

## 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,

Home renovations are not for the faint of heart. If you do it yourself, you open a world of potential problems that you have taken responsibility to fix. Committing to remodeling a bathroom means you have confidence in your ability to do plumbing, electrical, flooring, dry-wall, texturing, and carpentry. No wonder most people use a contractor. Of course, if you go that way you still aren't out of the woods.

We paid someone to remodel our bathroom for us. Unfortunately, everyone demands most of the money up front. I'm sure they work this way because lots of customers failed to pay, but the result is that companies are not very motivated to work on projects they were already paid to do. I had to call and text for weeks before I got a response from our guy. Finally, I wrote this:

As you continually fail to respond to me you are creating an environment where I feel like I have to be rude to be heard. Please let me know what is going on.

He responded within the hour. I suspect most people just don't understand the consequences of their actions. I remember learning about original sin as something we are born into, like it's some kind of gas in the air. It seemed to me like one of those erudite theological points that didn't have much practical use. Now I think more about how the things we do, good and bad, contribute to the environment we live in. A husband who berates his wife is creating an environment where she has to find a way to deal with that, where their children process that behavior as normal and the husband's attitude toward his wife and children will change based on their response.

Everything we do contributes to making our world a little better or a little worse. Only a little. I'm not Jesus and neither are you, so we won't be saving the world. But it means that even though Jesus died in our place and our sins are forgiven, what we do still matters. There's no need to feel weighed down by responsibility. Jesus already did the heavy lifting. But your life is filled with opportunities to build on what He did or chip away at it. Make today count.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike



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### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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

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Worship/Youth Leader: Jan Novak,  
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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

May 7th (following worship)

### Elders Meeting:

May 28th (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)

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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

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Gary Beck (541) 740-5727

Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

\*\*Next month's newsletter deadline is  
May 23rd

## May Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries



- 5 Lynn Riley
- 7 Mark Cameron
- 14 Chuck Stockton
- 21 Jennifer Hayter
- 24 Kiera Leaf
- 26 Reed Geiger

### *Baptismal Anniversaries*

- 1 Milt Grover
- 4 Alex Stogin
- 5 Kayden Hayter
- 14 Susie Grover
- 15 Jessica Wolitarsky
- 26 Heather Stahl

### Happy Anniversary

*Ben & Christine Pfister 05/12*



## Voter's Meeting

Mark your calendars! The spring Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, May 21st (following worship). You can review the November 2022 Voter's Meeting minutes below.

### Lamb of God Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting November 13, 2022

Attendance: See attached.

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Brock Wolitarsky

Minutes of the June 12, 2022 was approved unanimously with a motion by Ruben Alanis and a second by Gary Beck.

Treasurer's Report: Ruben Alanis presented the proposed budgets. Ruben Alanis moved to accept the proposed 2023 Operating budget. Gary Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brock Wolitarsky moved to accept the proposed 2023 Building budget. Gary Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor gave a building update. GRO (with LCEF) presented a plan for a new school and worship facility. Due to the cost of about \$20 million for the project, we need to look at something more achievable.

Youth/Worship Report: Jan Novak stated that we have been blessed with youth leaders, youth Bible class leaders and Kid Zone leaders. Dare to Share was held on November 12. The youth will be working on a Christmas service on December 15th. We received a grant for \$250 from Thrivent for The Lord's Little Cooker. John Laskey encouraged matching the \$250. Jan and Pastor are hoping to connect with LAMP in the near future. Elders Report: Gary Beck reported that they are reviewing the elder's list and responsibilities. We will be celebrating the Gatterman's farewell next Sunday.

Zion Lutheran School Board: There are currently 261 students enrolled. They had a successful Fall Festival. The new portable is on site. Teachers' Conference is being held in Seaside, OR. They have hired Heather Stahl as Assistant Principal. Brock requested prayers for the school septic system.

Nominations for officers: The nominations are as follows. Brock Wolitarsky for President. Kris Werfelmann for Secretary. Ruben Alanis for Treasurer. Susie Rahn for Financial Secretary. Brock moved to accept the slate of nominees. Vicki Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brock Wolitarsky moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Sandy Bench seconded it. The motion passed.

Closing prayer by Brock Wolitarsky.

Sincerely,

Kris Werfelmann

## New Gym Floors

New floors in the gym! June 11th Lamb of God will worship as usual, then we will move everything, yes everything out of the gym and into the portables. For the next several weeks new flooring will be installed. What will we do? Drive to Monroe! We will have a combined service with Peace Lutheran Church 202 Dickinson Rd, Monroe. We will start at 10:00 (15 minutes early for us) on June 18th and continue until July 9th. Unless they run into problems with the floor, we will return to the ZLS campus after that. If that's just too far for you to go, we do plan on streaming those services, but I hope you will all try to be there in person as this promises to be an exciting combined worship experience.

### Youth/Family Events

#### May

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

7—Council Meeting

21—Spring Congregation Meeting

29—Memorial Day

#### June

1—Youth Banquet

4—Graduate Recognition

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.

Pastor Todd will preach June 25th & July 2nd

Family Education will be breaking for the summer starting May 28th. Classes will resume in the fall.

## Youth & Family News

**Calling all Graduates!** If you, or a member of your family, will be graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office by **May 23rd** so that we can include them in our June newsletter. We will also have a special recognition for our high school graduates during worship on **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please provide a picture and details of where the student is graduating from & any future plans. Thank you!

### *Youth and Family Banquet*

**Who?** *Our Youth and their families*

**What?** *Youth and Banquet*

**When?** *6:00-8:00 pm, Thursday, June 1, 2023*

**Where?** *Zion Lutheran School Gymnasium*

**Why?** *To celebrate our youth and their families.*

**How?** *RSVP by May 28 by contacting Jan Novak or the church office.*

#### **Evening Schedule**

6:00	Mixers/Yard Games
6:30	Dinner-Pizza and salad bar
7:00	Guest Speaker
7:15	Dessert/Mixer/Yard Games continued
8:00	Closing Prayer

**What are some 'Top' ways to develop a 'sticky faith'?**

*Personal devotions and Bible study*

*Active Prayer Life*

*Stay Connected with fellow believers (Mentor-Peer-Apprentice)*

*Attend worship regularly!*

*Keep asking honest questions!*

*Seek to do good!*

This is my list...What will be yours?

**Questions?** *Call, text, e-mail, [Instagram...no wait...] don't do that last one.*

*Hope to see you on June 1.*

**Jan Novak**

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## Support a Mission Trip

Reed Geiger is a Lamb of God college student who is attending Grand Canyon University. He will be going on a mission trip this summer and is asking for prayer and financial support. Reed will be joining us Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to give us the latest update on this mission work. Here is his information letter.

March 2023

Hello!

This summer, I have an incredible opportunity to join God in the work that He is doing to plant churches in India. I would love to tell you about why I am going and how you can be a part of it!



Recently, I have come to know the LORD for who He truly is. I rejoice in **His** goodness and am filled by Him. I'm spending more time with the LORD and feel him calling me to spread His word to all nations. **Mathew 28: 18-20.** *18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* My heart has opened to the needs of people around the world, especially those who have never heard of the gospel and have no way to access it. I feel a complete call to go out into the world and do His work reaching those people. That's why, when I came across Pioneers, a mission organization that goes to remote places around the world, I knew I had to be part of it. From **May 23rd to July 14th**, I'll be joining long-term missionaries in India to **observe, learn, and grow**. While in India, I'll experience what a life of full-time mission work is like and try to determine where God is calling me specifically. I can't describe my excitement for the work He will do both in me and through me while I'm there!

The preparation required for this trip is a daunting task, but I know that the Lord will equip me in all things. It is my hope and prayer that this summer will help me discern whether long-term mission work is where God is leading me.

There are two things I need in order to follow God to India this summer:

**1) Your prayer support.**

I ask that everyone join me in praying for my journey to India, and that the Lord gets glory and honor and praise through this opportunity. **I cannot do this without the body of Christ.**

**2) Financial support.**

In order to go, I need to raise **\$5,700 by May 21st**. This is an opportunity for you to be a part of what God is doing in India, and I invite you to partner with me in one or both of these ways!

Ways to give:

- **Online:** visit [pioneers.org](http://pioneers.org), click red "Donate" button, click "Support A Missionary", account # is **175891**, Reed Geiger
- **By check:** Write "**175891 – Reed Geiger**" in memo. Mail to **10123 William Carey Dr. Orlando, FL 32832**

**Please note that there is a 3% fee deducted** from online credit/debit donations. If you choose the e-check option there is no fee.

I am grateful to each one of you for being involved in my life and for learning about my opportunity to serve this summer. I cannot do this alone, and it would be an honor to have you as a partner in this journey!

For the sake of the Gospel,

Reed Geiger | 425 429 8240 | [Reedgeiger23@gmail.com](mailto:Reedgeiger23@gmail.com)

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (April 6 & 24, 2023)

*April 6, 2023*

A Spirit-Filled Holy Week to You,

Rev. Paul reported, "We are having services everyday with Christ's seven Last Words from the Cross ("Father forgive them...Today you will be with Me in paradise...mother your son, your mother...Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani...I thirst...It is finished...into Your hands I commit My spirit"). Then on Sunday we will have big celebrations." Praise God as the Word continues to grow throughout the world.

This ministry's school, College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO), has three girls' (madmazel-young ladies') volleyball teams. The oldest team won a tournament for Ouanaminthe schools for the second year in a row. Rev. Paul complimented the coaches and the players. They have a couple very good players who are in their last year to play. "We will see what we can do next year," Rev. Paul explained. The teams are by age, with the youngest the 12-15 year olds, middle 17-19 year olds, and the oldest team is 21-23 year olds. That is the group that were the victors. However, the younger teams have been doing very well also.



Construction continues (see pictures attached) for a school and likely church plant on the other side of Ouanaminthe close to the Levi's factory. The mayor is pleased to have something being built that will serve the people in the community. (Praise God, for before the ministry began to build, the land was in the process of being confiscated.) Rev. Paul said, "This is the first bigger construction project in the area for a long time. The workers are delighted to work, and the people are happy to see things happening." When I asked about them working this week, he explained, "Oh, yes, they want to work. On Friday of this Holy Week, they will have a rest, as well as on Sunday."

We are delighted to walk with these Christians as the good news of our resurrected Jesus Christ is proclaimed and He is worshiped. Rev. Paul sends his greetings: "Tell everyone, we wish them a Blessed Easter!"

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

*April 24, 2023*

He is Risen! Alleluia! A Blessed Easter Season to You,

Attached are two pictures of some boys who participated in a volleyball tournament in Nord Est Haiti earlier this month. As you can see by the trophy and the medallions around their necks, they had success. It is not only thrilling, but this type of activity provides a healthy chance for youth to work together and strive towards a common goal. Thank you for supporting this ministry to allow such endeavors to be pursued.

I have talked with you about the property by a Levi's factory on the other side of Ouanaminthe that Rev. purchased in 2002. Rev. Paul worked quickly to show that his ministry was developing the land, and we thought that the issue was settled. Sadly not. The Levi's factory brought forth papers that they had made a deal with Ouanaminthe's city government to be able to continue to develop that site. Rev. Paul reported that the land was being taken and that he

would receive funds to be able to build elsewhere. I called to ask him if he was getting a fair price for the land. He responded, "No, not a fair price. I am working with lawyers to get some of the materials (rebar, wire, etc.) off the property that we can use elsewhere." This was a great disappointment to Rev. Paul as he desired to have a school, with a worship site, on that side of town. He said he will strive to do the best with what he has.

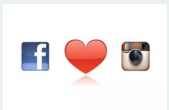
Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) has provided funds to help with a current cholera outbreak in Nord Est Haiti. This includes "mini-tanks" (hand washing facilities with soap and clean water) along with some other hygiene materials. The plan is to have a "mini-tank" at the two schools, the girls' home, and the boys' home. Thank you for your support to allow this health concern to be addressed.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MAY 2023

DATE	7th	14th	21st	28th
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	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson
Scripture Reader	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Rilee Henderson	Debbie Laskey	Jen Wood
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Shara Knapp



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JUNE 2023

DATE	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Meeting at Peace Monroe	Meeting at Peace Monroe
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone		
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis		
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen		
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen		
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin	Jennifer Wood		
Children's Message	Delaine May	Brock Wolitarsky	Mike May	
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas		
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan		

## Stay Connected

### Weekly Connection News Emails

If you would like to subscribe to our weekly Connection News emails, visit the homepage on our website at [www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org](http://www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org) and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

## 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**



# May 2023

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	<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>7</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship Council Meeting (following worship)	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
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<b>28</b> 10:15 am Worship Elders Meeting (following worship)	<b>29</b> Memorial Day Office Closed	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

# Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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