

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 believe we all need a safe place where we can share our struggles honestly, where we won't be judged, but will be encouraged and held accountable by people who share the same values we do. It has to be safe or we won't share...at least not twice.

But this place also needs to have accountability and encouragement or we won't grow. Don't need to grow? You parents already raised you to know what's right and wrong and do the right thing? You should probably thank them for that if you haven't lately. But wait, there's still one little problem.

The rest of the world is constantly tempting us to compromise in order to get what we want or avoid what we don't want. Fudge some numbers here or there. It won't really hurt anything. Buy this thing you can't really afford; you'll figure it out later. If you tell her what you were really doing, she will be mad and it will be a whole scene. It's better to make up a story. Everyone does it, which is part of the problem. With the world constantly tugging us in the wrong direction, we don't get to stay where we are morally without effort. We can all use some help with that effort.

Church is a place we can go to receive encouragement in character building, but accountability? Maybe not. That is best done alongside people who are grounded in Christian beliefs found in church, but relate to one another outside the building. In small groups. Do you have a place like that?

Some people have friends or family that provide this for them. But for most of us, family relationships are too complicated to be safe enough to share freely. Friends often see their roles as "having one another's back." There are places we just don't go if we want to maintain the friendship. Accountability without judgment is hard to find, but without it, we are on our own to fight against the influence of today's culture.

If you think you would like an ally, I would like you to give small group a try. We currently have one that meets twice a month on Wednesdays and another that meets twice a month on Thursdays. Another meets virtually on Monday mornings. We are starting yet another that meets virtually Tuesday mornings. Please contact our office if you are interested in joining your strength to theirs.

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:

February 12th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

February 26th (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 January 23.*

February Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Annie Stogin	3
Milt Grover	4
Susie Rahn	5
Vicki Beck	6
Dale Rahn	13
Cindy Caldwell	15
Brock Wolitarsky	22
Susie Grover	24
Cindy Frederickson	26
Shirley Tuengel	29

Baptismal Anniversaries

Ben Geiger	1
Joelle Cameron	4
MJ Novak	4

Happy Anniversary

Ernie & Cindy Frederickson 2/12



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**

A Note From Our Elders

The Board of Elders is looking for volunteers to help with set up on Saturdays. If you are willing to help, please contact one of our elders (Larry Aalbu, Dale Rahn, Gary Beck, Teri Larsen or Debbie Laskey).

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us for Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 22nd. 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 29th @ 5:00 pm
At Thomas Family Farm

Saddle up and join us for Zion Lutheran School's 34th Annual Auction.

Zion's event features a wide variety of silent & live auction items, a catered dinner, dessert dash, drawings, & more!

Your reservations, donations, and sponsorships make all the difference, together we can reach our goal and raise \$100,000.

2023 auction proceeds will help fund a new gym floor. After 43 years, the gold and orange carpet is ready to ride off into the sunset. Zion's multi-use gym hosts athletes of all ages, concerts, church services, social events, competitions, and lunches!

New synthetic commercial grade flooring will serve many purposes for years to come and be the talk of the town!

Learn more at www.zionlsauction.org



Youth/Family Events

February

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

20—Presidents' Day

22—Ash Wednesday

(Soup Supper 6:00 pm/
Worship 7:00 pm)

March

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

11-12—Middle School Gathering

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (January 4, 2023)

January 4, 2023

A blessed Epiphany to you as God has made manifest His love for us in the saving work of Jesus Christ!

This past weekend was full of worship, praise, and fellowship for Rev. Daniel Paul and his ministry. He explained, "Friday, December 30th, we had overnight worship. This we do before the last Sunday of each month. December 31st is a big celebration day in Haiti, sort of like Thanksgiving for you. We had a big worship service followed by a big meal.

Then on January 1st, New Years Day and Haitian Independence Day, we had morning and evening worship services. These were wonderful celebrations, I led the services, though I have a cold. Say 'Happy New Year' to everyone."

We talked about the ministry this past year and future possibilities. As I reflected on our

conversation, I Thessalonians 5:16-18 was on my mind: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I am regularly reminded of Rev. Paul's strong faith which trusts in God.

Rev. Paul shared that the Haitian government children's agency wants him to open up the space used for mission teams to have more children. They said it would be only temporary because another home closed. He commented, "They say only one month, but I think no. Once they get here, they will stay. This would be hard with all of our other expenses."

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

Youth & Family News

Middle School Youth Gathering

Saturday/Sunday

March 11-12

Lake Retreat Center, Ravensdale, WA

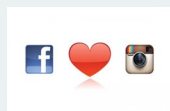
This year's middle school gathering is March 11th & 12th. This overnight retreat is open to youth currently in grades 6-9. There will be opportunities for worship, fellowship, recreation, food, study, and service. The retreat begins at 10:00 am (7:30 am departure) on Saturday and concludes late Sunday morning around 11:30 am (2:30 pm return).

Registration is \$70.00 (Financial aid/scholarships are available through Lamb of God Church. Please contact Mr.

Novak if you are interested.) Registration is due by February 21st.

Interested...Contact: Jan Novak or the Lamb of God church office ASAP if you would like to attend.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

Lake Retreat Camp, Ravensdale, WA
March 11th-12th, 2023
6th-9th grade welcome!
Registration Opening Soon!

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

Looking Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday—February 22

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday—April 2

Worship @ 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday—April 6

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday—April 7

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday—April 9

Worship @ 10:15 am

**There will be Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday only.*

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5 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship Council 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 with communion Council Meeting (following worship)	13 Office Closed	14	15	16	17	18 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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