

## 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,

They say you can't legislate morality. It's repeated so often that many people believe it without ever questioning it. Oliver Wendell Holmes, former supreme court justice, spoke about removing high minded moral concepts from the law, but went on to say we should adopt the view of a bad man trying to avoid getting in trouble. If I had the chance, I would have liked to ask Justice Holmes what constitutes "high minded moral concepts" and how do we call a man "bad" in the absence of morals.

The fact is any law ever made has been made on the basis of someone's morality. Any time someone wants to repeal a law, they lobby on the basis of their own sense of morality. At the risk of stating the obvious, people want to pass laws based on what they think is good. For instance, how a person views personal freedom, safety, privacy, sanctity of life, and the role of government or religion, will determine how they argue for or against any number of controversial laws. In a sense, we can't legislate anything but morality.

If you say "people shouldn't be allowed to do that" you impose your morality on others. If I say, "that's not something that should be regulated" I impose my morality also. There's no getting around it. But there are other ways to look at the issue.

Martin Luther King Jr said, "Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless." Dr. King's point, I think, is that legislation will not change what a person thinks is right or wrong, even though it may change what he does. The way in which racism survived the Civil Rights Act seems to have proved him right about the heart, but it also proved him right in terms of restraint.

I had trouble with this newsletter article (more than usual) because it felt like it was taking me in a direction of advocating for Christian groups to steer legislation in the direction of our morality. Even if non-Christians don't agree, it would be for their own good. But if you've known me very long at all, you know that isn't how I feel. By all means, vote for laws that reflect your values. But as you do, please ask yourself this question: am I more interested in changing behavior or changing hearts? Laws can only do one of those things, but Jesus can do both. Whatever effort you put into voting, advocating, debating and protesting, I hope you will put even more into praying, sharing and modeling Jesus for whoever is in your sphere of influence.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike



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### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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[www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org](http://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](mailto:pastormike@lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

**Worship/Youth Leader: Jan Novak,**  
(360) 691-3372

[worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

No Council Meeting this month

### Elders Meeting:

April 23rd (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](mailto:sidace99@yahoo.com)

Jan (425) 418-6270 or [worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

Shara (425) 299-1518 or [secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto: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 April 21st*

## April Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Debbie Laskey	3
Heather Stahl	3
Kirk Geiger	4
Alex Stogin	8
Amethyst Corey	11
Kelly McDonald	14
Tyler Hayter	15
Jessica Wolitarsky	22

### Baptismal Anniversaries

John Laskey	3
Debbie Laskey	6
Mike Gatterman	10
Kyra Wood	12
Elisabeth Repp	15
Joel Repp	16
Finley Dawson	29
Jim Repp	29
Justin Brave	30

### Happy Anniversary

*Mike & Lynn Riley 4/07*



## 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**

## 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](http://www.zionlsauction.org)

### ZLS Auction Basket

Lamb of God is putting together a donation for Zion School Silent Auction. We are taking donations for a 'gardening theme' silent auction wheelbarrow! Over the next three Sundays, bring items to add to the wheelbarrow which will be donated to the school's silent auction from Lamb of God. Ideas- gloves, hose, hand tools, fertilizer, packages of bulbs, grass seeds, clippers etc! Please plan to contribute and make our donation one that people want to bid on in the silent auction. Donations accepted through April 2nd. Thank you!

### Portals of Prayer

The April-June Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies are available on the back table on Sunday mornings.



### Youth/Family Events

#### April

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

2—Palm Sunday

6—Maundy Thursday (Soup Supper at 6:00 pm. Worship at 7:00 pm)

7—Good Friday Worship  
7:00 pm

9—Easter Sunday Celebration Service 10:15 am

Egg hunt following worship

29—ZLS Auction

#### May

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

7—Council Meeting

14—Spring Congregation Meeting

29—Memorial Day

#### June

11—Gym Cleanout for new flooring (the entire gym has to be cleared)

18-July 9—Services will meet at Peace Lutheran Church in Monroe. Pastor Mike will preach June 18 & July 9.

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (March 10 & 24, 2023)

*March 10, 2023*

Greetings,

When I talked with Rev. Daniel Paul this week I shared life in my weather world with two new inches of snow and freezing temperatures. His weather concerns were, "The drought continues. We need some good moisture. It has been over three months since it has rained. Yes, in November was our last rain."

"O Lord we praise You for Your providence of 'life and breathe and everything' (Acts 17:25). We pray, O Lord, for You mercy on us as we navigate with weather situations that entail concern and extra effort on our part. Amen."

I inquired about the volleyball team that won their league last year. He responded, "We are getting the equipment and the students are practicing. We will be playing games soon." This opportunity for the youth to strive in a passionate endeavor teaches discipline, steadfastness, development, teamwork, and many other valuable skills. We are delighted that they make time to pursue these types of activities as they they have many other responsibilities before them.

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

*March 24, 2023*

Greetings,

Rev. Paul and I discussed the additional worship opportunities that we both offer during the Lenten season. We both have an extra service each week starting on Ash Wednesday, which was February 22nd and going until Easter, April 9th. Praise God that His Word is being received.

This is Haiti's dry season, so I asked how agricultural pursuits are going. He responded, "We had some rain last week, but we need more." The dry season normally lasts until June. This tropical environment thrives with the water from above being showered upon them. We can pray with them for enough moisture to allow them to succeed in their agricultural endeavors.

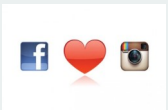
I have attached a couple photos of construction on a foundation on a plot of land on the other side of Ouanaminthe that Rev. Paul was able to obtain several years ago. A Levi's clothing factory was built close to the land, making it valuable for other development. Rev. Paul is developing the land for a church plant and possible small school. This project was forced to take place sooner than he had planned because the government was in the process of taking land in this prime area that was not being developed. He started work

right away to avoid losing it.

A note for sponsors and donors to Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission: we have been informed that some people received pictures of a sponsored child or a classroom up to five months after we had sent them. Others have inquired about 2022 giving statements which were also sent out but evidently not received. If you were expecting photos or a giving statement and have not received it, please let us know.



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# 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

## 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

(egg hunt following worship)

*\*There will be Lenten services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday only.*

# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MAY 2023

DATE	7th	14th	21st	28th
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Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
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## Stay Connected

### Weekly Connection News Emails

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<b>23/30</b> 9:00 am Fam. Ed 10:15 am Worship Elders Meeting	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> ZLS Auction 5:00 pm		

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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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