

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,

For years I have fought my own personal battle against the encroachment of Christmas on Thanksgiving. If you are my age, you can remember when everyone somehow managed to wait until after Thanksgiving before jumping full tilt into the Christmas season. That’s how Black Friday got its name. Those days are clearly gone. I’ve seen Christmas stuff for sale before Halloween. Yet, I continued to refuse to do some things before Thanksgiving.

Maybe the biggest line I drew was my refusal to put up Christmas lights until Black Friday at the earliest. That probably doesn’t seem like a big deal to us living in the Pacific Northwest, but keep in mind, Lori and I lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Great Falls, Montana. I can’t tell you how many times we would get a nice day or two early in November, but after Turkey day I would find myself on my roof in a blizzard trying to hang lights. One year Lori observed that it was a sunny day and it would be much nicer (and safe) to hang the lights a week before Thanksgiving. I refused, of course, clinging to my somewhat arbitrary moral code. Then she pointed out that I could hang them up early and not turn them on until the Christmas season had officially begun in my world. I’ve been doing that ever since.

My point is not to make it safer for you to hang your own lights (though if that’s what you get here it’s okay). I really wanted to point out the value of listening to wise counsel. Proverbs 9:8 says “Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.” How many times have you ignored advice that could have saved you a lot of pain and difficulty? Not as often as I have, I hope. I know not everyone has access to someone as wise as my wife, but we all know people who know things we don’t. At the very least, we know people who can look at our problems without the emotion that clouds our judgment. Do we listen to them? Do we seek out their advice?

Maybe before Christmas is in full swing, we should give thanks to the people in our lives who offer wise counsel. Maybe we could ask them if they have some for us. Maybe we could even hang our lights before it starts raining again.

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:

December 14th @ 6:30 pm

Elders Meeting:

December 5th (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/

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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
December 21st.*

December Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Mike Caldwell	7	Riley Frederickson	31
Ralph Whitman	12	Dylan Knapp	31
Carl Mitchell	13		
Jennette Stockton	18		
Tyler Grover	21		
Brian McDonald	22		
Emilie Dawson	25		
Christina Cameron	28		
Chris Dalton	29		
Becky Ihrie	30		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Carrie Brave	1
Jill Murray	3
Mike May	5
Connor McDonald	14
Kayla McDonald	14
Kelly McDonald	14
Danny Ziemann	16
Ben Pfister	17
Jill Williams	19
Christine Pfister	21
Elaine Repp	23
Ashley Wolcott	23
Brittany Wolcott	23
Stacey Hassebrock	25
Evelyn Uchikawa	27

Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Jan Whitman 12/27



Youth/Family EventsDecember

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

12—Seahawks Fellowship
(following worship)

19—Youth Christmas Wor-
ship Service

24—Christmas Eve Candle-
light Service 7:00 pm

25—No Christmas Day Ser-
vice

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

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

31—New Year's Eve (church
office closed)

TBD Play90 Youth Day/Night

TBD Youth Activity (Snow
Day)

January

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

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



Christmas Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH--CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
SERVICE @ 10:15 AM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH--CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE @ 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH--NO CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH--WORSHIP @ 10:15 AM

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 are collecting donations to help with the purchase of grocery items 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!

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**

Lake Stevens Food Bank: The Lake Stevens Food Bank is looking for items to fill their Christmas Baskets. These are the items requested: pineapple rings, mini marshmallows, Jell-O, scalloped potatoes, brown sugar, canned yams, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, and canned olives. If you are able to help, you can leave your items on the back table on Sunday mornings by December 6th.

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

November 10, 2021

Greetings,

The country of Haiti continues to experience instability. Rev. Daniel Paul reported, "There is more stealing taking place. We are taking measures to protect property, but there are many thieves, and the police are overwhelmed." We are thankful for Rev. Paul and his ministry as they continue to share God's Word and care for people in their challenging situations. NOTE: There is an attached flyer with more details; you can also refer friends to our website: www.nehlm.org.

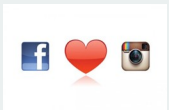
Rev. Paul reported that the school "is doing very well." Praise God that we have the opportunity to influence some with a Christian education that guides them to be contributing citizens in a country where many are not on that path. I asked about the school's

soccer team that we watched in May. Rev. Paul shared, "We are not able to have official games. The lack of coaches, uniforms (which were rented), and other resources make it so there are no official games. The children still play on the playground behind the school with some neighborhood children."

May God bless you for your interest and involvement in this ministry!

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

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Seahawks – Pickleball – Fellowship

- **What:** Watch the second half of the Hawks game on the big screen and/or play pickleball, games, and fellowship
- **Who:** Everyone, and in the spirit of Play90, invite a friend to church and/or to come join in the fun 😊
- **Where:** Zion school gymnasium
- **When:** Sunday, December 12th, after clean up until the end of the game (approximately 11:40 - 1:10 pm)
- **Lamb of God will provide pizza, chips and H2O or you can bring a bag lunch to eat**



Offering envelopes – use the ones from the back of the chairs at worship services to donate.

Electronic giving – “Simply Giving”, if you are interested, please contact Mike Gatterman (Treasurer) for information to set up electronic giving. You can donate to the General Fund, Giving Life (funding next generation of worship facilities) and Haiti missions (NEHLM) using Simply Giving at this time. Funds can be automatically withdrawn weekly, monthly and everything in between. Not recommended for one-time gifts.

One-time gifts – one-time gifts can be made by check or some one-time gift givers have used wire transfers. But more frequently, one-time givers prefer an ACH deposit, Automated Clearing House, bank to bank transfers from the giver’s bank account directly to the Lamb of God account. These donations tend to be larger amounts, perhaps once a year. Mike Gatterman will provide the giver the church bank routing and account information.

Does your company provide stock to you? You can donate stock to Lamb of God. If the stock was given to you at a lower value and has appreciated. Any capital gains will not be taxed due to your donation to the church. To find out more contact Mike Gatterman or Jill Murray.

Are you 70 ½ or older and now taking minimum distributions from your pre-tax retirement accounts? Check with your financial organization or advisor to determine if donating minimum distributions to Lamb of God could be a tax advantage.

Estate or will planning is another way to provide a legacy gift to Lamb of God.

Other Ways to Gift

Do you have Thrivent accounts? Thrivent allows a member to support one or two action teams per year. You can provide an action team (volunteer group) associated to an outreach ministry with a \$250 Visa gift card toward their initiative. Contact Jill Murray for more information and/or help to apply. Lamb of God has many initiatives that could benefit from action team funds.

If you have Thrivent accounts, you may be eligible for **Choice Dollars**. Thrivent will notify you that Choice Dollars are available, and you can gift them to Lamb of God.

Do you purchase from Amazon? Amazon will contribute ½ percent of your total purchase amount each time an order is placed to the charity of your choice. Upon accessing the Amazon ordering site, at the bottom right there are three bars. Click on the bars and scroll down to Amazon Smile, under Programs and Features. You can select the charity of your choice where Amazon Smile dollars should go. Please make sure that your phone says it is “on” for generating donations on that screen

As Christmas approaches, it has been a custom at Lamb of God to recognize the staff with Christmas gifts from the congregation. Please consider making a donation between now and December 20th to help this tradition continue. Donations can be given to Mike Gatterman (Treasurer), Susie Rahn (Financial Secretary) or put in the collection plate, clearly marking your envelope or check as Staff Christmas Gifts. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—DECEMBER 2021

DATE	5th	12th	19th	24th (Christmas Eve)	26th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Set Up Done
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Leave Up	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Ruben Alanis	Joel Repp	Phil Bates	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson	TBD	Gary Beck
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin	Elaine Repp	Larry Aalbu	TBD	Dale Rahn
Children's Message	Jan Novak	Gary Beck	Children's Christmas Program	No Children's Message	Mike May
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Julia Repp	Christine Pfiester	Hayley McClellan	Heather Stahl
Power Point	Mike Gatterman	Shara Knapp	Hayley McClellan	Shara Knapp	Jim Repp

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Weekly Connection News Emails

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5 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship with communion Elders Meeting (following worship)	6 Office Closed	7	8	9	10	11 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
12 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Seahawks Fellowship (following worship)	13 Office Closed	14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
19 10:15 am Children's Christmas Program	20 Office Closed	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm	25 Merry Christmas No Christmas Day Service	
26 10:15 Worship	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31		

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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LIVE LIKE JESUS

Join Us for Worship at 10:15 am

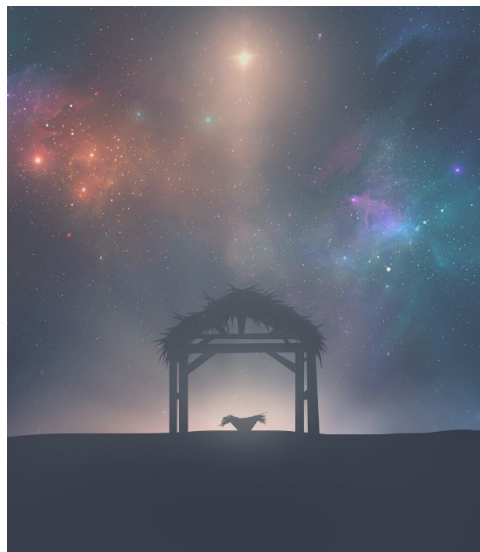
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Family Education: 9:00 am

Worship Hour: 10:15 am

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



*Merry
Christmas!*

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE
SEASON

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