

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,

I saw a meme recently that said, “After the 7-day trial, I would like to return 2021.” If you think 2020 was an absolutely awful year, you’ll get no argument from me. There was more animosity directed at a calendar year than I have ever seen. 2020 seemed to embody everything that was wrong in the world and a new year, which often is full of promise, became more than exciting potential, it represented escape. Instead of possibilities, 2021 seemed to represent expectations that everything we hated about 2020 would just disappear as we counted down 3...2...1...Happy New Year! Is it any wonder that it failed to deliver?

Normally I steer clear of political discussion, but I see a lot of similarities in our most recent elections. I think those who put all their faith in the candidates who were elected will find that they won’t do as much good as they hoped. Likewise, those who opposed them will find they won’t do as much harm as they feared. This world is broken, and Satan is active. God may not be returning for a while yet, I don’t know. But even so, He has put limits on how much harm the evil one can do. He pointed out to Job that He told the tide, “This far and no farther.” More importantly, while none of us stands a chance against Leviathan, God has him hooked and keeps us from destruction.

All of this might seem not seem very hopeful to you. If you are looking for a pep talk, I admit, this is probably not the best you’ve heard. Pep talks aren’t always what we need though. During the Viet Nam war, American POWs were treated about as inhumanely as you can imagine. Many lost hope, and without hope survival was impossible. When survivors were interviewed, they were asked what distinguished those who would make it from those who would not. A common answer was that those who put a time frame on their rescue did not fare well. If a soldier taken prisoner told himself, “By Thanksgiving, I will be rescued” he would see Thanksgiving come and go. He might rally and say, “By Christmas for sure,” but Christmas would come and go as well, taking his hope with it. The ones who survived hoped, more than hoped, they believed that one day, they would be free. They didn’t tie their belief to a specific time. I think we can learn something from them.

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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

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

worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

TBD

Elders Meeting:

February 14th (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.

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****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 February 17th.

February Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Annie Stogin	3	Susie Grover	24
Milt Grover	4	Cindy Frederickson	26
Susie Rahn	5	Dylan Hereth	28
Vicki Beck	6	Logan Hereth	28
Jared Rahn	8	Shirley Tuengel	29
Dale Rahn	13		
Cindy Caldwell	15		
Jordan Gatterman	17		
Marlis Canham	20		
Brock Wolitarsky	22		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Lisa Gable	1
Ben Geiger	1
Joelle Cameron	4
MJ Novak	4
Tyler Grover	8
Janelle Farnsworth	21
Becky Ihrle	26

Happy Anniversary

Ernie & Cindy Frederickson 2/12



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We believe with even more certainty that we will also be free one day. It wasn't this past Thanksgiving or Christmas, and it might not be the next either. But one day, Christ will return and disease, natural disasters, racial injustice, heck all injustice will cease to be. Putting our hope in a human being, a political party or a calendar year will only result in disappointment. We have a God who keeps His promises. He's the only one who can bear the burden of our hope. He's the only one who deserves it. Hope in Him.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Council and Elder Updates

January is normally the time of year when we gather teachers, Bible study leaders, church council and elders in front of the congregation, challenge and charge them, pray over them and bless them. Not much is "normal" these days. In lieu of bringing a bunch of masked faces together online, I would like to update everyone through our newsletter. Jon Rasmussen finished his term as president and he and Dana have joined kids and grandkids a couple hours south of here. We elected Brock Wolitarsky president and Jill Murray vice president. Mike Gatterman is still our treasurer, Kris Werfelmann is still our secretary and Randy Strege is still trustee. Sandy Bench and Sarah Joplin represent Lamb of God on the school board. Sarah stepped up after Pete Jones wrapped up a long and fruitful tenure.

On our elder board, Rick Ihrle stepped down after serving honorably. Gary Beck is serving as head elder and Teri Larsen and Debbie Laskey have become our first women serving on the board following our constitutional amendments this fall. Dale Rahn, Ernie Frederickson, and Larry Aalbu continue to serve as elders.

Please pray for these men and women. Leading is never easy and our current world seems to have made everything more difficult. If you run into Jon, Rick, or Pete, feel free to thank them for their service. No one serves for the money (there isn't any). They serve because they love Jesus and they love Lamb of God. That's you and me. God bless them all.

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.

Youth/Family Events

February

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

15—President's Day

17—Ash Wednesday

March

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

14—Daylight Savings Begins

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (December 31 & January 18)

December 31, 2020

Happy New Year (Bon Ane)!!

New Year's Eve and Day are a double celebration in Haiti as January 1st is also Haiti's Independence Day. The year was 1804. Haiti is the second oldest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Reverend Paul and the ministry are preparing for this big event to serve their neighborhood. He told me, "We will butcher a reeeal big pig, plus several chickens for the meal." I confirmed that his meal was for people of the ministry along with people of their neighborhood. He answered, "Oh, yes! This meal is for everyone!" I also confirmed that there would be a time to share God's Word with everyone. He replied, "The whole thing will be like a worship service."

Reverend Paul shared that his wife, Clynie, took their youngest daughter, Abigail, for medical care. She had not been feeling well. Not Covid but some other illness, and she received some medicine. She was also able to be updated on her childhood vaccinations. I informed Reverend Paul that our 2021 mission trip, which had been scheduled for January, has been re-adjusted to late May. He said that would be a great time, and "I would like you to give a sermon for the school on Monday morning at 7:00 a.m." I said that I would be honored, and what about Sunday? He replied, "Yes, of course, we would like to have you preach then also." Wonderful opportunities as our church bodies are in altar and pulpit fellowship.

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

January 18, 2021

Greetings,

The New Year's and Haiti's Independence Day Celebration on January first was a wonderful experience with many worship opportunities and a meal for the whole neighborhood.

The ministry was able to further celebrate as they had two adult baptisms during their worship time. Rev. Paul's ministry prefers to do full immersion baptisms (no law that it must be, yet it is their preference). They have normally gone to the river, close to a waterfall. This has been a bit of an issue with not everyone being able to be involved because vehicle transportation was needed. The other issue was that baptisms were not able to be part of a regular Divine Service. A large trough/pool about 12 feet by 4 feet and 3 feet deep was constructed recently at the girls home; these two baptisms were done there. I complimented Rev. Paul for the ministry receiving two more souls and for them having a baptismal pool in their facility. He responded, "Yes we are glad for them and God's kingdom. We built the pool to also help the chil-

dren learn to swim. This controlled setting helps them be more comfortable in water." Great use of resources!

Rev. Paul's daughters Sarai and Whitney took their Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Saturday, January 9th. They are waiting for results. This is one of several steps for them to be able to attend university in the USA. My wife and I desire to have them live with us. The university in our town is between our home and church. Lord willing!

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

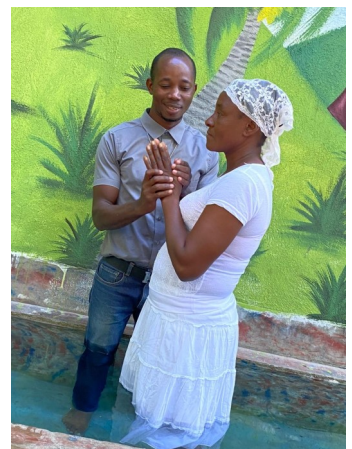
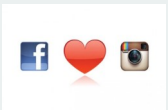


Photo of Pastor Yves performing baptisms.

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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2021

DATE	7th	14th	21st	28th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn	Novak/May
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Milt Grover	Jason Knapp	Joel Repp	Milt Grover
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Teri Larsen
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Elaine Repp
Children's Message	Matt Bench	Jan Novak	Mike May	Sam St. John
Power Point	Shara Knapp	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	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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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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