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Dear Christian Friends,

In just a few weeks the team from THE 72 will be here to help us improve or develop new ways to reach others with the Good News of a savior in the person of Jesus Christ. Through our 20-page application they have learned a great deal about Holy Lamb. The modules they will present are custom tailored to the needs and opportunities presented by our circumstances. Even now, they are continuing to develop these modules so that we can receive the greatest benefit from their visit.

We have created a very informative, yet brief brochure describing each module and providing the dates the modules will be offered. The brochures are available in the Narthex on the table reserved for THE 72 information. It includes a tear-off registration form to be returned so we can have sufficient material on hand. **I urge you to examine the modules and consider how you might benefit personally, or how Holy Lamb might benefit through you, if you were to attend one or more of them.**

Making the logistical arrangements for their visit has been the responsibility of several committees; and there are many ways in which you can participate, on as grand or limited scale as you choose. More details can be found on page 3.

This month's calendar includes much more than the events related to THE 72, however. Did you know that March 23rd will be **the 25th anniversary of Holy Lamb's founding**. That was Palm Sunday in 1986, so we will have some special activities planned for that day, April 17th, as well as perhaps other events throughout the year.

We will also receive new members this month, on the 27th. The celebration will include three baptisms as we welcome the Tomlin family and Joanne Hitt to our church family.

Of course, **Ash Wednesday on March 9th marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent**. We prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter by remembering that our sinful nature was the reason Jesus needed to die on the cross. Our Wednesday evening vesper services will compare the claims of the world with the ability of God to truly satisfy our needs. As always, except for Ash Wednesday, our vespers will be preceded by a light meal. **Take the night off from kitchen duty and join us for nourishment of body and soul.**

The month will be very busy, indeed. I pray that each of us will make time to pause amidst the busy-ness to remember God's grace, give thanks for his son, and revel in the forgiveness Jesus brings.

In His service,

Pastor Panning

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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



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.

- March 6th** Youth Group at Panning's
- March 13th** Youth Group Outing
- March 20th** THE 72 Youth Planning with Parents
- March 27th** Congregation Bowling/Youth Group

Contact Pastor Panning

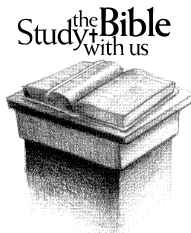
Tuesday Bible Study

We will continue the video series that examines the Word of God in Genesis, and its meaning for our lives today.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Martin Luther

There is no Wednesday night bible study March 9th through April 13th due to our Lenten Vespers and Meals.



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.

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.

Ministry with Meals will gather on Wednesday, March 16th at 9:00am. Please join us.

Contact Geoffry Deans.

Dining with Friends

Is on Saturday, March 19th at Travinia's Restaurant located on 4011 Deville Street Market Commons across from the movie theater). Everyone must be seated by 4:30pm.

Travinia'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:

Eggplant Parmesan

Chicken Piccata

Lasagna

Shrimp Scampi

Pasta Mia Nona (chicken in bowtie pasta w/ garlic cream sauce).

Please make your check payable to Holy Lamb. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 15th. 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.

Men's Club

Holy Lamb Men's Club held their first annual Valentine's Dinner with 20 members attending. The Breakfast club catered the meal, and dinner music was performed by "Keyboard Tommy". Door prizes were won by Marty and Terri Reynolds, Barb Evans, Dorothy Gardner, and Lil Ruska.

The second annual Men's Club Valentines Dinner is already scheduled for Sunday February 12th, 2012 with caterer and music already booked.

Men's Club is grateful for those who helped set-up and clean-up and for all the extra donations given above the dinner costs.

Altar Guild

Flower Chart – a 2011 flower chart is posted on the wall in the narthex. Altar flowers are only \$15.00 per week and remind us of our new life and growth in Christ.

There are still a few dates open on the flower chart. They are April 17th, July 17th and 31st.

Logistics for THE 72

The 72 Team is in place and set to arrive in Myrtle Beach on March 18. Our Holy Lamb Team is also in place and they have begun to prepare for the arrival of the 72 Team. What seemed far away in November is upon us.

This partnership with THE 72 will only be successful by the power of the Holy Spirit. Lil Ruska is leading our 72 prayer team as we pray for the Spirit's guidance for the team of Ron, Lois, Marion, and Marilyn, as well as for the members of Holy Lamb who will attend the modules.

Our brochure, created by Patti Rosenthal, describes the modules and identifies the dates and times they are offered. Bill Steele is recruiting participants for each module. The modules are the resources the team brings to Holy Lamb. The value we receive from their visit will be directly proportional to our participation in the modules.

We have a significant amount of logistical preparation to accomplish prior to the visit and while they are here. Following are the opportunities for you to assist with these arrangements.

Pastor and Kathy will be providing lodging for 3 of the 4 team members while they are here. The 4th member, Marian, will be staying in Surfside. Their overnight accommodations will include breakfast. The team will use the Panning dining room table as their work area.

We have several committees working on the various other arrangements.

- Evening meals will be necessary every evening except Wednesdays when they will join us for our Lenten meal and vespers. If you would like to host 2 or 4 of them for dinner one evening, please sign up on the clipboard on THE 72 table or call Margaret Bartelotte at 236-2160.
- Our **Lenten meals** will include the team while they are here. Shirley Berry is handling those arrangements with a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- If hosting the team at your house is beyond your capacity but you would like to feed them for an evening meal, you can plan to bring the food to church and feed them here. This will not turn into a church meal, you can simply **use the church kitchen to prepare the meal for your family and the team.** Schedule that in the same way as above, just note that it will occur at church.
- Their **lunches** will be in the form of self-service food in the refrigerator. Camille August arranging for those meals. She has a list of food items in the basket on the floor, next to THE 72 table. Sign up for the food item

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

For Guidance

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

For Healing

Danny, Rob, Harry, & Susan, friends of Ron and Linda Ziembko, suffering from illnesses.

Carmela Arzillo, sister-in-law of Camille August, anticipating surgery.

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

Anita Berry, daughter-in-law of Bob and Shirley Berry, still on crutches from foot injury.

Bobby Berry, son of Bob and Shirley Berry, anticipating an MRI on his knee.

Linda Browder, grandmother of preschool student, Charlie Taylor, suffering with a brain tumor.

Sandy Cooley, sister of Don Cooley, recovering from surgery.

Geoffry Deans, recovering from surgery.

Sam Edens, brother-in-law of Ron and Joan Johnson, suffering an illness.

Barb Enlow, friend of Jack and Merilynn Sell, Hospitalized for shortness of breath.

Paula Farvier, friend of Camille August, suffering an illness.

Jessica Gilleland, sister-in-law of Kristin Rogers, suffering from brain cancer.

Jennie Housand, friend of Jack Sell, contemplating experimental eye surgery.

Seth Manning, suffering an illness.

Patricia Reed, friend of Maurice and Margaret Bartelotte, suffering from thyroid cancer.

Rose Marie Stout, suffering from respiratory and other illness.

Teresa Williams, daughter of Maurice and Margaret Bartelotte, awaiting further tests.

For Healing *(cont.)*

Robert Witt, friend of Bob and Shirley Berry, suffering from several health problems.

Mary Reynolds, mother of Marty Reynolds, suffering from undiagnosed chest pains.

For Comfort

Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Peggy Bernstein, friend of Andy and Annmarie Porbansky.

Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Delene Burdette, friend of Andy and Annmarie Porbansky.

Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Betty Edens, sister of Ron Johnson.

Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Sue, friend of the Ron and Linda Ziembko.

Family and Friends who mourn the loss of Mr. Patton, friend's father of the Tomlin Family.

Of Thanksgiving

Geoffry Deans, successful surgery.

John Koenig, doing excellent with his prosthetic legs.

Ed Piel, successful surgery.

Jessica, Jim and Bonnie Toth's daughter, healthy birth of Landon.

Other

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

For all the people in Egypt.

Ellen Embrey, friend of Ron and Joan Johnson, near death.

Troy Jackson, father of Tim Jackson, near death.

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.

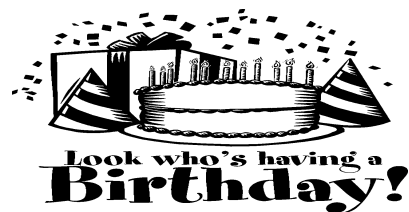
For Those in the Armed Forces

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, Mark Strunk, Rev. Tim Sandeno, and Rev. Alex Knowles.

In His Service

Altar Guild	Rebecca Indla	
Bulletin Folders	Duane and Eileen St. Clair	
March 6th	8:00am	10:30am
Organist	N/A	N/A
Lay Reader	N/A	Nancy Rehm
Acolyte	Sarah Jackson	Madison Gall
Elders	Bill Steele	Tom Stocum
	N/A	Ron Ziembko
Ushers	Paul Jankowski	Warren Gall
	N/A	Bob Rumsey
Greeter	N/A	Nancy Rehm
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Steele
March 13th	8:00am	10:30am
Organist	John Orr	John Orr
Lay Reader	N/A	Shirley Berry
Acolyte	Alyssa Porbansky	Allison St. Clair
Elders	Dave Bernstein	Tom Stocum
	N/A	Jack Sell
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Jay Indla
	N/A	Harold Ruska
Greeter	N/A	Sandy Orr
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Soucy
March 20th	8:00am	10:30am
Organist	John Orr	John Orr
Lay Reader	N/A	Barb Evans
Acolyte	Sarah Jackson	Madison Gall
Elders	Dave Bernstein	Ron Ziembko
	N/A	Rob Kegler
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Maurice Bartelotte
	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Greeter	N/A	Barb Evans
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	Ruska
March 27th	8:00am	10:30am
Organist	N/A	N/A
Lay Reader	N/A	Warren Gall
Acolyte	Alyssa Porbansky	Allison St. Clair
Elders	Bill Steele	Tom Stocum
	N/A	Jack Sell
Ushers	Jack Molnar	Bob Berry
	N/A	Bob Rumsey
Greeter	N/A	Myrle Rumsey
Weekly Cleaning	N/A	



2nd	Jay Indla
2nd	Rachael Kegler
6th	Don Cooley
7th	Linda Scott
9th	Al Stout
17th	Sarah Jackson
18th	Dahna Bercik
20th	Ashley Porbansky
24th	Parker Rehm
28th	Peggy Grachan



19th	Bill and June Soucy
27th	Ray and Sue Boulet
27th	Jack and Merilynn Sell

Calendar Items

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Vespers

Would you like to change your life? Are you looking for a sure-fire catalyst that will make a difference in your perspective, your actions, and even how people react to you? This will be the focus of our midweek vespers during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. Join us at 7:00pm on Wednesdays as we examine the claims of our culture and discover the means for affecting genuine change.

Supper Included!

To make life easier, we will offer a light meal before our Wednesday Vespers (except Ash Wednesday). Relax and let someone else cook, then stay for a brief meditation as we prepare for the Jesus' passion and His ultimate victory on Easter. If you would be willing to prepare one of those meals, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Game Night

We will gather on the third Friday evening of this month (**March 18th**) 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.



Potluck Lunch

Bring your favorite dish and join us for the potluck dinner following 10:30 worship on March 20th. We will welcome THE 72 team and introduce them to our cooking and our fellowship.



Congregation Bowling

Join us on Sunday, March 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

March

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

Ash Wednesday

March 9th @ 7:00pm
See Left

Lenten Vespers & Meals

Starting March 16th @ 6:00pm
See Left

Game Night

March 18th @ 6:30pm
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Dining with Friends

March 19th @ 4:30pm
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Potluck Lunch

February 20th @ 12:00pm
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Congregation Bowling

February 27th @ 4:45pm
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March 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		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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8:00am Worship 9:30am SS/Adult Study 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group @ Pannings	6:00pm Council Mtg	9:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Legacy HOA Mtg	Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Worship	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 Commissioning 9:30am Bible Study "For All to See" Session 1 12:00pm Potluck 5:00pm Youth Group Planning With Parents	3:00pm Telecare 7:00pm Visitor Follow up Part 1	9:00am "Contagious Christianity" Part 1 3:00pm Visitor Follow up Part 1 7:00pm Prayer Canvass Planning Part 1 7:00pm Visitor Follow up Part 2	3:00pm Prayer Canvass Planning Part 1	3:00pm Visitor Follow up Part 2 7:00pm Assimilation	7:00pm Reaching Inactives	9:00am-3:00pm Relationship- Based Witness Workshop 4:00pm Meet With Evangelism Committee & Dinner
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 For All To See Session 2 9:30am Youth /Teen Class with THE 72	3:00pm Greeter/Usher Training 7:00pm Prayer Canvass Planning Part 2 7:00pm Greeter/Usher Training	9:00am Bible Study "Contagious Christianity" Part 2 3:00pm Canvass Planning Part 2 7:00pm Assimilation Part 2 7:00pm Mission/Vision	3:00pm Assimilation	3:00pm Intentional Outreach 7:00pm Telecare	7:00pm Family, Youth, and Children's Ministries	8:30:am-12:30pm Neighborhood Canvass
Sunday April 3	Monday April 4	Tuesday April 5	Wednesday April 6			
9:30am Bible Study For All To See Session 3 5:00pm Youth Group Pizza Party with Parents	3:00pm Assimilation Part 2 7:00pm Publicizing your Congregation	9:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Intentional Outreach	8:00pm Closing Event			

Stewardship

In February Pastor led us through our four week program on Christian Stewardship. This was our first program embracing the Synod's Stewardship Renaissance which celebrates the true meaning of Christian stewardship-- *the free and joyous activity of managing ones life and all of life's resources for God's purposes*. One of the past difficulties encountered in stewardship programs had been the mistaken notion that stewardship is primarily about money. While money may be part of it, it is only a part. Through our study of Christian Stewardship we recognized that we are **only managers of everything we are and have**. And as managers, the best demonstration of our love for God is to use His resources as He intended.

When we look at **everything we are** we recognize that God is the source not only of our possessions but of our unique talents and abilities. Based on that realization we worked through our *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts* process with an eye toward discovering new and different talents. We then explored how we can best use them at Holy Lamb.

We then considered our own generosity with regard to **everything we have**. Christian Stewardship leads us to use our financial resources as God intended, rather than as we desire. The true question is not whether we are each giving our fair share of the Holy Lamb's budget, but whether we share our resources as God would have us manage His blessings.

Thank you for your serious consideration of what it means to be a Christian Steward and how that affects the way we manage God's resources at Holy Lamb.

Jack Molnar
Chair, Christian Stewardship Committee

Elder's Corner

THE 72

We are less than month away from the 72 project at Holy Lamb. There will be several training modules made available to all members. I encourage you to become involved in at least one of the training modules which will be offered in late March and early April. There are several modules that will increase the effectiveness of the elders.

We are blessed with many volunteers who aid the pastor in providing a positive worship experience. These volunteers include elders, greeters, readers, ushers and acolytes. I would encourage the ushers and greeters to consider attending the **Greeter-Usher Training module** at 3pm or 7pm on Monday, March 28th.

Elder Activities

I would like welcome Dave Bernstein and Rob Kegler as new elders. Thank you both for agreeing to serve as an elder.

One of our focus areas is our name tags.

We are in the process of updating all the name tags and improving the storage racks.

Please wear your name tags. This helps new members and frequent guests get to know Holy Lamb members.

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

Jack Sell Dave Bernstein Rob Kegler

Yours in Christ

Bill Steele

Chairman, Board of Elders

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.

Logistics for THE 72

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you would like to supply – some are fresh and will need to be purchased in a timely fashion, others are non-perishable and may be brought in any time. If you would prefer, you may purchase a gift card at a food store to assist in this area.

- We will have **handouts** available at each module. Barb Evans is putting together a team of individuals who will make the necessary copies for the presenter. We will provide complete training for using the copier. Several preset configurations make it quite easy. If you would be willing to help with this contact Barb at 903-1966.
- In order to accommodate parents with young children, Terrie Reynolds is arranging for **childcare** for the modules, where needed. She is also planning a special April Fools Foolery for the potluck/Family ministry module on April 1st. If you can offer to help with this staffing need, contact Terrie at 750-0501.

We also have a two congregational potlucks planned while they are here.

- On the Sunday, March 20th, following our 10:30 worship where the team will be installed, we will welcome and introduce them with a potluck. Please bring a favorite dish and plan to stay and visit while we enjoy Holy Lamb’s best cooking.
- On Friday, April 1st, we will have a potluck before our Family, Youth, and Children’s Ministries module. Whether you plan to stay for the module or not you are invited to join us for the potluck. Anyone affiliated with, or interested in these ministries is encouraged to attend both the potluck and the module. **We will provide childcare that evening, so bring the family and join us for a meal and some quality planning time.**

This partnership with THE 72 has the potential to trigger wonderful growth – in ministry, in size, and most importantly in each of us individually! Please join us in making this event all that it can be.

Thanks,

Merilynn Sell

Events co-ordinator

On the Bulletin Board

Thrivent/Habitat Builds

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity of Horry County have joined forces to build a home in Horry County. The planned start of construction is June 11, 2011..

The cost of the home will be \$109,897. The funding for the home will be provided by the Horry-Marion Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (\$10,990), Habitat for Humanity of Horry County (\$38,464) and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (\$60,443).

The Horry-Marion Chapter has scheduled a Habitat/Thrivent charity golf tournament to raise their portion of the home's cost. This tournament will be on Saturday, May 7th at Quail Creek Golf Course. Registration forms are available at the church. Anyone in the community can sign up to play in the charity event.

Success in any endeavor cannot be attained without volunteers. Your support of the 2010 Thrivent Builds in Myrtle Beach was outstanding. Again, this year, we are asking for your time and talents. You can help us in many ways:

- Playing in the golf tournament
- Sponsor a hole at the golf tournament
- Donating prizes for the golf tournament
- Helping coordinate the golf tournament
- Helping in the construction of the home
- Providing lunches for the construction crew
- Helping with the scheduling of volunteers
- Be a Church Champion/Support the Church Champion

More information will be available as we get closer to the build date.

Thank you for your support.

Contact Bill Steele if you have any questions

Thrivent Financial Chapter News

The Horry Marion Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans coordinates congregation and community projects and disburses funds in support of these projects. A key board role is the Financial Director.

Jo Ann Cobb, our Chapter Financial Director, will be going off the board in January 2012. We are starting our search for a new Financial Director early so there will be an overlap of personnel in the position.

- Below is an overview of the job responsibilities:
- Internet access required
- Maintain financial accounting for the chapter leadership board and community service teams
- Verifies and tracks community service team funding
- Provides financial reports for chapter board meetings

Become a part of your Horry-Marion Chapter and help us to coordinate congregation and community projects. If you are interested in learning more about the Financial Director position please contact Bill Steele at 650-2958.



To Pastor and Kathy and all my friends at Holy Lamb

Thank all of you for cards, prayers, phone calls, visits, well wishes, kind thoughts and food delivered to our house during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. You all helped in many ways to get me back on my feet. I am still undergoing physical therapy at home, but soon will be treated at Wellness Clinic for a while. With God's help I soon will be walking independently.

Fondly,

Dorothy E. Osgood

This Month's Devotional Readings

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

March 1

John 10:22-42 **I and the Father Are One**

In response to the Jews challenge, Jesus plainly tells them that he is the Son of God – just the answer they were looking for to justify stoning him. Jesus, the text says, “escaped their grasp.” More evidence that when they finally crucified him, it was because he was willing.

March 2

John 11:1-16 **The Death of Lazarus**

It is startling that Jesus would be glad that a dear friend had died. But, again we see the bigger picture from Jesus' point of view. This would give him the opportunity to show that he has power over death and the grave, a power that gives us comfort even today.

March 3

John 11:17-37 **I Am the Resurrection and the Life**

Two comments worth noting: Martha freely confessed confidence in the resurrection of the dead – a lesson learned from Jesus' teaching; the Jews scoffed that Jesus should have been able to heal Lazarus if he had really healed the blind man. One would think that, given such a statement, a resurrected Lazarus would make believers out of all of them.

March 4

John 11:38-57 **Jesus Raises Lazarus**

While “many believed” the ring-leaders did not. In his determination to kill Jesus, Caiaphas' unwittingly proclaimed the Gospel: that Jesus would die to save a nation. We are that nation, the church, the new Israel.

March 5

John 12:1-19 **The Triumphal Entry**

The noise of Jesus' supporters, as well as his opponents, was reaching a crescendo. Now was the time for Jesus to go to the cross. This was a moment in time, the Passover, when the largest crowd would be in Jerusalem. News of Jesus had already spread throughout Israel. Jesus decision to enter Jerusalem with pomp and ceremony was his way of assuring that news of his death and resurrection would spread throughout the country and beyond.

March 6

John 12:20-36a **The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up**

Jesus recognizes that the time for him to die is fast approaching. He muses about his quandary, saying in essence, “I cannot ask to be saved from this because this is why I am here.” Once again, the Father speaks to the Son in voice from heaven that is heard by all present, witnessing to Jesus' identity and assuring him of the truth that in his death God will be glorified.

March 7

John 12:36b-50 **The Unbelief of the People**

Verses 42 & 43 explain the reason why many people today, even many of us, are afraid to confess our faith publicly. Oh, we may say we don't know what to say but often we simply don't want to lose the respect of people whose admiration we seek. In the words of the reading, we “love [d] the praise of men more than the praise of God.” NIV. By the way, Jesus' hiding (vs. 36) was not out of fear, but because the time was not yet right.

March 8

John 13:1-20 **Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet**

Washing the feet of dinner guests was a humiliating duty of a servant. In washing the disciples' feet Jesus was illustrating his role as servant, foreshadowing his greatest servant act – dying for our sins, and modeling the servanthood to which he called the disciples and calls us.

March 9

Genesis 1:1-19 **The Creation of the World**

As we begin the season of Lent, today, our study moves to Genesis: the narrative of creation and God's relationship with his prized creation, mankind. It will lead us to His recreation of us on Easter Sunday.

March 10

Genesis 1:20-2:3 **The Creation of the World (cont'd)**

God established a day of rest for us, not because he was exhausted. A time for rest is necessary for the body – to allow muscles to rebuild after strenuous work; for the mind – to prevent an overload of information leading to stress; and for the soul – to be refreshed with God's love and forgiveness, assuring us of an eternity of rest with him.

March 11

Genesis 2:4-25 **The Creation of Man and Woman**

Just as we will often relate an overview of an event, and then go into greater detail about the most important activity, the detail of this passage shows God's intimate relationship with mankind, a one-to-one relationship with each of us, unlike any other creature.

March 12**Genesis 3:1-24 The Fall**

Given free will, Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation and violated God's law. The consequences of their sin are the well-known pain in childbirth and working of the soil. But God's "cursed is ground" includes all of nature. So the "nature" in natural disasters is the fallen nature of all of creation. Earthquakes, floods, storms, and the like are not "acts of God." Far from it, they are the consequences of sin, not a specific storm in response to a specific sin but, like original sin, the new nature of a fallen creation. The condemnation, however, is not without a promise of redemption – Gen. 3:15 offers the first promise of the savior who will defeat Satan.

March 13**Genesis 4:1-26 Cain and Abel**

Cain was punished for killing Abel – he was banished to unknown lands and the ground would not be fruitful. Yet, even in God's word of punishment, grace is evident – God would not allow anyone to kill Cain. Even in the worst of our situations, God's grace is present.

March 14**Genesis 6:1-7:5 The Flood Anticipated**

In spite of all the evil in world, one man and his family remained steadfast. Noah believed God's threat of wrath, as well as his promise of redemption. We, too, are called to believe both, and live lives that demonstrate that faith.

March 15**Genesis 7:11-8:12 The Flood**

What saved Noah? Water! The same water that drowned the unbelievers lifted the ark to safety. We, too, are saved by water – the waters of Holy Baptism.

March 16**Genesis 8:13-9:17 God's Covenant with Noah**

God kept his promise to save Noah and established the rainbow as a lasting sign of his promise not to destroy the entire earth with a flood. The Bible is a record of God keeping his promises to man – the greatest one being the promise of forgiveness to all who believe.

March 17**Genesis 11:27-12:20 The Call of Abram**

Notice that no reason is given for God choosing Abram; God's decision was His alone. And in verses 2&3, God gives the reason for making a choice in the first place: Abram is to be a blessing to all the earth. This blessing is of course realized by all who believe in Jesus, the promised savior, a descendant of Abram.

March 18**Genesis 13:1-18 Abram and Lot Separate**

Recognizing the tension between his people and Lot's people over the resources of the area they shared, Abram decided to divide the land between them. He gave Lot first choice, an act of generosity that reflected his confidence in God's continuing generosity to him.

March 19**Genesis 15:1-21 God's Covenant with Abraham**

Verse 6 explains how we come to be considered righteous in God's eyes. The only "doing" that makes us righteous is believing; and even that is not something we do. Rather, the believing we do, the faith we have is a gift from God.

March 20**Genesis 16:1-9, 15-17:22 The Covenant of Circumcision**

In verses 3-8 God promises Abraham that he will be the father many nations and will possess the land of Canaan. He then commands Abraham to circumcise himself, his family and servants as an ongoing sign of their covenant with God.

March 21**Genesis 18:1-15 Isaac's Birth Promised**

God's promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah seemed unlikely, given their ages. Sarah now doubted just as Abraham had earlier doubted. Fortunately, God keeps his promises even when we doubt.

March 22**Genesis 21:1-21 The Birth of Isaac**

While Isaac's birth was a cause for celebration, it renewed the tension between Sarah and Hagar. That tension was destined to remain forever; it continues today in the animosity between Arabs and Jews.

March 23**Genesis 22:1-19 The Sacrifice of Isaac**

Abraham had learned to trust God and demonstrated that trust in his willingness to sacrifice Isaac. In this narrative we see two significant models: first, Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son foreshadows God's own sacrifice of his son, Jesus. Secondly, God provided a sacrifice in place of Isaac foreshadowing his substitution of Jesus' death in our place.

March 24**Genesis 24:1-31 Finding a Wife for Isaac**

Notice the reliance on God's direction and provision, even by Abraham's servant. Clearly, trusting in God was the norm, not the exception, in Abraham's house. We can teach the same lesson to our households by our consistently faith-filled words and actions.

March 25**Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67 Isaac and Rebecca**

When faced with the testimony of the servant regarding the hand of God in the events leading to Rebecca, her father and brother gladly acknowledged God's authority and sent her to Isaac. This is the power of God, to change hearts when faithful people simply report the works of God in their life.

March 26**Genesis 27:1-29 Isaac Blesses Jacob**

Sibling animosity reaches a pinnacle as Jacob steals the blessing intended for Esau. Yet, even this God knew in advance (see Gen. 25:23). Nevertheless, God keeps his promise of blessing, as passed on by Isaac to Jacob.

March 27**Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22 Jacob's Dream**

God comforts Jacob with knowledge of his love and protection. Likewise, he will comfort us if we will simply listen for his words of peace, rather than focus on our unfortunate circumstances.

March 28**Genesis 29:1-30 Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel**

"What goes around comes around" might describe what happened to Jacob. Or one might simply smile and say that God has a sense of humor, allowing Jacob to be deceived just he, himself, had deceived. While God is not the author of evil or misfortune in our lives, he does allow us to suffer the consequences of our mistakes.

March 29**Genesis 35:1-29 God Blesses and Renames Jacob**

God confirmed his earlier promises to Abraham with Jacob, Abraham's grandson. His name change, first mentioned in Gen. 32:22-31, is another case of God foreshadowing what is to come. Israel means "he struggles with God." The nation of Israel would struggle with God, and continues to resist Jesus, God's son.

March 30**Genesis 37:1-36 Joseph Sold by His Brothers**

Given his history with his father and brother, one might have expected Jacob to know better than to play favorites among his sons. But no, he didn't learn that lesson; nor did Joseph learn to downplay his favored status. Once again, God allows even his chosen people to suffer the consequences of their actions, all the while using man's mistakes for his purposes. In verses 26-29 notice that Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites, the descendants of their grandfather, Abraham's, estranged son.

March 31**Genesis 39:1-23 Joseph and Potiphar's Wife**

Joseph's survival and success was a result of God's amazing grace and care – and Joseph was well aware of that. He did not take advantage of the situation and, when confronted by temptation, pointed out to his temptress that to succumb would not only be offensive to his master but would be a "sin against God." Despite his upright actions, Joseph was imprisoned. He, like Jesus, was punished for something he didn't do. And he, like Jesus, would use the opportunity to bring a great blessing to those he loved.

HOLY LAMB FINANCES

General Fund Income	
January 2011	
Envelopes/Plate	\$12,420
Reimbursements	10
Building Usage	0
Total	\$12,430

General Fund Expense	
January 2011	
Spending Plan	\$11,131
Actual Spending	\$11,887

Designated Funds	
Balance	
February 1, 2011	
Chair Fund	\$455
Thrivent Choice Dollar	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	328
Funding the Vision	7763
Opens Arms Feasibility	
Study	4403
Communionware	408
Roof Fund	2115
Total	\$18,056

Financing our partnership with THE 72

Many factors are at play in covering the costs of the team's visit. **The most significant is that the team consists of volunteers who are not compensated at all for many hours they spend in preparation and in presenting the modules to us.** For that they deserve our thanks and a commitment to make the best use of their time while they are here.

There are, of course, real costs associated with a partnership with THE 72, (food, lodging, travel to and from Myrtle Beach, travel while here) and those costs are the responsibility of the host congregation. However, several sources have combined so that **our partnership with THE 72 will not use any funds from our General Fund.**

A team usually consists of 3 members. However one of our team is on her first assignment and as such is a trainee – the synod has a grant to cover her travel expenses to and from Myrtle Beach.

Most of our team will be guests of Pastor and Kathy eliminating housing expenses. Our members are providing meals, or food for meals, covering a significant portion of that expense item.

Holy Lamb has been approved for a grant from the synod to cover the travel costs of the team to and from Myrtle Beach, up to \$1000.

In June, 2009 the congregation approved spending \$1000 of our Funding the Vision money to bring a team from THE 72 to Myrtle Beach. This money will be used to cover expenses while they are here. These expenses will be minimal given the circumstances.

God's timing is, indeed, perfect in bringing all these resources to bear at the same time. As a result, our costs are only a fraction of what many churches incur in a partnership with THE 72. **Praise God for his blessings and for leading us to respond to this opportunity.**

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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