

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 taking a break from replacing the decking on my front porch. As usual, it’s taking much longer than I expected. My body is aching already and I have only just gotten through demolition. But it needs to be done. The decking is over 20 years old, original to the house and it’s just worn down in the middle.

I replaced the sponces in the front of the house a few weeks ago for the same reason. They were builder grade and had become more rust than metal. The new stuff I put out will be good for a while, hopefully until I move or die, but even high-quality material won’t last forever. One day someone will replace my handiwork. We’re a bit like that too.

Some of us were born with great genes. George Burns smoked 10-15 cigars a day and lived to be 100. At 98 he said, “If I’d taken my doctor’s advice and quit smoking when he advised me to, I wouldn’t have lived to go to his funeral.” Most of us struggle with health problems much earlier, even if we have healthier habits. But sooner or later, premium or builder grade, we all wear out. That would be pretty depressing if it were the whole story. Fortunately, it’s just the beginning. I’ll let the apostle Paul sum up the rest:

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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

Worship Services are In-Person and Online!

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:

September 8 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

September 1 (following worship)

**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.

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Jan (425) 418-6270 or worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org

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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 September 24th.

September Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Justin Brave	19
Emily Cameron	19
Randy Strege	20
Kyra Wood	21
Gloria Strege	23

Baptismal Anniversaries

Lori May	1
Matt Bench	14
Sandy Bench	14
Mark Cameron	18
Susan Stahl	21
Emily Cameron	24

Happy Anniversary

Larry & Jan Aalbu 9/9
 Matt & Sandy Bench 9/10
 Milt & Susie Grover 9/28
 Randy & Gloria Strege 9/28



Portals of Prayer

The October-December 2023 issue of Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies are available on the back table on Sunday mornings.

ZLS News

The current enrollment of students at the school is 292. Teachers are back at school preparing classrooms, having staff meetings and getting ready for the open house on Thursday, Aug 29th.

Security updates for the school are being installed this week.

There will be a work party at the school on Saturday, Aug 31, 9:30-12 to help clean up the campus for the start of a new school year.

Rally Sunday

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 8th--Rally Sunday Sunday morning Bible Classes Resume

Sunday, September 15th--Rally Sunday Potluck Burgers/Hot Dogs/Drinks provided.

Bring a salad or dessert to share.

Ladies Bible Study

"Now that Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians" by Beth Moore

This 12 week study will be at Lori May's house on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am starting September 19th.

We hope you can join us!

Order your workbook if you wish to join. Link to order in the Weekly Connection News email.

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 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**

Youth/Family Events

September

2—Labor Day

8—Rally Sunday—Family Ed

begins at 9:00 a m

15—Rally Sunday BBQ

19—Ladies Bible Study Begins

Weekly Connection News Emails

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July 26, 2024

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

"We have been getting a lot of rain. There is much work to be done in the gardens," reported Rev. Daniel Paul. The attached picture has ten boys and one girl in a newly tilled garden plot. You will see that some of them are holding mangos they obtained from trees nearby--mangos in their hands, on top of their heads, or piled into the shirt. The opportunity for having a field tilled by a tractor is an advantage that allows for more efficiency of getting the crops into the ground in a timely manner. Rev. Paul reported that the youth were able to witness, for the first time, the tractor working. He said, "They were excited to see the machine doing such fast work." They will be planting plantain, yucca, black-eyed peas, corn, cassava, and okra. There is much work before the gardeners and some of the children.

Pastor of the church plant in Baja and Headmaster of the school Rev. Yves Thelemarque and his wife Manise are saving construction blocks to be able to have their own home. They have been

living in a small "garden house" apartment with their two sons. They also have extra duties in caring for Manise's parents who are in poor health. The saving of construction blocks is a first step in being able to build their own home, as I have witnessed other Haitians doing. It is almost like saving for a down payment. I pray the Lord continues to support and provide for them in this endeavor.

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



August 9, 2024

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

This has been a worshipful week for those of the "1st Eglise Evangelique Luthérienne de Ouaminthe" (First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ouaminthe--notice the name on the wall in the attached photo). The occasion is the church's anniversary week. Worships started last Sunday; they have been having worship each day this week, and the celebration will culminate this Sunday with the president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (ELCH-full altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod), President Elonia Bernard, preaching. I think the church was founded in 2007 making this the seventeenth anniversary. (If this is not the proper date, I will correct it in the next update).

The ministry has been busy preparing school uniforms and obtaining curriculum as they are getting ready for school--most likely in September.

The ministry's pursuit with agriculture continues. The crops have done fairly well this year with consistent rains, although a couple times there

was a bit too much rain and they needed to re-plant. Through the politically challenging last couple years, the ability to keep the animal husbandry aspect active has waned. We desire the children and workers to have a balanced diet and encourage the obtaining and caring for animals as they become available.

Note: on the NEHLM website (nehlm.org) there is a video of singing at one of the Services this week.

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



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

August 22, 2024

Greetings!

Blessings and exciting times are continuing for people of this ministry.

Last school year, my wife and I welcomed one of Rev. Daniel Paul's daughters (Sarai) to our home to attend Eastern Oregon University. She excelled in her first year of studies and has stayed with us through the summer due to the political instability in Haiti. She was blessed to be hired on campus; she is working as an admissions department ambassador and filling in with a janitorial job. The original plan was to have her sister, Whitney, also study at Eastern Oregon University; however, there was an issue that prevented this.

Whitney has worked hard and addressed the issue and is scheduled to arrive at our home August 29, and will be attending a university orientation event the first two weeks of September. Her attendance is possible due to Sarai receiving further scholarships, and gifts to the Paul family for this opportunity. (Please note: We have been careful to not have these opportunities be a NEHLM expense). We are excited to welcome Whitney and pray for her comfortable adjustment to American life and the diligent work that will be needed.

The attached photos are of Wilson Servius with his diploma. He graduated last spring and is finally able to return to Ouanaminthe.

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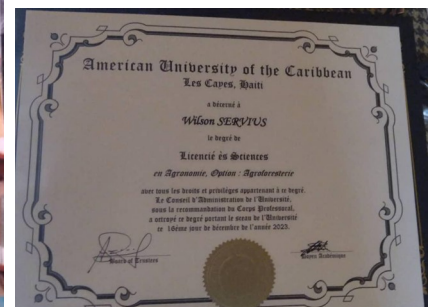
SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—OCTOBER 2024

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Farnsworth
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Scripture Reader	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen	Will Bryan	Kjell Larsen
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He will be working on agricultural projects for the ministry and living in the boys' home until he is able to find another place. We are delighted to have one of the children who grew up in the ministry work hard for a degree and then return to apply that education, thereby contributing to greater stability for the ministry and further enrichment of their immediate culture.

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



September 2024

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1 10:15 am Worship with communion Elders Meeting (following worship)	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
8 Rally Sunday 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Council Meeting (following worship)	9 Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
15 Rally Sunday BBQ 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	16 Office Closed	17	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 10:30 am	20	21 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
22 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	23 Office Closed	24	25	26 Ladies Bible Study 10:30 am	27	28 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
29 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	30 Office Closed					

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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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