

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,

Lori and I got back from our vacation in Great Britain and Iceland yesterday. It was wonderful thanks for asking. Very long travel day though. The place we stayed for the last couple days didn't have any USB chargers and England's power is different than the rest of Europe or the US. Phones are handy for taking pictures and listening to books on the plane, but more importantly, we needed them for navigation and tickets. Keeping charged was a challenge.

Lori and I walked around for a while in Heathrow looking for a charging station. After trying a couple broken ports, we finally found one next to a couple empty seats. I sat down to read an Andy Stanley book about generosity and Lori left me to find a place to spend the last bit of our British money.

As I was reading, I noticed a young lady walk over. It looked like she wanted to sit down in the seat next to me, where Lori left her backpack. The seat on my other side was empty, so I couldn't see why she would need to sit in that particular chair, but people are weird, so I moved Lori's backpack and asked her if she wanted to sit. As I asked her, the lightbulb finally went off over my head and I said, "Oh, you're looking for a charger."

She told me yes, she had been at 10% forever and couldn't find a free station anywhere. I told her to hang on as I got up and looked at the phone we had plugged in. It was at 75%. Our flight would be over 7 hours long and the last three Iceland air flights didn't have any chargers. I was afraid we wouldn't have enough charge for the whole flight.

This is probably a good time to tell you that in the book I was reading, Andy Stanley says the biggest obstacle to generosity is fear. Part of our struggle in living out our faith is trusting that if we live the way God wants us to, He will provide for our needs. The irony of my situation was not lost on me. If I had been wearing one of my Thrivent "Live Generously" t-shirts, I probably would have laughed out loud.

I unplugged our phone and offered her the cord. She thanked me and asked what I was reading. Sometimes it feels like God is really messing with me. Usually, we think of generosity in terms of money, but we can be generous (or not) with time, possessions, attention, or even battery charging. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who act as stewards with their master's money. The one who allowed fear to rule his actions did not do well. Easier said than done, I know.

Sometimes I wonder why this kind of stuff always happens to me, but I think it's actually happening to all of us all the time. God gives us opportunities to be generous, and fear is always going to tell us we won't have enough if we give some away. In my experience, this is never true. God hasn't provided everything I want, but He has provided everything I need. I have yet to regret responding in faith to a prompt of generosity. Oh, by the way, I landed in Seattle with 9%. God is good all the time.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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:

No meeting this month

Elders Meeting:

July 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

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:

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Elders:

Larry Aalbu (360) 568-4757

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Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

**Next month's newsletter deadline is

July 24th

July Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Rebecca Geiger	4
Alli Dalton	7
Jason Knapp	11
Daisy Llerenas	23
Jill Murray	27

Baptismal Anniversaries

Kirk Geiger	1
Sandy Mitchell	1
Ingrid Uchikawa	1
Sarah Llerenas	7
Maddie Knapp	20
Janice Carpenter	22
Logan Frederickson	22

Happy Anniversary

<i>Jan & MJ Novak 7/15</i>	<i>Rick & Becky Ihrle 7/30</i>
<i>Pete & Debbie Jones 7/17</i>	<i>Dan & Judy Bartelheimer 7/31</i>
<i>Jason & Shara Knapp 7/22</i>	<i>Scott & Pam Ziemann 7/31</i>
<i>Jessica & Brock Wolitarsky 7/22</i>	



ZLS News

Zion Lutheran School Day Camp — July 28th

ZLS students traveling to Washington, D.C. next spring are hosting several fundraiser opportunities. To register for Day camp, please contact the school office at office@zionls.org.



Zion Lutheran School Baseball & Softball Camp—August 1-3

ZLS students traveling to Washington, D.C. next spring are hosting several fundraiser opportunities. Register for baseball & softball camp by July 18th if interested in participating. For more information, please contact the school office at office@zionls.org.



Youth/Family Events

July

- 2—10:00 am Worship @ Peace Monroe
- 4—Independence Day
- 6—Ladies Bible Study
- 9—10:00 am Worship @ Peace Monroe
- 13—Ladies Bible Study
- 20—Ladies Bible Study
- 27—Ladies Bible Study
- 28—ZLS Day Camp

August

- 1-3—ZLS Baseball & Softball Camp

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



Emily Cameron graduated on Saturday, June 10, from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. She is currently searching for an engineering position in the Seattle area, but is hoping to get a full-time position with Leidos, her current internship employer in Lynnwood. **Congratulations Emily!**



News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (June 1 & 16, 2023)

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June 1, 2023

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

When I recently called Rev. Daniel Paul, he was in Fort Liberte to attend a class for lawyers. The endeavor of being involved with law has served Rev. Paul well over the last couple of years as he has overseen the ministry. The instability that Haiti has had since it won independence in 1804 has often been increased with foreign intervention. Many times foreign agencies and governments intended well, but their processes inhibited Haiti from being a more stable country by struggling through their situation. Haiti's present political situation is fairly intense with an assassinated president in 2021 with no elections since then. Gangs are controlling many facets of society; many of these gangs have political connections. We pray for Rev. Paul and the

other Haitians who are diligently working to do what they can for their country.

Cholera continues to be an issue in Nord Est Haiti. The sanitizing stations that were purchased several weeks ago are being used. They are now pursuing hooking up further plumbing for extended use. There is a sanitizing station at the girls' home, boys' home, and at the school. At Baja, a smaller unit is available for them to use. We are thankful to be involved with their pursuit of careful hygiene.

Nord Est Haiti is getting rain now. The gardens were a little bit flooded after one storm but have recovered and are doing well. In Ouanaminthe there was some minor flooding that lasted only a couple hours. The ministry's facilities did not have issues.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

June 16, 2023

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

I have attached two photos that are pictures inside the girls' home compound, where Rev. and his wife (Clincy) live in an apartment upstairs. The piles of rock will be crushed (with sledge hammers) and used to level off and fill in the low areas on the compound's ground. Rev. Paul commented, "We had big rains and this area was flooded. It is lower than others, and water came into it from other areas; it was a big mess. This should help the water to stay outside the compound." He went on to explain that Haiti received a lot of rain that caused bigger problems in other areas. He said, "Some areas had three days of heavy rain. There were sixty people who died in Port au Prince due to the flooding." I inquired about the schools and boys' home, and he affirmed that the rain water did not collect in an area that used to be a problem.

Even with all the rain, the gardens have survived and they are presently harvesting sugar

cane, cassava, and okra. The garden areas absorb the water and usually have a way for excess water to leave.

We are thankful to be involved with a ministry that is genuinely concerned for the children. The Haitian government tries to control organizations that are unhealthy due to cleanliness, abuse, forced labor, and poor care. I was taken on a tour of three other children's homes about four years ago. One other home was a safe environment and the other two were struggling, struggling because they lost support from outside organizations, which may have been because of dishonesty or some other issues. I am delighted that we keep in regular contact and have a strong relationship with Rev. Paul and others in the ministry. On that note, I share that Sarai Paul, Rev. and Clincy's third daughter, has received her student visa. She has been accepted to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Oregon, where I live. My wife and I will be getting a room ready for her in our home as she should be here in August. Praise God!

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman



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	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader			Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message		Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Matt Bench	Jen Wood
Altar Guild			Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas
Power Point			Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen

Ladies Summer Bible Study

Change of location (first week only): The July 6th Bible Study will meet at Lori May's house (6811 110th Avenue NE, Lake Stevens)

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
Lake Stevens

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—AUGUST 2023

DATE	6th	13th	20th	27th
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	Geiger Larsen	Frederickson	Murray Larsen	Aalbu Hines
Scripture Reader	Calvin Joplin	Jennifer Wood	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn
Children's Message	Delanie May	Brock Wolitarsky	Jan Novak	Mike May
Altar Guild	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	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 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**

July 2023

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									1 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
2 10:00 am Worship @Peace Monroe	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed Happy 4th!	5	6	7	8 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am			
9 10:00 am Worship @Peace Monroe	10 Office Closed	11	12	13	14	15 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am			
16 10:15 am Worship	17 Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am			
23/30 10:15 am Worship	24/31 Office Closed	25	26	27	28	29 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.

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

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