

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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,

Every year at the Zion Lutheran School graduation one of the association pastors speaks. This year is my turn, so I’ve been thinking about what to say. Some of these kids have come to ZLS recently, but others I’ve known since they were in fourth grade.

Few people probably remember anything that was said at their graduation, any of their graduations. That must be especially true for their 8th grade graduation. In one sense, that might take the pressure off, but in another that could lead to mailing it in, which doesn’t feel right.

A while ago, someone convinced me that you would be lucky if kids you taught in Sunday school remembered one or two things you told them later in life. The time I spend in class with them is pretty similar to Sunday school, so I began to be very intentional about what I taught.

Over the past four years, I’ve come back time and time again to a few things: God knows you and loves you, the Bible is reliable, and life will be hard sometimes, but that doesn’t change those first two things. We talked about other things as well, but every few weeks, I tried to come back to those few things. So what do I tell them on graduation night?

I asked my friend Bill that question and he told me that if I were going to tell them something new it would either be not important (and therefore not worth saying) or important (and therefore why would I have waited until now to say it). Either way, if I were to say something new to these kids, it would be failure on my part. I agree.

Many of us have limited exposure to people in our lives. Are we intentional about what we say to them? If I were to hunt down someone you used to know and ask them about you, what would they remember?

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



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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

Worship/Youth Leader: Jan Novak,
(425) 418-6270

worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

May 12th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

May 26th (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

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

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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
May 24th*

May Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Mark Cameron
- 14 Chuck Stockton
- 21 Jennifer Hayter
- 24 Kiera Leaf
- 26 Reed Geiger

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Milt Grover
- 4 Alex Stogin
- 5 Kayden Hayter
- 14 Susie Grover
- 15 Jessica Wolitarsky
- 26 Heather Stahl

Happy Anniversary

Ben & Christine Pfiester 05/12



Calling all Graduates! If you, or a member of your family, will be graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office by **May 24th** so that we can include them in our June newsletter. We will also have a special recognition for our high school graduates during worship on **June 2nd**. Please provide a picture and details of where the student is graduating from & any future plans. Thank you!

Pickleball Cancelled: The remaining pickleball dates have been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Look for possible dates in the fall.

Youth/Family Events

May

18—Alaska Fundraiser Raffle

19—Church BBQ

27—Memorial Day

June

2—Graduate Recognition

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



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 (April 5 & 18, 2024)

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April 5, 2024

Greetings in the Name of Our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Paul reported, "Our Passion Week and Easter Services went very, very well. God has blessed us." May the assurance of Christ's resurrection strengthen and keep us ever faithful.

Here in eastern Oregon we had a sunny day on Tuesday but then back to overcast with rain showers. Sarai (Rev. Paul's daughter who is living with us while attending Eastern Oregon University) was delighted with sun and about 70 degree weather on Tuesday. Later this week, I told her she would probably need a jacket and asked her, "Have you heard the saying 'April showers bring May flowers?'" She looked confused and said she hadn't. This is understandable, because in Haiti, April is in their dry season. Rev. Paul

reported, "We are doing some agriculture, where we are able to water. The children are able to pump water and carry it to the plants. The kids are happy to do that." We are thankful for willing and able bodies to help with obtaining food for so many.

The border situation for Ouanaminthe, Haiti, and Dajabon, Dominican Republic, has improved a little. Truck drivers who are buying and transporting goods are able to cross. Other than this limited business access, there continues to be very little other movement across the border.

Thank you for your continued interest in the mission. If you did not receive a NEHLM newsletter last week and would like to receive one, please let us know.

"He is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Rev. Samuel Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

April 18, 2024

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) Board met recently and is pursuing avenues to obtain regular support for education. I sent the Headmaster of the schools, Rev. Yves Thelemarque, a note asking for an accounting of staff for College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO-preschool through high school) and for the school at Baja (preschool through 6th grade). As I shared with Rev. Paul that I was working with Yves and that the board was concerned about getting the needed support for the schools, he responded faithfully, "God will do what is best for everyone."

An exciting opportunity is in process for one of the young men from the ministry. Rodley Augustave has been approved to come to the United States to be part of a Humanitarian Parole Program that can be up to two years. Other countries involved in this program are Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Rodley has shown steadfastness in pursuing good opportunities, and we trust he will do this also on American soil. He was able to fly to Florida April 12th from Cap Haitien.

Rev. Paul reported that the problems due to Haiti's lack of government have settled down

somewhat. As noted above, there are some international flights taking place. Gangs are still a big problem in Port au Prince; however, efforts are being made to set up a government.

April is normally Haiti's dry season, yet they have received some rain in the last week. Rev. Paul said, "Some of the young crops got washed away, but we are able to do gardening, which is unique for this time of year."

The attached picture is of a class of students at CELO. We are delighted to see people being instructed in knowledge to help them live in this world, and more importantly, being instructed in the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom. On the NEHLM website are pictures of two other classes of younger students.



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 Hines	Alanis Larsen	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood
Children's Message	Jen Wood	Matt Bench	Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen	Gary Beck
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan



SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JUNE 2024

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn
Greeter	Geiger Larsen	Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Alanis Larsen
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May	Jen Wood
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen

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	2	3	4 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
5 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	6 Office Closed	7	8	9	10	11 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
12 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	13 Office Closed	14	15	16	17	18 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
19 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship With communion BBQ (following worship)	20 Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am ZLS Auction 5:00 pm
26 10:15 am Worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	28	29	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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