

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

Merry Christmas Lamb of God,

In A Charlie Brown Christmas, a discouraged, confused, and dejected Charlie Brown asks, “Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?” Linus answers him by quoting Luke 2:8-14, the announcement of Jesus birth to the shepherds.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The shepherds, living outside of Bethlehem, were probably watching over the sheep used in temple sacrifice just a few miles away. This is ironic, since the shepherds themselves lived in a state of perpetual uncleanness. It was just a function of their jobs. The process of caring for the sheep used for sacrifice, kept them in a state which made them unrepresentable in the temple. They provided the means for others to become right with God, but could not become righteous themselves since sacrifice was the only way available to atone for their sins.

The appearance of an angel is enough to frighten anyone, but a supernatural messenger of God appearing when you know you are on His wrong side must have been terrifying. No wonder the angel’s first words are “Do not be afraid.”

These words are more than a desire for the shepherds to be quiet and listen. The angel wants them to know they don’t need to be afraid of God anymore. Ever. God had returned to earth, but not to judge. He had come to His people, but not as a king. He had come to lead them, but not to conquer. He had come as the lowliest of them to lead them back to Himself. He first announced His arrival to those who society cast off.

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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:

January 12 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:

January 5 (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

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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*

January 20th

January Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Stacie Leaf	1	Kayden Hayter	29
MJ Novak	6		
Sandy Bench	11		
Pete Jones	11		
Jennifer Wood	16		
Ben Geiger	17		
Joelle Cameron	25		
Natalie Hansen	27		
Kathleen Hines	28		
Gavin Knapp	28		

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jason Knapp	1
Scott Leaf	1
Amanda Pfiester	11
Stacie Leaf	21
Gavin Knapp	28

Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Jennette Stockton 01/20



For millennia humans have gazed into the sky and wondered about the nature of the One who created it. Creation is vast. He must be powerful. It's complex, He must be smart. Nature is brutal and unforgiving. Is that how God is too? What is He like? He came to live among us so we could know rather than speculate.

He came to stand in our place and live a life of perfect trust in the Father. He told us the greatest love is one who lays down his life for his friend, then He did just that for us. He doesn't compel us to love Him. He just shows us Who He is and lets us embrace Him or walk away. That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Thank You!

Thank you for the congregation's generous Christmas gift and for your continued prayers and support. We are truly blessed to serve our Lord Jesus along side each and every one of you.
Pastor Mike, Jan and Shara

Adult
PICKLEBALL
Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ZLS GYM
Wear non marking sole shoes or socks

More Information :
Contact Matt Bench or Gary Beck

The graphic features a teal background with a stylized pickleball paddle and ball in the center. The text is arranged in a central banner and below it. The word 'Adult' is in a cursive font, 'PICKLEBALL' is in a bold sans-serif font, and 'Night' is in a cursive font. The date and time are in a bold sans-serif font. The location and instructions are in a smaller sans-serif font. The contact information is in a small sans-serif font.

January 19th Worship @ Peace Monroe

January 19th we will join Peace Monroe for Sunday morning service at 10:00 am. Pastor Mike and Jan will be out of town that weekend. We hope you will join us!

Youth/Family Events

January

10—Pickleball @ 7:00 pm

19—Worship @ Peace Monroe

(no service on campus this week)

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 (December 13, 2024)

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December 13, 2024

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, The Immanuel (God with us)!

Rev. Paul reported that all of Haiti has been impacted by heavy rain. "In Les Ceyes, they cross the road in a boat...in Cap Haitian a wall (with not enough foundation) was weakened and fell, killing four people...There has been lots of rain all over Haiti but we are doing well."

Praise God for the proper construction used and the protection they receive during these times.

The ministry is working on getting us pictures of all the children living there so that our records can be updated. It is wonderful to see children that we have been watching for over a decade mature and strive with the things before them. I have attached two pictures of students in the school taken during their class time.

Whitney and Sarai finished the fall quarter this week at Eastern Oregon University; they are living with my wife and I. We are thankful for their diligent work as students. We are also looking forward to wishing Whitney a Happy Birthday this Sunday.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser



SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—JANUARY 2025

	5th	12th	19th	26th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Farnsworth	Worship @ Peace Monroe	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone		Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp		Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen		Phil Bates
Greeter	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover		Murray Anderer
Scripture Reader	Sara Bryan	Larry Aalbu		Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Evey L arsen Amanda Pfiester		Brock Wolitarsky
Altar Guild	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester		Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Carla Schoonover	Hayley McClellan		Kjell Larsen

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE—FEBRUARY 2025

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Farnsworth	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey	Teri Larsen	Gary Beck
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen	Will Bryan
Children's Message	Delanie May	Jen Wood	Matt Bench	Gary Beck
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl
Power Point	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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				1 Happy New Year	2	3	4 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
5 10:15 am Worship with communion	6 Office Closed	7	8	9	10	11 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
12 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	13 Office Closed	14	15	16	17	18 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
19 10:00 am Worship at Peace Monroe	20 MLK Day Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am	
26 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31		

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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