

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,

Last month I shared an update on what’s happening with our LCEF consultant Billy Brath. After our most recent meeting, he’s asked me to come up with a ministry plan. I always resisted this kind of exercise when I was in the military. It seemed more like trying to come up with slogans or catch phrases. We don’t decide the mission at the squadron level anyway—generals do that. It’s different here though.

Sure, Jesus has given us our mission, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20) But he’s left the specifics of how up to us. That makes perfect sense. Across two-thousand years and countless cultures the specifics are virtually limitless.

Things aren’t hopelessly vague though. Jesus taught and modeled principles that don’t change regardless of time or place. He worked through relationships, spending time with people. He demonstrated kindness, compassion and radical generosity. The good news that He taught His disciples is as true and important now as it has ever been. God has paid the penalty for all our wrongs and if we simply trust in what He’s promised, we have a restored relationship with Him.

So, we won’t be going crazy with what we’re doing, but talking about how we go about the mission gives us necessary focus. From the LCEF perspective, it helps them design a campus that suits what we need to do. From our perspective, it helps us decide where to put our limited resources, saying “no” to some good things so we can say “yes” to the best ones. When some of us met with Billy last month, he asked us to write down what we thought our main focus should be. I think I can sum up about 95% of the comments in three categories: 1 Outreach, 2 In-reach and 3 Discipleship.

Pretty much every Christian church that has a mission statement says something about reaching the lost. Too often, either their plan is not realistic or too vague. We have two

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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

3923 103rd AVE SE

Lake Stevens, WA 98258

www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org

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:

June 8th

Elders Meeting:

June 13th

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.*

www.facebook.com/lambofgodlakestevens/

www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org

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

Elders:

Ernie Frederickson (360) 668-1234

Larry Aalbu (360) 568-4757

Dale Rahn (425) 422-9789

Gary Beck (541) 740-5727

Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

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

July Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Rebecca Geiger	4	Jim Hassebrock	21
Elsa Uchikawa	6	Daisy Llerenas	23
Alli Dalton	7	Delanie Frazee	27
Jason Knapp	11	Jill Murray	27
Holli Lawrence	13	Ben Ihrle	30
Cody Farnsworth	14		
Julie Wolcott	14		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Mike Caldwell	1
Kirk Geiger	1
Sandy Mitchell	1
Ingrid Uchikawa	1
Chris Caldwell	7
Taylor Caldwell	7
Sarah Llerenas	7
Jon Rasmussen	15
Maddie Knapp	20
Janice Carpenter	22
Logan Frederickson	22
Peter Ihrle	23

Happy Anniversary

Jan & MJ Novak	7/15	Rick & Becky Ihrle	7/30
Pete & Debbie Jones	7/17	Dan & Judy Bartelheimer	7/31
Jason & Shara Knapp	7/22	Scott & Pam Ziemann	7/31
Jessica & Brock Wolitarsky	7/22		



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areas to focus on with our outreach. The first is our own lives outside of church. We've talked quite a bit about the Greg Finke book *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. Each of us should have people in our lives we pray for, serve in various ways and talk to about what Jesus means to us when the chance arises. I believe our second area of focus as a church should be the school. ZLS enrollment has increased dramatically this past year, and lots of families are unchurched. Why would we pour resources into creating a ministry to establish relationships with unchurched people when so many are here on campus?

In-reach is something that's taken on new meaning since the pandemic. Traditionally, in-reach focused on connecting with inactive members, shut-ins and other who aren't strangers to our church or to Jesus. Since COVID forced us to stay home and worship online, our sense of community has changed. We are still in the process of figuring out how to best live out our faith together in the future.

Our third area of ministry focus is discipleship. Small groups have been the primary vehicle for discipleship in the past, and they probably will continue to be in the future. Following Jesus is about more than attending church. It involves study, prayer, service, growth and mutual encouragement. My PLI group is helping me to make small groups more effective in our discipleship journey. I hope we will all experience the benefits in the coming months.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Scholarship Applications: Lamb of God Scholarship Applications for those attending Zion Lutheran School are now available. Please contact the church office if you'd like an application Thank you!

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

July

4—Fourth of July

6--LoG Play 90 6:30-8:00

6-8—Golf Camp

13—LoG Play 90 6:30-8:00
pm

17—LoG Play 90 1:00-2:30
pm

26-29—Basketball Camp

26-29—Volleyball Camp

31—LoG Play 90 1:00-2:30
pm

August

7—LoG Play 90 1:00-2:30 pm

10-12—Game Changer Camp
1:00-3:00 pm

10—LoG Play 90 6:30-8:00
pm

17—LoG Play 90 BBQ 5:30-
8:00 pm

*Shara will be out of the office
July 19-24.*

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (June 12, 2021)

June 12, 2021

Greetings,

I returned from our trip to Haiti on the 26th of May and continue to find myself sharing stories. I appreciate the opportunity to share with people who are interested. I am honored to be involved with such conscientious people of this ministry, which includes you.

We were in Haiti during May, the rainy season, but we received only a couple of light rains. The biggest was during the second half of a soccer match with College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO is the K-11th grade school of this ministry) and another team. We got wet with this constant light rain. The opponents won the soccer match 7 to 2; they were older and able to regularly practice on the game field, a well-worn turfed field. That was the first time the CELO team was on a standard-sized field that wasn't just dirt. CELO's fans were numer-

ous, outnumbering the opponents by about 20 to 1. They were very supportive and celebrative with each of the two scores and didn't seem to mind the rain.

Rev. Paul reported that they received a very good hard rain on June 8th and some other rain before that. He anticipates that the gardens will be growing well.

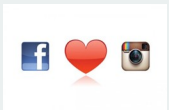
Please continue to pray for these, and other, Christians in Haiti. They consistently demonstrate a vibrant love for worship and the grace that God provides. The country of Haiti also needs our prayers as there is fairly intense unrest due in part to a president who remains in office after his term has ended; the country has not been able to hold an election. Political instability has regularly hampered this country.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Advisor

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Summer Camps

Registration is now open for our summer open play and our summer camps. Space is limited so sign up online to reserve your spot. You can find more information and the sign up link by visiting www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

LoG PLAY 90 *Summer*

Join us for Weekly Open Play (90 minutes)
Saturdays 1:00-2:30 pm & Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM
Students Entering Grades 3rd-8th
Zion Lutheran School Field or Blacktop
Cost: Free

Sign-up Online at www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org.
Space is limited to 20 students per session. Sign in/Sign out will be required. Waiver/emergency contact form must be on file to participate.



COME PLAY & HAVE FUN!

90 minutes of outdoor game and play. Kids will help decide the games for the day. Parents may drop off or stay and play.



For more information, visit WWW.LAMBOFGOD-LAKESTEVENS.ORG

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH SUMMER CAMPS PRESENTS

GOLF CAMP



JULY 6-8, 2021
1:00-3:00 PM TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY
1:00-4:00 PM THURSDAY
GRADES 3-8

Cost: \$15 (payable on the first day)
Space is limited to 12 campers
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For more information and to register, please visit: www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps



LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 26-29 9:00-11:30 AM

Zion Lutheran School Gym

Grades 3-9
Cost: \$25

For More Information or to Register, visit www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

July 26-29 1:00-3:30 pm
Zion Lutheran School Gym



GRADES 3RD-9TH
COST: \$25

For more information or to register, visit www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps



LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

GAME CHANGER CAMP

AUGUST 10-12 1:00-3:00 PM
GRADES 4-9
COST: \$10
LOCATION: ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL BLACKTOP
TO LEARN MORE OR REGISTER, VISIT:
WWW.LAMBOFGOD-LAKESTEVENS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JULY 2021

DATE	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Set-Up	Set Up Done	Set Up Done	Set Up Done	Set Up Done
Worship Take-Down	Leave Up	Leave Up	Leave Up	Leave Up
Soundboard	Jason Knapp Phil Bates	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp Ruben Alanis	Phil Bates Joel Repp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson	Gary Beck	Dale Rahn
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Elaine Repp
Children's Message	Mike May	Matt Bench	Mike May	Jan Novak
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Power Point	Jim Repp	Shara Knapp	Mike Gatterman	Calvin Joplin

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Weekly Connection News Emails

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			1	2	3 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
4 10:15am Worship with communion	5 Office Closed	6 Golf Camp T/W 1:00-3:00 pm & Th 1:00-4:00 pm Play 90 6:30-8:00 pm	8	9	10 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
11 10:15 am Worship Elders Meeting (following worship)	12 Office Closed	13 Play 90 6:30-8:00 pm	15	16	17 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am Play 90 1:00-2:30 pm
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25 10:15 Worship	26	27 Basketball Camp M-Th 9:00-11:30 am Volleyball Camp M-Th 1:00-3:30 pm	29	30	31 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am Play 90 1:00-2:30 pm

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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LIVE LIKE JESUS

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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