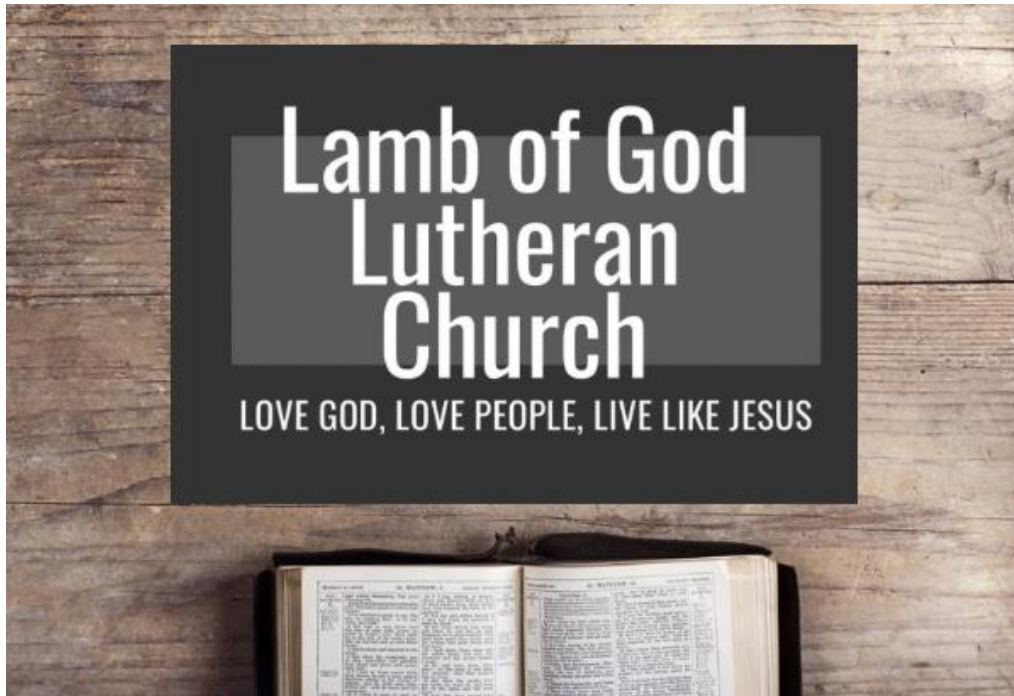


# THE CONNECTION

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

During the December 29th service, we had a reverse offering. We passed around envelopes containing 5, 10, or 20 dollar bills with a slip of paper that said, "I used God's money to:" The assignment was straightforward: pray, use the money for whatever God leads you to do, then report back how you used it. You could go with what you got, add to the money, or combine with someone else. The idea was to give everyone some practice at stewardship aka managing someone else's money. Here's how some people gave:

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- Shoes for the Lord’s Little Cooker via Facebook Marketplace
- Feedmystarvingchildren.org
- A cashier at the Dollar Store.
- Haiti orphanage
- Snohomish Food Bank
- Providence Hospice of Snohomish county
- A newlywed couple
- Gofundme for a friend’s relative’s funeral cost
- Salvation Army for California fires
- Lighthouse Mission helping the poor and homeless
- St Jude’s
- Casa Latina
- YouVersion Bible App
- Housing Hope
- Teen Network of Snohomish County
- Chitna Alaska Mission Trip
- Materials for letters of encouragement
- Gas money to get to chapel at Trinity
- Lake Stevens Food Bank
- Church plant in Indonesia
- A Navy vet
- Bibles to give away

There were numerous examples of people reaching the same conclusion independently. Many people felt God led them to some cause and experienced some kind of confirmation. There are probably many stories yet to be told.

One thing I did not mention is that when I told everyone this is God’s money, it came from my pocket. As such, I experienced a special joy at every act of generosity that you committed. More importantly, everyone who experienced God’s hand in this experiment, who grew in faith, who became even slightly more intentional in stewardship gave me even greater joy. The cause I am most invested in is you.

I believe we can make a difference in the world around us through our generosity, but the most valuable thing that happens is that we experience the heart of God. “For God so loved the world that He gave.” It’s Who He is. Thank you for joining in.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



**February**

17—Presidents’ Day

21—Adult Pickleball

23—Footsteps of Paul trip meeting (following worship)

**March**

5—Ash Wednesday (soup supper @ 6:00 pm/worship @ 7:00 pm)

7-9—Puget Sound Youth Gathering

22—Chitna Craft Fair 10:00 am-3:00 pm (more details coming soon)

28—Adult Pickleball

**April**

26—ZLS Auction @Thomas Family Farm

# FROM THE OFFICE



Join us for in-person worship on **Sundays at 10:15 am**. We will continue to stream to Facebook LIVE.  
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[www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org](http://www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

## Church Office Hours

The church office is typically open Tuesdays 9:00-11:30 am & Wednesdays/Thursdays 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Please contact Pastor Mike, Jan, or Shara directly if you need assistance.

- 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)
- Shara (425) 299-1518 or [secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org)

## CONNECT WITH US!

### Pastoral Assistance

Pastor:  
Mike May (314) 775-6956

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

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

## Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:  
February 9th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:  
February 2nd (following worship)

## 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.

## Directory Changes:

Moving? New Phone Number? Please contact the church office with address, phone number and email changes so we can update our records. Email [secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org). Thank you!



## PUGET SOUND YOUTH GATHERING—MARCH 7-9

The Puget Sound Youth Board is proud to say that the registration for the 2025 Puget Sound Youth Gathering is now OPEN! This event is for current middle and high school youth. This year's theme is ENDURE based on Hebrews 12:1-3 featuring Nathan Schmidt as our speaker and session leader.

Our Gathering opens on Friday, March 7th at 6 pm with games, fellowship and worship (dinner on your own) before lights out and continues all day Saturday with 3 meals, speaker sessions led by Nathan Schmidt, break-out sessions, games, fellowship, crafts, worship, and lots of fun. We wrap up Sunday morning with breakfast and a last group worship session led by a local pastor before saying "See you soon!"

**Early bird registration for Lamb of God Youth and Friends = \$65 (youth and adult) by February 3, 2025 Regular registration = \$75 (youth and adult) by February 18, 2025.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Novak at [worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org) or call 425 418-6270

## CHITNA MISSION TRIP—SPRING BAZAAR FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar! Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. More details coming soon! If you are a craft vendor interested in having a booth, please email the office at [secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org](mailto:secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org) so we can get you the sign up information when it becomes available.

## FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TRIP—OCTOBER 2025

If you are signed up for or simply want to find out more about the Footsteps of Paul trip this October, there will be an informational meeting Sunday, February 23, after Church. Hope to see you there.

## ADULT PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Night Join us on Friday, February 21st from 7:00-9:00 pm in the ZLS gym for a fun night of pickleball. All equipment will be provided. Adults only please! Please wear non marking sole shoes. Socks will work, too. Hope to see you there! Upcoming pickleball nights— March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, & May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 pm



## 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. **Location: Bethel Baptist Church 2625 Hoyt Avenue**

## ZLS NEWS—FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Good Morning All,

I am reporting back to all the association churches after our school board meeting last night.

The new security system has all the cameras installed and operating, the Verkada system is functioning properly. The school is working on implementing a new Management Software which is called FACTS There are five teachers that are working with Pastor Roeske to complete their Seminar, which is an alternative to Collique for teachers that do not attend a LCMS congregation. This week is re-enrollment for 2025-2026 school year for current families. There will be an open house for prospective new families on Thurs 1/30, with new student enrollment starting on 2/11. LEST is scheduled for Feb 13-15 at PLU, for 5-8th graders: events include Math, Spelling Robotics, Drama, Music, Cheer, Dance and Basketball. Lamb of God will be having work parties that will help get the campus cleaned up and help with the permitting process to secure new buildings for the school.

Thank you for all that you do to support your church and the school.

Have a blessed day,

Sandy Bench

V.P. Zion Lutheran School Board

# NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

January 11, 2025

Greetings,

School for the ministry continues starting on Monday, January 13th. They will be working on getting some technological supplies for the older students. For the older students, the use of a laptop is important. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission will help with some of the expenses for this education.

It is scheduled to be an exciting week for the ministry as travel has opened up in the northern areas of Haiti, and a group associated with the Kurt Marquart Foundation plans to visit Rev. Paul. I am excited to receive a report about their travel experience.

Rev. Paul shared the reality of vodou being practiced in Haiti. Praise God that the truth is proclaimed through this ministry, and we pray for people to receive God's truth and turn away from false religions.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Ash Wednesday Service



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 7:00 PM  
SOUP SUPPER @ 6:00 PM



**FEBRUARY 2025**

# FEBRUARY SERVANTS CALENDAR

	2nd	9th	16th	23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Rahn	Farnsworth	Novak/May	Beck
<b>Worship Take-Down</b>	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
<b>Soundboard</b>	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey	Teri Larsen	Gary Beck
<b>Greeter</b>	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Dale Rahn	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen	Will Bryan
<b>Children's Message</b>	Delanie May	Jen Wood	Jan Novak	Gary Beck
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl
<b>Power Point</b>	Carla Schoonover	Hayley McClellan	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen

# MARCH SERVANTS CALENDAR

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May
<b>Worship Take-Down</b>	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
<b>Soundboard</b>	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Dale Rahn	Phil Bates	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey	Gary Beck
<b>Greeter</b>	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Kjell Larsen	Sara Bryan	Larry Aalbu	Jennifer Wood	Debbie Laskey
<b>Children's Message</b>	Vicki Beck	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarisky	Delanie May
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl
<b>Power Point</b>	Carla Schoonover	Hayley McClellan	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>2</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion Elders Meeting (following worship)	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Council Meeting (following worship)	<b>10</b> Office Closed	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>16</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	<b>17</b> Presidents' Day Office Closed	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
<b>23</b> 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Paul Trip Meeting (following worship)	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	



# LOOKING AHEAD

Lent is right around the corner. Join us for worship and soup supper!

**Ash Wednesday**—March 5

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**Palm Sunday**—April 13

Worship @ 10:15 am

**Maundy Thursday**—April 17

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**—April 18

Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**—April 20

Worship @ 10:15 am

*\* There will be Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday only.*





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