

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,

Lori loves to travel. I like to travel. Things like the comfort of my own bed, the convenience of familiar surroundings and the challenges of getting from A to B keep me at like instead of love. But there are plenty of things that lift me from hate up to like.

Traveling is an adventure. Adventure involves risk. Getting from A to B is always risky, but the pay-off isn't very high, so simply being able to say "We made it" doesn't endear anyone to travel. Even if every flight was on time, no luggage was lost, every line was short and you had an empty seat next to you the whole way, the best you can hope for is "not too bad." Most of us can expect better than that at home. If getting there is half the fun for you, I'm not sure you are having enough fun while you are there.

Eating in a new place is risky too. I've taken chances that have not paid off. I've arrived places after the restaurants are closed and had to make do with what the vending machine could provide. I've also had amazing eating experiences. Most of the best meals I've had in my life were on vacation. A lunch counter in Oahu, the only place with the lights on in Sequoia National Park, a café in San Malo, and a patisserie inside the Louvre were all as surprising as they were exceptional.

I enjoy art, literature and history too. Yet there's a little risk in seeing something you've read about, seen pictures of and even imagined. Sometimes your imagination was bigger than the place. But I recently walked through the garden of one of my favorite painters and looked at the place he painted time and time again. It was pretty cool. I also stood where thousands of soldiers invaded Europe to drive the Nazis back where they came from. That didn't disappoint either.

Those experiences are unique to me though. Other people have gone to the same places and would not describe them as I did. Lori and I are scheduled for a "footsteps of Paul" tour October 13-22, 2025 with Imagine Tours & Travel. We travel from Athens to Thessalonica and Philippi, Ephesus and Corinth. If that's something you are interested in, we have room. Feel free to go to Register-now.ittworld.com Tour code: MayG25 and take a closer look. There's an early bird discount until July 15th. (no worms)

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org

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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:

June 2nd (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

July 7th (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

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****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

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**Next month's newsletter deadline is
June 20th

June Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Delanie May	1	Janice Carpenter	27
Sarah Llerenas	2	Sandy Mitchell	30
Logan Frederickson	3		
Audrey Pfister	9		
Larry Aalbu	20		
Matt Bench	24		
John Laskey	25		
Lindsey McClellan	25		
Luke McClellan	25		
Jan Aalbu	26		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Reed Geiger	1
Delanie May	1
Susie Rahn	15
Jan Aalbu	18
Larry Aalbu	22
Ernie Frederickson	23
Hayley McClellan	23
Kathleen Hines	28

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Elaine Repp	6/10	Carl & Sandy Mitchell	6/20
Kirk & Rebecca Geiger	6/13	Dale & Susie Rahn	6/22
John & Debbie Laskey	6/16		
Gary & Vicki Beck	6/19		



**COME SUPPORT OUR
MISSION TRIP TO
ALASKA AT...**



**GAME
NIGHT!**
BOARD GAMES & SPORTS

June 11th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Zion Lutheran School Gym, Lake Stevens



Suggested Donation: \$5/person | \$10/family
(snack and drink included; extra available for purchase)

Hosted by Chitina Mission Team 2024
Peace and Lamb of God Lutheran Churches

Youth/Family Events

June

- 2—Voter's Meeting
- 2—Graduate Recognition
- 10—ZLS 8th Grade Graduation
- 11—Game Night Fundraiser

July

- 4—Independence 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.

Portals of Prayer

The July-September issue of Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies are available on the back table on Sunday mornings.

Top Ten Ways To Pray For The Class of 2024

1. Pray for clear direction and wisdom. About 80% of students in the United States end up changing their major at least once, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Pray that they will trust in the Lord with all their heart and not depend on their own understanding. Pray that they will seek His will in all they do, and that He will show them which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
2. Pray that they will form good spiritual habits right away. For many, this will be the first time they have freedom to make decisions on their own. Pray for them about their spiritual habits, study habits, discipline and balance. Pray that they connect with a church and/or a campus ministry quickly.
3. Pray for their roommate(s) and new friendships. As students leave their high schools, many will also leave their friends behind. Pray that they will meet friends who will encourage and support them in their faith journey. Friends who will “spur them on to good works” and not “corrupt good morals”. (Hebrews 10:24, 1 Corinthians 15:33)
4. Pray for their finances. Many students will have to pay for insurance, travel expenses, clothing, food, entertainment etc. Pray that they budget wisely, avoid credit card debt, and look to God to provide.
5. Pray for them as they face temptations. Whether students continue formal education or go directly into the job market, they will encounter people of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, and worldviews. Pray for them to be an example of a Christian in what they say, in the way they live, in their love, their faith, and their purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)
6. Pray for their health and safety.
7. Pray that they will recall what they’ve learned in youth ministry. The veracity of their faith will be challenged. They need to be able to recall the sermons, the Bible studies, the conversations, and the experiences of the high school years, and stay strong.
8. Pray for their teachers, coaches, professors, and counselors. They will encounter many new people in positions of influence. Pray that those people will build into them strength of character, an ability to think, and a sense of purpose
9. Pray for their parents and siblings. College may be the first extended absence that many will experience. Pray that their family bonds remain strong, and that they continue to honor their family.
10. Pray for their witness. They will have incredible opportunities to show an unbelieving world what God is like. Pray that they are bold, confident, and willing to talk about spiritual issues with those that they befriend.

This “Top 10” is part of the two step Adopt A Graduate Initiative sponsored by the National Day of Prayer Task Force and inter-linc:

- Identify and commit to pray for a graduate in this year’s class
- Give that graduate a copy of the ConGRADulations! Class of 2015 Music-Media Grad Gift as a reminder that you are praying for him or her (available at adoptagrad.org)

Top Ten List written by:— Todd Pearage, Youthworker, Calvary Church in Souderton, PA

Graduate Recognition—Sunday, June 2nd

We will be recognizing our high school graduates this Sunday, June 2nd during our worship service. We will be celebrating our graduates after the Voter’s Meeting with some cake and lunch and game afternoon from noon-2:00 pm.

High School Graduates



Calvin Joplin is graduating from Archbishop Murphy High School on May 31st with honors. Calvin will be attending University of Montana in Missoula in the fall. He has been accepted into the Honors College and the College of Business to pursue Business Administration.
Congrats Calvin!



Kyra Wood graduated from Alta Independent High School in January 2024. Eventually she would like to pursue a career in the field of nursing.
Congrats Kyra!



You did it!
Congratulations

Dylan Knapp will be graduating in August 2024. Dylan hopes to pursue computer science in the future. **Congrats Dylan!**

Other Graduates include: Braidyn Larsen. Congrats Graduates!

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (May 1 & 15, 2024)

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May 1, 2024

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

"We are doing very well!" was the greeting I received at the beginning of my last call with Rev. Daniel Paul. He was excited as he prepared to plant trees on May 1st (I called him April 30th). "We will be planting trees in the school area and at other gardens. We have papaya, avocado, and many citrus (orange, grapefruit, lime, lemon)." Rev. Paul had these plants started and growing on top of the roofs of the girls' home and the present worship site. The excitement for planting is that May 1st is the Day of Agriculture in Haiti. I am delighted by both the continued steadfast effort to grow their own food along and planting more trees in Haiti, something desperately needed for over 200 years.

I asked how the political atmosphere in his area of Nord Est Haiti (Northeast Haiti) was. He responded, "Nord Est is a safe place; however, it is not good to try to travel at night. There is no way for us to reach Port au Prince right now." The

Nord Est region has received many "refugees" from other parts of the country which has burdened the local economy and brought in some bad influences.

Rev. Paul did say that last week a government was put in place in Haiti. "A committee of nine people has been established through the courts. They are doing a good job and trying to identify a Prime Minister. We will see how this goes. There are many issues to deal with."

Attached pictures are the start of the school day with Rev. Paul leading a Bible class for secondary students and younger students gathering for the devotions before school starts. The third is a video of the tree planting, May 1st.

Thank you for your involvement and interest in this ministry.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser
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May 15, 2024

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessed Pentecost to all as we live in the grace of the Father's and Son's mercy in sending us the Holy Spirit so that we confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord.

College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouana-minthe (CELO) volleyball teams are competing successfully. Last year the older girls' team (what we might call Varsity) won the volleyball tournament. This year that team took second place. However, as the pictures attached show, the younger girls' team (what we might call the Junior Varsity or Junior High team with 13-14 year olds) won the tournament at their level.

Rev. Paul reported, "We have been doing a lot of work in the gardens the last two weeks. We received rain, lots of rain, and there was some flooding. Some of the black beans and okra that we planted were washed away, but we are planting more and will do what we can." The flooding was so intense in Cap Haitian (about 30 miles away) that a house close to a bridge was washed away and there were casualties.

The political situation in Haiti took another bad turn as the selection of a Prime Minister was not

received well by the gangs. There appears to be influence of the former Prime Minister Ariel Henry, who is out of the country; however, the people being selected and involved are part of his "party." We pray for those in our ministry and other dear Christians in the country that they remain faithful (as did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in their Babylonian Captivity).

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman
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SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JUNE 2024

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Beck	Novak/May	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

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JULY 2024

	7th	14th	21st	28th
Worship Set-Up	Farnsworth	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Gary Beck
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Matt Bench	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD`	TBD
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**

June 2024

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								1 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
2 10:15 am Worship with communion Voter's Meeting	3 Office Closed	4	5	6	7	8 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		
9 10:15 am Worship	10 Office Closed	11 Game Night Fundraiser 6:00-8:00 pm	12	13	14	15 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		
16 10:15 am Worship With communion	17 Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		
23/30 10:15 am Worship	24 Office Closed	25	26	27	28	29 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am		

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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