

## 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,

Happy Halloween everyone! There was a big movement against Halloween few years ago. Christian parents didn't want their kids dressing up like vampires, witches and axe murderers. Fair enough. I plan on heading to ZLS to help Jan set up for Fall Festival later today. All the candy, none of the axes. I haven't seen all the booths; I think there are no axes.... There are other things that happen this time of year that I find interesting.

It's a big time for horror films. I'm not really a fan of the genre, but I really like a show called "From" so I have to be careful not to be too hypocritical. People seem to like to be scared. At least they like to be scared by some things. Movies and roller coasters are okay. Political ads that try to stir up fear have become tiresome, though they are unfortunately still effective. Man or bear is a viral social media debate that opened my eyes a bit to the fear women live with in this world. Maybe the movies and roller coasters distract us from the real fears in this world.

In the book of Judges, we meet Gideon, a man perhaps best characterized by his fear. He's hiding in a winepress when the angel of the Lord recruits him to face the Midianites, the object of his fear. After some resistance Gideon recruits a small army of Israelites: Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. Judges 7:1

God wants everyone to know that Midian will be defeated by His actions so he says any men who are afraid can go home. Lots of them do. In fact, Harod is the Hebrew word for "trembling" or "afraid." Israelites often seem to label their geography after events that took place there. Perhaps even more telling is the fact that the Israelites camped there.

Fear is natural. Fear is unavoidable. Fear is even useful. Everyone experiences it. But it's not okay to settle down and live there. God made a bold statement through Gideon and his tiny army that He is sufficient. He is in control even when it doesn't seem that way. God calls his people to move from their fear into action, even though He is the one who really gets things done. It's not that the Israelites had nothing to fear. They did. They just hadn't considered Who was on their side.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike



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### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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[www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org](http://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

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Worship/Youth Leader: Jan Novak,  
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### Meetings This Month

**Council Meeting:**

November 10 (following worship)

**Elders Meeting:**

November 3 (following worship)

**Voter's Meeting:**

November 24 (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)

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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:

Jan Novak (360) 691-3372

Elders:

Larry Aalbu (360) 568-4757

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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 November 22nd.*

## November Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday!*

Carrie Brave	4
Mike Riley	4
Amanda Pfiester	11
Elaine Repp	13
Jill Williams	13
Connor McDonald	14
Christine Pfiester	19
Maddie Knapp	25
Shara Knapp	28

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Sasha Stogin	8
Andrea Williams	13

### Happy Anniversary

*Scott & Stacie Leaf 11/16  
Mike & Lori May 11/24*



## Voter's Meeting—Sunday, November 24th

Join us for our fall Voter's Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 24th. Meeting will include approval of the 2025 budget and election of officers. Copies of the budget will be available shortly.

### Council Members Up for Election:

President—Brock Wolitarsky  
Secretary—Kris Werfelmann

### Continuing Council Members Include:

Vice President—Geoff Larsen  
Treasurer—Ruben Alanis  
Financial Secretary—Susie Rahn  
Head Elder—Gary Beck  
School Board—Sandy Bench and Deb Alanis

## Youth/Family Events

### November

11—Veteran's Day  
17—Game Day (after worship)  
22—Adult Pickleball 7-9 pm  
24—Voter's Meeting  
25-29—Thanksgiving Break

### December

6—Adult Pickleball 7-9 pm  
24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
25—Christmas Day

## June 2024 Voter's Meeting Minutes

Please review the June Voter's Meeting Minutes.

Lamb of God Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
June 2, 2024

Attendance: See attached.

Opening Prayer by Brock Wolitarsky

Minutes of the November 19, 2023 meeting was approved unanimously with a motion by Gary Beck and a second by Shara Knapp.

Treasurer's Report: (See attached). Ruben reported that we were in the black for 2023 in the operation. The building fund increased by \$79,107. 2024 is so far in the positive.

Pastor's report: Next October, 2025 there will be a Footsteps of Paul trip. Pastor gave a building update. At this time, they are looking at a steel building for the school which would be behind the Lamb of God building. They would be moving the portables where the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades meet. This is all dependent upon the permits and is still in the planning phase.

Youth/Worship Report: (See attached). Jan reported that two individuals were confirmed. They are looking at having a basketball camp and possibly a baseball camp. He is teaching a class at Zion Lutheran School.

Elders Report: Gary Beck thanked those that contributed food for the Pentecost celebration. He also thanked Shara, Pastor and Jan. Phil Bates is the new elder. The trustees would love some volunteers.

Zion Lutheran School Board: Sandy Bench reported that enrollment is at 285 for fall. Eighth grade graduation is set for June 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be hiring some new teachers. So far, everything seems to be going well.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,  
Kris Werfelmann  
Secretary

## ZLS News

The School Board met this week. The school has gained one more student so stands currently at 293 total. The budget was passed for this school year. Thanks to the churches that have approved the changes to the Constitution.

Have a blessed day,  
Sandy Bench  
ZLS Board Vice President

## 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.

## News From NEHLM—Haiti Updates (October 17, 2024)

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October 17, 2024

Greetings,

Today, October 17th, is Rev. Daniel Paul and Cliney's twenty-sixth wedding anniversary. I called him today and he explained that he was driving home from going out for an anniversary dinner with Cliney. I remember being with Rev. Paul at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, several months after their wedding—he was in Fort Wayne and Cliney was in Haiti. One hot summer day in 1999, Daniel was at the seminary post office, sad as he had received a letter and was missing his newly wedded wife. He also was struggling with air conditioning in the classrooms. He commented something along the lines of, "I am in a difficult situation. I get married, then go thousands of miles away from my bride to sit in a refrigerator when it is beautiful outside." Note: the next year Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations sponsored Cliney and three other Haitian men's wives to come live with them in Fort Wayne. We are thankful for God's presence in their lives and for His continued support in their marriage.

With all the rain that they have received over the past month, their agricultural pursuits are thriving. Praise God!

They had an issue with obtaining fuel for a vehicle. Fuel was not available in Haiti for "many months" but recently a station in Dajabon, Dominican Republic (their neighboring community), was selling fuel to Haitians. Rev. Paul said, "The station was selling fuel only to Haitians." They got some "bad" fuel which caused some issues for the vehicle. The troubles of the economy and border relations continue.

Thanks to a couple people who immediately responded to the need for more funds due to inflation. Please continue to consider ways to involve others through gifts, encouragement, and as one supporter suggested, "through their Required Minimum Deduction" (RDM) from their IRA.

There is an attached photo of students lining up for the daily beginning of school which involves a pledge to their flag and a prayer.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser



# 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 Communion Elders</b>	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

# SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—DECEMBER 2024

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	24th Christmas Eve	29th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Farnsworth	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Phil Bates	Teri Larsen	Dale Rahn	Gary Beck	TBD	Debbie Laskey
Greeter	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Anderer	No Greeter	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen	Will Bryan	TBD	Kjell Larsen
Children's Message	Delanie May	Jen Wood	Children's Christ- mas Program	Matt Bench	No Children's Message	Gary Beck
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Hayley McClellan
Power Point	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Hayley McClellan	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen


## 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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# 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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