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FEELING DISCOURAGED

Repeatedly the Children of Israel disregarded the words of the Lord God and the instructions handed down to them through his servant, Moses. “Repeatedly” might be an understatement. While they often gave Moses and God lips service, they clearly had no intention of following the Law to the extent God wanted, they didn’t understand how important the terms of the covenant were.

As we read through the Pentateuch (the five books attributed to Moses), we find Moses dealing with discouragement—often dealing with it in unhealthy ways. When we become discouraged we get frustrated and angry.

Recall Moses descending from Sinai, the tablets of God’s law in his arms. Hearing the commotion below, and seeing the golden calf and the people’s behavior, Moses smashes the tablets given him by God. (Exodus 32)

In Exodus 17 God provides water from a rock. In this instance Moses is to walk toward a rock that is part of Horeb, God’s mountain. He is to take his staff and rap on the rock which then gushed forth water. Failing to remember that God always provides for the needs of his people, they later complain to Moses again; Numbers 20.

Angry that he must go through this a second time, Moses listens to the words of God half-heartedly. Maybe he figured, he’s heard it before. So taking his staff in hand Moses strikes the rock. But this time God has command Moses to speak to it. Still, the rock produces its water, but failure to heed God’s instruction means that Moses will not enter the Promised Land.

Frustration leading to anger gets us nowhere.

We are now a year into our pastoral vacancy. But we are far more than a year into our lives as Christians, and as a Christian congregation. Little has changed in that regard: we are God’s baptized sons and daughters. We still have our personal ministries; we still are enjoined by scripture to pray and intercede for people and situations. Situations—flooding, global warming and climate change, war, terrorism, hunger and homelessness, and the need for more pastors. Take your pick; what issue has God placed on your heart?

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Because of God's undeserved kindness and mercy Bible studies continue, Sunday services of Word and Sacrament continue, keeping us alive in Christ Jesus. At Holy Lamb we seem to enjoy each other's company and fellowship opportunities. Visitors come. Truly, we are not bad off. Disappointed in not having a full-time pastor can lead us to frustration and to trouble. And to be honest, what candidate for pastor wants to move to a congregation that is frustrated, sitting on the sidelines and doing nothing positive? They want to see Christ at work in us and through us in the community.

The answer; together we need to be diligent in prayer. We need to be praying that God will raise up pastoral candidates for our synod as well as Holy Lamb. They won't come from out of the blue; they must come from among us, our sons and grandchildren. At some point people began pointing to me (Pr. Steve) and encouraging me to become a pastor. Look what God did—he chooses the most unlikely people.

Just skimming through the letters of Paul, notice how often he speaks about the ministry of encouragement. This is work for you. Use your concordance in the back of your Bible; ESV has a short list. Google can be a help. Encouraging one another is a sign of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

A parting word: *"Encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."* Hebrews 3:13

Pr. Steve

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has reviewed a few more candidates. We received two names who are willing to take a call at this time and whose profiles seemed to fit with Holy Lamb. We recently conducted initial as well as follow-up zoom meetings with two potential pastors and their wives to discuss their information, to talk about how we feel they would fit with Holy Lamb, as well as to answer any questions they may have for us after reading the Holy Lamb Profile document. We strive to keep the congregation up to date on the process and we ask that you please continue to pray for guidance so the Holy Spirit will soon lead us to the next pastor.

Blessings on your day!

The Holy Lamb Call Committee

A heartfelt thank you to those who engineered the purchase of fifteen armchairs for the sanctuary. An even bigger thank you to the anonymous donor who paid for fifteen additional chairs.

Thank you again,
The cane and walker brigade

Thank You

LWML News

July 7 is Mite Box Sunday. Please put your mite box or money from mite box in a plastic bag and deposit in the large purple mite box. 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 very much. For the month of July we are continuing to collect **SCHOOL SUPPLIES INCLUDING CLEAR BACK PACKS**. Please put them in the marked box in the Narthex. Our next meeting is July 13 at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall. Linda Katai is our Bible study leader.

Karen Bombria, President, LWML of Holy Lamb



Stewardship Newsletter

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10*

The Stewardship Committee meets on the 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:30am service.

Our current committee members are: Cheryl Bingham, Chair; David Bingham, Ron Hajduk, Caroline Twentier, Bill Steele, and Reyne Harris.

Here are some of the items the Stewardship team is working on.

Praying in Color: This ministry continues to provide prayer cards as a support ministry for those in need. If you know someone who needs this ministry, please reach out to Eileen St. Clair.

First Time Visits with Local Guests: This is an outreach ministry that visits local guests who have joined us for service. To date we've completed 7 Total In-Person visits. We encourage everyone to reach out and welcome anyone who joins us for service. We have Welcome Packets in the Narthex to provide information to them about Holy Lamb. If anyone wants to join the team, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Visitor Thank You Card Outreach: This is an outreach that mails out Thank You cards to visitors from outside the Myrtle Beach area for worship service. To date, for 2024 we've sent out **18** thank you cards. We want to plant seeds to those who've joined in hopes that they'll visit us again in the future.

Families Read – This is a ministry that works with Families Read and Socastee Methodist Church to clean books for Forrest Brook Elementary School students. Though the school year has ended, we've received additional books that will need to be cleaned over the summer. Our next cleaning will be **Saturday, July 6th from 10:00am – Noon**. Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship for a great cause. If you have any questions, reach out to Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Day Trip Opportunity: This is an opportunity to get to know and fellowship with other members of Holy Lamb. We're looking at scheduling the day tour to the Georgetown Historical district on Saturday, October 5th. The trolley is an open-air trolley with a covering so we're waiting for cooler weather. The cost is \$15 per person and is limited to 14 people. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions reach out to Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Help 4 Kids Big Shoe Fundraiser CookOut – Our Big Shoe fundraiser is scheduled for August 24th. We'll set out the Big Shoe to collect shoes and socks for Help 4 kids during the month of August. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up/clean up and serving for the day of the Cookout. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please consider helping us with this great fundraiser. If you have any questions, reach out to Cheryl Bingham.

If you have any ideas or are interested in joining us, please let us know.

In His Service,
Cheryl Bingham, Chairperson



Evangelism - Expansion Ministries Committee

The expansion ministry committee meets once a month on the 3RD Tuesday of the month. We are working on or have completed the following projects. If you have any ideas for a ministry or questions, please contact one of the committee members, Darcy Taiani, Cheryl Bingham, Reyne Harris, Ron Hajduk, Phil Harris, and David Bingham.

Myrtle Beach History Trolley Tours

Thanks to all who attended the History, Movies and Music trolley tour this past week. Our next tour is to be determined as we are looking at the 3rd trolley tour: Myrtle Beach History and the WWII years. Or to visit/tour a nearby plantation. The date would be in late July or early August. Once the decision is made, we will put the details in the bulletin, will send out an email and have a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham



Building Committee

Thank you all for filling out the building expansion ideas, we received a great number of responses with great ideas. The building committee will be meeting before July 12th to organize and document all ideas. If you wish to join the committee for this initial phase of the ideas and to work on fundraising ideas to make the building project more visible. Or if you have questions, please contact Dave Bingham.



1 Chronicles 28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, “Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—*will be* with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Restaurant Dining Group



Thanks to all who attended the restaurant dining group this past Tuesday at the Swig & Swine Barbeque. Our next dining group will be meeting on **July 23rd** at 5:15pm at Sara J's. The address is 314 Atlantic Ave, Garden City, SC 29576. If you plan to attend there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.

Dining with Friends

Thanks to all who attended the potluck at the church on this past month. On **July 20th** we will be meeting at Noon at Nacho hippo. The address is 1160 Farrow Pkwy, Myrtle Beach. If you are planning on attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham.





Cancer Issues

Linda G., Carol Stocum's goddaughter
Sami, friend of Dave & Linda
Terri, Pat Allison's daughter
Mary, friend of Paul & Jane
Pastor Omar Krieger
Michael, Brother-in-law of Lois Murphy
Sue Bennett
Paula, friend of Lois Murphy
Ted, friend of Ed & Sylvia Stedina

For Healing

Julia, great-granddaughter of Al Stout
Verlene, sister of Myrle
Ron, Ed's Cousin
Scott, son of J.R.
Brian, Son of Adell Keeney
Joan, friend of Marsha Dunn
Nathan, B-I-L of Blain & Christel Lefort
Alice, friend of Doug & Rose
Bobby, brother of Sharon Bumgarner
Brian, friend of Hayley Lauritsen
Bill, stepdad of Darcy Taiani
Nancy, mother of Warren Gall
Maureen, neighbor of Chuck & Sharon Bumgarner

Pat Allison	Norm Boulet
Marsha Dunn	Merle Falke
Theresa Falke	Mary Lee
Karen McCarthy	Kathy Orlowski
Steven Rehm	Marty Reynolds
Doug Ruddick	Bob & Myrle Rumsey
Monica Steele	Theresa Zweigle

For Our Shut-Ins

Sue Alderson, Ron and Joan Johnson, Mary Margaret Kluge, Bob and Myrle Rumsey, Brenda Tainter

The Call Process

Praying for our new-to-be Pastor and the Call Committee decision making process.

Prayer Requests

Unless otherwise requested, prayer request information will be announced in worship, shared with our prayer chain, and published in our bulletin or newsletter. To respect the privacy of those for whom we pray:

- * With regards to health issues last names will not be given in worship or in print unless they are members of Holy Lamb.
- * Information regarding conditions, diagnosis, or procedures will be given only at the initial church announcement, not in print.
- * Please update the church office of your prayer request by the newsletter deadline or fill out a prayer request form which are on the podium in the Narthex.



Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Hosea, Joel & Amos

9:15 AM

We are using the Life Light Study guide to look at the Minor Prophets. The study guides are available for purchase at \$14 each. Be sure to come to both Bible studies (Sunday & Tuesday mornings) since different people offer different insights.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Hosea, Joel & Amos

9:00 AM

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Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study

Details below on this page

6:30 PM

Women's Bible Study

We meet every Thursday at 6:30pm on Zoom (use Holy Lamb's standard meeting code) and all women are welcome to join us to delight in God's word as sisters in Christ! We are beginning our study of the book of Luke using our Lutheran Study Bible as our guide.

If you have any questions contact:

Darcy Taiani (call or text) 724-840-0888 (email) darcytaiani@gmail.com.



President Bill Harmon

Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, where he attended Emmanuel Lutheran School and Baltimore Lutheran, now Concordia Preparatory School. He then attended Concordia College, New York, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

President Harmon earned a Doctor of Ministry degree emphasizing leadership, renewal, and coaching from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

In May of 2022, Pastor Harmon was elected the 14th President of the Southeastern District—LCMS. His focus as President is *Immeasurably More*. Placing our present and our future in a God who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ever imagine or think (Ephesians 3:20-21).

President Harmon is married to his wife Gayle and they have three sons together.

The Southeastern District

The Southeastern District is one of 35 regional Districts of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Our mission is *connecting people with Jesus*. Our vision is that *lives are transformed and God's Kingdom grows*. The 212 churches and 71 schools are located in York, PA, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, North and South Carolina. Learn more by visiting se.lcms.org.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for latest happenings and events.

He will be joining us on July 21st during our combined service at 9:30 am. (See page 11 for more details).



In His Service July 2024

Altar Guild	Stedina, Harris, Davis, Stedina	Barb Evans
Newsletter Proofer	Phil & Reyne Harris (July 25)	
Bulletin Assembly	Phil & Reyne Harris	

July 7	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	George Hulshart
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen
Audio	Don Piel	Julia Diem
Video	N/A	Seth Rylander

July 14	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Neal Riley
Usher	Ed Stedina	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Fred Reimer

July 21	9:30 AM Combined
Elder	Tom Marquardt
Ushers	Rose Ruddick
Ushers	Bill Steele
Audio	Julia Diem
Video	Tom Marquardt

July 28	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Elder	N/A	Larry Lauffer
Ushers	Dave Bingham	Warren Gall
Ushers	N/A	Paul Jankowski
Audio	Phil Harris	Darcy Taiani
Video	N/A	Hayley Lauritsen

Volunteers Needed Ushers (both services)

Audio and Video (both services)

Our church relies on volunteers to help us run our worship services 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 volunteer!

Please consider helping out with this important part of our worship services. We could always use more ushers for both services too, especially 10:30am.

Contact Bill Steele if you can help.



Please Mark Your Calendars! Meet Southeastern District President Bill Harmon

We will have a combined worship service on **July 21st at 9:30 AM.**

After the service we will have Chef Tom provide us with brunch while we have the pleasure of meeting President Harmon.

We hope you all can join us.

Family Game Night

The next family game night will be **Saturday, July 6th, from 4pm-7pm.**

Please bring a finger food to share. Bring your favorite game or plan to learn a new one.



**Family
Game Night**



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group will meet on **Tuesday, July 9th, at 11:30 am.**

All men are welcome to join them.

Flowers purchased to the Glory of God for July, 2024



July 7 ~ In loving memory of our daughter
and parents by Bill and Monica Steele

July 14 ~ In loving memory of Fred Weller,
husband and father by Mary K. and Margie

July 21 ~ In honor of Ed's birthday
by Sylvia Stedina

July 28 ~ *Available*

Microbrew Group



Our next meeting will be at the Atlas Tap House on July 27th at 4:00 PM. The address is 1004 Chester Street, Myrtle Beach 29577. If you are planning on attending, there is a signup sheet in the narthex rack. If you have questions, please contact Dave or Cheryl Bingham. *Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!* Attributed to Martin Luther.

OFFICE SECRETARY

We have an opening for an Office Secretary. The job entails working Tuesdays & Thursdays with fluctuating hours, salary is \$15 / hour. Basic office skills required. Training on special programs will be provided. Anyone interested in the position please see Ron Hajduk.

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. **There are new ways to listen to the Lutheran Hour. Some are listed below.**



Listen to 'The Lutheran Hour' on **Sirius-XM Family Talk** 131 Sundays at 10:00am ET

You can download "The Lutheran Hour" app and listen there or wherever you listen to podcasts

AFN Version: If you're interested in the weekly AFN (American Forces Network) version of *The Lutheran Hour*, you can listen to it by clicking on the sermon title on their website² or directly on the AFN page

Flower Purchase Reminder

If you are purchasing flowers for our altar, please use the Flower Fund envelopes from the Flower Chart bulletin board and place in the collection plate or drop off at the church office.

The cost is \$40.00.

If special flowers are requested, there may be an additional charge.

**Please do not put flower payments
in
weekly offering envelope.**

If you have questions, please contact Linda Snyder.

There are several openings for altar flowers during 2024. Remember a loved one or honor a special occasion with flowers.



July



11th Kathy Orlowski
 15th Logan Swails
 23rd Eddie Stedina
 25th John Collins
 26th Tom Marquardt

5th George and Marsha Hulshart
 8th Gene and Karen McCarthy

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

Happy 4th Of July



Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival

Just a heads up, the Pumpkin Patch will be coming on October 12th through the 31st.

Our Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

More information will be coming in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Bingham, Sylvia Stedina or Henry Twentier.

You are Appreciated

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Pastor Steve for his many visits to see me & give me communion while I was in the hospital

Also to many visits, cards & phone calls that the congregation sent me.

I am truly blessed to receive all the prayers that I received.

My sincere thanks to all

Pat Allison

NEW CHURCH LED SIGN FUND

As an outreach to our community, a church sign becomes a ministry to all people, every day of the week.

This fall, we will start a "Sign Fund" Drive. Watch for the Little Red Thermometer in the Narthex of the Church as we work towards reaching our goal.

If you would like to be on the sign committee, please contact Tom Marquardt.

2024 Hurricane Preparedness

We are in the hurricane season. There are steps we can take to protect ourselves and our possessions.

- * First and foremost, it is important to monitor local weather reports and follow advisories from local authorities about preparation and evacuation.
- * Know your zone.
 - Zone A**
All areas east of Business 17 up to the intersection with US 17
 - Zone B**
All areas east of US 17 bypass to US 17
All areas south of Hwy 707 and Longwood Drive
All areas in Longwood Plantation (Blackmoor sub division)
 - Zone C**
All areas between Hwy 701 and Hwy 544
All areas east of Hwy 31 to Hwy 90
All areas east of Hwy 90 to US 17 in northern Horry County line
- * Develop a family disaster plan.
- * Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit. Make sure to stock or restock not perishable food items and replace batteries.
- * Put copies of important documents in a safe place, preferably a water tight container.
- * If you have prescription drugs, make sure to document the RX number, name, address and phone number of the pharmacy where you fill your prescriptions. Also record your administering doctor's name and phone number.
- * Create an evacuation plan. Know your evacuation route and decide early when you will leave and where you will go.
- * **Identify an out-of-area emergency contact.**
- * Fill up the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.
- * Have enough cash on hand for a few days because ATM's may not be available due to power outages.

Holy Lamb maintains an **Emergency Contact Sheet** for each of our families. An elder will be contacting you to update your information or complete a new sheet.

COUNCIL POSITION

Our Treasurer Doug Ruddick has decided it is time to retire and so we are in need of a treasurer for next year.

Anyone interested in a position of paying the bills and would like to start shadowing Doug to learn the position, contact Ron Hajduk.

Dear members of our Holy Lamb community,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards Holy Lamb. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, *Vanco*. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

We know that every penny counts! **We are so grateful for your time, talent and financial support. While this new e-giving platform offers convenience, there is a small processing fee of 2.9%, as well as a \$0.45 per transaction fee. However, if you decide to have it drafted from your bank account the fee is only 1%. You have the option to offset the processing fees associated with online giving. Your gift can be one-time or recurring.**

Example: If you wish to donate \$50 to Holy Lamb, covering the processing fee of 2.9% or \$1.45, plus the \$0.45 transaction fee, your total cost would be \$51.90 with Holy Lamb receiving \$50.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM2G/home>.

You can also find this link on our church website under the **DONATE** tab at <https://holylambmyrtlebeach.org/giving-2/>.

In addition, you always have the option to set up a recurring donation through your bank if that is more convenient for you. Please use the following:

Conway National Bank

Routing #053202318

Account #1706551801

Holy Lamb Financial Profile—Giving

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month of June (to date)	\$11,901	\$14,220
Year to Date Needs	\$81,709	\$88,875

A heartfelt thank you to those who engineered the purchase of fifteen armchairs for the sanctuary.
An even bigger thank you to the anonymous donor who paid for fifteen additional chairs.

Thank you again,
The cane and walker brigade

Combined Worship Service

Mark your calendars!!

We will be having a combined worship service on **Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 9:30 AM.**

We will have the South East District President Bill Harmon not only assisting with the worship but he will also stay around for the brunch afterward so he can meet and mingle with our congregation. It's always wonderful to meet and talk to those who we generally don't see because they go to the opposite worship service.

Following the service we will hold a brunch prepared by Chef Tom.

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Worship Schedule

Sundays—8:00 am & 10:30 am

** Combined Worship on June 30th—9:30 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