

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,

Recently, someone I know was not feeling very well. I asked if there was something I could do to help. She told me to write my newsletter article. As many of you are aware, I don't like writing these things. I can't really explain why, but they are just hard for me to do. It was about the last thing I would have imagined coming back to me as a request from someone feeling sick. But it made me wonder.

How often do I volunteer to help someone in a way that is comfortable or easy for me, when they need something else? I like to be helpful, but I like to do it on my terms. Have you ever volunteered to help someone carry something that turned out to be much heavier and needed to go farther than you thought? I would prefer to pray for safe travel than give someone a ride to the airport for a 5 AM flight. Wouldn't you?

We lose a bit of control when we ask if we can help. Sure, we could say, "Is there something else I could do?" but that would be like having our bluff called. We would both know I wasn't as concerned or generous as I pretended to be. Of course, if we are serious about following Jesus, I don't see any way around it.

I have to think Jesus would have preferred being a faith healer in Galilee to dying naked on a cross with the sin of the world laid on Him. But what did we really need more? My vicarage church used to ask, "How do we love one another well?" Andy Stanley asks, "What does love require?" I like to ask, "What would I do if I loved them?" However you phrase it, the question clarifies things quite a bit. Don't be afraid to ask it. And don't stop asking if you can help, even if you are afraid.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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

Voter's Meeting"

November 13th (following worship)

Council Meeting:

November 13th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

November 27th (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
October 24th

November Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

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

Baptismal Anniversaries

Sasha Stogin	8
Andrea Williams	13

Happy Anniversary

Scott & Stacie Leaf 11/16
Mike & Lori May 11/24



Voter's Meeting—Sunday, November 13th

Join us for our fall Voter's Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 13th. Meeting will include approval of the 2023 budget and election of officers.

Council Members Up for Election:

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

Secretary - Kris Werfelmann

President - Brock Wolitarsky

Treasurer - Ruben Alanis (voting in to take over the rest of Mike Gatterman's term)

Financial Secretary - Susie Rahn

Continuing Council Members Include:

Vice President— Jill Murray

Head Elder - Gary Beck

Properties - Randy Strege

School Board - Sandy Bench and Sarah Joplin

The proposed 2023 Budget can be found on p. 4-5.

Attached are 2 Budgets for 2023: Operating & Building for your review:

Each of the Budgets provides details as to the approved historical budget amounts and actuals/projected. Ideally this gives you some insight as to how we did against previous budgets. Currently I am projecting that we will have a negative Net Income (about \$16,000) for 2022.

Note: Budget shortfalls would be covered by our Savings; (I am also being conservative in my estimates since I do not know historical patterns (i.e end of year giving)..☹)

Operating Budget:

The overall Operating Budget did not change much (1%). I was able to reduce some expenses that offset some cost increases in several areas for 2023.

Building Budget:

We currently have over \$900,000 allocated to the "Giving Life" (Building) fund. Major expenses for Construction come out of this fund and not the Operating Funds (General).

These funds are also being invested to generate Interest/Dividend Income.

Youth Event—Dare to Share LIVE

Dare2Share LIVE!!!!

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 12, D2S Live is happening once again. It's free and lunch will be provided.

Live Stream Event Hosted by Lamb of God, Saturday, November 12, 8am-4pm

You can find out much more by visiting the D2S website at: <https://www.dare2share.org/>

Youth/Family Events

November

Sunday Morning Bible Study-
@ 9 am (6, 13, 20)

11—Veteran's Day

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

13—Voter's Meeting

21-25—Thanksgiving Break

December

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

18—Youth Christmas Wor-
ship Service

24—Christmas Eve Candle-
light Service

25—Christmas Day

2023 Proposed Operating Budget

	2020 Budget vs Actual	2021 Budget vs Actual	2022 Budget Projected	2023 Budget (Proposed)	Notes:
Income					
4000 · Unrestricted Income					
4001 · General Offerings	\$260,000 \$243,832	\$260,000 \$249,545	\$ 260,000 \$245,397	\$ 255,000	
4200 · Restricted Income					
4202 · Haiti offerings	\$2,000 \$301	\$2,000 \$610	\$500 \$304	\$3,000	Fully Fund Haiti
4203 · Youth offerings	\$1,250 \$50	\$250 \$66	\$100 \$100	\$4,700	Fully Fund Youth Group
4400 · Interest					
4401 · Interest/Dividend	\$200 \$221	\$200 \$808	\$200 \$808	\$800	Improved Investment Income from: Operating Funds (not Building Fund)
Total All Income	\$263,450 \$244,404	\$262,450 \$251,029	\$260,800 \$246,609	\$263,500	

Expenses					
6000 - Board of Elders	\$210,642 \$196,048	\$210,529 \$206,513	\$221,098 \$215,182	\$229,850	Calculate 20hr/week secretary: Salary Adj 3% Increased cost HealthCare/Retirement/Life Ins.
6100 - Board of Trustees	\$13,970 \$17,950	\$21,470 \$24,357	\$17,470 \$9,263	\$13,615	Reduced Building Maintenance Costs
6200 - Zion School Association	\$25,800 \$16,836	\$25,800 \$18,437	\$20,800 \$18,484	\$20,800	No Change
6300 - Board of Education	\$4,000 \$164	\$4,000 \$1,231	\$4,000 \$1,250	\$1,500	Some costs move to Youth Expenses
6400 · Mission and Outreach	\$12,800 \$5,509	\$12,800 \$9,282	\$13,000 \$10,500	\$10,500	Costs to remain the same
6500 · Stewardship	\$375 \$0	\$375 \$0	\$375 \$75	\$375	No Change
6600 · Social Ministry & Fellowship	\$750 \$87	\$750 \$168	\$750 \$1,446	\$2,150	More Social/Greeter/Fellowship
8000 · Youth Group	\$4,150 \$1,547	\$4,150 \$2,695	\$4,000 \$3,630	\$4,700	Some funds moved from Education
9000 · Haiti Mission	\$3,000 \$0	\$3,000 \$0	\$3,000 \$3,000	\$3,000	No Change
Total Expenses	\$275,487 \$238,141	\$282,874 \$262,683	\$284,493 \$262,830	\$286,490	About a 1% change from 2022

Net Income (Income - Expenses)

According to Budget:	(\$12,037)	(\$20,424)	(\$23,693)	(\$22,990)
Actual/Realized:	\$6,263	(\$11,654)	(\$16,221)	

2023 Proposed Building Budget

	2020 Budget vs Actual	2021 Budget vs Actual	2022 Budget Projected	2023 Budget (Proposed)	Notes:
Income					
4200 · Restricted Income					
4201 · Giving Life offerings	\$25,000 \$10,640	\$25,000 \$15,166	\$25,000 \$6,460	\$20,000	
Expenses					
7000 · Giving Life	\$17,410 \$5,730	\$17,410 \$38,428	\$38,000 \$15,000	\$20,000	Civil Engineering; Architect; Legal

Net Income (Income - Expenses)

According to Budget:	\$7,590	\$7,590	(\$13,000)	\$0
Actual/Realized:	\$4,910	(\$23,262)	(\$8,540)	

Expenses that exceed Income will come from the Giving Life (Building) fund. Goal is to offset expenses for 2023.

NOTE:

2021 Expenses:

Zion/Lamb of God Sign: \$30,281
Property Vision/Architect: \$7,000

2022 Expenses:

Property Vision/Architect: \$15,000

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (Sept. 30 & Oct. 14, 2022)

September 30, 2022

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

"We are doing very well, except for the cost of living is very, very high," commented Rev. Paul as we began our conversation. The challenges with inflation, limited supplies, political instability, etc. continue to be challenging. Lord have mercy, as we walk with them through these tough times in Haiti. Many places in the world are having extra challenges the last couple years, but Haiti's problems are exaggerated.

La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO stands for the house of the Lambs of God Orphanage, Rev. Paul's ministry which includes a boys' and girls' home, two schools, and two churches) has been operating with borrowed or rented vehicles for a while. Rev. Paul shared a type of vehicle (diesel Toyota Landcruiser) that has a good reputation. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) pursued avenues and received wonderful news from

Toyota Gibraltar Stockholdings LTD as we will be able to help get this vehicle in December or maybe January. This will help with their variety of errands, grocery shopping, transportation of people and goods, etc. Praise be to God.

Below you see the picture of the youth participating in "Saturday Morning Training." Over the summer, close to twenty youth attended each Saturday, and there will likely be more with school starting in October. You can see the new cement for the courtyard of the school has many uses.

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



October 14, 2022

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

I have attached pictures of people of La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO--The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) with bags of harvested produce from the ministry's gardens. Rev. Paul continues to share the dire situation in Haiti with intense inflation that has resulted in many people starving and lacking drinkable water. Praise God for the production from their gardens, the energy going into this production, and the persistence of the crops to grow; much of the corn was harvested from the flooded field that we sent pictures of earlier this year.

School is set to start next week; however, many school supplies are not available and/or are way too expensive to purchase. They plan on doing the best they can with what they have and can obtain. Let me highlight just two pressures impacting this ministry at the present time: 1) They need to buy drinking water. The wells have been tested to have "too much salts" (not sure what type of salts); and

2) A number of people from the larger cities like Port au Prince have relocated to the Nord Est Haiti; Ouanaminthe is calmer and safer than the large urban areas. Some of Rev. Paul and his wife Cliney's relatives are included.

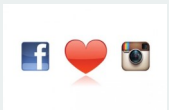
Rev. Paul and I talked about Biblical Joseph and his relocating to Egypt. While it was definitely not under the best circumstances, his steadfast faith in God and God's ways eventually resulted in blessings for Joseph's family, the country, and many other people (Genesis 37-50). Rev. Paul continues to practice and lead in steadfast faithfulness for this ministry for which we are thankful.

Thank you for your interest in these dear Christians.

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



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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—NOVEMBER 2022

DATE	6th	13th	20th	27th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Teri Larsen	Gary Beck
Greeters	Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin	Jennifer Wood	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn
Children's Message	Jan Novak	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Matt Bench
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron	Julia Repp
Power Point	Jill Murray	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin

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**

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—DECEMBER 2022

DATE	4th	11th	18th	24th Christmas Eve	25th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Set Up Done	Set Up Done
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Leave up	Leave up	Leave up
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson	Dale Rahn	TBD	Debbie Laskey
Greeters	Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan	No Greeters	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Calvin Joplin	TBD	Jennifer Wood
Children's Message	Debbie Laskey	Rilee Henderson	Jennifer Wood	No Children's Message	TBD
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Hayley McClellan	Hayley McClellan
Power Point	Jill Murray	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	TBD

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Weekly Connection News Emails

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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LIVE LIKE JESUS

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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