

## 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,

Disaster movies have been a thing for a long time. Many of you can remember films like The Towering Inferno and The Poseidon Adventure or more recently Deep Impact and Armageddon. Typically, these films center on a small group either trying to escape the disaster or prevent something from destroying the planet. The bulk of humanity is not portrayed positively in these films. Either the true nature of the disaster must be kept from them or else they will riot and loot everything, or they actually do find out what’s happening and they riot and loot everything.

One interesting exception is Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. The premise of the film is not unique: an asteroid is going to wipe out all life on Earth. However, the world has warning and the film picks up after the looting and rioting has apparently abated. People simply live their lives as if they only have a week to live because they do. It’s often a fun question to ask and answer.

There’s still another twist on this genre though: the post-apocalyptic film/series. This one has become especially popular in recent years The Walking Dead, The Last of Us and frankly, more movies than I have time or space to name. The name “post-apocalyptic” is interesting itself. Apocalypse is supposed to be the end. All these movies and shows take place after the “end.”

Next week I will preach at Zion Lutheran School’s Baccalaureate service. While it is the end of their time at ZLS, none of the kids will riot or loot anything. They won’t tell off teachers or burn any books even if they want to. Why not? Because while it’s the end of their time at ZLS, it’s not the end of their time anywhere. They all understand what they do now will still have consequences in their next life (high school). We can all learn a lesson from them.

We just came through a pandemic. It might have seemed to some of us that it was going to wipe out most of the world, but we are now living in the post of that apocalypse. I’m not predicting an asteroid or some other cataclysm will wipe out the planet, but I don’t have to do I? You are going to die sooner or later and so am I. But that’s not the end. If you trust in Jesus’ promise of eternal life, you will be with Him forever. You don’t have to do anything to earn the gift He’s already given you. Nothing you do can cause Him to take it away. But what we do now still matters. It matters for people now and it matters in the life to come. If you think you have many years left in you or you are sure there are fewer days ahead then behind you, all of it matters. Every day we wake up, we can go out and take whatever we can, or we can look for ways to love and serve other people. We may see those people again. Wouldn’t it be nice to talk about how you helped each other?

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

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

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

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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

June 11th (following worship)

### Elders Meeting:

TBD

## 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)

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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:

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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

June 22nd

## June Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Delanie May	1	Luke McClellan	25
Sarah Llerenas	2	Jan Aalbu	26
Logan Frederickson	3	Janice Carpenter	27
Audrey Pfiester	9	Sandy Mitchell	30
Julia Repp	19		
Larry Aalbu	20		
Pam Ziemann	22		
Matt Bench	24		
John Laskey	25		
Lindsey McClellan	25		

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Reed Geiger	1
Delanie May	1
Rebecca Cameron	2
Emilie Dawson	15
Susie Rahn	15
Jan Aalbu	18
Larry Aalbu	22
Ernie Frederickson	23
Hayley McClellan	23
Kathleen Hines	28

### Happy Anniversary

Jim & Elaine Repp	6/10	Carl & Sandy Mitchell	6/20
Kirk & Rebecca Geiger	6/13	Dale & Susie Rahn	6/22
John & Debbie Laskey	6/16		
Gary & Vicki Beck	6/19		



## ZLS News

Greetings Zion Families, Alumni, and Donors!

We are excited to announce that our carpeted gym floor is being replaced this summer! With that news, we are reaching out to offer you the opportunity to own a piece of Zion history with our Cut the Carpet campaign!

We are offering you two ways to participate in the Cut the Carpet campaign.

You may preorder a piece of the infamous carpet in an 8" unframed or 4" framed commemorative square. Carpet will be collected on demolition day and cut into proper sizes for purchase.

We will also be accepting donations at the bronze, silver, or gold level. All bronze, silver, and gold donations include an optional 4" framed carpet square. Donors at these levels will have their names included on a Commemorative Wall Plaque which will be on display in the gym.

Demolition day is set for June 12th so carpet orders and donors wanting a framed carpet square will need to place orders by June 10th.

For those donors giving at the bronze, silver, or gold levels and not wanting a carpet square, the deadline is July 31st. This will allow us time to have your name featured on the commemorative plaque. All donations will be used towards the cost of the new gym floor.

Carpet square pick up will take place in the Zion office on Wednesday, June 14th during office hours, 9am - 3pm. If you are unable to make it during those times, please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

To place your order or donate towards the Cut the Carpet campaign please contact Allison DeWitt at [a.dewitt@zionls.org](mailto:a.dewitt@zionls.org) or 425-334-5064.

You, our Zion Community, are always so generous and we appreciate you all. The support we have received from the annual auction has blessed us with the funds needed to launch this project and your continued support is greatly appreciated. We are excited about our school's future and pleased you choose to be a part of it!

## 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

#### 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 June 11th. Classes will resume in the fall.

*The July-September issue of Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies are available on the back table on Sunday mornings.*

### Top Ten Ways To Pray For The Class of 2023

1. Pray for clear direction and wisdom. About 80% of students in the United States end up changing their major at least once, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Pray that they will trust in the Lord with all their heart and not depend on their own understanding. Pray that they will seek His will in all they do, and that He will show them which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
2. Pray that they will form good spiritual habits right away. For many, this will be the first time they have freedom to make decisions on their own. Pray for them about their spiritual habits, study habits, discipline and balance. Pray that they connect with a church and/or a campus ministry quickly.
3. Pray for their roommate(s) and new friendships. As students leave their high schools, many will also leave their friends behind. Pray that they will meet friends who will encourage and support them in their faith journey. Friends who will “spur them on to good works” and not “corrupt good morals”. (Hebrews 10:24, 1 Corinthians 15:33)
4. Pray for their finances. Many students will have to pay for insurance, travel expenses, clothing, food, entertainment etc. Pray that they budget wisely, avoid credit card debt, and look to God to provide.
5. Pray for them as they face temptations. Whether students continue formal education or go directly into the job market, they will encounter people of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, and worldviews. Pray for them to be an example of a Christian in what they say, in the way they live, in their love, their faith, and their purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)
6. Pray for their health and safety.
7. Pray that they will recall what they’ve learned in youth ministry. The veracity of their faith will be challenged. They need to be able to recall the sermons, the Bible studies, the conversations, and the experiences of the high school years, and stay strong.
8. Pray for their teachers, coaches, professors, and counselors. They will encounter many new people in positions of influence. Pray that those people will build into them strength of character, an ability to think, and a sense of purpose
9. Pray for their parents and siblings. College may be the first extended absence that many will experience. Pray that their family bonds remain strong, and that they continue to honor their family.
10. Pray for their witness. They will have incredible opportunities to show an unbelieving world what God is like. Pray that they are bold, confident, and willing to talk about spiritual issues with those that they befriend.

This “Top 10” is part of the two step **Adopt A Graduate** Initiative sponsored by the National Day of Prayer Task Force and interlinic:

- Identify and commit to pray for a graduate in this year’s class

### Ladies Summer Bible Study

\* When: Thursday mornings at 10:00 am beginning Thursday, July 6 and ending Thursday, July 27

\* Description: We will be doing a 4 week study (video only, no homework) called The Master Storyteller by Beth Moore, a study that “explores some of the parables of Jesus...how we, who come into relationship with Him, are swept into His glorious, eternal story as He is made the center of ours.”

If you are interested in joining us for this study, the link for purchasing the listening guide is

<https://store.lproof.org/products/the-master-storyteller-listening-guide?>

Contact MJ Novak (425-239-7945) for more information or if you have any questions.

Location: MJ Novak's home  
13313 74th ST NE

### *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

**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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# High School Graduates

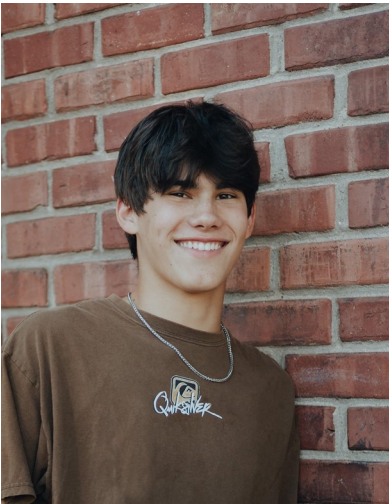


**Audrey Pfister** is graduating from Lake Stevens High School and is planning to attend the University of Arizona in the fall. She is majoring in Nutritional Sciences. She can't wait to have fun in the sun in AZ!

**Congratulations Audrey!**



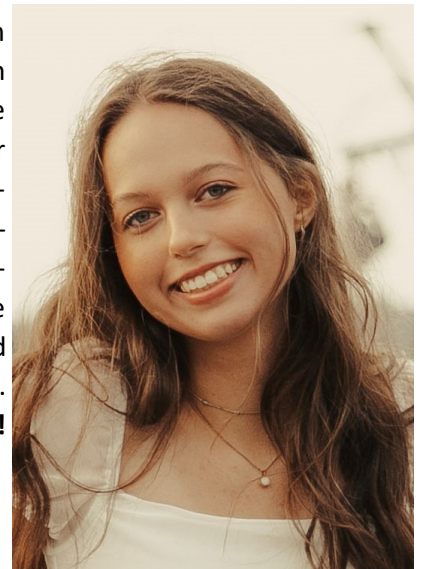
**Kjell Larsen** is graduating June 11th from Washington Virtual Academy. He is planning to attend community college in the fall pursuing a career in engineering. He is currently working at Costco for Dr. Rahn & will be Stage Assistant at the Evergreen State Fair Courtyard Stage this summer. **Congratulations Kjell!**



**Ben Geiger** is graduating from Glacier Peak High School and will be going to Boise State in the fall to study business. **Congratulations Ben!**

**Lindsey McClellan** is graduating from Snohomish High School. She plans on attending Everett Community College in the fall to complete her AA and then transfer to WSU to double major in Sport Management and Marketing. She received a Washington State Honors Award as well as scholarships, The EVCC Academic Excellence award for '23-24 college school year and SJAA-Stecker Leadership award.

**Congratulations Lindsey!**



**Luke McClellan** is graduating from Snohomish High School. He plans on attending Everett Community College in the fall to complete his AA and then transfer to a four year college to continue his studies in the field of Music. Luke received Departmental Scholar awards in Choir and AP English-Verbal expression. He also received a scholarship from the Snohomish Education Foundation. **Congratulations Luke!**

You did it!  
*Congratulations*

**Other Graduates include: Andrea Williams and Maddi Hooper. Congrats Graduates!**

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (May 5 & 19, 2023)

*May 5, 2023*

Greetings,

Rev. Paul sent the attached picture and video on May 1st. In the video he comments, "God's blessings to you! Today is Labor Day...." I thought, "Hold it, Labor Day is in September. Did I miss summer? Was this video sent long ago but I failed to open it?" No, and no, International Labor is May 1st. In 1891, the US President Grover Cleveland adjusted Labor Day to September because the International Labor Day had some socialist origins. He wanted to honor the work force in our country but keep it completely separated from socialism. I responded to Rev. Paul's video that it was interesting to see people working in their agricultural pursuits on Labor Day. I recognized the headmaster of the school and church

plant, Pastor Rev. Yves Thelemarque, and his wife as they were involved in the harvest and planting. They were harvesting okra and corn and planting black-eyed peas and plantain.

The ministry continues to proclaim God's Word and administer the Sacraments as they also teach children, feed people, and provide a stable component in a troubled country. Bless you for being informed and caring for these people.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

*May 19, 2023*

Greetings,

Rev. Paul reported that the ministry is able to pursue their gardening; they have been getting rain regularly--praise God. One of their recent rains also came with high winds. It was not a hurricane, but he said that "it was like a hurricane." The girls home had issues; rain was blown in through the windows which resulted in a lot of work following the storm. However, Rev. Paul remained upbeat and commented, "This is something we can take care of and prevent."

On May 17th, Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) helped in the honoring of the teachers and school personnel. Rev. Paul said, "We hired a bus and took thirty-four teachers and professors to Labadee. They rode in some small boats to a beach and had a meal as they enjoyed this retreat. We thank NEHLM for allowing us to honor our school staff." The experience for the school personnel will not be like that of a young

man I talked to recently who had been on a Caribbean cruise that landed at Labadee. Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises have a secured facility with slides, ziplines, paddle boats, fancy restaurants, etc. to serve those on cruises. There is certainly a Haitian experience of Labadee and a cruise line experience of Labadee. As of right now, I have experienced only the Haitian version and enjoyed it greatly. See three photos below of this teacher appreciation event.

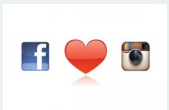
Rev. Paul's church is beginning to obtain materials at the best prices they can to begin work on the foundation of a worship center within the walls of the school complex. This is a desired situation because there is not enough room for worship at its present location within the girls' home facility. There is also the concern of having the girls' home regularly opened to the public.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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# 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		



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JULY 2023

DATE	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Worship Set-Up	Meeting at Peace Monroe	Meeting at Peace Monroe	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down			Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard			Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty Communion Elders			Gary Beck	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen
Greeter			Aalbu Hines	Rahn Frederickson	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader			Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message		Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Rilee Henderson	Debbie Laskey
Altar Guild			TBD	TBD	TBD
Power Point			Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen

## 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**



# June 2023

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<b>4</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship Graduate Recognition Council Meeting (following worship)	<b>5</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	<b>12</b> Office Closed	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		
<b>18</b> 10:00 am Worship @ Peace Monroe	<b>19</b> Office Closed	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		
<b>25</b> 10:00 am Worship @ Peace Monroe	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

# Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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.

**Reminder: We will be meeting at Peace Monroe on June 18, 25, July 2 and 9. Service starts at 10:00 am.**

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