

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

Happy 2024!

We hope all of you had a blessed Christmas and pray your new year is filled with many blessings. Thank you for the congregation’s generous Christmas gift and for your continued prayers and support. We are truly blessed to serve our Lord Jesus along side each and every one of you.

Pastor Mike, Jan and Shara



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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

3923 103rd AVE SE

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

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

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

January 14th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

January 28th (following worship)

****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
January 24th.

January Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Stacie Leaf	1	Kathleen Hines	28
MJ Novak	6	Gavin Knapp	28
Dixon Marshall	10	Kayden Hayter	29
Sandy Bench	11		
Pete Jones	11		
Jennifer Wood	16		
Ben Geiger	17		
Joelle Cameron	25		
Natalie Hansen	27		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jason Knapp	1
Scott Leaf	1
Amanda Pfiester	11
Stacie Leaf	21
Gavin Knapp	28

Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Jennette Stockton 01/20



Baby Shower

It's a boy! Baby Shower for Jessica Wolitarsky!

Join us in celebrating Jessica Wolitarsky as she and Brock will be welcoming a baby boy in March.

Sunday, January 14th at 1:00 pm at MJ Novak's home (13313 74th ST NE, Lake Stevens). Desserts and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to MJ at 425-239-7945.

Jessica and Brock are registered at babylist.com which includes Amazon and Target. You can view their list [here](#). Their baby theme is classic Winnie the Pooh.

New Church Directory—Coming Soon!

New Church Directory Coming in early 2024.

Scan the QR code to access the google form. Please update your information by January 25th. Thank you!



Pickleball Night

Join us on **Friday, January 5th 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! **Next pickleball night—February 2nd @ 7:00 pm**

Christmas Baskets—Helping Hand Fund—Update

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Christmas Basket Fund which is transitioning to a new name the Helping Hands Fund! December 2023 was a busy time in getting gift cards to people needing help this Christmas season. Eighteen \$100 gift cards were sent out or given to the requestors to give to the people they had identified. Three cards went to foster families, who were identified to someone at Lamb of God as people needing assistance. The foster kids wish lists were 'adopted' from a giving tree to supply gifts for Christmas. On the 21st of December, the people who had said they would provide gifts told the foster agency that they couldn't afford to purchase gifts after all. Lamb of God gift cards will help the foster families quickly shop for Christmas presents for seven kids! Many other cards went to families experiencing medical issues and one other recipient family told the requestor that until they received the gift card Lamb of God provided, they had been eating only eggs and toast for the past two weeks.

The needs are all around us. And the Helping Hands Fund is there to help people you may know any time of year. Just note your request on the Helping Hands list on the back table on Sundays or let Shara know. And, contributions are always appreciated.

Here's a few responses from some of the gift card recipients:

- "Much love. Thank you for everything"
- "Thank you very much for the Christmas gift card. I hope you have a great Christmas. God bless."
- "Great timing. Our coffee pot just died. Then I spent the rest on food with only 6 cents left. Thank you so much!"

Youth/Family Events

January

- 1—New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- 5—Pickleball @ 7:00 pm
- 15—MLK Day

February

- 2—Pickleball @ 7:00 pm
- 19—Presidents Day

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.

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (December 14 & 29, 2023)

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December 14, 2023

Greetings as the Prince of Peace Jesus Christ Has Made His Advent!

The attached photos are from the December 10th Bible Feast. Rev. Paul informed me that the second Sunday in December is Haiti's National Bible Feast Day. You can see this is a well-attended service with overflow seating being used. Cliney, Rev. Paul's wife, used this day as an opportunity to honor the Sunday School teachers. You can see a couple certificates that will be awarded to the teachers in the foreground of one of the pictures. There was a "feast" of food also as the participants were fed a meal; what a great way to involve the community as people are led to Holy Scripture.

I am delighted to hear that there are a couple groups from the USA that will be visiting with the ministry in January. They will fly into Cap Haitien. It is encouraging to see that travel is being made safely, at least to the northeastern area of Haiti. There are still concerns with traveling in and around Port au Prince in southern Haiti and the Dominican Republic border continues to be closed. Rev. Paul reported that



they will not be able to attend Wilson's graduation in Les Cayes this month because "there are robberies; the gangs even hijacked a bus recently." We continue to pray for an effective government to be operating in Haiti. We are thankful for the ability to travel in northern Haiti.

We talked about desires for consistent outreach through Rev. Paul's ministry. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) and Rev. Paul pursue consistent communication with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. These two church bodies are in altar and pulpit fellowship, and we desire coordinated efforts to flow.

God's peace,
Rev. Samuel Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser
nehlm.org



December 29, 2023

Bon Ane Nouvo, that is, Happy New Year!

Let us approach this year with anticipation of God's work in our lives and the lives of those we love. In Luther's Small Catechism we are reminded that "The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also" (Luther's Small Catechism, Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer).

Rev. Daniel Paul's ministry is getting ready for a festive New Year's Celebration. (Note: the first of January is also Haiti's Independence Day. This will be Haiti's 220th Independence Day, the second oldest country in the Americas.) Rev. Paul commented, "Oh, we will feed everyone a meal and have several services. We will honor our teachers and workers with whatever we can provide; they are very important for the success of this ministry. Cliney (his wife) is still dealing with some shoulder pain from her accident several weeks ago, and she is also dealing with a little flu, but she wants to be involved however she can. This is what she likes to

do." NEHLM did have some funds to forward to him to allow for them to serve this meal (likely 200-400 meals) and help in honoring those who serve. We are so blessed to enhance their celebration--thank you!

In the attached photos you will see Wilson Servius is his graduation gown with a university degree in agriculture. His class had about forty graduates. He sent several pictures with some in daylight hours in the gowns and some at night with fireworks, still in their gowns. The second photo shows a well-tended garden plot with food to be appreciated in the new year. The third photo shows flooding that occurred near the homes; it rained five days in a row before December 20th. Rev. Paul reported that the children's homes did not have an issue but navigating the school required some wading; they used a truck to get people moved.

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

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	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
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	Calvin Joplin	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Jan Novak	Delanie May	Brock Wolitarsky
Altar Guild	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin



SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2024

4th	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn
Greeter	Aalbu Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Frederickson
Scripture Reader	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Jennifer Wood	Matt Bench	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas
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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**

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	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5 Pickleball 7:00-9:00 pm	6 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
7 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	8 Office Closed	9	10	11	12	13 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
14 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	15 MLK Day Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
21 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship With communion	22 Office Closed	23	24	25	26	27 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
28 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	29 Office Closed	30	31			

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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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