

## 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*

Greetings Lamb of God,

If you are like me, you might be getting a little testy these days. I was ready to start this article with something like how these are “unprecedented times” or what a “unique and challenging” situation this is. Then I remembered that I’m getting tired of hearing that everywhere I turn. Maybe you are too. I’m also a little tired of every commercial I see telling me how we’re all in this together and we’ll all get through this because this tire company or fast food place really cares about me. I see celebrities chime in and I roll my eyes. Isn’t this just some public relations thing? Is everyone just trying to take advantage of the situation?

That’s when I need to take a breath and remember that I’ve had my normal routine completely interrupted and I’ve been cooped up in my house for way too long. I’m irritable and I’m assigning negative motives to everyone and everything. I wouldn’t want anyone assuming I had malicious intent behind everything I did, why should I make that assumption about everyone else? The truth is that probably every one of those people does care about me. Not specifically of course, they don’t know me personally. But I’m sure they care about the people out there dealing with this topsy-turvy world. They care about people fighting for their lives against a deadly virus. We all do. But the wide variety of responses to our current situation would seem to indicate we don’t all have the same amount of concern.

On one end of the spectrum, people have begun to protest the shelter in place order. Some claim the restrictions are too severe, while others object to the government’s infringement on their freedom to make their own choices. The most extreme cases I’ve heard don’t consider the lives saved to be worth the hit to our economy. If you are a Christian and you’re leaning this way, I hope you will consider how our priorities line up with God’s priorities as well as what kind of message we are sending to people who don’t know Jesus.

The other end of the spectrum has people who think government restrictions aren’t nearly enough. They not only take additional steps, but they criticize, shame or even demonize those who don’t take exactly the same precautions they are taking. If you are a Christian and you’re leaning this way, I hope you will consider ascribing positive motives to

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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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**Worship/Youth Leader: Jan Novak,**  
(360) 691-3372

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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

TBD

### Elders Meeting:

TBD

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others. Reasonable people can disagree on the appropriate response to any number of situations. A dissenting opinion on how much risk is acceptable does not equate to a person trying to kill you or your family.

I hope we will all consider our method as well as our message. How well do we respond to criticism from people we don't know well? Are we swayed by social media rants? How would we react to the very thing we are about to say or type? How will our behavior reflect Jesus? I don't think this is some test designed to flunk us. I think it's a chance to show unique compassion in a world that loves to argue and judge. And I think our relationship with Jesus can lead us toward being a positive example of how to live with one another.

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:

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*\*\*Next month's newsletter deadline is  
May 22nd.*

## May Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

1	Kylie May	21	Jessica Jennings
5	Lynn Riley	22	Shelby Jamieson
6	Susan Phillips	21	Jennifer Hayter
7	Mark Cameron	24	Kiera Leaf
13	Trey Lawrence	26	Dan Bartelheimer
14	Chuck Stockton	26	Reed Geiger
15	Jack Hereth	26	Heyward Phillips
15	Peter Ihrle	28	Kylie Hayter
16	Ashley Wolcott	31	Hayley McClellan
17	Rebecca Cameron	31	Kim Ziemann

### Baptismal Anniversaries

1	Milt Grover
4	Alex Stogin
5	Kayden Hayter
8	Christina Mitchell
14	Susie Grover
15	Rick Ihrle
15	Jessica Wolitarsky
17	Kylie May
19	Ryan Jones
26	Heather Stahl
26	Dana Wolcott

### Happy Anniversary

*Ben & Christine Pfiester 05/12*



## 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.*

May

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

10—Mother's Day

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (April 1 & 17, 2020)

*April 1, 2020*

Greetings in the Name of our Victorious  
Reigning Lord Jesus Christ!

Rev. Paul began our latest conversation with, "God is awesome, and He is on our side. We are doing very well!" He reported that the girls' home and boys' home are having daily worship, but they are not allowed to have other people from the community join them. He also said, "We are having daily worship at both sites. Normally we would join together and welcome other people, but we are doing it this way to not mix people together too much." I can imagine the robust, joyful singing that people in the community are hearing, along with the most likely amplified speaking. This would allow community members to witness the faithful continuance of worship and give them opportunity to join the singing and hear the Word, even from a distance. Praise God!

The ministry is able to continue with some construction work. We are delighted to have those "earmarked" funds available. This not

only allows projects to be worked on, but also provides a type of "stimulus package" for the workers who are hired as well as providing engaging activities for some of the ministries' people.

Our dear Biblical friend Job received important insight recorded in Job 36:15 "Those who suffer, He delivers in their suffering; He speaks to them in their affliction." Let us all recognize God serving and speaking to mankind as we deal with and witness suffering and affliction.

I was encouraged and refreshed to hear Rev. Paul with his upbeat faithful expressions. God is with His faithful, serving them/us now and forevermore.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

*April 17, 2020*

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord, "He has triumphed gloriously" (Exodus 15:1),

Rev. Daniel Paul and his ministry had a joyous Easter. They welcomed in two people to their congregation through Baptism and two through confirmation. Praise God for two souls receiving God's grace of being "born of the water and the Spirit," as well as two souls confessing before God and man their faith in the Triune God!

"We have been worshipping every night, starting in March," Rev. Paul reported. "This keeps us focused on Jesus and His saving work with all the other things going on." Rev. Paul did report that they are not allowed to have the community people join them, which is challenging. He said some people have questioned the nightly services, and he told them, "We all live in this compound. We are all one family. There is no problem of worshipping with your family." I am delighted to

see Rev. Paul's steadfastness, along with a multitude of other pastors throughout the world, to "preach the Word, be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2).

A new challenge is that the city of Ouana-minthe is improving the roads in their neighborhood. This is basically good, for the roads have large holes and are not well-defined. The challenge is that the people need to have their property boundaries well-established. They are working diligently to set secure boundaries, with something other than the typical cactus and barbed-wire fence, to establish their property line. Rev. Paul has a great relationship with Bonne Terre Haiti--Feeding the Hungry, which is about a half mile from the facilities. They were also having roads done along their property. Rev. Paul assisted this organization as he talked with the road construction crew. Bonne Terre Haiti's founder is Jen Wride who is originally

# Zion Lutheran School News—Auction Postponement

## 2020 Auction Update for Online Bidding

Because of social distancing and precautions due to the Covid-19 virus our plans have changed this year. Instead of hosting our traditional event on April 18th, we'll be featuring items online!

Auction items will be open for bidding through our auction website beginning June 6th at 11:15 am and closing on June 13th at 8:00 pm.

Anyone who would like to bid can create an account.

Create a Ready Set Auction account & password so you'll be ready to log-in, view items & bid! Please include your email and cell phone number when creating an account (or update existing accounts).

<https://events.readysetauction.com/lutheranschoolassociation-zionlu/jazznightmasquerade>

During the bidding process you'll be notified via text or email on the status of the items you're bidding on.

You may log-in to your account to preview catalog items beginning April 22nd. More items will be added through May 15th.

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised at our auction will help expand and enhance electives, athletic programs, the arts, music, technology updates and more! The auction has continued to be a huge success that generates a lot of excitement and support for our school each year thanks to you! Please help us lift our school community in prayer and encouragement while trusting in God and the plans he has for us.

All current Reservations & Sponsorship remain valid for our proposed live event & auction this fall! More information to come!

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, thank you for participating!

## Donations

We will continue to accept donations, we'll gladly make arrangements to pick up local donations before May 15th. You can also drop off donations at ZLS: May 8th or May 15th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Certificates or tickets may be emailed to:

Amanda Hereth at [a.hereth@zionls.org](mailto:a.hereth@zionls.org)

Or mailed to:

Zion Lutheran School

Att: Auction

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You can also visit our auction website to submit donations online and then drop off items at the school on either May 8th or 15th.

[Click here](#) for a copy of our procurement form & procurement letter

Thank you!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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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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