

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,

One of the most difficult things about being a pastor (or a parent for that matter) is knowing that someone under your care could avoid pain and sorrow if they would just follow your advice. I don't claim to have all the answers. I've had my share of bad ideas. More than my share. But I think we all have been in situations where we can see something clearly while the people directly involved can't. If you have ever suggested something you know would be helpful only to be ignored, you know what I'm talking about.

You might have heard a response like, “You just don't understand.” Often, they mean you aren't experiencing the emotions of the situation. Ironically, that absence of emotion usually contributes to better decisions. People on the outside can often see things better than those directly involved.

Besides the cloud of emotions, we often resist having someone tell us what to do. Let me rephrase that: I don't like people telling me what to do. The idea of freedom is so embedded in our culture that we often pursue it without ever asking “freedom from what?” Apparently, there's a meme of Thomas the Tank Engine lying on his side next to the tracks. He's shouting, “I'm free!”

I can't begin to imagine how God must feel as He tries to guide us, shape us and lead us as we prefer to jump off the tracks. The truth is we would have more freedom if we forgave freely, used money the way God wants and generally got together to encourage one another to become more like Jesus. Maybe it's not a matter of trusting ourselves less, but of trusting God more.

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:

March 12th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

March 26th (following worship)

Worship Services are In-Person and Online!

**Join us for in-person worship on Sundays at 10:15 am. 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
March 24th**

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
Cherie Gatterman	22
Natalie Hansen	22

Happy Anniversary

Jeff & Hayley McClellan 3/15



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**

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

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, desert 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!

Youth/Family Events

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 (Jan. 26 & Feb. 8, 2023)

January 26, 2023

Greetings,

When I talked with Rev. Paul recently, they were on the way to Santiago, Dominican Republic, for the wedding of Elanie to Sandy Joel Mayi Garcia, which will take place this Saturday, January 28th. I met this polite, industrious young man a couple years ago. We pray that, as they receive God's blessings of marriage, they will present themselves to receive His continual outpouring of grace through the church, which is certainly a benefit for all mankind.

Attached is a picture of a young man holding very healthy-looking sweet potatoes that were harvested earlier this week. I have also attached a video clip of harvesting sweet potatoes with Rev. Paul commentating (this video is likely not playable on all devices). Rev. Paul explained that sweet potatoes are harvested regularly (a week's supply) since they

do not save well in their climate. Some of you might recognize the young man, Maxo. He is now twenty-two years old. He has grown up showing a strong work ethic, and it is good to see him continue in his responsibilities. We are blessed to see those who were young children in this ministry moving on with young adult responsibilities. Praise God!

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



February 8, 2023

Greetings,

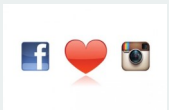
When I talked with Rev. Paul, I shared that northeast Oregon was getting some desired rain (snow at the higher elevations). I explained we were glad to get the moisture since it has been sort of dry. He responded, "Oh, rain! That would be very nice for us. We have not had rain for a long time. Our last rain was in November, this is our dry season." I explained how thankful we were that they were able to do the harvesting of sweet potatoes, sugar cane, etc. that he had told us about in January. This led him to explain the work of the agricultural people. "We are preparing the land to plant. We may find a tractor, but the fuel is so expensive, we will not be able to use it. We have a cow that can be used in some areas and then we have the hoe and pick. We can use the hoe and pick to do everything." We are reminded of their resourcefulness and strong work ethic to keep food on the table. Praise God!

Cliney, Rev. Paul's wife, is helping at the

school this week with administering the end of semester tests. Thanks be to God that these youth are receiving an education. As our conversation moved to the school environment, I inquired about extra-curricular activities that the students might also be involved in. He responded, "We are doing volleyball, but not much soccer now. We would like to get some more balls and a net for volleyball." I asked if volleyball was for both the girls and boys. He responded, "Volleyball is for both girls and boys and the girls are better right now." We remember that the girls won a big tournament last year. May this opportunity in athletics develop their commitment, steadfastness, and physical well-being.

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

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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MARCH 2023

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

Looking Ahead to Lent

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.*

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—APRIL 2023

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

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5 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am 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	
19 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	20 Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
26 9:00 am Fam. Ed 10:15 am Worship Elders Meeting (following worship)	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31		

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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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