

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,

I’m on the mend from what I assume was Covid. Lori tested positive a few days before I came down with it. I haven’t been sick for so long I had convinced myself I would just be immune to anything. Seems a bit delusional now that I think about it.

I started out with allergy-type symptoms, which helped me cling to the belief that it was only allergies. I get those a lot in this part of the country. When I woke up shivering with chills at 2:00 AM Tuesday, the bubble burst on that lie. I wasn’t incapacitated like I hear a lot of folks get, especially with respiratory issues, just inconvenienced.

My biggest problem was that my eyes were burning a watering for a few days. That made it pretty much impossible to do most of the work I typically need to do in a week, like work on a newsletter for example. I did manage to get through a lot of Libby audio books though.

I know I’m not going to live forever. So do you. I even understand at some level that I won’t continue to function at the same level for the remainder of the life I have left. For me, that knowledge is mostly theoretical though. For all intents and purposes, I act like I will continue to function like I do now forever. I’ve made some very small concessions like admitting out loud that I’m not 20 anymore. That’s a smaller concession than you might think, since I find that most of us exaggerate what we could do at 20 anyway.

This is the point where we might start talking about settling for less active lives, and endorse putting limitations on ourselves. I’m not quite ready to go there though. Sure, some limitations are wise. Most of us probably shouldn’t be going up on the roof anymore. I’m just afraid of what happens when we settle for less than we need to.

One day, we will leave these failing mortal bodies and get new ones that don’t wear out. C S Lewis said that if we could see now what we will one day become, we would be tempted to worship ourselves. I like that. But today is not that day. For

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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,
(425) 418-6270

worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

August 11 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

August 4 (following worship)

Building Committee:

August 18th (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

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

August 24th.

August Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Katherine Geiger	2
Lori May	14
Ben Pfister	14
Heidi Llerenas	19

Baptismal Anniversaries

Kiera Leaf	14
Audrey Pfister	14
Katherine Geiger	15
DuWayne Brave	19
Heidi Llerenas	21

Happy Anniversary

Clay & Jennifer Wood	8/2	Tyler & Jennifer Hayter	8/21
DuWayne & Carrie Brave	8/10	Steve & Chris Dalton	8/24
Mark & Joelle Cameron	8/12	Miguel & Heidi Llerenas	8/24
Brian & Kelly McDonald	8/17		
Logan & Abbey Frederickson	8/20		



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now, we are what we are and we've been given what we've been given, which is not nothing. The Bible is full of instruction that we need to make the most of what we have, living out what God has called us to do. Looking back at what we were or forward to what we will one day become can distract us from what we are and what we can do today. It's not all crazy heroic stuff. Recovery is something useful. Encouragement is useful. Getting out of bed to see what today brings is useful. What are you going to do today?

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Chitna Mission Trip

The slides from the Chitna Mission trip that was shared this past Sunday are available to be viewed at <https://lambofgod-lakestevens.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Chitna-Trip.pdf> or click the link in this week's Connection News email.



Youth/Family Events

August

19-23—ZLS Volleyball Camp

September

2—Labor 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.

News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (June 28 & July 13, 2024)

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June 28, 2024

Greetings,

Rainy season has come upon Haiti. Rev. Paul explained that the girls' home dealt with several inches of standing water around their trees earlier this week. We are thankful for a cement driveway from the road (it is a dirt or mud road) to the worship building and living quarters. This cemented area was a mission team project several years ago. It will be nice when mission teams will be able to return to be involved in such activities. Right now with the political instability, mission teams are not an option. In the meantime, we discussed ideas about settling ponds, roof and cement pathway water diversion, and/or raised pathways through the trees so people are not walking through muddy ground during heavy rains. Rev. Paul commented, "We are preparing for hurricane season." Their moisture can be just right, but also comes to them in a "feast or famine" mode. We are thankful for the "Goldilocks-just right," amounts at the right time, but also that they have enough moisture, even if it comes too heavily at

times. The absence of moisture for weeks on end is very challenging.

This past Tuesday, June 25th, four hundred Kenyan military officers arrived in Port au Prince to attempt to control the gangs that have taken over much of that community. It is reported that more groups of military personnel are scheduled to arrive. I asked Rev. Paul, "What do you think this is going to be like? Will it be a 'bloodbath' or will negotiations take place?" He responded, "Many of Haiti's political leaders are in communication with the different gangs. Negotiations should take place." I was encouraged with his confidence that efforts to settle things down may be approaching.

Thank you for your interest in this ministry as the Word of God is proclaimed steadfastly through Rev. Paul's ministry.

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

July 13, 2024

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen!

When Hurricane Beryl tore through the Caribbean, it did not hit Haiti directly but the storm did bring a lot of rain. There was some flooding of compounds and gardens at the ministry, and efforts are being made to alleviate flooding problems, especially in the compounds. With the ample rain, crops are growing well, and they are being especially active in their agricultural pursuits--harvest of many crops is underway.

Reverend Paul commented, "Oh, it would be good to talk about uniforms for school." We encourage them to patiently seek good prices for curriculum and fabric for uniforms. We are thankful for resources for this endeavor.

Reverend Paul said he would be working on having some quality videos taken of Haitian life and the ministry's activities. NEHLM is looking forward to using these to make some updated informational and promotional videos to share.

God's Peace,
Reverend Samuel Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—SEPTEMBER 2024

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Worship Set-Up	Farnsworth	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Farnsworth
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu	Phil Bates	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck
Greeter	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey	Dale Rahn
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarsky
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llernas	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	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**

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				1	2	3 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
4 10:15 am Worship with communion Elder's Meeting	5 Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
11 10:15 am Worship Council Meeting	12 Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
18 10:15 am Worship With communion Building Committee Meeting	19 Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
25 10:15 am Worship	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am

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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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