

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

Hello Lamb of God,

When I was an intern, a member of the church where I was working gave me a book they read and enjoyed. They told me the author had discovered that the prophecies of the book of Isaiah were being played out in the United States today. I asked them what the author thought that meant. They didn't really have an answer. Apparently, the appeal of the book was simply that someone had discovered some secret meaning in an Old Testament book. The Bible Code, which reached New York Times best seller status is just one example of the appeal of this kind of secret meaning uncovered in old text. There are many others.

You may have heard that you can sync up Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon with The Wizard of Oz. If you start the album on the third roar of the MGM intro there are some interesting features. If you are curious, you can look it up on YouTube. What does it mean? As far as I can tell it means that stoners had a lot of time on their hands.

Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us, “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.” At the time, God hadn't revealed the greatest mystery. Now He has.

Paul tells us in Romans 11:25 “I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters” What's the mystery? “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8) Gentiles (you and me) were included in God's plan to save and restore all humanity. There's plenty of stuff in our personal lives and in God's grand plan that He hasn't revealed yet. Like everyone else, I have things I would like to know, but can't. Fortunately, what I do know informs what I don't. The big questions like who I am, why I'm here, is there a God and how does He feel about me, shine a light on things like will I get that job, what's the diagnosis going to be and are my kids going to be alright. Those are important also, but the first questions make not knowing the second ones manageable.

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:

December 10th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

December 3rd (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.*

www.facebook.com/lambofgodlakestevens/

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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:

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 December 20th.*

December Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Carl Mitchell	13
Jennette Stockton	18
Brian McDonald	22
Chris Dalton	29
Dylan Knapp	31

Baptismal Anniversaries

Carrie Brave	1
Jill Murray	3
Mike May	5
Connor McDonald	14
Kayla McDonald	14
Kelly McDonald	14
Ben Pfiester	17
Jill Williams	19
Christine Pfiester	21
Elaine Repp	23

Happy Anniversary

Ralph & Jan Whitman 12/27



Youth/Family EventsDecember

- 1—Pickleball 7:00-9:00 pm
- 17—Youth Christmas Service
- 23—Christmas Caroling at LLC
- 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm (No 10:15 am service)
- 25—Christmas Day (No service)
- 31—New Year's Eve

January

- 1—New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- 15—MLK Day



Christmas Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH--CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH--CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
 SERVICE @ 7:00 PM (NO 10:15 AM SERVICE)
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH--NO SERVICE

Pickleball Night

Join us on **Friday, December 1st from 7:00-9:00 pm** in the ZLS gym for a fun night of pickleball. All equipment will be provided. Please wear non marking sole shoes. Socks will work, too. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Baskets—Helping Hand Fund

Christmas Baskets Become Helping Hands Fund

For many years, Lamb of God has created Christmas food baskets that were delivered to people who could use additional groceries at Christmas. But eating habits have changed. Many people are gluten free, vegetarian, diabetic or low salt making a 'one size fits all' grocery purchases difficult.

This year, and in the years ahead, the Christmas basket fund is becoming a fund to help those in need with gift cards - - not just at Christmas, but Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter. We are renaming it the Helping Hands Fund. The cost of everything continues to increase and many people who didn't need help in the past can use some help now. Each of us know someone or a family this year that could use some help. Beginning Sunday, October 29th, please identify someone you think could use help by signing up on the back table. The following Sunday, a card plus gift card will be given to you to give/send to that person(s). It's an easy way to help people and we would like to see EVERY PERSON at Lamb of God identify someone who could use a Helping Hand this season.

And, if you'd like to contribute to the fund, checks can be made to Lamb of God, with Helping Hand fund in the memo line.

As Christmas approaches, it has been a custom at Lamb of God to recognize the staff with Christmas gifts from the congregation. Please consider making a donation between now and December 17th to help this tradition continue. Donations can be given to Ruben Alanis (Treasurer), Susie Rahn (Financial Secretary) or put in the collection plate, clearly marking your envelope or check as Staff Christmas Gifts. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.

Ministry/Stewardship Opportunities at Lamb of God

All Things Sunday Morning

Updated October 20223

Worship Set-up	Two or three people are needed either Saturday or early Sunday am to set up the chairs, piano, tables, altar (put in place only), pulpit, banners, sound board system. Time involved is 30-40 minutes. (Door key and Sonitrol code needed by one person per team).	Contact Shara Knapp
Worship Take-Down	Two or three people are needed to put away chairs, tables, piano, altar, pulpit, banners, and sound board system.	Contact Shara Knapp
Worship Team: Vocalists and Musicians	Assist in the music ministry for worship. Experience preferred but not necessary. Vocal training available. Instrumentalist needs to be skilled on their instrument.	Contact Jan Novak
Fellowship/Greeters	Arrive early; provide refreshments and make coffee for fellowship. Be at church by 10 am to greet those arriving for worship. After worship, re-engage with visitors. Introduce them to someone. Put away items from the refreshment table, empty trash cans and vacuum crumbs from carpet.	Contact Shara Knapp
Sound Board	Operate and control the sound board during worship team practice and during the service. Training will be provided.	Contact Jan Novak
PowerPoint	Run the PowerPoint presentation on the laptop during worship. Training will be provided.	Contact Shara Knapp
Scripture Reading	Reading of the Old Testament and Epistle lessons during the service.	Contact Gary Beck or Jan Novak
Children's Message	Sharing a short biblical story for the children of the congregation during service (ideas provided).	Contact Pastor Mike or Jan Novak
Nursery	Take care of children during worship, put away toys and tidy up the room.	Willing to be part of a team that starts a Nursery? Contact Pastor Mike
Kid's Zone/ Sunday School Teacher	Provide a short lesson and craft for kids during the sermon.	Contact Pastor Mike or Jan Novak
Altar Guild	Set up altar and communion (1 st and 3 rd Sundays; special services) as well as take down.	Contact Hayley McClellan

Church Leadership/Care

Church Council	Provide leadership and vision for the church's future. Look after the financial needs of the church.	Contact Brock Wolitarsky (President), Jill Murray (VP) or Pastor Mike
Church Board of Elders	Look after the spiritual needs of the church. Call or visit people and pray for them.	Contact Pastor Mike or Gary Beck
Building and Grounds Trustees/Volunteers	Look after the physical needs of the church and school. Mowing, painting, repairs, etc.	Contact Gary Beck
Vacation Bible Camps (Basketball Drama, Cooking, etc.)	Volunteer to lead or help with Summer Day Camps.	Contact Pastor Mike or Jan Novak
Zion Lutheran School (ZLS)	Attend/support ZLS events (chapel, programs, work-days, etc.) coaching, classroom volunteers (work with students, assist teachers with bulletin boards, etc.)	Contact Sandy Bench or Deb Alanis
Sarah Small Group Leader/Member	Lead or attend one of the small groups. Discuss scripture, enjoy fellowship, pray for one another and seek to do good.	Contact Pastor Mike
Children's Christmas Program	Direct/assist with children's Christmas program.	Contact Shara Knapp
Men's Bible Study	Lead or attend a men's Bible study. Monday 6:30 pm	Contact John Laskey or Gary Beck
Women's Bible Study	TBD.	Contact MJ Novak or Susie Rahn

Community Outreach and Missions

Lord's Little Cooker	Set-up and serve breakfast every Saturday morning for those in need. Everett	Contact Jan Novak or Pastor Mike
Lake Stevens Area Events	Zion Harvest Festival, Back to School back packs, Food Bank, Oktoberfest, Christmas baskets, and more.	More information can be found in bulletins and newsletters as events are scheduled
Missions	Haiti mission	Contact Pastor Mike
LAMP	Travel to northern British Columbia or Alaska to lead vacation bible school – Timing TBD	Contact Jan Novak
Pregnancy Resource Center	Support the Pregnancy Resource Center in Everett	Contact Jill Murray

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (November 1 & 15, 2023)

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November 1, 2023

A Blessed All Saints Day to You,

Rev. Paul reported that he is providing worship services Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (November 1st) in recognition of All Saints Day. I told him about some of our culture's fixation on the darker side of this time with decorations, costumes, etc. He responded, "Oh, we have that stuff also; connected with voodoo; they celebrate the "Day of the Dead." His response is to amplify healthy spiritual practices with worship services in recognition of All Saints Day.

He switched his phone to take me on a walk through parts of the girls' home that was receiving a major cleaning. Furniture and some clothes were set outside. Then he showed me the inside of the building where several people with a hose, brushes, and rags were scrubbing down the floors and walls. "This is cleaning day that Cliney (his wife) is leading. Today the girls' home and tomorrow the boys' home." They make consistent efforts to have a sanitary environment.

The attached picture is of some workers in

the gardens using cows to plow the soil in preparation for planting. Planned items to plant at this time are bananas, plantain, cassava, and black beans.

This area will get water from a well when needed.

God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman



November 15, 2023

Greetings,

Rev. Daniel Paul's wife, Cliney, fell down recently and hurt her shoulder. Rev. Paul reported that she received some medical care and medicine and her shoulder is getting better. We pray for her continued recovery and for those who have helped fill the gaps of the multitude of tasks that she daily undertakes as she has been slowed down a bit.

I have attached a photo of a hand-dug, 50 feet deep well that is next to some garden land. The process of digging a well is a lot of physical labor and not a job for those who are claustrophobic. A similar well was a desire for a USA citizen who went on several short term missions trips to La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO-The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage). He went on a separate trip and undertook the digging of a well,

for which the ministry is thankful. The picture is of a different well recently dug by some Haitians. Rev. Paul reported, "The garden land the well is close to has very good soil. We are able to harvest many food items from this area. This well will allow us to get consistent good harvests. Praise God!"

God's peace,
Rev. Sam Wiseman



SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—DECEMBER 2023

DATE	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
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	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Frederickson	No Greeters	Aalbu Hines
Scripture Reader	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Calvin Joplin	Jennifer Wood
Children's Message	Jan Novak	Matt Bench	Children's Christmas Service	No Children's Message	Gary Beck
Altar Guild	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Heidi Llerenas	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Jim Repp	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp

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Weekly Connection News Emails

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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JANUARY 2024

DATE	7th	14th	21st	28th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Frederickson	Murray Larsen
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Elaine Repp	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Jan Novak	Delanie May	Brock Wolitarsky
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Power Point	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Jim Repp

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**

December 2023

						1 Pickleball 7:00-9:00 pm	2 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
3 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
10 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	11 Office Closed	12	13	14	15	16 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
17 10:15 am Worship Children's Christmas Service	18 Office Closed	19	20	21	22	23 Christmas Caroling Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm (No 10:15 am service)	25 Christmas Day Office Closed (No service)	26	27	28	29	30 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
31 10:15 am Worship							

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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LIVE LIKE JESUS

Join Us for Worship at 10:15 am

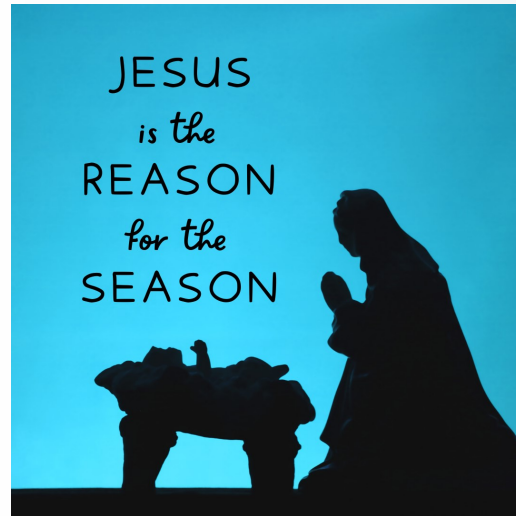
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Family Education: 9:00 am

Worship Hour: 10:15 am

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



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