

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,

A friend of mine was just telling me how exhausted he is. Between Covid-19 and the politics surrounding elections he’s just had enough. I know many people are afraid of what will happen if Trump is re-elected. I know others are afraid of what will happen if Biden is elected. I guess I look at things as a good news bad news sort of deal.

The good news is that the United States will not survive or perish based on who is elected next month. Likewise, the Covid-19 crisis will not end based on a political party’s plan. To be sure, the party that is elected will make it seem like they have solved the problems, but the losing party will do what it can to spin things the other way.

The bad news is that it’s not a question of whether some people might die because of all this stuff. The fact is all of us will die, the vast majority from non-Covid-19 causes. Maybe that sounds morose. Everyone knows we will all die someday; there’s no need to talk about it. Maybe by not talking about it, we’ve bolstered our illusion of control.

When I was a kid, Denver had an amusement park call Elitch Gardens. They had a roller coaster called The Twister. It was nothing special compared to what other parks could offer, especially today. No loops or rolls, top speed only 55 MPH. But it was terrifying to me. The Twister was a wooden roller coaster that looked like it needed to be repaired, or better yet, condemned. It rattled on corners and looked like nails were coming loose and pieces of wood were falling off. A normal rollercoaster is frightening in a way that lets you know you’re actually safe. The twister felt like something really bad could happen any time you rode it. I think that’s at least part of what’s going on today.

A month or so ago, I heard someone say we were dealing with race issues that should have been solved by now. No doubt we could be doing better, but “solved?” He and I have a very different idea of what human beings are able to accomplish. The same thing seems to be happening with respect to Covid. Remember when we were just going to flatten the curve? When we did that people were alarmed that we were still having so many cases even though that’s what our stated goal was. Even the way we count Covid deaths seems to be geared toward creating as much fear as possible. If we claim a terminal patient who

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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

Worship: 10:15 am

Pastor: Mike May (314) 775-6956

pastormike@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

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

worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

TBD

Elders Meeting:

TBD

Worship Services are In-Person and Online!

**Join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:15 am. Masks are required and social distancing practices are in place. We will continue to stream to Facebook LIVE and YouTube.*

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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@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Shara (425) 299-1518 or secretary@lambofgod-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:

Mike May (314) 775-6956

Worship/Youth Leader:

Jan Novak (360) 691-3372

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Dale Rahn (425) 422-9789

Gary Beck (541) 740-5727

****Next month's newsletter deadline is
November 20th.**

November Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Stacie Hassebrock	2	Christine Pfister	19
Carrie Brave	4	Maddie Knapp	25
Mike Riley	4	Shara Knapp	28
Sue Griffin	10		
Amanda Pfister	11		
Elaine Repp	13		
Jill Williams	13		
Connor McDonald	14		
Lisa Gable	17		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Olivia Hassebrock	2
Sasha Stogin	8
Andrea Williams	13
Mack Canham	22

Happy Anniversary

Scott & Stacie Leaf 11/16

Mike & Lori May 11/24



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later contracts the virus dies of Covid what are we trying to accomplish? Even the way we call these deaths “preventable” feels like we are making claims about our mortality we can’t support.

I’m not saying Covid hasn’t cost us dearly. It’s taken loved ones too early and even kept us from grieving properly. I’m not saying don’t wear a mask and wash your hands. I’m not saying don’t bother voting. I’m saying we should be more realistic about what these things can accomplish. Maybe then our anxiety can drop a level or two. Being anxious all the time is exhausting isn’t it? It’s not what we were made for. “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7. Our only real hope in life is Jesus and He’s available to us all the time.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Community Outreach

Lord’s Little Cooker: Men’s and Women’s clothing needed!—Especially blankets and winter coats! Please leave donated items by the back table on Sunday mornings

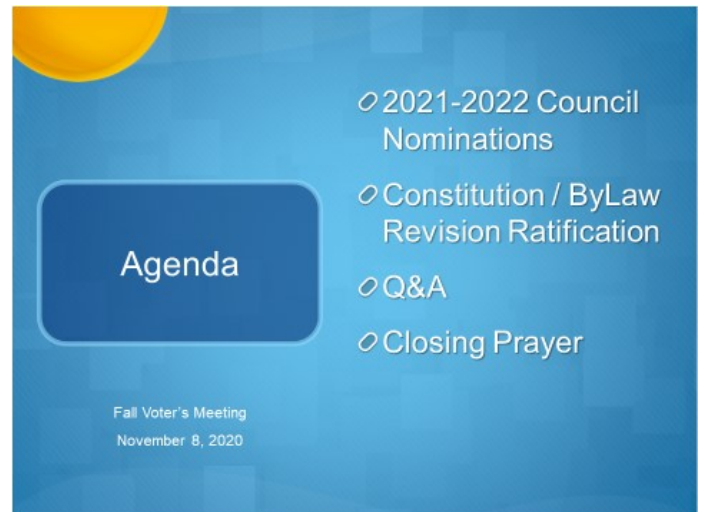
Every Saturday Morning from 7:45-9:30 am our faith community joins together with our of friends North Shore Christian Church in Everett to provide breakfast, toiletries and clothing to those in need.

Voter's Meeting—November 15th

Voter's Meeting--Sunday, November 15th immediately following service

- Proposed 2021 budget on following page.
- The meeting will be held in the gym
 - The meeting will have an opportunity to review/approve both the updated Constitution as well as ByLaws
- There will be very few copies made available so I ask the members to reach out to the church office to get an electronic copy or you can view them on the website.
- The Constitution requires 2/3 of members present to be approved
- The ByLaws requires ½ of the members present to be approved

Logistically there will be no “virtual” voter’s meeting so in-person will be safely accommodated in the gym



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2021 Proposed Budget

	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
Income			
4000 - Unrestricted Income			
4001 - General Offerings	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 260,000.00
4200 - Restricted Income			
4201 - Giving Life offerings	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4202 - Haiti offerings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
4203 - Youth offerings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 250.00
4204 - Special Offerings Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4205 - Special Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4206 - Loan Proceeds	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
4400 - Interest			
General Savings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total All Income	\$ 539,200.00	\$ 288,450.00	\$ 287,450.00

2021 Proposed Budget

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Expense	2021 Proposed Budget		
	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
6000 - Board of Elders Total	\$ 194,203.49	\$ 210,642.18	\$ 210,529.17
6100 - Board of Trustees Total	\$ 28,615.00	\$ 13,970.00	\$ 21,470.00
6200 - Zion School Association Total	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 25,800.00
6300 - Board of Education Total	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6400 - Mission and Outreach Total	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,800.00
6500 - Stewardship Total	\$ 125.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
6600 - Social Ministry & Fellowship Total	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
7000 - Giving Life Total	\$ 263,770.00	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 17,410.00
8000 - Youth Group Total	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 4,000.00
9000 - Haiti Mission Total	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Expense			
General Accounts	\$ 263,543.49	\$ 268,337.19	\$ 275,724.17
Giving Life	\$ 263,770.00	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 17,410.00
Youth	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 4,000.00
Haiti	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 535,213.49	\$ 292,897.19	\$ 300,134.17

November

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

1—Daylight Savings Begins

11—Veteran's Day

15—Voter's Meeting

21—Youth & Family Event—
LAMP Christmas Packages

26—Happy Thanksgiving

Youth and Family News



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Webinar

Webinar: "Joining Jesus as a Family: Discipling Your Family by Living Your Faith"

Parents, what are you discipling your children to become? Church-goers or Christ-followers?

You, of course, want your children to worship Jesus and study Jesus. But, if you also want them to become life-long followers of Jesus, they will need more than worship and study... they will need you.

That's what we'll be digging into with the Finkes' new webinar "Joining Jesus as a Family: Discipling Your Family by Living Your Faith."

Nervous? Let not your heart be troubled. You're not discipling your child FOR Jesus. You're discipling your child WITH Jesus. And it's simpler than you think and a lot more fun!

Register now for Greg and Susan Finke's webinar where they will unpack

- What discipleship really is
- Why it is already happening in your family

And how fun it can be to intentionally disciple your kids to be life-long followers of Jesus by joining Him on His mission every day.

For only \$19, you will receive invaluable insights into how discipleship works, a simple outline for how to disciple your family, a recording of the webinar so you can review it on-demand, and the first chapter of the Finke's upcoming book, "Joining Jesus as a Family."

The webinar is Tuesday, November 10 at noon CST. **Can't make it on November 10? No worries! Register anyway and receive the webinar recording immediately after November 10.**

Use the button below to register for the webinar.

Please submit any questions to finkeonthemove@aol.com. Questions can also be submitted during the webinar.

Forward this email to others you think might benefit from this presentation.

Youth & Family Event—November 21st

Join us as we put together Christmas packages for LAMP. More details to come!

LAMP Christmas Packages



Please consider the following areas for creating a Christmas Package for kids in your community.

Gifts should be gender neutral (for either a girl or boy). All gifts will need to be able to fit in a large 8.5" x 11" Christmas envelope. Please consider the following areas for gifts: something for the head, something for the heart and something for the hands.



Examples:

Head - A book on the Christmas story; If we place a large order with CPH, we can get books at a bulk price. [Here is the book that I'm suggesting we buy:](#)

Heart - Something that is personal and for the gift receiver. You could take a team picture and have each team member fill out the back of the picture with a brief message explaining who you are and what Christmas means to you.

Hands - A craft item that kids would enjoy making that can be displayed or given to another person.



Filler - You can add Christmas candy or small items for treats, whatever your group comes up with.

The package would be boxed up, and each community contact would pass them out to children in the community.

It would be fun to pick a weekend when all the teams would stuff their packages. (Please take pictures.) I suggest the weekend of November 27-29th. Yes, that is Thanksgiving weekend in the States, but . . . not many people are traveling this year, and this should only take an afternoon. If not, pick a day and time that works best for your team. Either way, have the packages boxed up and ready to mail by November 30th.

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (Oct. 7 & 22, 2020)

October 7, 2020

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

I am thankful each time I have a conversation with Rev. Paul. I am also thankful to have you to share some of the information from those conversations with you. Thank you for keeping this ministry on your mind and in your prayers.

I was delighted this week when I was informed that at least one airline is planning on having flights to Cap Haitian later this year. I am making tentative plans to visit late January 2021. There are two or three others who have expressed interest in joining me with this trip. This opportunity to meet together, share, and make plans works so much better in person. The language and cultural barriers are greatly reduced when we are able to meet person to person. As we prepare for this trip, I regularly say, "Lord willing!" I have known that for most of my life, but this concept has been amplified with planning these last seven months.

Two of Rev. Paul and his wife Clynie's biological daughters are working hard on their English and are planning to take an exam on English proficiency in December as Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) is considering possibilities of one or both of these young ladies attending a university in the states. This would need a special type of funding,

many details to work out. Their oldest daughter currently attends university in Santiago, Dominican Republic. They are hardworking, good students; Rev. Paul and Clynie's have sacrificed so much for the sake of the ministry, and NEHLM desires to help this ministry to flourish. "O Lord, guide our paths."

I asked Rev. Paul about his eyes (he has glaucoma). He reported, "I received eye medication through Jenn Wride just yesterday. It is good to have the medicine again. The last time I received meds was in March. I struggle with reading. I deal with eye discomfort, redness, and swelling. But I can see well enough for most everything I do." We thank God that an associate of Jenn's was able to bring him the medicine. There are many hardships to work through when things get shut down as they have been.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

October 22, 2020

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

"God knows everything. His will is done!" said Rev. Paul during my last conversation with him. We were specifically talking about the possibility and details of one or two of his daughters attending university in the states. One option that would be exciting for my wife and I is that they attend Eastern Oregon University and reside in our house. We continue to investigate the details of foreign students, insurance, English proficiency, costs, etc. As we discussed this, Rev. Paul eventually commented, "God knows everything. His will is done!" May we, as His children, be diligent in pursuing opportunities that are set before us.

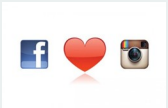
I sent out a tentative itinerary last week to those who had expressed interests in joining me for a short trip in January 2021. Rev. Paul said, "We always like to have you and others come visit. The travel plans look very good." Again, there are many details involving the state of travel and restrictions to consider as this plan is

made; "Lord willing," is our answer again! These words are actually to be spoken or thought in prayer for all mankind's plans because "God knows everything. His will is done." Please pray for Rev. and Clynie's oldest adopted daughter, Dalisse as she has an upcoming surgery for pain. Dalisse and her husband have additional challenges as her husband's work had been in travel, and he has been laid off due to lack of travel.

Another concern that I will share is that Rev. Paul reported that "worker [teacher] expenses and food expenses have increased about fifty percent. Haiti's government and international influences have tried to take measures to control inflation, but some of these actions have backfired. This increased cost of living is surely a challenge for Rev. Paul and Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission. We trust in the Lord for "God knows everything, His will is done."

God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—NOVEMBER 2020

DATE	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Joel Repp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Larry Aalbu	Rick Ihrle	Ernie Frederickson	Dale Rahn
Scripture Reader	Elaine Repp	Jennifer Wood	Calvin Joplin	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Matt Bench	Jan Novak	Vicki Beck	Gary Beck
Power Point	Shara Knapp	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Mike Gatterman	Jim Repp

Sunday Servants Wanted!

We are in need of additional people to help with set-up and soundboard. If you are interested in learning more about either of those positions, please contact the church office,

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Join Us for Worship at 10:15 am

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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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