

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,

Have you ever noticed how everyone else’s job is easy? That’s how it seems anyway. Maybe the last time a waiter got your order wrong you found yourself asking, “How hard is it to remember medium rare? Didn’t he write it down?” Even with things we don’t believe we could do ourselves, we might think “Didn’t you go to school for this?” July 20th 1969 gave us even more ammunition. Now we can say, “They put a man on the moon, but they can’t stop giving me my neighbor’s mail?”

I get a little irritated when I go to the supermarket. There are so many displays and items stacked up in the aisles that you can’t pass another cart. The ends of aisles are built up also so they extend into the front and back of the store. It’s not a COVID issue for me. Everyone has a mask and the aisles have one-way arrows (even if no one follows them). My issue is that it’s just more and more clutter. I mean they can put a man on the moon, but they can’t give you an aisle in the supermarket where you don’t have to weave in and out of Doritos displays and cans of salsa?

Yesterday I spotted the manager stacking coolers on top of the refrigerated section. I went up to him, asked him if he was the manager, then when he said he was I asked him if I could make a request of him. He said “Sure.” I described my frustration and was prepared to be brushed off. He could not have been more gracious. He explained that the big issue was the Monopoly game. All the sponsors for the game demand to have their items displayed in some special way. He gets stuff he didn’t order all the time, like the coolers he was stacking. The good news, he told me, is that Monopoly was wrapping up this week so things should get a little better.

This isn’t the first time I’ve asked a question thinking I knew the answer only to find I was dead wrong. That’s the reason I almost always try to enter into conversations like that with a healthy dose of humility and a polite question. It would probably benefit each one of us to

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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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Office: 425-377-2173

Office Hours:

Wednesday 8:30am-12:00 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:

May 11th

Elders Meeting:

May 9th

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 Open Wednesday Mornings

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

The church office is typically open Wednesday mornings from 8:30 am-12:00 pm.

****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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Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

***Next month's newsletter deadline is
May 21st.*

May Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

1	Kylie St. John	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
14	Susie Grover
15	Rick Ihrle
15	Jessica Wolitarsky
17	Kylie St. John
19	Ryan Jones
26	Heather Stahl
26	Dana Wolcott

Happy Anniversary

Ben & Christine Pfiester 05/12



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do that in all our conversations. The Christian concept I'm talking about is charity. As Christians we really ought to live that way, as ambassadors for Jesus. But even if we were anonymous, charity would save us a lot of embarrassment and apologies.

This afternoon I was fixing some lunch near my kitchen sink and saw some dirt on the counter. I couldn't imagine how it got there, so I asked Lori if she cleaned her shoes by the sink. She reminded me I had taken a dirty bone away from the dogs because they were fighting over it and put it there. She had cleaned it up. I probably could have phrased that one better.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

Summer Camps Planning Meeting

Summer Camps: Join us **May 16th** following worship for a summer camp planning meeting. If you are interested in helping at one of our summer camps, please plan to attend.

Calling All Graduates

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 **May 21st** so that we can include them in our June newsletter. We will also have a special recognition for our high school graduates during worship on **June 13th**. Please provide a picture and details of where the student is graduating from & any future plans. Thank you!

Community Outreach

LAST CHANCE FOR DONATIONS! Pregnancy Resource Center: We will be collecting donations in support of the Pregnancy Resource Center in Everett. Of need are diapers, wipes, bottles, bibs and clothing for infants up to 18 months. Please drop off any items you wish to donate, at the back table after worship or at the church office. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to Lamb of God with Pregnancy Resource Center noted on the memo line. All donations will be delivered to the center before Mother's Day. Interested in volunteering at the Pregnancy Resource Center? Many opportunities exist. Please check them out! <https://www.prcpartners.org/copy-of-volunteer-job-description>

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

May

9—Mother's Day

16—Summer Camp Planning Meeting

31—Memorial Day

June

13—Graduate Recognition

20—Father's Day

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (April 10, 2021)

April 10, 2021

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Rev. Paul reported, "Easter went very well for us--many services as we approached Sunday and then a great celebration for Easter. On Easter Sunday we baptized three new girls from the girls' home."

I commented, "Praise God for the 'newness of life' for those three dear souls and having their 'sins washed away' through the Word and water of Holy Baptism."

Rev. Paul responded, "O yes, God's love for them--we are very glad."

Several of the young ladies who grew up in this ministry are continuing to take steps to continue their education or pursue an occupation. This is a stage of life for most young adults, and we pray that the Lord will open and shut doors that will be most appropriate for each of them.

Rev. Paul said, "It has rained for a week. There have been floods in some parts of Haiti, but not here. However, the Massacre River is running very high." The Massacre River, also called the Dajabon River, is about a quarter of a mile from the La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Or-

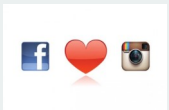
phelinat (MADO-The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage). However, MADO's facility is on higher ground (30 some feet higher than the river) and the river has a "flood plain" that is about 10 feet above the river and 70 yards wide. These factors keep the river flood waters from impacting MADO's facilities. However, the rain by itself can cause quite a muddy mess.

[A little history lesson for Massacre River's name: In 1728 there was the killing of thirty French buccaneers by Spanish settlers along the river. The river is also a boundary between Haiti and the Dominican Republic with a lot of conflict through Haiti's Revolution of Independence in 1804 and following. The most recent was in 1937 called the Parsley Massacre; it was ordered by a Dominican Republic dictator. I find the river to be beautiful to behold; however, I am humbled with the knowledge of mankind's wickedness against mankind done along that river.]

Praise God for His great love for mankind, and His call for us to be in His grace.

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

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Spring Congregation Meeting

Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to attend the spring all congregation meeting immediately after worship on **Sunday, May 16th**. The meeting will not be broadcast on Facebook or YouTube, so please plan to join in person. Social distancing and masks will be required.

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.lambofgod-lakestevens.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MAY 2021

DATE	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn	Novak/May
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Milt Grover	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp	Milt Grover
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson
Scripture Reader	Larry Aalbu	Elaine Repp	Debbie Laskey	Jennifer Wood	Calvin Joplin
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Jan Novak	Mike May	Gary Beck	Jan Novak
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas	Hayley McClellan	Julia Repp	Jan Aalbu
Power Point	Shara Knapp	Mike Gatterman	Calvin Joplin	Hayley McClellan	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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