

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, Pastor Panning is recovering from Covid. As a result, he was unable to supply his article for this month's newsletter. Below is an article taken from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry's June newsletter on Effective Outreach.

The definition of effective outreach puts it this way:

Effective outreach is the “planting and watering” cf. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9) through which a congregation intentionally engages non-churched people in ways that offer appropriate and appealing entry points (other than worship services and traditional Bible studies) that encourage non-churched people to participate in the Word and Sacrament ministry* of the congregation.

** Word and Sacrament ministry refers to the various ways in which congregations share the good gifts of God given to us in His Word and through His Sacraments.*

This definition is built on two very important things.

The first, and most important, is the understanding that disciples are made by the Holy Spirit working through the Means of Grace (i.e., through the Word and the Sacraments).

The second — which is far too often overlooked by us — is that we need to offer non-churched people ways to enter into the Word and Sacrament ministry of our congregation which *they* find interesting and appealing.

Most churched people realize that non-churched people see things differently than we do. With that in mind, it shouldn't surprise us when non-churched people don't see our congregation the same way that we do. We know it as a spiritual home filled with a family of faith and caring friends. We know it to be a refuge from the despair of the world and a place of hope. They see it as a building filled with strangers who have some unusual beliefs and practices. More and more they see it as a place of judgment, intolerance, and phobias.

Making the effort to build relationships with non-churched people goes a long way to helping them see the church in a positive way. But even having a positive view of the church isn't enough for many non-churched people to overcome their fear of attending a worship service or the intimidation of joining a traditional Bible study. Fear? Intimidation? We aren't afraid of worship or intimidated by Bible studies. True. But many non-churched people are. Even the strength of good relationships with members of the congregation may not be enough for non-churched people to overcome their fears and uncertainties. It is up to us to provide ways into the Word and Sacrament ministry of our congregation that ease their fears and keep them from being intimidated.

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That's what is meant by "appropriate and appealing entry points" into Word and Sacrament. It's important to maintain the "appropriate" part of this equation. The most appropriate entry point into Word and Sacrament ministry for most people is joining us in hearing and learning about God's Word.

"Appropriate" also means guarding against turning the church into a marketplace that caters to the consumer demands of people — churched or non-churched. But let's not underestimate the importance of the "appealing" part. Properly understood, "appealing" calls us to consider the other person's point-of-view.

Let me be very clear that this is **not** about worship style. Changing to or adding a contemporary worship service is not what it takes to provide appealing entry points into the spiritual life of a congregation. (That's why our definition says "other than worship services or traditional Bible studies.") Worship, in any form or style, is not an issue for non-churched people (though it certainly can be for churched people).

Non-churched people do not stay away from churches because of how we worship; they stay away because we do worship and they don't. More than that, they can't worship the Lord. How could they? They cannot call on the name of the One whom they do not know.

This reminds us that the Church has what people desperately need — so desperately that they are perishing without it. Yet, there is little about the Church — worship or otherwise — that is very appealing from an outsider's perspective. Changing that perspective in order to encourage non-churched people to join us in hearing God's word isn't complicated or difficult. It centers on a question that we need to answer honestly:

Do we care enough about the non-churched people in our community to stretch ourselves to bring the Gospel to them in creative ways?

Another question we should ask ourselves is:

Are we so comfortable with our ways of doing things that we are apathetic about the needs of those who are perishing?

This boils down to a critical choice:

Risk being uncomfortable in order to serve others or stay comfortable and ignore those who are perishing.

We may not like thinking about it this way, but that's the choice before us. By the grace of God and in the love of Jesus, we are willing to stretch ourselves for the sake of others. But how do we do it? It starts with considering the perspective of non-churched people before inviting them to join us in sharing God's good gifts — in ways other than worship services and traditional Bible studies. It calls for us to step back and look at what we're doing with fresh eyes. It involves faithfully managing the tension between maintaining what has been handed down to us and responding to the ever-changing context of the world around us. But mostly it is purposefully working to offer God's good gifts in creative ways that engage people who don't know the love, joy, and peace of Jesus.

Stewardship

The following verses have come to my attention several times this past week. I would like to share them with you all. Romans 12: 3-8:

"For by grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: If prophecy in proportion to our faith, if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."



On August 27th, we will be having our annual fundraiser for *Shoes & Socks for Kids*. Watch for the big shoe August 7th thru the end of the month, waiting to be filled with new shoes and socks. The sign up sheets for helping with the event will be in the narthex for you to sign up. There are many different ways to help with this event so check the sign up sheets.

Eileen St. Clair, Board of Stewardship

LWML

Thank you for all your donations for the kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be assembling the kits on July 9 at 11:00 am after our meeting at 10:00 am. All women are invited to our meeting. Anyone can come at 11:00 am to help assemble the kits.

July 3 is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and in the memo area put LWML MITES.

Karen Bombria, President of LWML of Holy Lamb

Combined Outdoor Worship Service

We will have one service on **Sunday, July 31st** which will be held outside on the front lawn of the church at **9:30am**. Please bring a lawn chair and mark your calendars.



Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, July 1st at 6:30pm.. Bring an "easy to eat and clean up" snack and one of your favorite games. See ya then!!!



Holy Lamb Financial Profile Financial Update - Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of June to Date	\$13,513	\$10,638
Year to Date	\$90,786	\$88,650

Holy Lamb's Men's Christian Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, July 23rd at 9:30am at the church. All men are welcome to join us.



**In His Service
July 2022**

Altar Guild	Devyn Riley	Sharon Bumgarner
Newsletter Proofer	Barb Evans (July 28 th)	

July 3	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Bill Steele
Ushers	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner
Piano	Don Piel	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

July 10	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bill Steele
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Linda Katai
Video	N/A	Linda Snyder

July 17	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elders	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Chuck Bumgarner
Audio	Kathy Panning	Linda Katai
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

July 24	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Bret Rhoades
Ushers	Marsha Dunn	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Don Piel	Kathy Panning
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

July 31 Combined Outdoor Worship 9:30 AM		
Elders	Phil Harris	George Hulshart
Ushers	Bill Steele	Rose Ruddick
Piano	Bret Rhoades	
Video	Julia Diem	

Volunteers Needed

Audio and Video

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run smoothly. Without you, it would be difficult to do the many things we need to do. We are in need of volunteers to run the sound system (8am and 10:30am) and video (10:30am) services. Just one hour a month is all we're asking ~ male or female. Please consider helping out with this important part of our worship services. We could always use more ushers for both services too.

Contact Bill Steele.

Bulletin Assembly

The church office is **STILL** looking for volunteers to assemble the bulletins for Sunday worship. All that's required, is one hour a week for the month you volunteer in. You can come in when convenient for you between Thursday afternoon and Saturday to do this. No experience necessary. **There is a sign up sheet in the rack in the Narthex.** Any questions, call the church office or see Marsha Dunn.

Property Management News

Church members are always welcomed and encouraged to share their suggestions for any improvements, large or small, to support the church and church grounds. Please put your recommendation, along with your name and phone number in the Property Management box in the church office.

Due to rising gas prices, the church lawn, front and back, will be cut every two weeks.

Interior room painting of the previous day care room and hall will take place in the near future but will not interfere with normal church daily functions

Thanks,
Dave Katai, Property Manager Holy Lamb

Sunday Morning Bible Study*Lutheran Worship***9:15 AM**

The Liturgy of our worship service, is a conversation between God and his children. In this conversation, we receive God's gifts and we respond with thanksgiving. In this conversation, God's gifts are delivered through his word and sacrament and we respond using God's own words from scripture. This study explores the deep truths of scripture that we proclaim every Sunday. Join us to discover a new richness available to us every time we gather for worship.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study*Romans***9:00 AM**

We are engaged in a rigorous study of Paul's letter to the Romans. This book is a concise, yet thorough explanation of the mystery of salvation by faith alone – the foundation of Scripture and the cornerstone of Lutheran Doctrine. It was Romans that opened Luther's eyes to this wonderful truth and grounded him through the many challenges of the Reformation. We have a sizable crowd every week and would welcome more.

This opportunity is available in person in the Fellowship Hall, or via Zoom

Wednesday Evening Bible Study*Will Resume in the Fall***Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study**

Details below on this page

6:30 PM

Bible Study Opportunities

**Women's Bible Study**

The women's Thursday night Bible study meets Thursday evenings at 6:30 on Zoom. All women are welcome to join us! Use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code.

We are using the reading plans provided at www.shereadstruth.com. You can find the daily Scripture readings and devotion at their website or sign up for their daily email or download their app. The website and emails are free; some of the plans on the app have a nominal charge. There is also a weekly podcast that discusses that week's readings. *We would love to have you join us! And whether or not you meet with us, this can be another easy way to develop a daily Bible reading habit. (For those men who are feeling 'left out', there is also a 'He Reads Truth' reading plan at the website!)*

Beginning the week of July 11, we will spend 6 weeks studying the book of Exodus, the story of God's all-encompassing salvation. He delivers the people of Israel from oppression in Egypt to establish them as a community to whom and through whom He would make Himself known. Join us as we explore together what God's salvation meant for His people then and what it means for us now!

Contact Kathy Panning if you need more information or help obtaining the daily devotions and Scripture readings.

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It provides various publications and Bible studies but its primary function is providing a weekly sermon for radio broadcast. The Lutheran Hour has been broadcast since 1933.

You can listen to the Lutheran Hour on the radio every week. Stations & times are listed below



WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	5:00 AM
WRNN	99.5	FM	Sun	7:00 AM
WRNN	1450	AM	Sun	7:00 AM

Now, LHM has teamed up with WFAX out of DC & they will broadcast **The Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm.** Even if you are not within their local listening area, just go to their website and listen online at <http://wfax.com/>.

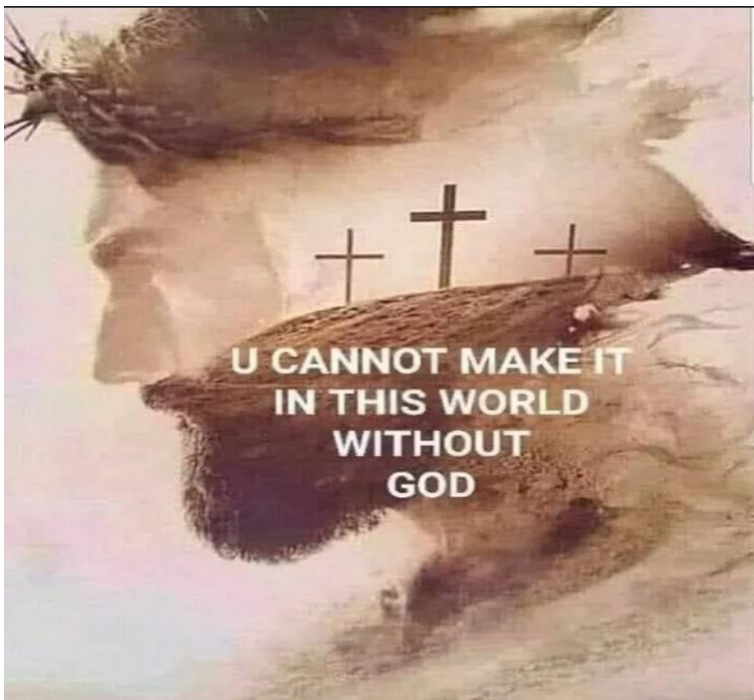
July
Blessings on your Birthday!

1st	Kathy Panning
9th	MollieAnne Houghtaling
11th	Kathy Orlovski
15th	Logan Swails
16th	Jamison Thomas
19th	Katherine Mann
23rd	Ed Stedina
25th	John Collins
26th	Tom Marquardt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Anniversary!

1st	Irv & Sharon Ewing
5th	George & Marsha Hulshart
8th	Gene & Karen McCarthy



Altar Guild

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, just a reminder, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board & place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The cost is \$35.00. If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

Please do not put flower payments in weekly offering envelope.

Flower Chart 2022

The flower chart for 2022 is posted on the wall in the Narthex by the church entrance. **NOTE:** Highlighted dates are those within the seasons of Lent or Advent. During these times, we refrain from placing flowers on the altar out of reverence to our Lord and Savior, however, you may still purchase flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or special event and have them in the Narthex as well as listed in the weekly notes.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Dunn or Linda Snyder.

Flowers purchased to the glory of God for July, 2022

July 3 ~ Open.

July 10 ~ In memory of their parents and daughter, by Bill & Monica Steele.

July 17 ~ In honor of Ed Stedina's birthday (July 23), given by Sylvia Stedina.

July 24 ~ In memory of her husband, Tom, given by Carol Stocum

July 31 ~ Open

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Netty, neighbor of Deb

Brian, father of Margaret's granddaughter-in-law

Sarah, Bonnie's Neighbor

Rev. John Kassouf

George, friend of Bret & Janette

Joan, friend, Duane & Eileen

Rebekah, granddaughter, Duane & Eileen

Rita, friend of Theresa

Rick, friend of Henry

Pat Allison

Carol Boulet

Barb Evans

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Ron Nuehring

Judy Palmer

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Darcy Taiani

Shirley Berry

Camille August

Norm Boulet

Sharon Ewing

Linda Katai

Gene & Karen McCarthy

Jerry Palmer

Steven Rehm

Carol Stocum

Theresa Zweigle

Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter

Ron W., Monica's brother

Sammi, friend of Dave & Linda

Michael, Lois' brother-in-law

Glenn, Lois' brother

Terri, Pat Allison's daughter

Monica Steele

Ed, friend of Dave & Linda

Mary, friend of Paul & Jane

Jackie, friend of Mark & Bernadette

Mike, B-I-L of Doug & Rose Ruddick

Covid-19

Pastor Panning, recovering at home.

Thanksgiving

Gabriella Catherine, granddaughter of Marsha Dunn, born on June 8th.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible Study	9:15 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm