

## 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*

Hello Lamb of God,

I just had the opportunity to return to St Louis for the first “Faith and Film Festival.” It was wonderful. Seeing people I have not seen for years was a pleasure. I’ve never been around so many movie people at the same time before, much less so many that were Christian. Like me, they had the desire to fully embrace what culture was doing in film, rather than only seeing “approved” Christian movies. Holding the festival in St Louis, the heart of the LCMS was especially brave since there are doubtless people who would not approve of the venture at all.

There were several films I hadn’t seen, most of those were independent films that fly under the radar. Often when I pick a movie, it’s a gamble as to whether it will be good or awful. Here someone had done the work for me, each film was worth seeing. I’d like to share the discussion for one of them now. It’s called Leave No Trace (2018). This is a spoiler alert, so if you would like to see the film, stop reading and do that now.

I’m guessing you’ve never heard of it. I hadn’t either. Here’s a brief summary: A former military man named Will is living off the grid outside of Portland with his teenage daughter Tom. The unnamed wife and mother is dead. He has PTSD. They are caught and social workers determine he can keep custody if he can live in society for a while and follow society’s rules. He tries, but is unable to do so. They flee north and are in a new wilderness in no time. Will takes a fall injuring himself seriously enough for Tom to get help. She flags down an ATV and is able to save her father. They end up in an RV park with a number of friendly and fairly like-minded people.

Tom makes friends. One woman keeps bees and shows Tom how the hive trusts her. If you put your hand close to them you can feel their warmth, but they can also kill you. The hive is a powerful symbol for community. They provide warmth and vibrancy, but they can also kill you. Another man volunteers to share his comfort dog with Will to help when he feels anxious. It seems ideal but Will still can’t live in community.

The turning point in the film is when Will tells his daughter, “We need to leave” and she replies “You.” (as in I don’t need to leave, you do). “The same thing that’s wrong with you isn’t wrong with me.”

This highlighted a powerful theme of the film: What do we give our children? Will has taught his daughter how to survive in the wilderness, a skill few people have today. When she is tested by the social worker, we find that she is ahead of other kids her age. He has raised her to be confident and capable. But parents teach their children things unintentionally as well. He is a seriously damaged

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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, February 11th @ 6:30 pm

### Elders Meeting:

Sunday, February 9th (following worship)

person. Will he pass his mistrust of community to his child? Will he make his burden her burden?

Parents can be haunted by things they have unintentionally passed on to their children. It's hard to watch the film and not wonder how much we have hurt, as well as helped, our own children. The film ends shortly after this conversation when Tom turns back to the new community. Will continues on alone.

One person said they were disappointed the film didn't have a happy ending, but I'm not so sure. It doesn't have a Disney ending where we find out Tom is a princess, Will is cured, and they go to live in a castle. But if you accept the film's premise that Will simply can't live in community, then I think this is the best ending possible. He's given his daughter the tools to survive and does not pull her down with him. In the new community, she seems likely to thrive. We don't get to have everything in a neat bow, but that's more indicative of life on this side of eternity.

From a Christian perspective it's valuable to remind ourselves that happiness is limited on this side of eternity. Films that give us a "happily ever after" set unrealistic expectations. We are better off knowing we can be reasonably happy in this life, but for complete joy, we must wait for the next one.

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:

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### 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 February 21st.**

## February Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Suzie Bohling	3	Cindy Caldwell	15
Christina Mitchell	3	Jordan Gatterman	17
Annie Stogin	3	Marlis Canham	20
Milt Grover	4	Brock Wolitarsky	22
Susie Rahn	5	Susie Grover	24
Madi Frazee	5	Cindy Frederickson	26
Vicki Beck	6	Dylan Hereth	28
Jared Rahn	8	Logan Hereth	28
Dale Rahn	13	Shirley Tuengel	29

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Lisa Gable	1
Ben Geiger	1
Joelle Cameron	4
MJ Novak	4
Tyler Grover	8
Janelle Farnsworth	21
Becky Ihrie	26

### Happy Anniversary

*Ernie & Cindy Frederickson 2/12*



## 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.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men's Monday night Bible Study from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Lake Stevens Haggan. 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.

## Looking Ahead to Lent

**Ash Wednesday**—February 26  
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**Palm Sunday**—April 5  
Worship @ 10:15 am

**Maundy Thursday**—April 9  
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**—April 10  
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**—April 12  
Worship @ 10:15 am

*\*There will be Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday only.*

*\*We encourage you to get plugged in to a small group during Lent. Days and schedules will be posted in the weekly bulletins.*

### December/January Financial Information:

	General	Giving Life	Haiti	Special
12/09-12/15	\$4,961.48	\$410.00		\$575.00
12/16-12/22	\$7,541.00	\$1,260.00		
12/23-12/29	\$806.00	\$50.00		
12/30-01/05	\$6,671.00	\$200.00	\$25.00	
01/06-01/12	\$4,638.00	\$410.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$24,617.48</b>	<b>\$2,330.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>

**January Attendance:** 01/05: 68 01/12: n/a 01/19: 76 01/26: n/a

## Sunday Morning Family Education at 9:00 am

**Adult Bible Class:** Church Office Classroom

**Senior High:** Joining the adult class

**Middle School:** Jan Novak & Matt Bench

**Sunday School:** Rotating schedule

## 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

## Youth/Family Events

February

Everett Outreach-Lord's Little  
Cooker (Every Saturday morning  
7:45-9:30 am)

2— VBC Meeting

13-15—ZLS LEST

17—President's Day

26—Ash Wednesday

March

Everett Outreach-Lord's Little  
Cooker (Every Saturday morning  
7:45-9:30 am)

7-8—Middle School Gathering

## Youth and Family News

### Duget Sound Middle School Youth Gathering

Saturday/Sunday

March 7-8

Lake Retreat Center, Ravensdale, WA



**Sponsored by:**  
**Duget Sound Youth Board**  
**and**  
**Lamb of God Church**

This year's middle school gathering is March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This overnight retreat is open to youth currently in grades 6-9. There will be opportunities for worship, fellowship, recreation, food, study, and service. The retreat begins at 10:00 am (7:30 am departure) on Saturday and concludes late Sunday morning around 11:30 am (2:30 pm return). Registration is **\$75.00** (Financial aid/scholarships are available through Lamb of God Church. Please contact Mr. Novak if you are interested.) Registration is due by February 24th.

**Interested...Contact:** Jan Novak or the Lamb of God church office ASAP if you would like to attend.

#### **LSHS Breakfast – Big House Breakfast BHB**

Where: Elim Lutheran Church, next to the High School Stadium

Date: Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Time: Doors open at 6:30 am

Devos and Fellowship 6:45-7:05

Free Breakfast and Coffee!!

#### **Attention Summer Camp volunteers // Quick Planning Meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup> following worship**

It may be cold outside, but Summer Camps are just around the corner! We would like start planning camps for the summer. Got an idea? Want to help run a camp? Join us for our initial Summer Camp planning meeting on **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** following worship.

#### **Financial Peace University // CANCELLED**

Financial Peace University which was scheduled to begin January 26th has been CANCELLED. We hope to offer the sessions later in 2020.

**Do you purchase from Amazon?** If so, consider using the [www.amazon.com/smile](http://www.amazon.com/smile) website. Purchasing through this site allows one-half of one percent of your purchase total to be donated to the charity of your choice. On your first login, choose the charity you would like to donate to in the upper left corner of the site.

## 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.

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

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## Stay Connected

**Weekly Connection News Emails**

If you would like to subscribe to our weekly Connection News emails, visit the Upcoming Event section on our website at [www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org](http://www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org) and fill out the form.

## From Our Council President

Hello and greetings Lamb of God members. I hope your New Year is off to a spectacular start! As we announced in the Fall 2019 Voter's Meeting, the Council updated the Church Bylaws. The updated bylaws, which are being proposed for consideration, are available at the Church (back table), they can be emailed, or a copy of the proposal can simply be requested.

I would ask that you take the month of February to familiarize yourself with the proposed new bylaws. In March of 2020 we will be scheduling a day or two to solicit comments on the proposed changes as well as take questions for clarification(s).

We will be taking this to the voters in our Spring 2020 congregational meeting for review, discussion and acceptance. I believe you will find the revisions proposed add clarity to many functions and roles without getting too prescriptive. In a nutshell, the intent of the revision is to add detail where necessary; add changes to keep the document current and relevant; and remove unnecessary aspects of the bylaws given the current and foreseeable ministry standards we have adopted here at Lamb of God.

I look forward to your feedback and appreciate your consideration.

Blessings,

Jon Rasmussen

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (January 8 & 18, 2020)

### 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.

*January 8, 2020*

A Blessed Epiphany Season to you as God's truth is revealed through the ministry of Jesus Christ and the Church that He builds.

The ministry of Rev. Daniel Paul has just completed a very active time with Christmas, New Year's Day (which is also Haiti's Independence Day--the second oldest country of North and South America). I asked him, "How is the new year treating you?" He replied, in his consistent optimistic manner, "We are doing very well. We are healthy, school is in session for both the college students and younger, and we are working with gardens, animals, etc."

He paused and then understandably followed with, "We are working hard because everything is more expensive than it has every been before." Haiti continues to struggle with inflation due to politics tied to a gasoline situation. Let us not forget to pray for our leaders and the leaders of other countries as Scripture guides us to do. "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and digni-

fied is every way" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Rev. Paul called me January 3rd with sad news about a house fire of a family of his congregation. An infant died in the fire and another child died at the hospital. The dad, mom, and a third child were in serious condition in the hospital until January 7th. Rev. Paul reported that he was going to be with them today. Rev. Paul informed me that his church had received donations to help the family. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) donated to this fund for the church to supply care.

NEHLM has been delighted to be working with a young lady named Rose Donna. She serves as an assistant school administrator and has been wonderful about getting biographies and pictures of the children and other communications to us. She will be getting married January 18th. We ask God's blessings upon this marriage and look forward to continuing to work with her.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

*January 18, 2020*

Greetings in the Name of our Risen, Victorious Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

When I called Rev. Paul this week, he was upbeat and appreciative of all that people do for the sake of his ministry. All of us who follow this ministry are thankful for all that Clynie (Rev. Paul's wife) and he do to care for people. This care is foremost as they provide the Word of God, along with other educational and physical needs for dear souls in Haiti.

Rev. Paul commented, "We are doing very well. School is in session and everyone is busy." Clynie returned home Wednesday from Santiago, Dominican Republic, as she was settling four of the ministries' young ladies into the next term. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) and Rev. and Clynie Paul are pursuing this schooling venture in the Dominican Republic as an experiment with these four to see if it works for them. We are watching for successful grades and training that is beneficial. As we are into this venture about two years now, our

analysis is a bit mixed. We will be patient and continue to encourage them to strive hard in their studies.

On a similar note dealing with higher education, we are working with a family in the US, who reached out to us about hosting a student to attend a US institution. There are many "hurdles" to clear with this, but we are excited about checking this avenue. Rev. Paul's comment concerning this was, "It would be a blessing for whoever received this opportunity." NEHLM and Rev. Paul approach these international ventures with the understanding that the students will return to Haiti with training and experiences to help them in Haiti.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

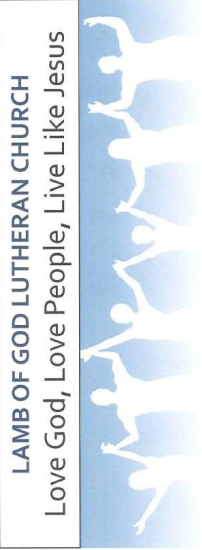
## SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2020

DATE	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	26th (Ash)
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn/Rasmussen	Grover/McClellan/ Llerenas	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck
<b>Worship Take-Down</b>	Foye	Jones	Geiger	Jamieson	Strege
<b>Soundboard</b>	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Jon Rasmussen	Joel Repp	Jon Rasmussen
<b>Elder on Duty</b> Communion Elders	Ernie Frederickson Gary Beck	Dale Rahn	John Laskey Ernie Frederickson	Rick Ihrie	Larry Aalbu Gary Beck
<b>Fellowship &amp; Greeters</b>	Rahn Strege	Frederickson Wolcott	Aalbu Bartelheimer	Foye Gatterman	n/a
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Brock Wolitarksy <i>Revelation 14:6-7</i> <i>Romans 3:19-28</i> <i>John 8:31-36</i>	Larry Aalbu <i>Genesis 2:4-7</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</i> <i>John 21:1-14</i>	Jennifer Wood <i>Psalms 25:1-7</i> <i>Philippians 1:2-11</i> <i>Luke 3:2-3, 12-14</i>	Debbie Laskey <i>Exodus 24:8-18</i> <i>2 Philippians 1:16-21</i> <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>	Dale Rahn Joel 2:12-19 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6. 16-21
<b>Children's Message</b>	Cheryl Jamieson	Gary Beck	Mark Cameron	Vicki Beck	n/a
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Heidi Llerenas Heather Stahl	Heather Stahl	Debbie Jones Hayley McClellan	Hayley McClellan	Dana Rasmussen Jan Aalbu
<b>Power Point</b>	Shara Knapp	Calvin Joplin	Mike Gatterman	Jill Murray	Jim Repp
<b>Acolyte &amp; Offering</b>	Gavin Knapp Dylan Knapp	Maddie Knapp Amanda Pfister	Calvin Joplin Kyra Wood	Gavin Knapp Dylan Knapp	n/a
<b>Money Counters</b>	Cherie Gatterman Jill Williams	Stacie Leaf Jennifer Wood	Susie Rahn Elaine Repp	MJ Novak Julia Repp	n/a

# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MARCH 2020

DATE	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Rahn/Rasmussen	Grover/McClellan/ Llerenas	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn/Rasmussen
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<b>Elder on Duty Communion Elders</b>	Gary Beck Rick Ihrie	Ernie Frederickson	Dale Rahn Larry Aalbu	Rick Ihrie	Larry Aalbu
<b>Fellowship &amp; Greeters</b>	Jones Rasmussen	Hines Gable	Beck Repp	Knapp Laskey	Rahn Strege
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Milt Grover <i>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</i> <i>Mark 2:23-28</i>	Calvin Joplin <i>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</i> <i>James 5:13-20</i> <i>Mark 9:38-41</i>	Mike Riley <i>Exodus 17:1-7</i> <i>Romans 5:1-8</i> <i>John 4:5-26</i>	Randy Strege <i>Isaiah 42:14-21</i> <i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i> <i>John 9:1-7</i>	Elaine Repp <i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i> <i>Romans 8:1-11</i> <i>John 11:17-27</i>
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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship with communion	<b>3</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> ZLS Chapel 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Elders Meeting (following Worship)	<b>10</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Council Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> ZLS Chapel 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
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**Worship Hour: 10:15 am**

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

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