth – of the Holy Spirit, the timing and circumstances are determined by God. We are passive participants either birthing process.

### February 10

#### **John 3:22-4:6**                      **John Exalts Jesus**

In verse 26 the disciples of John the Baptist express jealousy over the fact that more people were being attracted to Jesus than to John. John points out that this is exactly what was supposed to happen, “He must increase, but I must decrease,” vs. 30. We, too, must always remember that we are to point to Jesus, not ourselves or others among us, as the One worthy of praise when people come to faith.

### February 11

#### **John 4:7-26**                      **Jesus and the Woman of Samaria**

(This narrative actually begins at verse 1.) In this first of a two-part story Jesus confronts the woman over her sin. His intimate knowledge of her life convinces her that Jesus is a prophet (vs. 19). Jesus confirms that he is not just a prophet, but the Messiah. This revelation leads the woman to a remarkable proclamation to the most unlikely audience.

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## February 12

### **John 4:27-45**                      **Jesus and the Woman of Samaria (part 2)**

The conversation between Jesus and disciples interrupts the amazing story of the woman's interaction with the townspeople. Note the rapid sequence of events of verses 28-30, and continued in 39-42. When you consider the reputation of this woman, it is remarkable that people believed simply because of her testimony (vs. 39). Such is the power of the Holy Spirit: *anyone can be an effective witness!*

## February 13

### **John 4:46-54**                      **Jesus Heals an Official's Son**

John is very specific in recording the timing of the son's healing to make it clear that it was the result of Jesus' words. His word does have power: to heal, to comfort, to convert, to save.

## February 14

### **John 5:1-18**                      **Jesus Heals on the Sabbath**

The Jewish leaders were more concerned with the letter of the Law than the message of the Gospel, a trap into which we easily fall, also. Whether condemning ourselves or others, we too often fail to follow our focus on the sin with the comfort of the Gospel.

## February 15

### **John 5:19-29**                      **The Authority of the Son**

In this passage Jesus stakes his claim to an authority equal to God the Father. He goes on to prophesy that the dead will hear his voice and be raised as evidence of that authority. In fact many dead were raised: Lazarus (John 11:1-44), the Son of the Widow from Nain (Luke 7:1-17), Jairus' (Matt. 5:22-43) daughter, many were raised upon his death on the cross (Matt 27:45-54). Herein lies our confidence in our own resurrection: Jesus has demonstrated his authority over death and has promised eternal life to all who believe.

## February 16

### **John 5:30-47**                      **Witnesses to Jesus**

Jesus points to John the Baptist, the people who saw his miracles, and even the Scriptures written by Moses as witnesses to who He is. Yet the skeptics would not believe. We have even more witnesses, the Gospels themselves, which have recorded the words and miracles of Jesus.

## February 17

### **John 6:1-21**                      **Jesus Feeds Five Thousand**

Take time to read the narrative of this well-known miracle and consider the magnitude. Jesus' ability to provide is not diminished by the fact that he is not walking the earth, today. He still provides for our needs in miraculous ways.

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## February 18

### **John 6:22-40**                      **Jesus, the Bread of Life**

Fascinated by the miraculous feeding, a remnant of the crowd pursued Jesus with questions. With words that gain their full meaning only in the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus proclaims that he is the bread of eternal life.

## February 19

### **John 6:41-59**                      **The Bread of Life (cont.)**

Jesus further explains his 'bread of life' statement which only infuriates the Jews. We, however, from a post-Easter perspective can clearly see that Jesus was defining what Martin Luther described: we receive Christ's body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine of the Sacrament.

## February 20

### **John 6:60-71**                      **The Words of Eternal Life**

So difficult was this to understand that many who had been following Jesus abandoned him. Peter countered the departure with words that we use in our liturgy, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." It is fitting that we sing these words as we anticipate the very words of eternal life of Jesus in the Gospel reading.

## February 21

### **John 7:1-13**                      **Jesus at the Feast of Booths**

Even Jesus' brothers didn't believe in him and urged him to go to Jerusalem with great fanfare (where the Jews were seeking to kill him.) Jesus did not go publicly, not out of fear, but because he still had work to do before went to the cross. Jesus did go to Jerusalem, quietly in this passage, and ultimately with great ceremony on Palm Sunday to suffer the consequences of our sin in to secure our salvation.

## February 22

### **John 7:14-31**                      **Jesus at the Feast (cont.)**

Jesus slipped into Jerusalem and the temple to speak with the people, avoiding the Jewish leaders. By the time the leaders discovered him, his following was too large and strong to confront and arrest him. But his message inspired his hearers to consider that perhaps he was the Messiah.

## February 23

### **John 7:32-53**                      **Division Among the People**

In Luke 12:52-53 Jesus says, "I came to bring division." Today's reading illustrates the division of which Jesus spoke: some will believe, some will not. And the contention between the two groups will be intense. The tension remains today between those who believe and want others to come to faith and those who refuse to believe.

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## February 24

### **John 8:1-20**                    **Let Him Who is Without Sin...**

Jesus turned the tables on the woman's accusers by reminding them of their own sinfulness. This is what Paul means when he describes the Word of God as two-edged sword: it cuts down those who consider themselves better than others, and cuts free those who are burdened by their sin.

## February 25

### **John 8:21-38**                    **The Truth Will Set You Free**

The argumentative nature of the Jews who challenged Jesus is apparent in their rebuttal (vs. 33) to Jesus' statement. Never enslaved? What about Egypt, Babylon, Syria? Jesus doesn't take the bait; he simply describes the slavery and freedom of which he spoke: a slavery more onerous than the chains of men – therefore a freedom more glorious than man can offer.

## February 26

### **John 8:39-59**                    **Before Abraham Was, I Am**

The conversation is quickly deteriorating as the Jews are more interested in throwing stones, figuratively and literally, than understanding the mystery that Jesus is trying to explain. This is proof of the axiom, "You cannot argue someone into believing." Even Jesus' words do not penetrate a hardened heart. Until one is willing to listen, no amount of talking will convert them.

## February 27

### **John 9:1-23**                    **Jesus Heals a Blind Man**

Notice the reason gave for the man's blindness. Have you ever considered that the troubles we, and others, endure might be "that the works of God might be displayed"? How can the works of God be displayed in our response – to our own suffering, as well as to the suffering of others?

## February 28

### **John 9:24-41**                    **The Witness of the Formerly Blind Man**

Once again, we have a model of witnessing. The man did not claim to know anything beyond his personal experience. True witnessing is nothing more than sharing what you have seen and heard – your own experiences in Christ – with anyone who asks.

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This is not an unusual occurrence – it happened in the church in Jerusalem beginning on the first Pentecost. See Acts 2: 41-47, especially verse 47 for the amazing report of what can happen when a church is excited.

Some of the changes we have made and will make have been to bring about growth; some have been the result of growth. Some have been too much, too soon; some too little, too late. Some have had to be discarded and some modified. But on the whole the vast majority of the changes we have made have been well-received, even if sometimes it took time to become accustomed to them.

Our leadership is learning to adjust to the growth we are experiencing. Presumably, this will mean fewer ideas that need to be discarded, but we will still have an occasional recipe that doesn't work. I hope, by now, that we have moved beyond the idea that any change is automatically bad; that we can begin to see the need and the value in making some changes; so that our focus becomes, "How can we best accommodate our changing circumstances?" rather than, "Why can't things just remain the same?"

One thing that will never change is our commitment to sound Christian doctrine, to the truth that God sent his son, Jesus Christ, as the sacrifice to cover all of our guilt. We will continue to teach and comfort, witness and proclaim as we have opportunity to do so, in order that all who encounter us may experience the love of Christ and learn of his saving work. After all, there is no taste more sensational than that of the bread and wine on the tongue as we receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness.

I invite you to join the growing excitement over the new taste sensations that will mark our response to the continued work of the Holy Spirit in and through us.

*Pastor Panning*

# HOLY LAMB FINANCES

## General Fund Income

December 2010

Envelopes/Plate	\$11,246
Reimbursements	8
Building Usage	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,254</b>

## General Fund Income

Jan 2010 Through Dec 2010

Envelopes/Plate	\$124,015
Reimbursements	605
Building Usage	150
Yardsale	1421
Human Care Transfer	750
Pumpkin Patch	1002
Other	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,038</b>

## General Fund Expenses December

Spending Plan	\$10,679
 Actual Spending	 \$11,413

## General Fund Expenses Jan 2010 Through Dec 2010

Spending Plan	\$128,144
 Actual Spending	 \$128,851

## Designated Funds Balances Balance

December 31, 2010

Chair Fund	\$455
Thrivent Choice Dollars	145
Dorn Memorial	375
Evans Memorial	82
Carlson Memorial	915
Nilsen Memorial	150
Lutheran Witness	465
Men's Club	93
Benevolence Fund	71
Human Care	288
Improvement Fund	298
Funding the Vision	7763
Opens Arms Feasibility Study	4403
Communionware	408
Roof Fund	2115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,026</b>

## General Fund Opening Cash Balance

January 1, 2011

**\$189**

**Bills not paid in December  
included the following:**

**CDC Reimbursement  
\$583**

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### **Worship Schedule**

Sundays—8:00am & 10:30am

### **Bible Study**

Sunday Morning —9:30am

Tuesday Morning —9:00am

Wednesday Evening —6:00pm