

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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope and pray that this letter finds you well and that your holidays have been full of love and joy. This holiday season is one where we often reconnect with family and friends either in person, through cards or the infamous newsletter. I recently reconnected with friends from my Air Force Academy class through a text chain.

It’s usually fun to reconnect with old friends and reminisce about old times. Lots of other emotions can mix together too. I found myself a little surprised. Ladies, your school friends probably called you the same name that you go by today. Many men, however, had nicknames you might not even be aware of. During my upper-class years, no one knew me as Mike. My roommate found out my first name was George, started calling me that, and it caught on. People also called me “Vinny” for reasons that are too long to get into now.

It’s kind of interesting that as we reconnect now, for the most part they refer to me as Mike. Deep down, I think we all acknowledge that while we enjoyed that time, and the nicknames were a sign of affection Vinny, Knuckles, Mister, Cep, Duke, and Quench weren’t who we really were. I think names have power, but that depends a lot on how much power we let them have. More importantly, it depends on who gave us the name. Those nicknames were for a certain group, for a certain time. They had no staying power. The names our parents give us may last a lifetime, although I know several people who have changed theirs in one way or another. But there is another source for our name that is even greater.

God says things to us and about us that have eternal implications. He calls us His own. We are His children. He calls us by name. We are a new creation, washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. There’s an interesting verse in Revelation 2:17 that says, “To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.”

Is this an affectionate nickname that God has waiting in store for each of us? Or is this name more real than any other name we’ve had in our lives? I look forward to reading mine. I hope you do too.

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

Council Meeting:

December 18th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

January 22nd (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

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Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

***Next month's newsletter deadline is*

January 23.

January Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Stacie Leaf	1	Ben Geiger	17
MJ Novak	6	Joelle Cameron	25
Abby Jamieson	10	Natalie Hansen	27
Dixon Marshall	10	Kathleen Hines	28
Sandy Bench	11	Gavin Knapp	28
Pete Jones	11	Kayden Hayter	29
Abbey Frederickson	12		
Kayla McDonald	12		
Ellie Repp	13		
Jennifer Wood	16		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jason Knapp	1
Scott Leaf	1
Christina Cameron	3
Kayla Hines	10
Amanda Pfiester	11
Stacie Leaf	21
Abbey Frederickson	24
Abby Jamieson	26
Gavin Knapp	28

Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Jennette Stockton 01/20



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**



Christmas Baskets Update

Thanks everyone for your generous donations to the Christmas basket effort. Due to the icy road conditions on shopping day December 23, volunteers decided a ham and Fred Meyer gift certificate would be given to those whose names were submitted, instead of a tote bin of food items. Thanks to the volunteers....Vicki Beck, Kathleen Hines and Jill Murray.... and big thank you to Fred Meyer, Snohomish who consistently, year after year, supports this effort thru significant discounts.

Thank You

Thank you for the congregation's generous Christmas gift and for your continued prayers and support. We are truly blessed to serve our Lord Jesus along side each and every one of you.

~Pastor Mike, Jan, and Shara

Youth/Family Events

January

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

1—New Year's Day Worship
at 10:15 am

16—MLK Day

February

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

20—Presidents' Day

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (December 8 & 22, 2022)

December 8, 2022

Advent Greetings!

Jesus assures us, "...the kingdom of heaven is greater..." (Matthew 11:11). This can be applied in many ways. The context of this assurance was when Christ exalted John the Baptist and then lifted up all believers in Him all the more. The full text reads, "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Therefore, Merry Christmas!

Rev. Paul started off our recent phone conversation with, "We are doing very well, praise God." Two of the main things that garnered this introduction are: 1) school has started. Children are being educated and receiving a healthy meal daily. 2) The border with Dajabon, Dominican Republic, has been reopened, and they have resumed the bi-weekly markets on the border. This is great news to hear for the care of the children and the ability to do business.

In the midst of these two positive undertakings is the challenge

of increasing costs of everything. For the markets he said, "Yes, we are having markets, but everything is very expensive." Concerning the students, Rev. Paul commented, "The books have tripled in price and some books are not able to be received. We are making do with what we have. Some of the children are coming to school with no uniform. We are working with them."

The attached photo is from earlier this fall when they were harvesting some corn. Much of the corn was dried and they have been able to use it in stews or grind it to use in baking. May God bless their continuing efforts to be resourceful.

God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman



December 22, 2022

Merry Christmas!

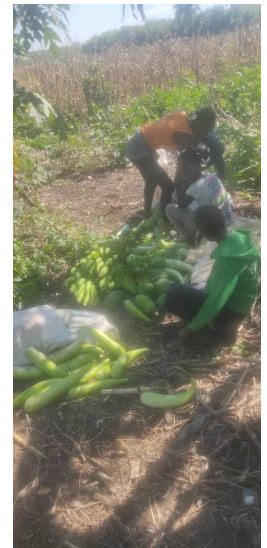
Rev. Daniel Paul said, "Say hello and Merry Christmas to everyone." He explained the worship services that they are having over the next two weeks: "We are having services on the 24th, the 25th, 31st and 1st. For the 25th and 31st we will be serving food for the people. We are blessed to have good gardens and are sharing with our community. Our choir was in Cap Haitian with Rev. Eliona Bernard on December 18th, and we took some garden produce to them. God is providing."

The attached photos show some of the children and workers "receiving from" the gardens. This is the way Rev. Paul described their work. We might normally say they were harvesting the gardens; however, the concept that we receive what God brings forth through our labor and the conditions He provides is

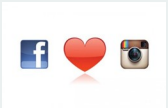
honoring God. I explained this to Rev. Paul and he responded, "Oh, yes, we are glad to receive from the Lord."

In the photos they are harvesting plantain, bananas, sweet potatoes, okra, and cassava. I inquired about the children helping with this reception of food. He said, "The children like to help collect the food from the gardens, but they do not like to do the planting as much. We go to the gardens every Saturday, when there is no school, and they help." Praise God for the cooperation and thriftiness of how these children are being raised.

God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman



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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JANUARY 2023

DATE	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Ernie Frederickson
Greeters	Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Aalbu Hines
Scripture Reader	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Calvin Joplin
Children's Message	Jan Novak	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Debbie Laskey	Rilee Henderson
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Calvin Joplin	Shara Knapp	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp



SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2023

DATE	5th	12th	19th	26th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey
Greeter	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Aalbu Hines
Scripture Reader	Jennifer Wood	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Mike May	Brock Wolitarsky	Jennifer Wood	Delanie May
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas
Power Point	Calvin Joplin	Jill Murray	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan

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Weekly Connection News Emails

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1 New Year's Day 10:15 am Worship with communion	2 Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
8 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship Council Meeting (following worship)	9 Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
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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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