

## THE CONNECTION

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16*

Merry Christmas Lamb of God,

I doubt anyone planned it this way, but I like the way Thanksgiving rolls into Christmas. In theory, it should set us up to be thankful for what we have before we go overboard making lists of the things we “need.” Don’t worry, I’m not about to start ranting about our culture losing the meaning of Christmas. You can hear that from plenty of other places. I would, however, like to say a few words about seeing the positive in things.

Tico is dying. Our girls named our Honda Civic Hybrid Tico. The batteries on those things only last so long. We’ve replaced it once, and the second is on its last legs. The mechanics told us they aren’t worth replacing on a car with over 200,000 miles, so I figured I would just drive it until it couldn’t go anymore. A couple of days ago, that’s what happened. Going up hill the battery assist was lit and the engine was expecting help so it started surging. I didn’t think I would make it, but I had enough momentum to get up to the top and then eventually make it home.

This is the kind of situation where I could lament the loss of a vehicle, be frustrated at not being able to replace the battery or be grateful that I got a warning before the car left me stranded in the rain on the highway with a dead cell phone. I could think “why me?” or be grateful it didn’t happen to one of my girls. What’s more I could ignore this warning and keep driving it, increasing the chances of making the above scenario come true. In this case, I chose to say that God is good to give me such a safe, but firm warning. Let me give you one more:

This morning about 3:30, I got up to let our puppy outside. I went to grab a pair of shoes from my closet so I could walk outside with him. Our closet is pitch black and I didn’t want to wake Lori. That’s okay, I know where my shoes are. When I got to the back door, I could see that I had grabbed one slipper and one tennis shoe. But God is good, they were a left and a right. So, I put them on and stood in my back yard with dry feet waiting for Mr. Puppy to do his business.

Every day we are faced with hundreds of opportunities to call a glass half full or half empty. What we do shapes how we think about God, the world, and ourselves. We do ourselves

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### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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**Office:** 425-377-2173

**Office Hours:**

Tues 12:30-3:00 pm

Wed 8:30-3:00 pm

Fri 8:30-2:00 pm

#### Sunday Morning Schedule

**Family Education: 9:00 am**

**Worship: 10:15 am**

**Pastor: Mike May** (314) 775-6956

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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:30 pm

### Elders Meeting:

Sunday, January 12th (following worship)

and the people around us a favor, not by pretending there's no bad in the world, but by actively looking for the good. Just so you don't think I've been watching Daily Affirmations with Stuart Smalley, here's a Bible verse for you:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike

*\*\*\*Moving? New Phone Number? Please contact the church office with address, phone number and email changes so we can update our records. Thank you!*

## Pastoral Assistance

### Pastor:

Mike May (314) 775-6956

### Worship/Youth Leader:

Jan Novak (360) 691-3372

### Elders:

Ernie Frederickson (360) 668-1234

John Laskey (425) 334-6210

Rick Ihrie (425) 481-3247

Larry Aalbu (360) 568-4757

Dale Rahn (425) 422-9789

Gary Beck (541) 740-5727

\*\*Next month's newsletter deadline is January 24th.

## January Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Stacie Leaf	1	Ellie Repp	13
Hollis Dawson	5	Jennifer Wood	16
MJ Novak	6	Ben Geiger	17
Abby Jamieson	10	Finley Dawson	21
Dixon Marshall	10	Joelle Cameron	25
Sandy Bench	11	Natalie Hansen	27
Kermit Bohling	11	Kathleen Hines	28
Pete Jones	11	Gavin Knapp	28
Abbey Frederickson	12	Kayden Hayter	29
Kayla McDonald	12	Bailey Rahn	29

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Jason Knapp	1
Scott Leaf	1
Christina Cameron	3
Kayla Hines	10
Amanda Pfiester	11
Stacie Leaf	21
Abbey Frederickson	24
Kermit Bohling	25
Abby Jamieson	26
Gavin Knapp	28

### Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Jennette Stockton 01/20



## Weekly Bible Studies

**Women's Bible Study:** Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at MJ Novak's house and Wednesday mornings 10:00 am at Vicki Beck's house.

New Study beginning the week of January 13th titled "Stepping Up" by Beth Moore.

*Explore the major feasts of Israel and journey with Beth through Psalms 120-134 in this new 6-session study. Through an in-depth look at 15 Psalms, participants in this study can pray, reflect, and write a personal rendition of these ancient choruses.*

If you would like to purchase a book, please see Susie Rahn or purchase online.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men's Monday night Bible Study from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Lake Stevens Haggen. See Gary Beck with questions.

**Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study/Help the Homeless:** The men's Bible study meets on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Study meets at McDonald's in Everett. Address: 4020 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98201. After Bible study, the men serve the homeless in Everett.

## Small Groups

Look for information in the weekly bulletins regarding upcoming small groups.

Typical Schedule:

- 1st/3rd Tuesdays:
  - \* Aalbu/Gatterman @ 6:00 pm
  - \* Rahn @ 7:00 pm
- 1st & 3rd Thursday:
  - \* Beck @ 7:00 pm
  - \* Repp @ 5:30 pm

*\*\*The church office hours will be limited during the Christmas break. Please call ahead if you plan on stopping by.*

### November/December Financial Information:

	General	Giving Life	Haiti	Special
10/28-11/03	\$4,031.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	
11/04-11/10	\$3,630.00	\$310.00		
11/11-11/17	\$7,656.00	\$260.00		
11/18-11/24	\$2,120.00	\$50.00		\$250.00
11/25-12/01	\$3,472.00	\$150.00	\$25.98	\$1,045.00
12/02-12/08	\$5,005.00	\$310.00		\$495.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$25,914.00</b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>	<b>\$50.98</b>	<b>\$1,790.00</b>

**December Attendance:** 12/01: n/a 12/08: 65 12/15: n/a

## Sunday Morning Family Education at 9:00 am

All Sunday morning Bible Classes will resume January 12th.

**Youth/Family Events**

**January**

- Everett Outreach-Lord's Little Cooker (Every Saturday morning 7:45-9:30 am)
- 1—New Year's Day (church office closed)
- 12—Family Education classes resume
- 13 & 15—Women's Bible Study resumes
- 20—MLK, Jr. Day
- 24—Cosmic Bowling Evergreen Lanes 9:30-11:30 \$10
- 26—Financial Peace University begins
- 30—Community Supper
- TBD—Snow Day

**February**

- Everett Outreach-Lord's Little Cooker (Every Saturday morning 7:45-9:30 am)
- 2— No FPU
- 9—FPU Resumes
- 17—President's Day

# Thank You

*Children's Christmas Service thank you! A special thanks to Christine Pfiester, Audrey Pfiester, Delanie May, Dylan Knapp and Shara Knapp for coordinating the children and their presentation of "Can I Shake My Gift?" The cast (Paul, Genevieve, Amanda, Maddie, Gavin, Evey, Kiera, Corban, Ellie, and Kylie) did a fabulous job of sharing with us the true meaning of Christmas. We would also like to acknowledge all the youth that helped lead and share special music.*

*Christmas Season Special Music: We want to also say thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas worship times so special by sharing their gift of music. Choir and special music presenters helped to magnify the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you and to God be the Glory. Glory in the highest!*



**Thank You**

Thank you for the congregations generous Christmas gift and for your continued prayers and support. We are truly blessed to serve our Lord Jesus along side each and every one of you.

~Pastor Mike, Jan, and Shara



**Coming Soon // Financial Peace University // Starts January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm**  
 Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Join the Financial Peace University class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together!  
 Interested?

Lamb of God Lutheran Church is hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting January 26th, skip February 2nd, and continuing in February. Feel free to message your questions to [murray.jill27@yahoo.com](mailto:murray.jill27@yahoo.com) or sign up at [fpu.com/1104810](http://fpu.com/1104810) to register. Total cost is \$99 which is due at the first class.

## Community Outreach

**Lord's Little Cooker: Men's and Women's clothing needed!**—Especially winter clothing items like gloves, socks, hats, coats.

Every Saturday Morning from 7:45-9:30 am our faith community joins together with our of friends North Shore Christian Church in Everett to provide breakfast, toiletries and clothing to those in need.

**Lake Stevens Community Supper Program:**

~Community Serving Community—each week different service organizations or groups serve at this supper.

~Free dinner each Thursday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Lake Stevens.

Lamb of God has offered to have a team of 8-10 people at the community supper on **Thursday, January 30th**. If you would like to help (and have dinner, too!) contact the church office to sign up to serve..

Our next opportunity to serve is **Thursday, April 30th**.

*Connect with us!*



*Like us on Facebook:*

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*Follow us on Instagram:*  
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*Ten families received Christmas baskets which included food for their Christmas meal and a gift card. Thank you to those who contributed monetary donations, those who assembled the baskets, and those who delivered the baskets. A special thank you to Dana Rasmussen for coordinating this project and making it happen!*



*Thank you to those who baked cookies for the Lord's Little Cooker.*

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (December 13, 2019)

*December 13, 2019*

### Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office. You may call (425) 377-2173 or email [secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org](mailto:secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org). If you would like to be added to the weekly prayer chain email group, please contact the church office.

### eNewsletter

If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please email the office at [secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org](mailto:secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org) to be added to our eNewsletter list. A pdf copy of the newsletter will be emailed monthly.

### Miss a Sunday?

Sunday Sermons are being recorded and posted on our website. Go to [www.lambogod-lakestevens.org](http://www.lambogod-lakestevens.org) and click on the "Sunday Sermons" link on our homepage.

A blessed Advent Season to you. We rejoice that Jesus came into the world with His free grace!

In my recent phone conversation with Rev. Paul he commented, "Yes, it is Advent-SOMETHING is coming! We are getting ready for that." Praise God for their devout worship of Christ as they celebrate throughout the year.

Ben, my son who served as Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission's (NEHLM) liaison a couple years ago, continues to work in Haiti for a company called Med and Food for Kids. This company employs Haitian farmers and processing workers to produce nutritional food pouches. We are delighted that Ben will return to the states for Christmas. I asked Rev. Paul if there was anything we could send back with Ben. He responded, "Yes, it would be very nice to have the Pastor desk diary with the liturgical readings for our three pastors (Yves, Pepe, and Richard) and me. I would also like the other three pastors to have a Lutheran Service Book (LCMS hymnal). It has many helpful resources." I assured him that we would be delighted to supply these resources as they continue to provide enriching Services for

their people.

They have had some big rain storms recently. "We planted some beans and peanuts three days before the rains. We will need to replant most of those." He also commented on the possible need for a shelter for students and parents by the school when there are times of rain and students or parents are waiting for school to receive or release students. But we are certainly very thankful school is successfully underway!

We are also very thankful for your support and interest in this ministry.

God's blessings,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JANUARY 2020

DATE	5th	12th	19th	26th
Worship Set-Up	Set up Done	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn/Rasmussen	Grover/McClellan/ Llerenas
Worship Take-Down	Jones	Geiger	Jamieson	Strege
Soundboard	Jon Rasmussen	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Jon Rasmussen
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	John Laskey Ernie Frederickson	Rick Ihrle	Larry Aalbu Dale Rahn	Gary Beck
Fellowship & Greeters	Jones Rasmussen	Knapp Laskey	Hines Gable	Beck Repp
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin <i>Genesis 32:22-30</i> 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Randy Strege <i>Genesis 3:1-15</i> Mark 4:1-20	Elaine Repp <i>Jeremiah 10:1-5</i> Romans 1:21-25 John 18:33-38	Mike Riley <i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i> 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 5:21-37
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Mark Cameron	Vicki Beck	Matt Bench
Altar Guild	Jan Aalbu Jill Murray	Jan Aalbu	Joelle Cameron Dana Rasmussen	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Mike Gatterman	Jill Murray	Jim Repp	Vicki Beck
Acolyte & Offering	Calvin Joplin Kyra Wood	Gavin Knapp Dylan Knapp	Maddie Knapp Amanda Pfister	Calvin Joplin Kyra Wood
Money Counters	Cherie Gatterman Jill Williams	Stacie Leaf Jennifer Wood	Susie Rahn Elaine Repp	MJ Novak Julia Repp

# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2020

DATE	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Worship Set-Up	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn/Rasmussen	Grover/McClellan/ Llerenas	Novak/May
Worship Take-Down	Foye	Jones	Geiger	Jamieson
Soundboard	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Jon Rasmussen	Joel Repp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Ernie Frederickson Gary Beck	Dale Rahn	John Laskey Ernie Frederickson	Rick Ihrle
Fellowship & Greeters	Rahn Strege	Frederickson Wolcott	Aalbu Bartelheimer	Foye Gatterman
Scripture Reader	Brock Wolitarksy <i>1 Samuel 1:21-28</i> <i>Hebrews 2:14-18</i> <i>Luke 2:22-32</i>	Larry Aalbu <i>Isaiah 58:3-9</i> <i>1 Corinthians 2:1-12</i> <i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>	Jennifer Wood <i>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</i> <i>1 Corinthians 3:1-9</i> <i>Matthew 5:21-37</i>	Debbie Laskey <i>Exodus 24:8-18</i> <i>2 Philippians 1:16-21</i> <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>
Children's Message	Cheryl Jamieson	Gary Beck	Mark Cameron	Vicki Beck
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas Heather Stahl	Heather Stahl	Debbie Jones Hayley McClellan	Hayley McClellan
Power Point	Shara Knapp	Calvin Joplin	Mike Gatterman	Jill Murray
Acolyte & Offering	Gavin Knapp Dylan Knapp	Maddie Knapp Amanda Pfister	Calvin Joplin Kyra Wood	Gavin Knapp Dylan Knapp
Money Counters	Cherie Gatterman Jill Williams	Stacie Leaf Jennifer Wood	Susie Rahn Elaine Repp	MJ Novak Julia Repp



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# January 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>5</b> 10:15am Worship with communion	<b>6</b> Office Closed Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ZLS Chapel 8:45 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Fam. Ed 10:15 am Worship	<b>13</b> Office Closed Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>14</b> Council Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> ZLS Chapel 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	<b>20</b> Office Closed Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> ZLS Chapel 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 Worship FPU Begins 2:00 pm	<b>27</b> Office Closed Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> ZLS Chapel 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>30</b> Community Supper 4:45 pm	<b>31</b>	

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Family Education: 9:00 am**

**Worship Hour: 10:15 am**

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

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