

## 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,

“Unprecedented times” is a phrase that seems to be popping up everywhere lately. It’s pretty accurate as far as I can tell. The very nature of unprecedented times is that no one really knows what to make of them. Of course, there’s never a shortage of people who will claim to understand what events today mean for the future and how they will be viewed through the lens of history. I’ve always suspected that a great deal of the confidence in those predictions comes from the thought that the people will remember what’s right and forget what was wrong. No one knows the future.

Sometimes the uncertainty of the future seems exciting and new, like a couple heading off on their honeymoon. During a global pandemic, uncertainty tends toward depressing or even frightening images of the future. If we accept the fact that no one knows the future, then we can’t really believe the people who say this is Armageddon or the ones who say everything is fine. No one really knows.

I think it is safe to say that it’s not Armageddon. Even if the coronavirus kills a lot of people, there will still be a lot of people left. But that’s a numbers game that doesn't really bring as much comfort as people often intend. It’s sort of like unemployment. If I were to ask you at what point unemployment becomes a real problem, some people might say 8% while others would say 7% or 10%. But the truth is unemployment is a problem when it affects me. It doesn’t matter if the rate is below 1% for the first time in history. If I need a job and I can’t find one that’s a problem. The numbers associated with the coronavirus might make people more vigilant with social distancing, but they become real when someone you love is fighting for their life. What can you do? How will this turn out? You need to know.

Amid all the uncertainty, the panic and predictions, we find there is actually something sure and stable. There is one who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the alpha and omega, beginning and end. He is the author of creation and knows when a single sparrow falls from the sky. He’s not a speculator predicting what should happen based on numbers. He is already present in the future while living with us in the present. There is someone who knows.

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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**

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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

TBD

### Elders Meeting:

TBD

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God goes beyond mere knowledge though. He has already made plans for you, plans to restore you, not harm you. He sent Jesus to teach you, comfort you and ultimately die for you. He wants you to know that you are infinitely precious to Him. Even though he may seem distant sometimes, He is not. He is right there with you in your uncertainty. He knows your worries, even though He invites you to tell Him about them anyway. While we may not be permitted to know tomorrow, we can know Him today.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

## Newsletter

Starting in May 2020, we will be moving to an electronic newsletter format delivered through email. If you wish to still receive a paper copy, please email secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org.

*\*\*\*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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**\*\*Next month's newsletter deadline is**

April 22nd.

## April Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Debbie Laskey	3	Tyler Hayter	15
Heather Stahl	3	Jon Rasmussen	18
Kirk Geiger	4	Tyler Strege	18
Ryan Jones	5	Mike Griffin	20
Alex Stogin	8	Jessica Wolitarsky	22
Dana Wolcott	8		
Amethyst Corey	11		
Kelly McDonald	14		

### Baptismal Anniversaries

John Laskey	3
Jim Phillips	4
Susan Phillips	4
Debbie Laskey	6
Mike Gatterman	10
Kyra Wood	12
Elisabeth Repp	15
Riley Frederickson	16
Joel Repp	16
Suzie Bohling	23
Dylan Hereth	23
Logan Hereth	23
Finley Dawson	29
Jim Repp	29
Justin Brave	30

### Happy Anniversary

*Karl & Mandy Hereth 4/07*

*Mike & Lynn Riley 4/07*



## Church Office Temporarily Closed

Pastor Mike, Jan and Shara are currently working remotely. Please contact them directly.

Pastor Mike (314) 775-6956 or [sidace99@yahoo.com](mailto:sidace99@yahoo.com)

Jan (425) 418-6270 or [worship@lambogod-lakestevens.org](mailto:worship@lambogod-lakestevens.org)

Shara (425) 299-1518 or [secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org](mailto:secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org)

## Worship Services are Currently Online Only

### Facebook LIVE

We will be streaming Sunday services during the coming weeks. Watch us Sunday mornings at 10:15 am on our Facebook page. We are hoping to get other streaming avenues set up soon.

[www.facebook.com/lambogodlakestevens/](http://www.facebook.com/lambogodlakestevens/)

Sunday, March 29th service was prerecorded and will not be LIVE this week. It will be posted on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel (Lamb of God Lake Stevens) on Sunday morning.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc8HjzR\\_kmvKl6b3fl0pn9w?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc8HjzR_kmvKl6b3fl0pn9w?view_as=subscriber)

We are continuing to work on improving our streaming options. Information will be posted on the home page of our website, on our Facebook page, and in our Weekly Connection emails.

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**Midweek Worship:** Wednesday morning Chapel at 9:00 am on Lamb of God's Facebook page and Zion Lutheran School's Facebook page.

## 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.lambogod-lakestevens.org](http://www.lambogod-lakestevens.org) and fill out the form.

*March financial information will be available in next month's newsletter.*

April

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

5—Palm Sunday

9—Maundy Thursday

10—Good Friday

12—Easter Sunday

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (March 4 & 19, 2020)

*March 4, 2020*

A blessed Lenten Season to you as we recognize Christ's work for us. I have found Easter to be more of the celebration that it truly is as I involve myself more in the practices of Lent.

Rev. Paul reported, "We have some rains now. We are able to be working in the gardens and getting the planting done." Praise God as He continues to "open [His] hand [to] satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145 :16). It is a joy that mankind has been placed in the position to be stewards that work with all that God is providing. This stewardship gives us healthy vocations as we receive from His open hand.

The ministry mourns with the family of Claude, who had been an agriculture worker for the ministry for seven years. Claude was an elderly man who was dealing with poor health who recently died. He was a faithful employee to the ministry. We are thankful for his service and the opportunity to provide him a job.

In my recent call there appeared to be a flurry of things going on along with the bless-

ings of being able to work in the gardens. The college students are beginning new semesters. Wilson started his spring term on March 2nd, and there are several young ladies also moving forward in their collegiate educations. Other activities include the pursuit of finishing work on the school restrooms (tile work), along with work on the cookhouse for Baja.

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) is delighted to hear that Rev. Paul talked with other leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS) concerning the possibilities of the whole church body supporting the construction of a large worship center next to the school. Our location is prudent with generally less political turmoil than other parts of the country and land already purchased for a worship center. Rev. Paul's congregation continues to be actively involved, and further work has been completed on a security wall.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

*March 19, 2020*

Greetings,

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:4-6).

Rev. Paul reported that they have had some good rains and there is a lot of work going on in the gardens. We are delighted for the amount of diligent work that is done for the ministry to supply so much of their own food. They have vegetables, fruits, grains, and livestock. He also reported work being done on finishing tile work and utilities in the school restroom along with work on the security wall for the Worship Center, which will be next to the school. He sent some new pictures of the work being done. By the way, I was honored to be involved with a couple previous security walls and that is a huge amount of physical labor--pick and shovel the trench, set in big

rock, set in iron for solid foundation and post, etc. I plan on being with them in 2021; may they continue to work hard now. If they are not completed all the way around, I should be able to be honored again with some pick and shovel work.

The Haitians are dealing with the worldwide virus concern. "Not any detected in Haiti, however, the borders have been closed," reported Rev. Paul. This will likely affect the availability and price of their necessities. We are pleased to be able to walk along with them as they also will be trying to navigate through this time.

The Philippians Bible verses have been helpful for me as I interact with people. Let us continually be assured that "the Lord is at hand."

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

# Zion Lutheran School News—Auction Postponement

To our school community & auction guests,

I pray that this email finds you and yours well and in good health.

Due to precautions and social distancing measures taking place we will be postponing our school auction that was to take place on April, 18th.

We're blessed to call Zion Lutheran School home. Zion is a place where children come to learn and grow in both academics and in their faith in God. We're very blessed to have a tight-knit community of dedicated and supportive parents, teachers, staff, alumni and churches.

Currently students are being guided by their teachers, receiving school work at home as well as online learning tools that will help them continue their education. Through daily emails and social media we are sharing extra learning opportunities, prayers and school spirit.

Our auction is our largest entire school fundraiser. Proceeds help fund a variety of school programs that would not be possible otherwise. Your participation and donations will help ensure that Zion remains operational and in the same capacity when classes resume.

All standing guest reservations, catalog sponsorship and donated items will remain valid. These contributions help us offset auction expenses so that all proceeds can go toward school needs and programs.

Your reservations will be transferred to our in-person event later this year and sponsorship's will appear in our live auction catalog as planned.

What's Next:

Silent Auction Online - June 6th

Look for more details to come with instructions via email

Hosted online through Ready Set Auction

You will be able to create a secure account, preview items and bid online

Fall 2020:

We will host a live auction that will include:

Live Auction Items

Class Projects

Dessert Dash

Drawings

Food and Beverage

How you can help:

Many guests register their emails in person at our event, especially if they're a guest at a reserved table. If you're a "Table Captain" and made a group reservation, please help us spread the word to your guests about our online auction in June. More details will follow with clear instructions on how to participate in the online auction.

If you have donations that you would like to deliver to the school before the end of May please email [a.hereth@zionls.org](mailto:a.hereth@zionls.org).

The delay of the auction also means that there will be a delay in funding that the school relies on and budgets for each year. Please consider making a donation this spring through our auction website to help our school continue daily operations and distance learning. You can donate by clicking the link here.

Thank you to everyone on the auction team that has worked so hard to plan this event for our school and students. Thank you to our families and local businesses for your support and donations that make our auction possible. As we all face a degree of uncertainty at this time we can find peace in knowing that God is our rock always and at times like these.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. Psalm 18:2

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions at [a.hereth@zionls.org](mailto:a.hereth@zionls.org).

Thank you,

Amanda Hereth

Development Director & Auction Chair

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**Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

**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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