

## 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,

Art Werfelmann is the pastor emeritus at Lamb of God. Emeritus is a Greek word which means “We don’t pay his insurance, but he still works for us.” Something like that anyway, my Greek is pretty rusty. Art retired from ministry 10 years ago. Then he showed up at our church about the same time Jerry Scansen, the interim pastor, encountered significant health problems. Art stepped in full-time until I was called there about 6 months later. After that, Art was kind enough to fill in for me about once a quarter. There’s no reason you should know this, but it’s hard to find LCMS pastors who are comfortable stepping in to do worship the way we do it. Art was a great help to me.

Some of you might remember that after Grace Lutheran had their pastor removed, they asked Art to fill in there temporarily while they called someone else. Three years later, Art had to tell them he was done with that “temporary” gig. Again, I was glad to have him back. So was Todd Roeske, the pastor at Peace in Monroe. Todd does worship in a similar style and no doubt finds it hard to find a capable replacement when he travels. Art frequently stepped in to help over there too.

A couple of weeks ago at our Tuesday pastor lunch, Art told us he was going to retire, like really retire. He’s scheduled to preach for me October 13 & he said that would be his last sermon. Now part of me thinks, “But what will I do?” (Sometimes I like to make things about me) But the truth is that I have friends younger than me who are retired and don’t do anything. Art is turning 80 and he has put in nearly two full lifetimes of career. He has served us, served me, and more importantly served God well and faithfully. He has more than earned a retirement.

In the military, we frequently had people separate before retirement. The tendency I noticed was to say “Good luck” to those who were “meh” kind of workers, while utilizing guilt and/or scare tactics to coerce the good workers to stay. I swore I would never do that. So, I choked back my selfish desires and thanked him for his help to me over the last 10 years. I would encourage you to do the same. In fact, if you have the chance, thank his wife Kris as well. Being married to a pastor is no piece of cake. I know plenty of men

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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**

**Pastor: Mike May** (314) 775-6956

[pastormike@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:pastormike@lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

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

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## Meetings This Month

### Council Meeting:

October 13 (following worship)

### Elders Meeting:

October 6 (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](mailto:sidace99@yahoo.com)

Jan (425) 418-6270 or [worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto: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

### 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

Phil Bates (253) 381-2008

**\*\*Next month's newsletter deadline is  
October 24th.**

## October Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Gary Beck	2
Jan Novak	9
Mike May	22
Paul Kranich	28

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Rebecca Geiger	1
Kylie Hayter	4
Chuck Stockton	6
Lindsey McClellan	9
Luke McClellan	9
Daisy Llerenas	14
Jan Whitman	15
Jan Novak	21
Alli Dalton	26

### Happy Anniversary

*Alex & Annie Stogin 10/08*



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who told me they were interested in ministry but their wives said “No. I’m not living in a fishbowl.” She put up with more grief from Art’s job than most of us will ever realize, but remained faithful, positive, encouraging and helpful. She’s our council secretary right now and I hope she continues, but when she decides no to, I won’t fight that either.

Thank you Art and Kris, for your service to us and to our Lord.

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ Matthew 25:21

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike

## Youth/Family Events

### October

TBD—Bob’s Corn Maze

3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Ladies Bible Study

25—ZLS Fall Festival 5:00-7:30

## Thailand Mission Support

Greetings Lamb of God,

My name is Reed Geiger. I am reaching out to you all to let you know that I am heading to Thailand in October as part of a ‘Mission ONE’ team.

### About My Trip

My main purpose and objective in Thailand is to capture the conference for any marketing, development, or training needs. While in Thailand I will be using my gift and passion of photography to aid the movement of the Gospel through Mission ONE.

Although my first job is to have a camera, I desire to learn, be open, and grow while surrounded by Godly leaders and teachers. Through their collective long-term ministries, and love for God I hope to be encouraged and learn so much.

You can find out more about this mission adventure and additional ways to support me by visiting ‘Reeds’ Mission ONE Trip’ at <https://give.mission1.org/campaign/reeds-mission-one-trip/c596036>

Please continue keep us in yours as we seek to spread the GOSPEL.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Reed Geiger

## Chitna Mission Team—July 2025

### 2025 Chitna Mission Team

It is time to start recruiting for our 2025 team to Chitina. It would be great to have a team with a good number of returning team members along with some new ones. Please let me know if you are interested in serving July 18-27, 2025.

Please contact Jan Novak or Christine Pfiester if interested.

Pastor Todd is hoping to get the team together sometime in October to start a fundraising plan.

### **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](http://www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org) and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

## ZLS News

Here are the latest happenings at the school:

- Book Fair  
Oct 7-11th, 2024
- Zion Lutheran School Fall Harvest Festival  
Oct 25th 2024 5-7:30 pm  
Bring a can of food for entry  
Donate bags of candy to the office by 10/13/24

### CURRENT NEEDS

- Pizza Service Helpers - Alycia needs a helper each Friday to help serve pizza from 10:45 - 12:30 Starting Sept 20th.
- Gardening- Do you see an area that needs weeding? weed-whacking? or cleaned up? Our 20 acres takes a lot of TLC!
- Veteran? We are seeking veterans to speak at our Veterans Day Assembly.
- Do you have a special skill or business that would bless the school? We are open to ideas!

Verkada Security system is essentially installed, working on getting it fully functional.

The School Board thanks you for your support of ZLS.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bench

**It's back! Time for some good, homemade food!**

Come join us for some homemade soup, salad, and pies  
at Immanuel's



**Friday, October 25, 2024**  
**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church's Social Hall  
2521 Lombard Ave  
Everett, WA 98201

*Sponsored by the Fidelia Guild*

Freewill offering will be taken to benefit mission projects.

Call 425-252-7038 or email [office@immanueleverett.org](mailto:office@immanueleverett.org) for more information.

[www.ImmanuelEverett.org](http://www.ImmanuelEverett.org)

## Youth & Family News

We are off and running on another school year. Youth Bible studies are every Sunday, 9:20-10 am. Matt, Christine and Delanie are helping lead this group.

Last year we partnered with Zion Church and Zion School and had a youth night 2x a month. We are looking to do this again beginning next month. Leaders and chaperones are needed to help make this go. Who can help?

I would love to get some cool stuff on our calendars before Christmas is suddenly here. I did like meet with those interested planning activities next **Sunday, Oct 6 at 9:30 am** (This will be during our youth Bible study time.)

We need you all there to help plan our fall calendar. We especially want to plan activities that are open to all youth.

Here are a couple of calendar suggestions from Jan: (Christine and Delanie have way more :)

Bob's Corn Maze w/fire pit (Next month the week of Oct 16-20?) The cost is \$10. We will provide hotdogs, chips, drinks and smores' for the campfire pit...need to schedule a date

Escape Room

Youth Huddles (coffee and donuts with Jan or your leaders...anytime)

Ice Skating

Bowling (Glow bowl)

Snow day

Hike

Other

D2S Nov 9

Christmas caroling and LLC outreach bags

## 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**

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (September 5 & 20, 2024)

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September 5, 2024

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

College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO) is the main school operated by Rev. Daniel Paul's ministry--Preschool through Filo (Final class, 13th grade). Rev. Paul commented, "This year will be our second year of having a Filo class, and we have eleven students, nine of whom are children living in the girls and boys homes." (Note: Haiti has standardized testing to advance in classes and only a small percentage ever make it to the Filo class.) They will be having a celebration dinner and gathering this Sunday for the students to motivate them as they enter their final year of school.

CELO also has been playing in soccer competitions. Rev. Paul reported, "We have two competitions left. This Saturday we will play the Roman Catholic team. This will be difficult because they have mature players who are

already on the national team." When I was in Haiti, I went to watch a soccer competition with the CELO team, composed of 14-17 year olds, competing with a team of 18-24 year olds. CELO competed well but did not win that time.

I inquired about some information I had gathered about the atmosphere of the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The report stated that from January-August of 2023, 94,000 Haitians were returned to Haiti. This is an intense issue for Ouanaminthe, since it is right on the border. Rev. Paul said, "I think there were more than that, and they are not only returned, but some are being killed." We continue to pray for Interim Prime Minister Gary Conille as efforts are being pursued to have more political stability and deal rightly with all the other issues of that society.

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

September 20, 2024

Greetings,

I have attached photos from a celebration for eleven students who are entering their final year of school at College Evanglique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO: the school operated by Rev. Daniel Paul's ministry). Of the eleven students, nine of them are children from La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO) and two are from the community. In the Haitian education process, students must show proficiency to move forward in classes, with few ever making it to the final year that they call FILO. This is the second time in CELO's history to have a FILO class. Hence the opportunity to celebrate with worship, dinner, and pictures. You can also see a video of the FILO worship service at [nehlm.org](http://nehlm.org).

Concerning agricultural pursuits, Rev. Paul reported, "We are working in the gardens every day. Many of the boys and girls are involved with the work. Wilson is organizing a

project to have honey. We are trying to obtain trees with good flowers or obtain land with those trees." We are thankful for their steady effort to provide food.

Rev. Paul's daughters Sarai and Whitney, who are living with us in La Grande, will begin classes Monday, September 23rd. There is a certain level of excitement and nervousness with this; however, they seem to be ready for the adventure.

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



# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—OCTOBER 2024

	6th	13th	20th	27th
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Farnsworth
<b>Worship Take-Down</b>	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
<b>Soundboard</b>	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
<b>Elder on Duty Communion Elders</b>	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu	Phil Bates	Teri Larsen
<b>Greeter</b>	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Anderer	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen	Will Bryan	Kjell Larsen
<b>Children's Message</b>	Delanie May	Jen Wood	Matt Bench	Gary Beck
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas
<b>Power Point</b>	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Hayley McClellan

# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—NOVEMBER 2024

	3rd	10th	17th	24th
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Farnsworth
<b>Worship Take-Down</b>	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
<b>Soundboard</b>	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
<b>Elder on Duty</b> Communion Elders	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	Debbie Laskey	Larry Aalbu
<b>Greeter</b>	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Anderer	Pfiester McClellan
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Sarah Bryan	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey
<b>Children's Message</b>	Vicki Beck	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarsky
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan
<b>Power Point</b>	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Hayley McClellan



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<b>6</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion Elders Meeting	<b>7</b> Office Closed	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Ladies Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>11</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
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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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