

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,

I was reading Genesis 31 yesterday. Isaac’s son Jacob had run from his brother Esau after cheating him out of his blessing and birthright. He ended up with his Laban, his uncle, who cheated him, changing his wages 10 times (presumably not for the better) and switching daughters for Jacob’s wedding. In chapter 31, Jacob decides to take his stuff and leave, which he does without saying goodbye. Laban pursues Jacob and catches him.

The conversation is interesting. Both men focus on how they have been wronged while virtually ignoring the wrong they have done. It seems likely that if God had not warned Laban, this encounter would have ended in bloodshed. Why is it so much easier to see the damage done to us than the damage we do?

Part of the reason is obviously our pain is experienced while other people’s pain is only observed. We will naturally default to focus on ourselves rather than others. I’m not sure we can really overcome this, but one way we can keep this tendency at bay is to practice biblical humility.

I’m not talking about waking up every morning and telling yourself you are a lowly worm, unworthy of love and, I don’t know, have bad breath and aren’t very smart. Biblical humility is not about tearing yourself down. It’s not about thinking less of yourself; it’s about thinking of yourself less. Biblical humility is about practicing thinking of others. Giving people the benefit of the doubt, putting yourself in their shoes and trying to step out of your own.

Today’s culture tells us that we must begin by loving ourselves, but isn’t there enough focus on “me” already? The 1970s was dubbed the me generation, but I think every generation gravitates toward self-involvement. We end every worship service by saying, “Love God, love people, live like Jesus” because loving God means we love others. Is it easy? Nope. It takes practice and deliberate effort. Like Laban, our tendency will always be to focus first on ourselves, and we will often get no further than that. But Jesus lived differently and He calls us to imitate Him. In the end that way of living will benefit everyone including us.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



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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:

September 13th @ 6:30 pm

Elders Meeting:

September 11th (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.

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

September 20th

September Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Sasha Stogin	4
Patti Foye	6
Corban Repp	14
Justin Brave	19
Emily Cameron	19
Randy Strege	20
Kyra Wood	21
Gloria Strege	23
Cheryl Jamieson	25

Baptismal Anniversaries

Lori May	1
Joy Beckmeyer	6
Matt Bench	14
Sandy Bench	14
Brian Jamieson	17
Mark Cameron	18
Susan Stahl	21
Emily Cameron	24

Happy Anniversary

Larry & Jan Aalbu	9/9	Ken and Patti Foye	9/28
Matt & Sandy Bench	9/10	Milt & Susie Grover	9/28
Brian & Cheryl Jamieson	9/22	Randy & Gloria Strege	9/28



Community Outreach

Lord's Little Cooker: Men's and Women's clothing needed! 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**

Rally Sunday—September 11th

Rally Sunday will be held on September 11. The Sunday School classes will begin and the Adult Class (studying Mark) will begin prior to church service at 9:00am

After the service, there will be a potluck Bar-B-Que. The elders will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and bottled water. If you can bring a salad, fruit, or a dessert to share it will help provide for the luncheon.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Beck or Jan Novak.

We hope to see you there.

Youth/Family Events

September

5—Labor Day

11—Rally Sunday

Sunday Morning Bible Class
and Sunday School Resume

Church BBQ following
worship

Photo of Yves at the new well in the school complex.



July 27, 2022

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

During my recent conversation with Rev. Daniel Paul, I heard about many concerns he was facing. Let me share a few.

1) Physical needs: A longtime servant of the ministry who worked in their "gardens" (agricultural fields that provide the ministry with a good share of the food) is very sick. Yves' son Marken (Yves is the school headmaster and Baja Church pastor) has a broken arm. He is an elementary school-aged boy and was, as many children do, climbing a tree. There is also an overseer of a neighboring facility that is supporting this ministry who is needing special medical care. We desire that all three receive care for their ailment.

2) Supplies: Supplies for school are "very expensive this year." There are also issues

due to political instability in Haiti of going to the regular suppliers. Haitian books are only available in Port au Prince (likely the most unstable area). The purchase of books is being pursued. Notebooks and material for school uniforms are able to be purchased in the Dominican Republic for a comparatively low price, yet more than previous years.

3) Political Issues: The government agency working with youth (IBERS) is putting many regulations on Rev. Paul. Some are things already being pursued and others are oppressive. I am thankful Rev. Paul is diplomatic and is studying law to "wade" through these regulations.

Through it all, I complimented him for being consistent in caring for people and bringing them the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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

August 10, 2022

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

Water was a topic of my latest conversation with Rev. Paul. Let us consider the following from the Lutheran Service Books Baptismal Rite: "Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin (LSB 269)." Baptism is the most noble use of water combined with the Word of God. Praise God for all the waters He provides for our temporal and eternal well being.

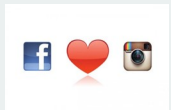
Our discussion was about the rain they have recently received. Rev. Paul said, "We have received a lot of good rain. The gardens are doing very well. This is good for us." The rain resulted as Hurricane Isaias passed by Ouanaminthe, Haiti. As we observe the path of that hurricane, we can see that not all are

as received "good rain." We pray for those who have been negatively impacted by that storm.

Another issue of water was about an organization that is drilling a well for the school. Living Water International arrived at the ministry last week. They have drilled a well that is 130 feet deep. Rev. Paul reported, "We have water for the school. There was no charge. We did feed the workers while they were here." Ben, (NEHLM's previous liaison who will be attending graduate school in the states this fall) and Rev. Paul contacted Living Water International three years ago about the possibility of a well being drilled. We are delighted for this organization's generosity and follow through.

School starts next week to complete the lessons missed with closing last spring. There are many activities presently being pursued. God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Set-Up	Gatterman/Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Gatterman/Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Joel Repp	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson	Dale Rahn
Greeters	Geiger Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	TBD	Calvin Joplin	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Matt Bench	TBD	No Children's Message
Altar Guild	Julia Repp	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl
Power Point	Mike Gatterman	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Hayley McClellan

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—OCTOBER 2022

DATE	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Joel Repp	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Debbie Laskey	Teri Larsen	Gary Beck	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson
Greeters	Geiger Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Jennifer Wood	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Brock Wolitarsky	Mike May	Rilee Henderson	Jennifer Wood	Delaine May
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron	Julia Repp	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin

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Weekly Connection News Emails

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September 2022

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