

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,

The other day at the gym there was a young guy who had apparently never lifted weights before. He had some app on his phone that probably made things look much easier than they were in real life. The manager must have noticed him close to killing himself and since there were no trainers available, she told him that I would be able to help him. Later she apologized for interrupting my workout and volunteering me. I told her honestly, I didn't mind at all. We spend a lifetime learning things, often the hard way, and if we don't share them with someone else, they just die with us. It feels good to be useful.

If you are reading this, you probably know this already, but you might not have considered the other side of it. That young guy never in a million years would have asked me to help him. That's why he had an app in the first place. But our reluctance to ask for help doesn't really make life better for the people around us. It robs them of the opportunity to be useful.

Right before Jesus died, He got up from a meal and began washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-12). Peter was so uncomfortable with this he protested. I think I would have as well. It's hard enough imagining having a servant do that for me, but Jesus? I'm not sure it's because I'm so humble. Sure, that's what I would tell myself, but I don't think it's true. You know what I hear people say their greatest fear is as they get older? Not pain, limited mobility or even death. Whatever happens to them they don't want to be a burden on their family. I get that too, even though I think it's no more humble than Peter's resistance.

Jesus' example certainly taught the disciples how to serve other people. They needed to learn that as much as we often do. But that evening, He also taught them how to be served. There are complicated power dynamics involved in our resistance to being served. It can reflect an attitude that charity only flows from those who have to those who do not. That's wrong too. What would happen if everyone refused to accept acts of service? We would all miss out on something vital.

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,
(425) 418-6270

worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

April 14th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

April 28th (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

The church office is typically open Tuesdays 9-11:30 am & Wednesdays/Thursdays 9:00am-3:00 pm. Pastor Mike, Jan and Shara can be reached anytime by contacting them directly via phone, text, or email.

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

****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

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Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381

Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

****Next month's newsletter deadline is**

April 22nd

April Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Debbie Laskey	3
Heather Stahl	3
Kirk Geiger	4
Alex Stogin	8
Kelly McDonald	14
Tyler Hayter	15
Jessica Wolitarsky	22

Baptismal Anniversaries

John Laskey	3
Debbie Laskey	6
Kyra Wood	12
Jim Repp	29
Justin Brave	30

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Lynn Riley 4/07



Zion Lutheran School News



PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024

THOMAS FAMILY FARMS
9010 MARSH RD. SNOHOMISH

DOORS OPEN 4:30
SILENT AUCTION 4:30 - 6:00
DINNER & LIVE AUCTION 6:30 - 9:30

\$70 PER GUEST
Table sponsorships also available

Visit www.zionlsauction.com
to RSVP & reserve your seats

Come as you are, in your Sunday best or have
fun and dress for the theme!

Youth/Family Events

April

- 1-5—Spring Break
- 19—Pickleball @ 7:00 pm
- 27—ZLS Auction
- 27-28 Middle School Youth Gathering

May

- 3—Pickleball 7:00 pm
- 17—Pickleball 7:00 pm
- 18—Alaska Fundraiser Raffle
- 19—Church BBQ
- 27—Memorial Day

Zion Lutheran School Auction
April 27, 2024

Lamb of God Auction Basket

“Wine Basket”

Donation Items suggested:

Wines, wine glasses, wine accessories
Charcuterie,
(specialty meats, cheese, crackers, board, etc...)
Chocolate...

Contact Teri Larsen if you would like
to donate any items.



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.

You are Invited!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Psalm 90:1

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church invites your congregation to join us for the celebration of 100 years of worship at 4th Street and Avenue A.

Our anniversary worship service will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024, in our sanctuary. Northwest District President Paul Linnemann will be preaching. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall where we will have pictures of Zion's building history on display.

We hope you will join us!

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Website: zionsnohomish.360unite.com

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
Ephesians 2:22



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is celebrating 100 years of worship together at 4th Street and Avenue A on Saturday, April 6th, at 4:00 p.m. We would like to invite anyone who would like to join together in a choir to come sing with us that Saturday. Our rehearsal would be in the Zion sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact our church office at snohomishsecretary@gmail.com or Tyleen Stults at montemom5@gmail.com for PDFs of the 2 choir pieces. We would love to have you join us!

Servant Trip to Chitna, Alaska Update and Fundraiser

Quilt Raffle

This beautiful quilt is being raffling to help support this trip.

Tickets are \$5

The drawing will be May 18th

Get your tickets from:

- Bryn or Evey Larsen,
- Christine or Amanda Pfiester
- Delanie May



PICKLEBALL *Night*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ZLS GYM
Wear non marking sole shoes or socks

More Information :
Contact Matt Bench or Gary Beck

Join us on **Friday, April 19th 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—May 3 & May 17 7:00 pm**

PSYB
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
GATHERING

**APRIL
27-28**

Camp Arnold
Eatonville, WA

JOHN 15:1-5
"I AM THE VINE"

SAVE THE DATE

For Your Review Before the Spring Voter's Meeting

Lamb of God Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting November 19, 2023

Attendance: See attached.

Opening Prayer by Brock Wolitarsky

Minutes of the May 21, 2023 meeting was approved unanimously with a motion by Gary Beck and a second by John Laskey.

Treasurer's Report: (See attached). Jill Murray reported in Ruben's absence. She reported that the Helping Hands were up to date. She presented the proposed budgets noting that the contribution to Haiti has been increased to \$4000 per year. Phil Bates made a motion to accept the proposed Operating budget for 2024. Brock Wolitarsky seconded the motion and it passed. Kris Werfelmann made a motion to accept the Giving Life budget. Joelle Cameron seconded the motion and it passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor gave a building update. He recapped GRO's plan. He had nothing new to report.

Youth/Worship Report: Jan Novak reported that they are updating equipment as needed. The youth will be leading the service on December 17th. He wanted to thank Vicki Beck and Stacie Leaf for leading the Kid Zone. He would like to

have 2 more volunteers to help with that.

Elders Report: Gary Beck expressed gratitude for all our workers. December 24th we will have an evening service only. On Pentecost, they are planning a potluck like we had on Rally Sunday. They are looking to add another elder to fill the vacancy left by Ernie Frederickson.

Zion Lutheran School Board: Brock Wolitarsky reported that they now have 301 students. They are running out of room. They are adding 2 more teachers over the summer. Seven of the teachers are finishing Seminar and one is completing Colloquy. Brock requested continued prayer for the school.

Elections: Brock presented the slate of officers up for election. Geoff Larsen for Vice President. Ruben Alanis for Treasurer. Deb Alanis for School Board Representative. Gary Beck moved to accept the presented slate of officers. Lori May seconded the motion and it passed.

Jill Murray moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Dale Rahn seconded it. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Kris Werfelmann
Secretary

Lamb of God Lutheran Church Special Congregational Meeting March 3, 2024

Attendance: See attached.

Opening Prayer by Geoff Larsen

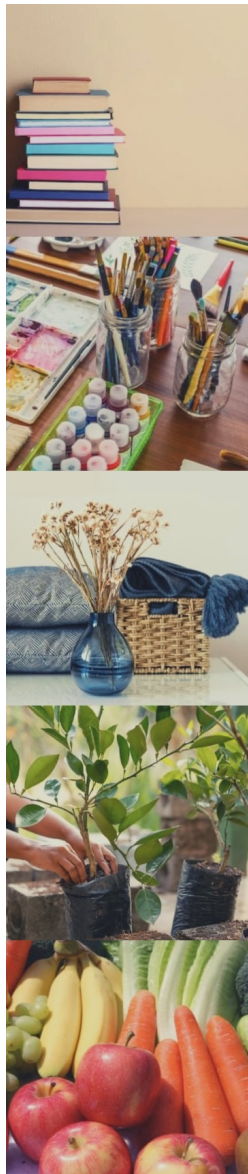
Pastor's Report: Pastor May gave an update on the property and proposed worship facility. We sold the property in Lake Stevens and had \$870,000 after expenses which has been invested with Vanguard. GRO completed an area survey and contextual drawings. Their feedback was for \$4 million for the church and \$16 million for the school. Both the church and the school were in agreement that this was too high of a cost. The proposed layout would be a two story school building with 8 classrooms just beyond the current Lamb of God office. The church would be a similar design as GRO presented adjacent to the gym. So far they have gotten preliminary steel building estimates and are in discussion with Galloway Law Office on next steps. The attorney handling this is Peter Rudolph with Galloway. Lamb of God and Zion Lutheran School will each have their own building committees. Lamb of God will be drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with Zion. This will be presented in the May Congregational meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to establish a Lamb of God building committee. The proposed building committee would consist of Ruben Alanis, Geoff Larsen, Pastor Mike May, Jill Murray and Dale Rahn. Gary Beck moved to accept the proposed building committee. Jennifer Wood seconded the motion and it passed. The second motion to accept Geoff Larsen as the signer on behalf of the congregation on this committee was made by Gary Beck and seconded by Deb Alanis. After some discussion, it was suggested that the motion be amended to include Jill Murray as a signer along with Geoff Larsen. Ruben Alanis moved to amend the motion and Jennifer Wood seconded the motion and it passed. The amended motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Kris Werfelmann
Secretary



Do you have extra things to share with others?

SHARING TABLE

There is a sharing table by the refreshments on Sunday mornings. Brings things to share (ideas are plants, vegetables, decorations, craft items, etc.). Feel free to take items from the table. But if items are not 'adopted' by others, please take them back home after social time as there is nowhere to store items. Thanks!

Mark Your Calendars!

YOU'RE INVITED

BBQ

May 19th

BBQ following worship.
Bring a salad or dessert to share.

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (March 5 & 21, 2024)

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March 5, 2024

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

"We are doing very well, but the country is upside down"; this was how Rev. Daniel Paul began our most recent conversation. You may have heard news of "gangs" freeing 4000 or more "prisoners" from Haitian jails in and around Port au Prince. There are many influences in this present situation; it did not just happen overnight. There has been increasing tension since the assassination of President Jovenel Moise on July 7, 2021. For the last thirty months, a "de facto" type government has taken power with Prime Minister Ariel Henry. There have been promises of elections but no elections have been held. I put the words "gangs, prisoners, and de facto government" in quotation marks because it is difficult to say who is who in this situation. Rev. Paul explained, "The gangs are political workers. Each gang has a different politician that they support." There is the age old situation of oligarchs and outside influences that make the situation all the more messy. The general consensus of those with whom I have conversed is that it is best for the Haitians to take care of this situation--outside influences have often increased problems.

We can read of disorder in Biblical times with kingdoms that had leaders at odds. Javelins were thrown and people were on the run with

King Saul and his successful soldier David. Then later on, King David ruled, yet his son Absalom "stole the hearts of the men" (2 Samuel 15:6) and David was on the run again. This sort of disorder and confusion is the result of sin. However, "God is not a God of confusion but of peace" (1 Corinthians 14:33). Lord, we pray that Your peace will prevail.

Now for news inside the ministry. The children are being fed and educated. The gardens and animals are being tended. The Word of God is being preached and taught. Praise be to God!

However, there is a sad situation of a 25 year old man who died last Sunday. His name is Wilson (not the Wilson who was raised at the orphanage and graduated recently) who came to visit the ministry last weekend. He was related to several of the young ladies from the orphanage--the brother of Mirlanda and half brother of Benjenie and Belle Angela. He was in church Sunday morning and went to play soccer with some other young people Sunday afternoon. He ended up not feeling well and had died by 7:00 p.m. Rev. Paul reported, "This was a very sad situation, and we had way more people than our church could handle for the service." We can be thankful for God's mercy being proclaimed to those who gathered; Rev. Paul led that Funeral Service.

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

March 21, 2024

Greetings,

La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) is steadfast in caring for the seventy plus children in their 24 hour care, providing primary and secondary education to those children (and about 140 more students), tending gardens and animals, and foremost, the proclaiming God's Word. Praise God! For Passion Week, Rev. Daniel Paul reported, "We will have worship services every day next week. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday will be our special services. We are pleased to be able to celebrate this time with the church and the community."

There has been some work on the plumbing

at the girls' and boys' homes. They are also working on making the road into the Baja church and school more accessible as well as doing some work on the kitchen at Baja. (Baja is a church and school plant that is about five miles from the girls' and boys' homes).

There is a fair amount of news about the political situation in Haiti. This is a sad situation, and we pray that the Lord works to have His will accomplished for the nation. We are delighted that the Lord is working through Rev. Paul, his ministry, NEHLM, and you to allow the care for people in their temporal and eternal needs.

A blessed Holy Week to you,
Rev. Samuel Wiseman
www.nehlm.org

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—APRIL 2024

	7th	14th	21st	28th
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	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu
Greeter	Murray Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Jan Novak	Delanie May
Altar Guild	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—MAY 2024

	5th	12th	19th	26th
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	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck
Greeter	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Larsen	Aalbu Hines	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood
Children's Message	Jen Wood	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan

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**

April 2024

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	1 Office Closed	2	3	4	5	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 Office Closed	16	17	18	19 Pickleball 7:00-9:00 pm	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 ZLS Auction 5:00 pm
28 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	29 Office Closed	30				

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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