

## 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,

Many of you are probably aware, I recently had some medical complications following some fairly minor knee surgery. I'll spare you the details here, but suffice to say it left me pretty shaken and unsure of what my future would look like. Things turned out alright, but it reminded me of something important I tend to forget whenever I get the chance. I like the idea of God blessing me so that I can bless others. I ask Him to give me wisdom so I can help people solve their problems. Give me strength so I can help someone move something. Give me good health so I can look after someone who is sick. Give me financial resources so I can give some to someone in need. Make me powerful so I can use that power for His kingdom.

It sounds very biblical. That's how He talked to Abraham right? Unfortunately, that philosophy ignores most of the rest of the Bible. It ignores the way God continually uses the weak like Gideon, David and Israel itself. It ignores the many times God granted desirable things which ended up someone's downfall like Solomon, Samson and Saul. It ignores the thorn in Paul's flesh that he prayed three times for God to remove. Most importantly, it ignores Jesus.

Jesus set aside more power than anyone ever had, becoming weak and helpless, dependent on his parents for survival. He resisted Satan's temptation to use His own power to carry out His mission. When He prayed to God that He could avoid the cross, God told Jesus no, and through that He worked the greatest thing that ever happened to the world. He did that through weakness, not strength. I can recognize the truth in this, but I don't like it when it comes to me.

At Best Practices in Ministry this week, I went to a session called "Lean on Jesus." The speaker talked about not relying on our own strength, but being dependent (or recognizing we are already dependent) on Jesus. There were about 50 people in the room. Guess how many were men. Including me there were three. No one like to be weak, but for men it's almost unthinkable. Yet, it's how God works over and over again. I wonder if reading between the lines I'm actually praying for God to make me strong so I won't

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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

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

[worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

March 8th @ 6:30 pm

### Elders Meeting:

March 13th (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.*

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## Church Office Hours

Pastor Mike, Jan and Shara are currently working remotely. Please contact them directly.

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Shara (425) 299-1518 or [secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto: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

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Larry Aalbu (360) 568-4757

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Gary Beck (541) 740-5727

Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

\*\*Next month's newsletter deadline is  
March 22nd.

## March Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Joel Repp          | 14 |
| Ernie Frederickson | 21 |
| DuWayne Brave      | 22 |
| Mike Gatterman     | 22 |
| Jim Repp           | 23 |

### Baptismal Anniversaries

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Shara Knapp      | 5  |
| Dale Rahn        | 5  |
| Annie Stogin     | 6  |
| Julia Repp       | 8  |
| Dylan Knapp      | 12 |
| Jennifer Wood    | 16 |
| Ralph Whitman    | 21 |
| Cherie Gatterman | 22 |
| Natalie Hansen   | 22 |
| Pat Roth         | 25 |

### Happy Anniversary

*Jeff & Hayley McClellan 3/15*



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need Him. The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness learning to be dependent on God for survival.

I'm not sure how long it will take for me to learn that lesson well. Have you learned it yet? I would encourage you to give it some thought. What do you ask God for? Do you get angry with Him when things don't go your way or do you look for the hard to see blessings? You can live your whole life trying to avoid the power that comes through weakness, but I don't recommend it. God's answer to Paul's prayer was, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

We don't earn grace. It a trap to think that some get more of it than others. But I think those who have gotten a "my grace is sufficient for you" answer to prayer have a deeper understanding of just how sufficient grace is. I don't wish suffering on any of you, nor do I recommend you seek it out like some self-flagellating monk. But if it comes your way, I hope you will be able to look for, and find, the grace in it.

Blessings, Pastor Mike

## 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**

## Ash Wednesday Service

Join us for Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 2nd. We will NOT be Live streaming this service. There will be a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm.

## Zion Lutheran School News

### Zion Lutheran School Annual Auction

**Saturday, April 30th @ 4:30 pm**  
**At Thomas Family Farm**

Tickets on sale now.

The Auction will be in-person and online this year. Donations are needed and can be dropped off in the school office. Procurement forms and more information can be found by visiting the ZLS Auction page at <https://zionls.org/auction/>

### Youth/Family Events

#### March

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

2—Ash Wednesday

#### April

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

10—Palm Sunday

14—Maundy Thursday

15—Good Friday

17—Easter

30—ZLS Auction

#### Daylight Savings Time:

*Daylight savings time begins  
on Sunday, March 13th.*

*Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead 1 hour on Sat-  
urday night.*

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (February 2 & 18, 2022)

*February 2, 2022*

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

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Missions (NEHLM) is a support ministry for Rev. Daniel Paul's ministry in the nord est (north east) corner of Haiti. We appreciate everyone who takes the time to be informed and supportive of the churches, schools, and children's homes that are operated under Rev. Paul's oversight. Today when we talked, he informed me that he received the needed medical supplies and some personal items on Tuesday. This is a great relief; It is often difficult to get some medicines and vitamins for unique conditions that he and others in the ministry need. We were able to use an agency to get these delivered, though it was not without some issues and took some time.

He also informed me that it started to rain Sunday afternoon and then rained all night. He reported, "There are many homes and businesses flooded. The girls' and boys' homes are high enough that they are not

flooded. However, some water got into the power system and caused damage." He went on to share about the gardens that will need to be replanted. "One had so much water, they were swimming in it," he commented. This is not a normal time of year to be getting this much rain. The rainy season usually begins in May and goes through June.

There was a dedicated lady who worked for the ministry for years who "went to be with the Lord" recently. Her name was Jocena. For those who have been on mission trips, she was consistently at worship services and served as a cook. Her husband was Junior, and they lived at the "garden house" that had pigs. We pray that the Lord be with Junior, her children, and the ministry as they mourn her death.

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

*February 18, 2022*

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

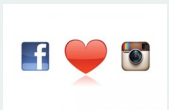
Life appears to be moving along in Haiti. There are a variety of activities in church, school, agriculture, maintenance of property that are being pursued. We appreciate your prayers and support as you walk along with us and these confessing Christians. There is a youth gathering through the Lutheran Church in Haiti in the central plateau region. This area of the country is mountainous (Haiti means "land of high mountains"). This gathering is scheduled for February 25 through March 2. Rev. Paul has over 50 youth who would like to go. This is an opportunity for the youth for La Maison Des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO--the House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) and school to fellowship with other Haitians of the same confession of faith. Rev. Paul will be

working with the youth and resources that Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission is providing, to make this work for most of them. We are pleased to see efforts to have MADO's youth develop relationships with other Lutherans in Haiti.

The ministry has also been diligent in the use of resources to do the needed periodic maintenance of facilities. The security walls around the girls' home were established in 2007, and over the last month, they have received repairs and upgrades. Rev. Paul was able to obtain some bagged cement at a decent price recently. We are very pleased to witness respectful care of their property; sometimes the pressure of everything going on prevents people from caring for facilities. Praise God for their good stewardship.

God's peace,  
Rev. Saw Wiseman

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# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MARCH 2022

| DATE                              | 2nd<br>Ash Wednesday     | 6th            | 13th                  | 20th              | 27th                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Worship Set-Up                    | Novak/May                | Gatterman/Beck | Rahn                  | Novak/May         | Gatterman/Beck        |
| Worship Take-Down                 | Everyone                 | Everyone       | Everyone              | Everyone          | Everyone              |
| Soundboard                        | Ruben Alanis             | Joel Repp      | Ruben Alanis          | Jason Knapp       | Ruben Alanis          |
| Elder on Duty<br>Communion Elders | TBD                      | Debbie Laskey  | Teri Larsen           | Gary Beck         | Larry Aalbu           |
| Greeters                          | No Greeters              | Aalbu<br>Hines | Rahn<br>Frederickson  | Beck<br>Gatterman | Pfiester<br>McClellan |
| Scripture Reader                  | TBD                      | Elaine Repp    | Larry Aalbu           | Dale Rahn         | Jennifer Wood         |
| Children's Message                | No Children's<br>Message | Vicki Beck     | Matt Bench<br>(video) | Gary Beck         | Mike May              |
| Altar Guild                       | TBD                      | Heidi Llerenas | Joelle Cameron        | Julia Repp        | Hayley McClellan      |
| Power Point                       | Mike Gatterman           | Jim Repp       | Hayley McClellan      | Shara Knapp       | Calvin Jopiln         |

*A couple of the class at the school.*



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—APRIL 2022

| DATE                              | 3rd                   | 10th            | 14th<br>Maundy<br>Thursday | 15th<br>Good Friday      | 17th<br>Easter       | 24th              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Set-Up                    | Novak/May             | Gatterman/Beck  | TBD                        | TBD                      | Rahn                 | Novak/May         |
| Worship Take-Down                 | Everyone              | Everyone        | Leave Up                   | Leave Up                 | Everyone             | Everyone          |
| Soundboard                        | Phil Bates            | Joel Repp       | TBD                        | TBD                      | Jason Knapp          | Phil Bates        |
| Elder on Duty<br>Communion Elders | Ernie<br>Frederickson | Dale Rahn       | TBD                        | TBD                      | Debbie<br>Laskey     | Teri Larsen       |
| Greeters                          | Knapp<br>Laskey       | Aalbu<br>Hines  | No Greeters                | No Greeters              | Rahn<br>Frederickson | Beck<br>Gatterman |
| Scripture Reader                  | Debbie Laskey         | Calvin Joplin   | TBD                        | TBD                      | Elaine Repp          | Larry Aalbu       |
| Children's Message                | Jan Novak             | Rilee Henderson | No Children's<br>Message   | No Children's<br>Message | Gary Beck            | Vicki Beck        |
| Altar Guild                       | Christine Pfister     | Heather Stahl   | TBD                        | TBD                      | Heidi<br>Llerenas    | Joelle<br>Cameron |
| Power Point                       | Mike Gatterman        | Jim Repp        | TBD                        | TBD                      | Shara Knapp          | Calvin Joplin     |

## Stay Connected

### Weekly Connection News Emails

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|---|----------------------------|--|-----------|---|-----------|--|---|
|   |                            |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>Ash Wednesday<br>Soup Supper 6:00 pm<br>Service 7:00 pm | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                     | <b>5</b><br>Lord's Little Cooker<br>7:45 am |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00 am Family Ed<br>10:15am Worship  | <b>7</b><br>Office Closed  | <b>8</b><br>Council Meeting<br>6:30 pm | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>Lord's Little Cooker<br>7:45 am |   |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00 am Family Ed<br>10:15 am Worship<br>Elders Meeting<br>(following worship) | <b>14</b><br>Office Closed | <b>15</b>                              | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>Lord's Little Cooker<br>7:45 am |   |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Family Ed<br>10:15 am Worship  | <b>21</b><br>Office Closed | <b>22</b>                              | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>Lord's Little Cooker<br>7:45 am |   |
| <b>27</b><br>9:00 am Family Ed<br>10:15 am Worship  | <b>28</b><br>Office Closed | <b>29</b>                              | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   |           |  |   |

# Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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Join Us for Worship at 10:15 am

## Lamb of God Lutheran Church

### 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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