

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,

With everything that’s been cancelled this year, I was really happy to hear that Concordia Seminary is still having their Faith and Film Festival. Predictably, it will be via zoom rather than in-person. Like many of you, I’ve had enough zoom meetings to last a lifetime, but it seems like a good time to practice being thankful for what you’ve got. In that spirit, one silver lining is that since we will be watching the films on our own, we will be able to have more discussions than the year before. Another is that it will only cost me \$20 this time

I’m also excited about some of the films. One of them is Stranger Than Fiction, which I saw and really liked when it first came out. In case you want to go see it, I will try not to spoil anything. The plot involves a writer (Emma Thompson) trying to finish her novel where her character (Will Ferrell) becomes aware of her narrating his thoughts and actions. I expect to hear a lot of good dialogue on free will, determinism and fate at the festival, but what I wanted to mention here is something Lori noticed.

The film really shows us the power of the written word, for good or bad. Authors often use their words without regard to how they will affect the reader. Trashy novels are nothing new. While people complain about the quality of today’s television they often forget that we’ve had trashy books longer than any of us have been alive. “Penny dreadfuls” and “pulp fiction” are terms that came about to describe them. In fact, you might be surprised at what gets cleaned up from some books in order to make them into films.

James writes, “Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.” (James 3:5-6) He’s absolutely right, of course, but somehow the written word is even more powerful than what is said. In James’ day few people could read and even fewer wrote, so it wasn’t really an issue. But today, we are all authors. There also used to be more safeguards in place when it came to writing. Some of us were even taught to write an angry letter to someone rather than tell them how

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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

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

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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

TBD

Elders Meeting:

January 10th (following worship)

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

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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

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

January Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Stacie Leaf	1	Jennifer Wood	16
Hollis Dawson	5	Ben Geiger	17
MJ Novak	6	Finley Dawson	21
Abby Jamieson	10	Joelle Cameron	25
Dixon Marshall	10	Natalie Hansen	27
Sandy Bench	11	Kathleen Hines	28
Pete Jones	11	Gavin Knapp	28
Abbey Frederickson	12	Kayden Hayter	29
Kayla McDonald	12	Bailey Rahn	29
Ellie Repp	13		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jason Knapp	1
Scott Leaf	1
Christina Cameron	3
Kayla Hines	10
Amanda Pfiester	11
Stacie Leaf	21
Abbey Frederickson	24
Abby Jamieson	26
Gavin Knapp	28

Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Jennette Stockton 01/20



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we felt. This was intended to let us process our feelings before just blurting them out. If we didn't have time to cool off while writing, then reading what we had written, we would certainly have time before we could find an envelope, a stamp and a mailbox.

Unfortunately, now all we need to do is press "send" or "post." If the quality of spelling and grammar are any indication, we are sending out our thoughts without even reading over them first, apparently anxious to get them out there as soon as possible. I'm not going to scold anyone, that might be a little hypocritical wouldn't it? Instead I just want to encourage everyone to take a moment to consider the possible harm in what you are about to write. Before we scold, shame or berate someone about their politics, driving, mask wearing policy or general appearance, will it really be helpful? Does it need to be said at all? Venting is overrated and speaking positive affirming words is more powerful than we think. Let's use the power of the written word for good.

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.

Christmas Boxes Update: Eleven families received Christmas boxes which included food for their Christmas meal and a gift card. Thank you to those who contributed monetary donations, those who assembled the boxes, and those who delivered the boxes. A special thank you to Jill Murray and Susie Rahn for coordinating this project and making it happen!

Thank You

Thank you for the congregation's generous Christmas gift and for your continued prayers and support. We are truly blessed to serve our Lord Jesus along side each and every one of you.

~Pastor Mike, Jan, and Shara

Youth/Family Events

January

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

1—New Year's Day (church office closed)

18—MLK, Jr. Day

February

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

15—President's Day

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (December 16 , 2020)

Greetings in the Name of the Savior who came to dwell with mankind--Immanuel--such an intimate sharing of Almighty God with us. Praise be to be God!

Rev. Paul was in an energized atmosphere during my recent call. Last Saturday they had two weddings. We are delighted to witness the commitment of husband and wife for God's purposes. We pray for the unions of these two couples. For school, the students are preparing for and taking exams this week. Next week Cliney is preparing to do some shopping for Christmas. They appear to be balancing the extra activities with joy.

I expressed our appreciation for the personal reports from the six university students on their progress in their classes. The four young ladies in Santiago are able to come home for the holidays. This has been a challenging year for university education with lessons being online and their internet con-

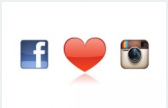
nection not always reliable. Nevertheless, they continue to persevere and are progressing.

I explained to Rev. Paul that our trip in January was going to be postponed for a couple of months. We will wait until the travel warnings are lessened, Lord willing.

Whitney and Sarai (Rev. and Cliney's daughters) are steadfastly preparing for their Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for January. This is the test that USA colleges require for foreign students. This is another exciting opportunity that NEHLM is considering. There are a lot of hoops to hop through for this venture. I am delighted that we can be looking at this possibility.

Merry Christmas,
Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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*Photo from Daniel Paul-
Updates from the gardens-
Congo beans at the gardens
around the school, some are
ready and others blooming.*

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JANUARY 2021

DATE	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Worship Set-Up	Done	Rahn	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Larry Aalbu	Rick Ihrle	Ernie Frederickson
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Elaine Repp	Debbie Laskey	Jennifer Wood
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Matt Bench	Jan Novak	Gary Beck	Jan Novak
Power Point	Shara Knapp	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Jim Repp	Mike Gatterman

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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Weekly Connection News Emails

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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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*Happy
New Year*

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