

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,

Jan commented the other day how our lives feel like Groundhog Day. He meant the movie. I have to laugh a little because I can't remember exactly when he said it. For those of you who haven't seen it, Bill Murray wakes up every morning at 6 AM February 2nd 1993 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Everything and everyone around him seems to reset and only he is aware this is happening. When it first starts he is dubious. But when he's sure it's actually happening, he takes advantage of it. He steals, seduces and generally behaves like there's no tomorrow, and no consequences. After a while, this becomes old for him, but he still can't escape. He starts to despair.

His despair grows until he loses hope completely and commits suicide. Repeatedly. I say repeatedly because despite the fact that he drives off a cliff, drops a toaster into his bath, steps in from of a bus, jumps off a building and who knows what else, he still wakes up unharmed 6 o'clock the "next" morning.

When he realizes that even death will not allow him to escape this existence, the film takes a turn. Murray's character begins to find happiness in helping other people. By the end of the film, he has made his way around the whole town, changing tires, performing the Heimlich, and catching kids as they fall out of trees. He's found peace in this existence. Even if he never escapes, he's a changed man, finding joy in helping others. The film ends with him waking up to February 3rd, a new day, where he has presumably learned a lesson he will take forward from this point.

The film avoids asking who is causing this to happen. Murray sees a doctor and a psychologist, and even wonders if he, himself is God. Andie McDowell's character emphatically tells him no, but no more is said about the divine role in this situation. The viewer is left to figure that out for themselves. It also stops before the viewer has a chance to ask, "Won't he get tired of helping people too?" The message seems to be that living a selfish self-absorbed life will not make you happy. True happiness is found in helping others and we'd all figure this out given enough time. Unfortunately, we just run out of time before we get the chance. There's more than a grain of truth in this, but unfortunately, it misses a greater

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Office Hours:

Tues 12:30-3:00 pm

Wed 8:30-3:00 pm

Fri 8:30-2:00 pm

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship: 10:15 am

Pastor: Mike May (314) 775-6956

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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

TBD

Elders Meeting:

TBD

and more important truth. Without God good loses its meaning. Good deeds are just deeds. An eternal existence with nothing greater than ourselves would have no escape and no meaning. No one is lining up for that movie though.

Here's the thing: even though it might feel like we're re-living the same day over and over, this isn't Groundhog Day. This shelter in place will end sooner or later and if you drive off a cliff, you won't wake up in bed like nothing happened. More importantly, God is not testing you or trying to force you into acceptable behavior. He invites you to trust him, He wants a relationship with you, but He's not trapping you in the same day to get it. Life with Him is deeper and more rewarding, while life without Him is more empty and hopeless than any film can show. We are all going to live forever somewhere. Probably not Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania though.

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

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

June 23rd..

June Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Delanie May	1	Matt Bench	24
Sarah Llerenas	2	Pat Roth	24
Logan Frederickson	3	John Laskey	25
Joel Ihrle	4	Lindsey McClellan	25
Audrey Pfiester	9	Luke McClellan	25
Julia Repp	19	Jan Aalbu	26
Larry Aalbu	20	Janice Carpenter	27
Jim Phillips	21	Rick Ihrle	27
Pam Ziemann	22	Sandy Mitchell	30

Baptismal Anniversaries

Reed Geiger	1
Mike Griffin	1
Sue Griffin	1
Delanie May	1
Rebecca Cameron	2
Emilie Dawson	15
Susie Rahn	15
Jan Aalbu	18
Dan Bartelheimer	20
Larry Aalbu	22
Ernie Frederickson	23
Hayley McClellan	23
Jessica Jennings	26
Kathleen Hines	28
Amethyst Corey	30
Trevor Hines	30

Happy Anniversary

Jon & Dana Rasmussen	6/4	John & Debbie Laskey	6/16
Dana & Julie Wolcott	6/7	Gary & Vicki Beck	6/19
Jim & Elaine Repp	6/10	Carl & Sandy Mitchell	6/20
Kirk & Rebecca Geiger	6/13	Dale & Susie Rahn	6/22



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

Jan (425) 418-6270 or worship@lambogod-lakestevens.org

Shara (425) 299-1518 or 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.

www.facebook.com/lambogodlakestevens/

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.

www.lambogod-lakestevens.org

Midweek Worship: Wednesday morning Chapel at 9:00 am on Lamb of God's Facebook page and Zion Lutheran School's Facebook page. June 3 and June 12 will be the final Chapel messages for the year.

Website Update:

Our website has a new look. We've updated it to be more user friendly. We are short of photos to use on our site. If you have any photos from Small Groups, Bible Studies, Events, Baptisms, or any other activity that you'd be willing to share, please email them to Shara. Thank you!

Stay Connected

Weekly Connection News Emails

If you would like to subscribe to our weekly Connection News emails, visit the homepage on our website at www.lambogod-lakestevens.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

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Update From Our Council President

Members of Lamb of God,

We will be canceling our Spring Voters Assembly meeting due to the recent conditions we are experiencing. There are no urgent or pressing matters requiring Member consideration or Member approval thus it seems the prudent thing to do.

I will work with Mike Gatterman to get a financial statement distributed for church member information.

I should note that we will be moving forward with the bylaws changes for a vote in the fall. Additionally, we will also have prepared an updated Constitution for member consideration this fall. We are required to announce proposed Constitution changes publicly to the congregation so we will have several additional updates to Members in the months ahead.

If you have questions please contact me via phone (360 953 0539) or email (eladinrazz@comcast.net). Phone, of course, is preferred.

Blessings and safe wishes to you and your family.
Jon Rasmussen

Summer Camps—More Info Coming Soon!!

Summer Camps are happening on a smaller scale this year

Tentative Summer Camp Dates:

Golf Camp July 21-23 2:00-4:00 pm

Drama Camp August 3-7 (in partnership with the school and Hope Covenant Church)

Basketball Camp TBD

Calling all Graduates!

If you, or a member of your family, will be graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office by June 15th so that we can include them in our next newsletter. Please provide a picture and details of where the student is graduating from & any future plans. Thank you!

	Changes	May 25, 2020	April 13, 2020	November 2, 2019	April 27, 2019
Washington Federal					
General Checking		\$ 64,378.31	\$ 51,164.15	\$ 54,103.27	\$ 46,207.81
Haiti		\$ 1,276.17	\$ 1,251.17	\$ 1,125.19	\$ 650.19
Giving Life	-32K mower	\$ 11,939.20	\$ 42,940.90	\$ 37,687.23	\$ 37,795.53
Youth		\$ 1,926.24	\$ 2,035.58	\$ 1,003.84	\$ 1,449.30
Savings	+50K Ernest	\$ 162,192.85	\$ 162,172.91	\$ 161,256.81	\$ 116,140.20
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		\$ 241,712.77	\$ 259,564.71	\$ 255,176.34	\$ 202,243.03
Lutheran Church Extention Fund					
Savings		\$ 50.26		\$ 50.03	\$ 49.75
Building Fund		\$ 477.02		\$ 476.75	\$ 471.96
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Mortgage-7593		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jump Start Loan-3424		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
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		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Account balances are from online banking					

June

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

Final ZLS Chapels for the year:

Wednesday, June 3rd at 9:00 am

Friday, June 12th at 9:00 am

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (May 16 & 28, 2020)

May 16, 2020

Greetings in the Name of our Victorious Risen Lord who assure us that "Because I live you will live also" (John 14:19b). Alleluia!

On my recent call with Rev. Paul, we talked about some general issues of church, family, ministry, etc. I then asked, "And how are you doing?" He responded, "We are doing very well." He was upbeat and energetic with the issues that are before them. This upbeat approach reminded me of my evening devotions from Philippians, "I have learned in whatever situation to be content...I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11, 13). May we all receive the Lord's strength as He distributes it through the Word and Sacraments.

He explained that "Mommie" (His wife, Clynie) is busy managing food and living necessities for the girls' and boys' homes as well as caring for other workers. There is a fairly severe food insecurity situation in their community and efforts are being made to support them in their time of

need. Yves Thelamarque (the school administrator and pastor for the Baja Church) is busy caring for his church as well as supporting teachers the best he can.

Rev. Paul shared that the government officials are trying to say he owes more taxes for running a school. He explained to them that he has paid and the next payment is not due until September. We discussed the challenging concept of schools being charged taxes as they are educating the youth of the country for no cost to the country.

The rain they received in the last two weeks did allow for some agricultural pursuits to begin. "That rain was a blessing, but it had been real, real dry for three months. We need more rain." Please pray for healthy rain to fall on their land (and ours) as we are in this time of growth of agricultural products.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

May 28, 2020

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) has encouraged Rev. Paul to provide some economic stimulus with a construction project. This allows church members, children at their homes, and community people to be productively engaged as many other business opportunities that are not otherwise available. He said that the Haitian government is saying everything we be opened up by late June or July. This would allow them to get things ready for school in the fall (obtain curriculum, material to make uniforms, supplies, etc.). The construction project they have been working on for two and a half months is finishing the security wall around the school complex, where a worship center is planned. The school is located at the western edge of the property and had the wall already built on the west side and about half of the north wall. (Side note: a mission team that I was on in 2013 began the work of that wall.) The north and south walls now run the distance of the property.

There is an issue with the east wall (towards the river). Rev. Paul's workers provided a large easement on the east end for a small dirt road. However, in the time since they began the work, the government has determined to put in a "large boulevard with sidewalks on both sides." This large boulevard would also run through some houses of community members. Rev. Paul has been working diplomatically to avoid having the work on the east

wall destroyed, and has been speaking for his neighbors as well. He appreciates our prayers! Thank you.

The upside of this is, as Rev. Paul said, "With a large boulevard and sidewalks, I would want to put the worship site closer to that boulevard. This would be good having a big boulevard close to the church."

Rev. Paul shared that, with the current no-travel situation, he has not been able to get his eye medicine for glaucoma from the Dominican Republic. I asked how his eyes were doing. He responded, "My eyes are feeling OK, but I do not always get a real clear picture." May this hardship be solved soon.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser



Zion Lutheran School News—Online Auction Bidding Opens June 6

Zion Lutheran School invites you to support our 31st Annual Auction! Bidding Opens this week! The Catalog Preview is Open! Click on the Menu > "Auction Catalog" to view items

Items will be open for online bidding:
 June 6th: Bidding Opens - 11:15am
 June 13th: Bidding Closes - 8:00pm
 Everyone is invited to participate!
 Save your Ready Set Auction password so you'll be ready to log-in, view items and bid!

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised will help us prepare for the upcoming school year as well as expand and enhance electives and special projects.

Wining bidders may pick up items at Zion Lutheran School:

Friday, June 19th
 &
 Saturday, June 20th

from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Certificates will be mailed upon request. Email a.hereth@zionls.org to request certificates by mail. Otherwise certificates will be available when you pick up your tangible items. Access your existing account or create one here. Log in to see what's whats new! 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). During the bidding process you'll be notified via text or email on the status of the items you're bidding on.

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, thank you for participating!
 Thank you!
 Please contact me if you have any questions.
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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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