

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,

Everyone probably already knows I enjoy movies. TV is okay, but there aren't many shows I enjoy. I do like Fargo. The series was based on the movie of the same name. It's a true crime style show, though if you watch for a while, you will figure out the whole thing is fiction. This past season was (in my opinion) accidentally brilliant.

There was a theme of debt running through the whole show. Jennifer Jason Leigh plays a woman who has made a fortune from the debt consolidation business. She constantly manipulates people by leveraging their debt. One of the police officers is struggling with crippling debt her worthless husband accumulated. After a botched kidnapping, some people argue over what is owed to whom. Each side make his case, citing incompleteness of the job, insufficient information provided and pain and suffering. Very hard feelings come from the perception of that debt.

In the last episode, there's a conversation about a debt that "must be paid" and one character asks, "Why?" What if someone can't pay the debt? Why does it have to be paid at all? Isn't it better to say the debt should be forgiven?

If you are a money lender you already know why a debt should not simply be forgiven. Because ultimately, someone still pays. I'm not going to get into the political implications of forgiving student loans, but I do hope that all the young people who took out those loans at least got enough from their college education to understand that someone has to absorb those costs. They don't disappear even if congress votes in favor of it.

But what happens if someone can't pay their debt? Do we seize their possessions and sell them off? Garnish their wages or force them to work it off somehow? What if that's still not enough? What if we all owe a debt we could never pay? Actually, we do. It's called sin.

Every selfish thing you and I have ever done is like running up a tab we have no hope of paying. God had every right to demand payment, throw us into debtor's prison forever. Instead, He cancelled the debt. Wait, it doesn't work like that does it? Someone must absorb the cost. Someone did. Jesus paid our debt. Because of Him we can all live free and clear. No one will demand payment of a debt that's already been settled. That would be unjust, and God is not unjust.

Apparently, Fargo almost cut that scene. I'm glad they didn't, because it really is better to say the debt is forgiven. Christ has done it for us and because of that, we can do it for one another.

Blessings, Pastor Mike



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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

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

February 11th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

February 25 (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:

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 February 21st.**

February Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Annie Stogin	3
Milt Grover	4
Susie Rahn	5
Vicki Beck	6
Dale Rahn	13
Brock Wolitarsky	22
Susie Grover	24
Cindy Frederickson	26

Baptismal Anniversaries

Ben Geiger	1
Joelle Cameron	4
MJ Novak	4

Happy Anniversary

Ernie & Cindy Frederickson 2/12



Ash Wednesday Service

Join us for Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 14th. We will NOT be Live streaming this service. There will be a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm.

Looking Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday—February 14

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday—March 24

Worship @ 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday—March 28

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday—March 29

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday—March 31

Worship @ 10:15 am

**There will be Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday only.*

Youth/Family Events

February

2—Pickleball @7:00 pm

14—Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 pm

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

19—Presidents Day

March

1—Pickleball @ 7:00 pm

24—Palm Sunday

28—Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 pm

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

29—Good Friday Service

31—Easter

Pickleball Night

Join us on **Friday, February 2nd 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! **Upcoming pickleball nights—March 1st & May 3rd @ 7:00 pm**

Zion Lutheran School News

Zion Lutheran School 35th Annual Auction

Saturday, April 27th

At Thomas Family Farm

9010 Marsh RD Snohomish

Reservations

\$70 per guest

Please see our Sponsorship page to host a table

Salmon & Short Rib Dinner

Presented by Trails End Catering

Doors open | 4:30

Silent Auction Opens | 4:30

Silent Auction Closes | 6:00

Dinner & Live Auction | 6:30 - 9:30

All are welcome (18+ please)

Please invite your friends & family!

Please RSVP no later than April 19th

For more information visit:

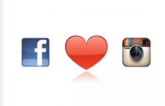
www.zionlsauction.com

Weekly Connection News Emails

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News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (January 12, 2024)

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January 12, 2024

The Lord Be with You Through This Year!

First, a couple notes about my wife's and my houseguest, Sarai Paul. She did very well in the fall quarter at Eastern Oregon University with a 97% average. We are delighted to see this success and her diligence with her studies. Sarai was able to spend some time over the Christmas break with extended family on her mom's side of the family in Boston, Massachusetts. This was refreshing for her to be with some family, many of whom she was meeting for the first time. She was also delighted to have more Haitian cooking. "Joumou Soup"--Pumpkin Soup--is a Haitian tradition for New Year's Day. She said, "We made pumpkin soup on New Year's Eve and ate it all day long on New Year's Day."

The pictures attached are from the New Year's celebrations at the ministry in Haiti. Note: January 1st is also Haiti's Independence Day. Haiti was founded in 1804. They had celebrations on December 31st, January 1st, 2nd, and 6th. Rev. Paul commented, "We had people from the community and served meals for each of the worship cele-

brations. New Year's Day was Joumou Soup and the other days included rice, beans, vegetables, and beef." I asked if all that cow was eaten at those meals and he responded, "Yes, we had a lot of people, and we are thankful to have them celebrate with us."

The border with the Dominican Republic is still closed; however, some economic strain has been relieved with Ouanaminthe being able to have Market Days with vendors from the Dominican Republic involved. There continues to be inflation and economic stress; in Rev. Paul's words, "The people are just exhausted."

God's peace,
Rev. Samuel Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser
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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	Phil Bates	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
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MARCH 2024

4th	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen
Greeter	Murray Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Frederickson Rahn
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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**

February 2024

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					Pickleball 7:00-9:00 pm	Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	Office Closed					Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	Office Closed		7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service			Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship With communion	Office Closed					Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
25	26	27	28	29		
9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	Office Closed					

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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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