

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,

“Be the change you want to see in the world.” This saying is normally attributed to Gandhi, although it’s more of a summary of what he actually said. Regardless, it’s a powerful idea that is not bound to Hinduism. It’s not too hard to find that sentiment in Matthew 7:3 when Jesus tells us to stop trying to point out the speck in our brother’s eye and pay attention to the plank in our own. It’s a beautiful and powerful idea that I agree with completely even when I ignore it persistently.

I was at the Pastoral Leadership Institute conference last week and we were talking about ways to be more missional. I thought it would be a great idea to tweak “dinners for 6” by inviting someone from church and someone we know from work, school or the neighborhood. We could just put people together with food and no agenda so good conversation just happens without agenda. Then I realized I don’t have anyone like that I could expect to come. Even more amazing, Lori doesn’t either since her work friends live too far away to make that practical. How would you react if I asked you to do something I was not willing or able to do myself?

So, I’m going to need to figure this out. I had fully intended to skip my neighborhood’s HOA meeting in October just as I have skipped every other meeting since I have been here, but now it looks like I will be going and meeting new people. I doubt you are surprised to hear this kind of thing is not my preference. It’s a little convicting, however, when I ask myself if I am only interested in taking steps toward change when they appeal to me. Is there something in your life you are avoiding but shouldn’t? Maybe now is a good time to at least ask yourself some honest questions. Asking doesn’t mean you automatically commit to doing something you hate. Heck, it doesn’t obligate you to anything at all. But it seems like a good place to start.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



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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:

November 9th @ 6:30 pm

Elders Meeting:

November 14th (following worship)

Voter's Meeting:

November 14th (following worship)

Worship Services are In-Person and Online!

**Join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:15 am. Masks policy following state guidelines. We will continue to stream to Facebook LIVE.*

www.facebook.com/lambofgodlakestevens/

www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Church Office Hours

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 Tuesdays 9:00-11:30 am & Wednesdays/Thursdays 9:00 am-3:00 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
November 22nd.

November Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

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

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



Youth & Family Events



Fun times last month at Arena Sports and Bob's Corn!



Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets are back for 2021. Do you know of people who could use help with the Christmas meal and would appreciate a Christmas basket? If so please provide Shara their name and address. We will begin collecting donations to help with the purchase of grocery items on November 7th and will continue collecting into December. Just mark your donation as 'Christmas basket'. Last year your donations plus a large discount on ham from Fred Meyer in Snohomish helped eleven families!

Amazon Smile

By selecting Lamb of God in Amazon Smile when you order from Amazon, 1/2 of 1 percent of your order value is contributed to Lamb of God. During the quarter from April 1 to June 30, Lamb of God received \$31.71 from Amazon Smile. Christmas is coming and it is an ideal time to sign up if you shop Amazon. Just go to settings within the Amazon site, select Amazon Smile and find Lamb of God in the charity list. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up!

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. **New Location: Bethel Baptist Church 2625 Hoyt Avenue**

Youth/Family Events

November

Sunday Morning Bible Study-
@ 9 am (7, 14, 21)

11—Veteran's Day

13—Dare 2 Share Confer-
ence-LOG Sat 8am-4pm

- Jimmy Johns Lunch
- Food Drive Lake Stevens Food Bank

14—Voter's Meeting

24-28—Thanksgiving Break

TBD Play90 Youth Day/Night

December

Sunday Morning Bible Study-
@ 9 am (5, 12,)

19—Youth Christmas Wor-
ship Service

25—Caroling at Everett Out-
reach - Lord's Little Cooker

Saturday Morning 8-9:30
a.m. Christmas Day!!!!

TBD Play90 Youth Day/Night

TBD Youth Activity (Snow
Day)

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (October 2 & 17, 2021)

October 2, 2021

Greetings,

On my recent call, I asked Rev. Daniel Paul, "What are you up to right now?"

He responded, "We were trying to get some fuel for the generators; we found none. There is no fuel in north or northeast Haiti. In Port-au-Prince, they also have no fuel." (The main concern for fuel is for generators to pump water.) We talked about the fuel problem which has grown worse through this year. Fuel concerns started when a deal with Venezuelan oil called Petrocarib ended. This program started in 2005 and was stopped in 2019. The main problem is due to Haiti receiving oil at a reduced price and mismanagement of funds. Now, payment is due; Haiti has a huge debt, and oil is not being sold. There are definite problems when huge debt is not effectively dealt with. Reverend Paul explained that, in the last several months, he has paid up to \$10 a gallon.

He assured me that the hand pumps for water were working for drinking, cooking,

and cleaning. This involves a lot of hand pumping and hauling buckets to the roof for bathrooms.

Rev. Paul responded to the Texas border concerns with Haitians this past week. He said, "Those Haitians had been living in Brazil and Chile. Some had places to live in those countries, but most had nothing." Rev. and Cliney Paul do know several Haitians who went to Chile, but none of them were involved in the Texas border incident." Inflation has severely impacted the country over the last several years and has become amplified in these last several months.

We also talked about blessings that God continues to provide--good rain for the gardens, the blessing of a second child conceived for Rose Dona and her husband (Rose Dona is a faithful servant working for this ministry in the school), and persistence in striving. Praise God!

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

October 17, 2021

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

Rev. Paul reported that they have had a lot of rain and are looking forward to planting. This seems a bit strange for me as my garden had a killing frost recently, and I am preparing to dig some carrots and bring in the winter squash.

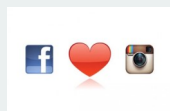
The ample rain caused a bit of a problem at the school where the center court area is lower than the road and other areas. It collected standing water for a while; fortunately, however, it did not during school time. They intend to have more gravel moved in and a ditch made to drain water to the garden area. Water gathering in a low area was a concern at the girls' home until a mission team from Salem, Oregon, worked with the ministry to alleviate that problem several years ago.

The new school classrooms built this past summer are being used. Rev. Paul said, "This is a real blessing to have these classrooms. We still need to do some finishing work and get more benches."

The economic situation in Haiti continues to be an increased burden. We are thankful for the donations received to allow them to continue serving people, as well as the thriftiness that is practiced by Rev. Paul and his ministry.

God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman

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Voter's Meeting—November 14th *(immediately following worship)*

Join us for our fall Voter's Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 14th. Meeting will include approval of the 2022 budget and election of officers.

Council Members Up for Election:

(Both have agreed to continue on if re-elected)

Treasurer - Mike Gatterman

Vice President - Jill Murray

Continuing Council Members Include:

President- Brock Wolitarsky

Secretary - Kris Werfelmann

Financial Secretary - Susie Rahn

Head Elder - Gary Beck

Properties - Randy Strege

School Board - Sandy Bench and Sarah Joplin

Spring Voter's Meeting Minutes *(for your review)*

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Congregational Meeting

May 16, 2021

Attendance: See attached.

Opening Prayer –Brock Wolitarsky

Minutes of the November 15, 2020 Congregational meeting were accepted with the motion made by Brock Wolitarsky and seconded by Jill Murray

Treasurer's report: See attached

Pastor's report: Billy Brath from LCEF will be here Monday at 6:30 to discuss the future building project. ZLS is thriving. There are 268 enrolled for fall. Peter Martin is looking to make improvements on the campus.

Worship/Youth report: The worship team is including some of our younger people. The new speaker has been purchased. We are still waiting on the digital soundboard. We are also looking into a laser projector. Jan thanked the congregation for allowing him to take an active part in the community.

Elders report: We received an update on who the elders are. They are Gary Beck, Dale Rahn, Debbie Laskey, Teri Larsen, Ernie Fredrickson, and Larry Aalbu. Everyone is assigned to an elder. Small groups are up and running. They are looking for outreach opportunities for the summer. Jan Novak added possible summer camps and open gym night. There will be a golf camp in July. Sunday School and Adult Bible class will start up in person in the fall.

School report: They will have Zoom meetings for the school board with Billy Brath. They have dropped the high school. They have hired new teachers.

Sign: Jill Murray gave an update on the status of the new sign. The variance has been approved. The sign was manufactured in June. It should be installed by the fall. Lamb of God paid \$27,000 for the sign and ZLS is handling the installation.

Closing prayer by Brock Wolitarsky.

Sincerely,

Kris Werfelmann

Secretary

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

2022 Proposed Budget

Expenses	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Proposed
			2022 Budget
6000 - Board of Elders	\$ 210,642.18	\$ 210,529.17	\$ 221,097.70
6100 - Board of Trustees	\$ 13,970.00	\$ 21,470.00	\$ 17,470.00
6200 - Zion School Association	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 20,800.00
6300 - Board of Education	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6400 - Mission and Outreach	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 13,000.00
6500 - Stewardship	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
6600 - Social Ministry & Fellowship	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
7000 - Giving Life	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 38,000.00
8000 - Youth Group	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
9000 - Haiti Mission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Expenses			
General Accounts	\$ 268,337.19	\$ 275,724.17	\$ 277,492.70
Giving Life	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 38,000.00
Youth	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Haiti	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 292,897.19	\$ 300,134.17	\$ 322,492.70

Income	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Proposed
			2021 Budget
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	\$ 500.00
4203 - Youth offerings	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
4204 - Special Offerings Memorials	\$ -		\$ -
4205 - Special Projects	\$ -		\$ -
4206 - Loan Proceeds	\$ -		\$ -
4400 - Interest			
General Savings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total All Income	\$ 288,450.00	\$ 287,450.00	\$ 287,600.00

Zion Lutheran School News

To Zion Lutheran School families and community,

We continue to be blessed and thankful for your prayers and support. God knows what's in store for our school's mission and we know that your faith and trust in us helps fulfill that mission. Enrollment has consistently grown and flourished at a time when we may not have thought it possible. Jeremiah 17:7-8 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. 8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream". With faithful and servant hearts we're here to help guide students in their education while encouraging Christian citizenship, strong values, and a love for learning.

In addition to prayerful support Zion receives financial contributions through our Annual Fund Campaign. Annual Fund proceeds ensure daily operations and facility needs are maintained and improved. These funds help Zion provide resources above and beyond what tuition alone can support, such as; class electives and specialist teachers, technology, and facility updates. New this year, an endowment fund established through Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing. More information about our Annual Fund Campaign, endowment and online giving can be found at www.zionls.org under the Support Us menu.

Last year Zion Lutheran School was the recipient of individual gifts, grants for specific projects and matching funds through corporate entities. Any contribution to the Annual Fund at any point during the year is very much appreciated and used solely for the purpose of improving our campus and learning environments.

Our 2020-2021 campaign successfully raised \$103,000. We thank those that have made monetary contributions and donate their time and talent to help Zion thrive. If you're interested in making a one-time or recurring donation, please visit our website or send by mail to Zion Lutheran School - 3923 103rd AVE SE. Lake Stevens, WA. 98258.

On behalf of our administration, faculty and staff thank you for your continued support and consideration.

Serving Him,
Mandy Hereth
Development Director

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

33RD ANNUAL AUCTION

APRIL 30
2022

4:30 PM
ONWARDS

SAVE THE DATE

Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him

SAVE THE DATE—ZLS 2022 Annual Auction
Saturday, April 30, 2022

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—NOVEMBER 2021

DATE	7th	14th	21st	28th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Rueben Alanis	Joel Repp	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu	Gary Beck	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Scripture Reader	Jennifer Wood	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Matt Bench	Jan Novak	Gary Beck	Mike May
Altar Guild	Christine Pfister	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Calvin Joplin	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp	Shara Knapp

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	1		2	3	4	5	6 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
7 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship with communion	8 Office Closed	9 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12	13 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
14 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Voter's Meeting (following worship)	15 Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
21 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	22 Office Closed	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
28 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 Worship	29 Office Closed	30					

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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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