

## 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,

A couple of weeks ago I committed the cardinal sin of allowing Microsoft to run an update on the laptop we use for PowerPoint an hour before worship started. It deleted PowerPoint from the hard drive. I spent nearly the next full hour trying to download a copy of PowerPoint with no success. We ended up using Jan’s laptop. Technical issues are nothing new on Sunday morning as many of you already know, but for some reason this one really had me distracted.

As a result, I felt very disconnected during my sermon. I don’t think my job is hanging by a thread so one bad or even mediocre sermon will cost me my job. But even though I’ve been doing this a long time, it’s disappointing to look forward to saying something that could impact people’s lives only to feel like a flop. The funny thing is, a few people came up afterward and told me how powerful my words were. That’s not the first time something like that has happened to me.

It is an amazing feeling to feel connected to people when you are preaching. Maybe it’s a kind of power trip, but the feeling of telling people something you think is important and knowing they are hearing it exactly as you had hoped they would is nearly intoxicating. I should know by now that sometimes when I lack that feeling of connectedness it doesn’t mean that people are tuned out or unaffected. The Holy Spirit is often at work in ways we don’t see and can’t fully understand. Logically, I have to admit there have probably been times I felt connected when I really wasn’t. What do I make of all this? Feelings are real. Feelings are valid. Feelings are important. But feelings aren’t facts.

A loose paraphrase of 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 is “I don’t care very much what other people think of me, nor do I get wrapped up in how I feel about myself. Only God’s feelings about me will shape my understanding of reality, and He considers me to be of great value.”

How have you been feeling about yourself lately? Good, I hope. We all get down now and then. Sometimes we stay down for a while. Those feelings are real, but they aren’t facts. The one who made you calls you His pearl of great price. His feelings are facts.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



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### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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**Office:** 425-377-2173

**Office Hours:**

Wednesday 8:30am-12:00 pm

**Sunday Morning Schedule**

**Worship: 10:15 am**

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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

No meeting this month

### Elders Meeting:

## 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](mailto: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

### Pastor:

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### Worship/Youth Leader:

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### Elders:

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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**

July 24th.

## July Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Rebecca Geiger	4
Carla Schoonover	4
Alli Dalton	7
Jason Knapp	11
Daisy Llerenas	23
Jill Murray	27

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Kirk Geiger	1
Sandy Mitchell	1
Sarah Llerenas	7
Maddie Knapp	20
Janice Carpenter	22
Logan Frederickson	22

### Happy Anniversary

Jan & MJ Novak 7/15  
 Pete & Debbie Jones 7/17  
 Jason & Shara Knapp 7/22  
 Jessica & Brock Wolitarsky 7/22





**Youth/Family Events**

**July**

4—Independence Day

Limited office hours

**August**

19-23—ZLS Volleyball Camp



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## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (May 30 & June 13, 2024)

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May 30, 2024

Greetings!

"God is in control of everything!" exclaimed Rev. Paul with his delight in honoring mothers on Haiti's Mothers' Day (fourth Sunday of May). The ministry was able to provide a bag of food items to send home with each family because of receiving funds from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Funds were distributed to a "sister" organization in Jacmael who then shared with other Lutheran churches. The attached pictures provide visuals of that joyous celebration.

June is planned to be a busy time for the ministry with June 5-9 being International Children's Days." The Haitian operated system that oversees the care of children will be involved with the children of Rev. Paul's ministry. I inquired how this system still functions with the Haitian government presently not operating. He responded, "Oh, they are supported by many international agencies who care and support children. They are operating because people from around the world are supporting them through many organizations." These

International Children's Days usually involve presentations for the children, visits of "diplomats," and many other activities that keep them all very busy.

Later in June there will be a special worship service at the Baja Church (about five miles from the main facilities). There will be choirs performing, meals, etc. with as many people as they can transport (or they get there themselves however they can, some walking).

They are navigating through the instability of the border and country without a government with steadfastness and care for people in the midst of all this. Praise God; surely, "God is in control of everything!"

God's peace,  
Rev. Samuel Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser  
[www.nehlm.org](http://www.nehlm.org)

June 13, 2024

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

Haiti recognizes International Children's Day in the month of June, the 5th-9th as we heard about in the last NEHLM Update. To finish these activities, there was a special worship for children in Baja for students from schools of Rev. Paul's ministry (one in Ouanaminthe and one in Baja). I have attached two pictures from the worship service. I was on a mission trip about 17 years ago in which a team member brought the ministry her saxophone. I wonder if the person can recognize her instrument and possibly other people may have taken other instruments that the children are playing. The other picture was taken during prayer time; that is why you see all the bowed heads.

There was a promising action taken with Haitian politics on June 3, 2024, with the appointment of Gary Conille as the Prime Minister. Conille served as Prime Minister previously under Michel Martelley in 2011 and 2012. Rev. Daniel Paul commented, "The first time that Conille was Prime Minister he did a good job." Conille has educational degrees from Haiti and the United States and has done a good deal of work with the UN and

other international projects. Conille is "new blood" to the present political environment while most of the other eight members in the "cabinet" were selected by Ariel Henry. (Henry was the Prime Minister who was forced to resign in April of 2024 after serving since President Jovenel Moise's assassination on July 7, 2021. We pray for God's hand to guide this process of gaining political stability in Haiti.

Sarai Paul (Rev. and Clynie Paul's daughter) has finished her first year at Eastern Oregon University with solid grades. Stats and Economics were challenges this spring; however, she did well. With Haiti's instability, she will be staying through the summer with my wife and I as she has found some employment for the summer months. She, along with other NEHLM Board members, also has some visits to churches to make presentations. We appreciate these opportunities to share this ministry.

God's peace,  
Rev. Samuel Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser  
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# 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	Phil Bates
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	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Vicki Beck
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stalh
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Calvin Joplin	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—AUGUST 2024

	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Set-Up	Farnsworth	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
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	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May	Jen Wood	Matt Bench
Altar Guild	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester
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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**

# July 2024

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				INDEPENDENCE DAY Office closed		Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
10:15 am Worship with communion	Office Closed					Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
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10:15 am Worship	Office Closed					Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
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10:15 am Worship With communion	Office Closed					Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
10:15 am Worship	Office Closed					

# 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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