



# 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,

Last week I saw a guy wearing a T-shirt that said, “Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.” I looked it up later. The full quote is “Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.” It’s attributed to Robin Williams, though similar thoughts have multiple sources. It struck me as important, profoundly true, and yet not true at the same time.

It’s true that anyone you meet might be struggling with personal tragedy, grief, loss, or some kind of crippling pain. We generally think ourselves to be more perceptive than we are. Many people do a good job hiding what’s going on inside. Honestly, we are usually too busy with our own stuff to pay any attention. We would all do well to look at other people as if they are struggling with something and treat them with the kindness and compassion that comes from realizing that.

Then I considered the source. For those who don’t know, Robin Williams, great comedian and actor, took his own life in 2014. The idea that he would say everyone, including himself, was fighting a battle we know nothing about gives me pause. I grant you that anyone could be in the middle of a personal battle and I would not realize it when we met. But I would not say I know nothing about that battle.

If you are struggling with unemployment, alcoholism, depression, debt, substance abuse, loneliness, betrayal, abandonment or any of the myriad difficulties of the modern human condition, I promise you that someone knows something about that. In fact, many people probably know quite a bit about it. Which is not to say that you aren’t special, you just aren’t alone.

Something we say often at Lamb of God is that “Everyone you meet is someone for whom Christ died.” I’ve never seen that on a T-Shirt. I googled it and got no matches. It might not sell a lot of shirts, but I think it’s better than the Williams quote. It has the same implied encouragement to be kind, but it packs a bigger punch. Not only does the person struggling have a little kindness to look forward to, but they also have the immeasurable love of a savior. That must help in any battle.

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

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

## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

September 10th (following worship)

### Elders Meeting:

September 24th (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:

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  
September 22nd

## September Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Sasha Stogin	4
Patti Foye	6
Corban Repp	14
Justin Brave	19
Emily Cameron	19
Randy Strege	20
Kyra Wood	21
Gloria Strege	23
Cheryl Jamieson	25

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Lori May	1
Matt Bench	14
Sandy Bench	14
Brian Jamieson	17
Mark Cameron	18
Susan Stahl	21
Emily Cameron	24

### Happy Anniversary

Larry & Jan Aalbu 9/9	Ken and Patti Foye 9/28
Matt & Sandy Bench 9/10	Milt & Susie Grover 9/28
Brian & Cheryl Jamieson 9/22	Randy & Gloria Strege 9/28



## 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 Events

#### September

4—Labor Day

10—Rally Sunday

Sunday Morning Bible Class  
and Sunday School Resume

Church BBQ following  
worship

## Rally Sunday—September 10th

Rally Sunday is September 10th. Adult Bible Class and Middle School/High Class will resume meeting at 9:00 am. The Adult class will resume with Mark, Chapter 10.

There will be a barbeque lunch following morning worship. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Drinks will be provided. Please bring either a salad or a dessert to share.

## Stay Connected

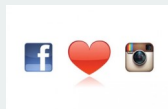
### **Weekly Connection News Emails**

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## Portals of Prayer

The October-December 2023 issue of Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies are available on the back table on Sunday mornings.

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July 27, 2023

Greetings,

Thursday, July 27th, Bob Wingfield, representing the Kurt Marquardt Foundation, will be visiting Rev. Daniel Paul at La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO--The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage). The Kurt Marquardt Foundation was set up to support Haitian men as they are being educated to be pastors. There is a desire to build a seminary and/or possibly have a few "satellite" sites. This is exciting for the Haitian Lutheran Church and for Rev. Paul.

Typhoid has continued to be a concern for people in Haiti. MADO has been recognized as a facility that has provided care in the past, and the government wants to support MADO to continue to serve. A couple young ladies of the ministry have some nursing training; we will see what happens with this opportunity.

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) president Ernie Frederickson and I are scheduled to fly to Santiago, Dominican

Republic, August 8-11, to have meetings with Rev. Daniel Paul and Rev. Yves Thelemarque (Headmaster of the school and pastor to the Baja church). Lord willing, Rev. Paul's daughter Sarai will return with me to attend Eastern Oregon University this fall while living with my wife and me. NEHLM normally promotes their higher education in Haiti; a few have gone to the Dominican Republic. This opportunity for Sarai is a gift to the Rev. Daniel and Cliney Paul family which we trust will enhance NEHLM's ability to exchange communications (thank you, sponsors, we have already received some cards). We also desire her presence in the states to be shared with others as we are able. Let me know if you are interested in hosting a presentation, and we will check feasibility.

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

August 14, 2023

Greetings,

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran (NEHLM) President Ernie Frederickson and I had a memorable trip to visit Rev. Daniel Paul and Rev. Yves Thelemarque and their wives last week. There were some hiccups in travel (cancelled and delayed flights, having to spend nights in places we did not plan, etc.). Yet we were able to visit the ministry in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. It was great to share a meal with them (see picture below), see enhancements on the school building since I was there in 2021, greet appreciative, friendly people, and deliver & collect communications. The ministry continues to preach the Word of God, care for people, and enrich the lives of many. Praise God and thank you for your interest in this ministry.

As we were leaving the area they received a healthy rain. This was the first substantial rain for a while and greatly appreciated. I have a picture of Cliney Paul (Rev. Daniel Paul's wife) standing in a patch of lush cassava plants with a piece of sugar cane in her hand. Eating sugar

cane raw is a common practice. Sweet, but not as sweet as items made with refined sugar.

The other picture below is of a worship service in which they were celebrating the anniversary of the church. It was a week-long celebration that Rev. Paul called "Revival."

We brought Sarai (Sa ra ee) back with us; she is Paul Rev. and Cliney's twenty-year-old daughter who is set to attend Eastern Oregon University in my hometown of La Grande, Oregon. She has some presentations for the ministry to give at churches in the Puget Sound area August 18-September 3. This morning I went with her to the university for placement exams, and she is now officially registered. My wife and I appreciate this opportunity to have her live with us through the school year.

God's peace,  
Rev. Sam Wiseman

# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—SEPTEMBER 2023

DATE	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck
Greeter	Rahn	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Frederickson
Scripture Reader	Larry Aalbu	Calvin Joplin	Jennifer Wood	Elaine Repp
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Gary Beck	Matt Bench	Jennifer Wood
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—OCTOBER 2023

DATE	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn
Greeter	Murray Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Rahn	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Calvin Joplin	Jennifer Wood	Elaine Repp
Children's Message	Delanie May	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester
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<b>3</b> 10:15 am Worship	<b>4</b> LABOR DAY Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 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

## 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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