

Holy Lamb Lutheran Church

2541 Forestbrook Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

December 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December might be thought of as a month of both anticipation and celebration. We anticipate Christmas – and celebrate of the birth of Jesus. We anticipate a new year – and celebrate its arrival with a grand party that typically ends when the new year begins. Our lives may often seem like an endless sequence of anticipation and, if we are fortunate, celebration.

Of course, if the anticipation is directed toward something that is *not* a celebration, the emotion is not joyful, but painful. When personal, painful anticipation overlaps corporate, joyful anticipation, we often experience such a conflict of emotions that we become distressed and lose perspective. Our world seems disoriented, and we can feel disconnected from reality.

It is at times such as these that our faith can reorient and reconnect us. Allow me to illustrate:

- a. When a foreboding illness is on the horizon, we can take comfort in the healing power of Jesus. That healing may come in short order through surgery or medicine. It may come after a long battle as different procedures or medications are tried. And yes, the physical healing may not come until we receive our new and perfect bodies in the resurrection. In any of these cases, even in the anticipation of near-term pain and suffering, we can anticipate the healing to come.
- b. Death is a certainty for all of us (unless Jesus returns in our lifetime). Regardless of that certainty, when that day seems imminent for ourselves or a loved one, our anticipation is anything but joyful. Such anticipation is often filled with physical pain and emotional stress. Nevertheless, even in these times, Christians anticipate the joy of eternal life in heaven. To the Christian this is not a minor, silver lining in a dark cloud; it is the glorious sunrise which, for a moment, has a small dark cloud of suffering.
- c. The absence of a loved one from our long-standing holiday traditions is a painful experience, intensified as we see others enjoying such gatherings. Yet, even in our loneliness we can find comfort in their and our presence at the Lord's table. The Proper Preface, spoken just before the Sanctus in our communion liturgy concludes, "Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven ..." These words assure us that, at this moment, our voices are joined with the voices of our loved ones who have died in the faith, in worship and praise of the Savior whose resurrection and ascension assure us that one day we will be reunited, not only in voice, but in our physical, resurrected bodies. Our Christmas Day worship offers that spiritual reunion, a foreshadowing the physical reunion to come.

These are just 3 examples of how our faith gives us a different perspective than our human experience would indicate. Allowing our faith to reorient us away from our pain and to our Savior enables us to joyfully anticipate Christ's coming, even in the face of anxiety and uncertainty. Our faith encourages us to reconnect with our fellow Christians in celebration of the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life his birth promises.

May your faith in your Savior make this season of anticipation and celebration a joyful time for you.

In His Service,

Pastor Panning

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Council Elections

The Slate for the council Elections are as follows:

Ron Hajduk- President
Dave Katia- Property Manager
Doug Ruddick-Treasurer
Andrea Nezich- Human Care
Stewardship- Vacant
Evangelism- Vacant

We will be voting on this slate at our next congregation meeting on December 11.

Congregation Meeting December 11, 2022

There will be a congregation meeting immediately following the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, December 11th.

Chef Tom Mullally will provide a meal for us after the meeting. We will be discussing the 2023 budget and also council elections for our committees. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

The Advent season is upon us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Advent services will be held at 7pm on Wednesdays as follows:

December 7th— Advent Worship Service
December 14th—Advent Worship Service
December 21st—Advent Worship Service
December 24th -Christmas Eve. Worship—7pm & 11pm
December 25th- Christmas Day Worship—10:00am
December 31st- New Year's Eve Worship—7:00pm

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

To honor the birth of our Lord & Savior, I would like to place a plant in the sanctuary for Christmas.
COST PER PLANT IS \$10.00



Please indicate the number of plants you wish to purchase. _____



_____ I will take my plants after Christmas Service _____ Please give my plants to a shut-in.

Given in memory of

Given for another reason (honor, praise, thanksgiving)

GIVEN BY: (your name)

Please place order form with payment in the "FLOWER" box located on the table in the narthex. Checks should be made out to "Holy Lamb Church" and write "POINSETTIA" on the memo line. Deadline to place orders is December 18th.



Human Care

On December 1st, we will be decorating the tree and church from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

All are welcome to enjoy together! It's a beautiful time.

Andrea Nezych, *Human Care Team*



Ladies Society Christmas Bake Sale

The Ladies Society is selling Christmas cookies for \$4.00/dozen

We will be holding our Christmas Cookie Sale on Sunday, Dec. 18. You may pickup your cookies after each service. Pre-orders are now being taken via the Holy Lamb Website.

Go to holylambmyrtlebeach.org, click **Ministries Ladies Society**, fill out the order form and click **submit**.

Pre-orders must be received by Dec. 10

Thank you, *Pat Marquardt*.



Christmas Gift Cards for Seminary Students

For many years, we have been sending Christmas gift cards to the students and their families at our Fort Wayne Seminary.

Thank you for your donations of \$900 to this year's Gift Card program. You made the season more enjoyable for all of them.



LWML

December 4 is Mite Box Sunday. Please return your mite box or a Ziploc bag with your collection. Don't forget to pick up another box if you are leaving yours. Checks are also accepted made out to Holy Lamb and in the memo area put LWML MITES. Thank you for your support.

Looking forward – We will once again be collecting baby items for Abigail's Closet at Women's Coastline Center January 15 and 22.

Karen Bombria, President, Holy Lamb LWML

Holy Lamb Financial Profile Financial Update - Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of November	\$12,631	\$14,184
Year to Date Needs	\$166,662	\$168,087

HOLY LAMB LUTHERAN CHURCH

2023 Budget Request	2022 <u>Budget</u>	2023 <u>Request</u>
SED Support	2400	2400
Website Support	900	900
Evangelism	200	1000
Worship	9558	9872
Human Care	300	300
Benevolence	500	500
Coastline Women's Center	500	500
Missionary	0	500
Youth	1000	1000
Education	600	600
Stewardship	700	750
Pastor Salary	77000	80000
Pastor Health/Retirement	11660	11998
Pastor Allowance - Mileage	4066	5343
Pastor Allowance - Books	200	200
Pastor Allowance - Clothing	300	300
Office Secretary	8397	9043
LCEF Mortgage	26000	26000
Utilities	5220	5420
Insurance	6255	6431
Maintenance/Repairs	6600	5675
Reserve Fund Contribution	10000	10000
Telephone/Internet/Publicity	2400	2400
Office Supplies	1450	1450
Postage	500	200
Conference/Convention	700	0
Office Equipment	<u>7000</u>	<u>4632</u>
Total	\$184,406	\$187,414

**In His Service
December 2022**

Altar Guild	Linda Davis	Camille August
Newsletter Proofer	Sylvia Stedina (December 29th)	
Bulletin Assembly	Betty Panning	

Dec 4 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell	Bill Steele
Ushers	N/A	Rose Ruddick
Audio/Piano	Don Piel	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Julia Diem

Dec 7 Wednesday 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service	
Ushers	Dave Bingham
Piano	Bret Rhoades

Dec 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Bill Steele
Audio/Piano	Phil Harris	Bret Rhoades
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

Dec 14 Wednesday 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service	
Usher	Marsha Dunn
Audio	Julia Diem

Dec 18 8:00 AM 10:30 AM		
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Ushers	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Tom Marquardt

Dec 21 Wednesday 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service	
Usher	Marsha Dunn
Audio	Linda Snyder

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM 11:00 PM		
Ushers	TBD	Dave Bingham
Audio	Kathy Panning	Don Piel
Video	TBD	

Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship 10:00 AM	
Elder	Phil Harris
Ushers	Paul Jankowski
Ushers	Bill Steele
Audio	Linda Snyder
Video	Tom Marquardt

Dec 31 Saturday 7:00 PM New Year's Eve Worship	
Elder	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Chuck Russell
Audio	Kathy Panning



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Feasts and Festivals

9:15 AM

Christmas and Easter are, of course, the best-known festivals of our ‘church year.’ But did you know that the church year includes dozens of ‘Feasts and Festivals’? A listing can be found on page xxii (Roman numerals) in the front of the hymnal. We are selecting a different feast or festival for each Sunday to gain a deeper understanding of the person or event commemorated by the celebration

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Stories Behind the Hymns

9:00 AM

On Tuesdays at 9:00, we are looking at the context and content of some of our favorite hymns. We are learning about the authors and the motivation for the particular hymn. Sometimes it was a moment of joy, sometimes grief. The stories behind the hymns are fascinating and instructive and add a richness to the singing when they occur in our worship.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Hiatus till January 2023

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!)*

This year’s **Advent** reading plan features daily Scripture readings that follow the themes found in each lyric of the hymn “**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**”. The words from this beloved hymn capture the heart of Advent: longing, waiting, anticipating. From the very beginning, Scripture builds our anticipation of our Savior—God Himself—who would dwell among His people and set them free from sin and death. In this five-week Advent experience we will celebrate Jesus’s first coming as the baby in Bethlehem and anticipate His second as the glorious King over all. Please consider joining us in this devotional reading plan that starts November 27!

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

December

Blessings on your Birthday!

- 5th Jen Hirsh
- 9th Riley Smith
- 18th Norm Boulet
- 19th Mary Margaret Kluge
- 22nd Kim Bertolone
- 24th Don Piel



Happy Anniversary!

- 10th Dave & Theresa Cunningham

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/>.

Family Game Night

Our next family game night will be at the church, Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm..

Bring an "easy to eat and clean up" snack and one of your favorite games.

See ya then!!!



Family Game Night

Notes of Thanks

Human Care

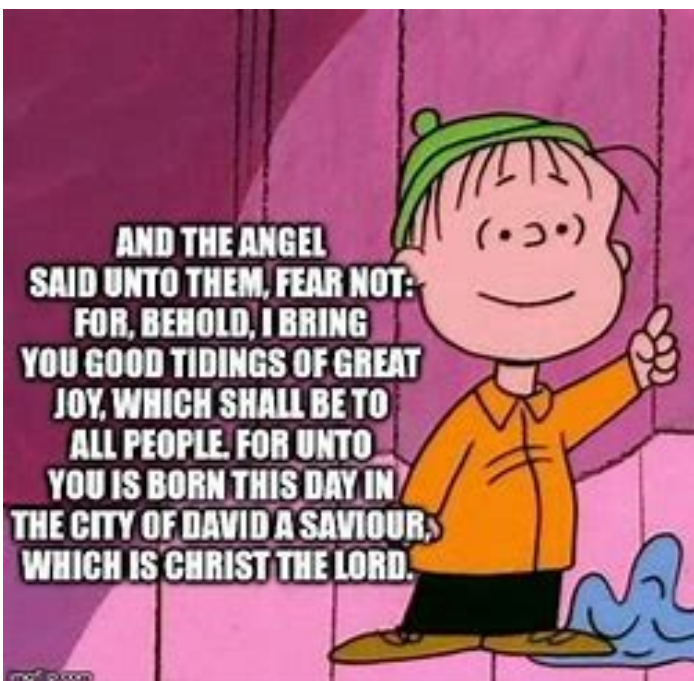
I would like to sincerely extend my appreciation and gratitude to all the ladies and gentleman who did so much for Sharon Ewing's Memorial, Irv and the Ewing family!! Life is about working together to shine a little light to those along our path, and you all do that most graciously.

Sincerely, *Andrea Nezich, Human Care Team*

From the Ewing Family

The Ewing family would like to thank all of those involved with Sharon's memorial. A special thanks to Andrea and her group of ladies that made and brought food. A special thanks to Ron who paced like an expectant father on his phone outside the church trying to find out where the chicken was.

Thank you to those who helped set up and breakdown and reset the church area. Thanks to Bret for his music and Pastor for his acknowledgements of the contributions Sharon made in the church and thank you to all who attended her memorial.



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 2023

The flower chart for 2023 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 December 2022

December 4 ~ In memory of our mother and grandmother, Florence Smith, given by the Murphy family.

December 11 ~ No flowers in Advent on the altar

December 18 ~ No flowers in Advent on the altar

December 25 ~ Open



For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout

Jeannine, daughter of Camille

Verlene, sister of Myrle

Ron, Ed's Cousin

Phyllis, Les' sister

Nick, friend of Lois

Debbie, friend of Camille

Ray, Norm's brother

Carol Boulet

Merle Falke

Mary Lee

Steven Rehm

Carol Stocum

Theresa Zweigle

Al Stout

Norm Boulet

Theresa Falke

Karen McCarthy

Marty Reynolds

Bob & Myrle Rumsey

Eileen St. Clair

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

Mary, Marty's mother

Brian, Marty & Terrie's former Pastor

Robin, Tim's sister

Kathy, Friend of Rose

Brian, Dale's father, Ethan's grandfather

Rev. John Kassouf

John, friend of Jack & Merilynn

Pastor Omar Krieger

Mike, Robbies's husband

Gary, Al's son



Prayer Requests

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday Evenings 11/30-12/21 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve 7 pm & 11 pm

Christmas Day 10:00 am

New Year's Eve 7:00 pm

Bible Study

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