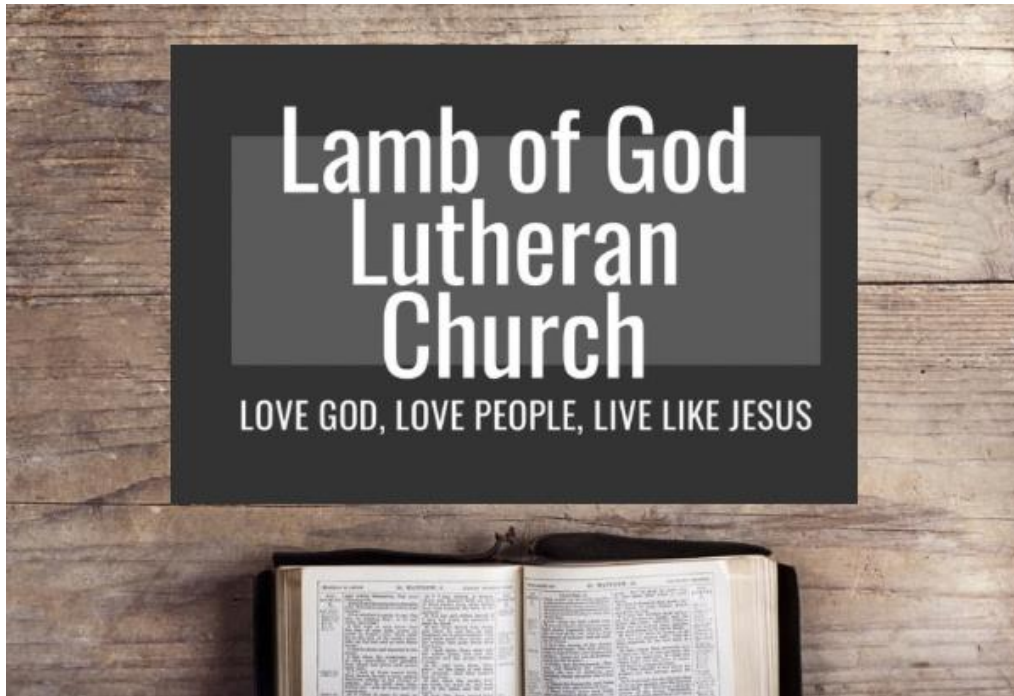


THE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

Have you ever noticed how much easier it is to follow Jesus' teaching if we just tweak it a little? For instance, Luke 6:31 tells us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." It's a line from Jesus that people know it even if they have no idea where it came from. Those who practice it, tend to treat it as the inverse of what it says: Don't do to others things you would not want them to do to you. With this new standard, frankly, I am knocking it out of the
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park. There are literally billions of people I have not harmed in any way. Billions I have not hated, envied, slandered or stolen from. I'm not sure I actively plot harm against anyone.

But that's not what it says is it? This statement comes at the end of Jesus' command to love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you. Those aren't passive verbs. When Jesus says to love, He's not primarily talking about a feeling; He means behave in a loving way. Love is not the absence of active malice. "First, do no harm" is often quoted as part of the Hippocratic oath, but it's not. In fact, it's sometimes quoted as if it's the entire oath. Can you imagine? That's a lot of med school just to do no harm.

Doing good things for "bad" people is nearly unheard of in today's culture. In the film True Lies, Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a CIA agent who has kept his job secret from his family. Under the influence of truth serum, he is asked by his wife, "Have you killed people?" He responds, "Yeah, but they were all bad." It's a joke...sort of.

Is that where we should take our cues? Culture is always more than willing to point to people we don't have to treat well. But in that same passage, Jesus tells us that if we do good only for those who do good for us, that's nothing special. Everybody does that. But there's supposed to be something special about walking behind Jesus. Because He is pretty special. Can you imagine if God considered not doing harm to be equal to doing good?

What if God only sent the rain to good people? How dry would the world be? If He only sent sunshine to people who deserved it, who loved and followed Him, how dark would the world be?

Jesus isn't telling us how to feel. Which is not to say feeling is not important. Jesus is telling us how to behave, because He knows that if we live as if we love people we don't like, eventually it will change the way we feel. Still, this is not an easy task. Maybe we can start with prayer. Not that so-and-so gets what's coming to them. But that we might take a step toward generous, loving action which will lead to the kind of countercultural behavior that Jesus' kingdom is all about.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



March

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

7-9—Puget Sound Youth Gathering

22—Chitna Craft Fair @ ZLS Gym 10:00 am-3:00 pm

28—Adult Pickleball

April

13—Palm Sunday

17—Maundy Thursday (soup supper @ 6:00 pm/worship @ 7:00 pm)

18—Good Friday Worship @ 7:00 pm

20—Easter Celebration Service @ 10:15 pm

25—Adult Pickleball

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.
www.facebook.com/lambofgodlakestevens/

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.

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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
 March 9th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:
 March 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 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. 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!"

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Novak at worship@lambogod-lakestevens.org or call 425 418-6270

CHITNA MISSION TRIP—SPRING BAZAAR FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar! Saturday, March 22nd from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Crafts, pottery, jewelry, direct sales, Avery's Chicken & Waffles Food Truck and so much more! Please come out and support our mission team! If you are a craft vendor interested in having a booth, please email the office at secretary@lambogod-lakestevens.org so we can get you the sign up information when it becomes available.

QUILT FUNDRAISER: Drawing will be held during the spring bazaar. Get your tickets for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets will be available for purchase Sunday mornings. The quilt will be on display in a couple of weeks.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

There will be a soup supper at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5th. Ash Wednesday service will start at 7:00 pm.

ADULT PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Night Join us on Friday, March 28th 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—April 25th & May 23rd @ 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

Greetings to all the association churches,

The school board met last night, and I have some highlights to share with you.

Enrollment is looking good with 242 students signed up for the next school year.

Seminar training for Non-LCMS teachers is moving forward with Pastor Roeske.

The school missed several days due to loss of power and snow, 2 ½ days will be added in June.

The Spring Auction will be on April 26th and held at Thomas Family Farm. Main goal for auction funds will be for new bleachers for the gym.

Have a blessed day,

Sandy Bench

ZLS board vice president

NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

Greetings,

January 31, 2025

Attached are some pictures from a team representing Hope for Haiti who blessed Rev. Daniel Paul's ministry as they brought over two tons of food, set up an eye clinic analyzing 182 patients and fitting 130 of them with glasses. They also did crafts with them, making tote bags, and played parachute games, etc. We are very thankful for other groups to join us in supporting this ministry. I am also pleased to hear the positive report they had concerning travel to and in Haiti. As Rev. Paul assures me, situations in north, northeast, and central Haiti are stable.

The young ladies attending university in the Dominican Republic are progressing in their studies. Jaccina is in her last term and will be graduating within two months with a degree in "Hoteling." Rev. Paul explained this as doing the business of running a hotel. Rev. Paul and Cliney's oldest daughter is also scheduled to graduate this year with a degree in Nutrition. A young lady who has shown great dedication is Benjennie; she is moving forward in her studies in the medical field (still on track to be a doctor). We are thankful for the ability to support the children of La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) as they pursue careers. There are youth going to university elsewhere and others that work in the community and at the orphanage.



February 10, 2025

Greetings,

I had a video call with Rev. Paul today and showed him the snow that is piled up on our parking lot with more snow falling. He laughed and said, "Oh, I remember that when I was in Fort Wayne. It got real cold, down to the negative Fahrenheit degrees. Oh, how cold it was!" He says this as he is in his office with a light t-shirt, the temperature 81 degrees with their high at 91 degrees earlier in the day.

Rev. Paul reported their ongoing struggle of obtaining books and materials for all the classes for school. I have attached a video and photo of the older students using laptops that were purchased with NEHLM funds recently. These students share the laptops and take good care of them.

A young man (Maxo), who was raised in the boys' home and continues to work hard for the ministry, had an accident on a "three-wheeler" (motorcycle engine with a bed over two back wheels). He was on an errand to get wood. He had a couple of the younger boys with him, and one of the younger boys was hit in the head by some of the wood. He received medical care and is home now. He will have a follow up meeting with the doctor next week.



God's peace,
Rev. Samuel Wiseman

MARCH 2025

MARCH SERVANTS CALENDAR

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

APRIL SERVANTS CALENDAR

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Worship Set-Up	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Greeter	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover
Scripture Reader	Dale Rahn	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen	Will Bryan
Children's Message	Delanie May	Jennifer Wood	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck
Altar Guild	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Hayley McClellan	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
2 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion Elders Meeting (following worship)	3 Office Closed	4	5 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm	6	7	8 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
9 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship Council Meeting (following worship)	10 Office Closed	11	12	13	14	15 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
16 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion	17 Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am Chitna Bazaar 10:00-3:00 pm
23 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	24 Office Closed	25	26	27	28 Pickleball 7:00 pm	29 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am
30 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship	31 Office Closed					

LOOKING AHEAD

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

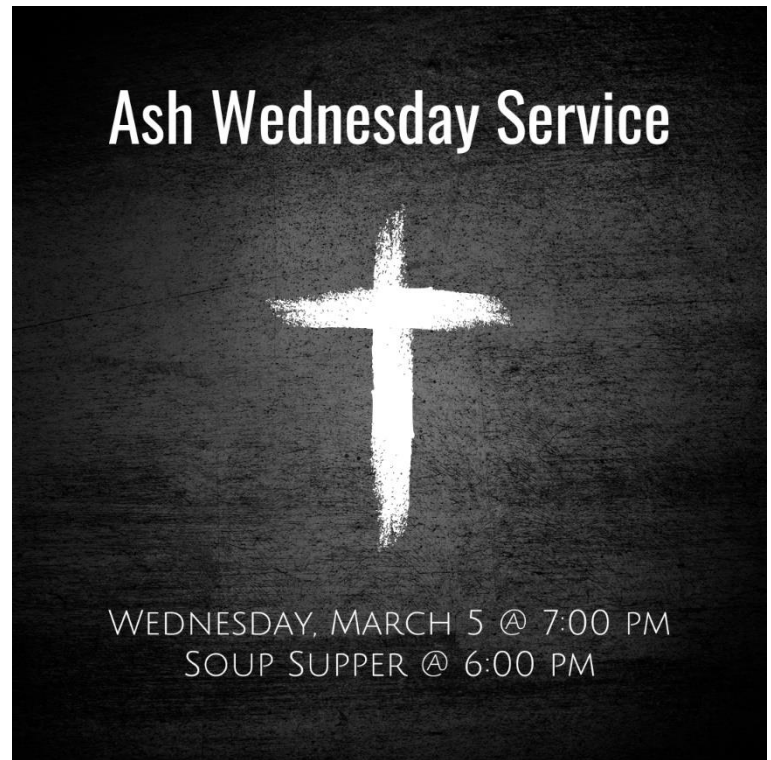
Good Friday—April 18

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.*



COME OUT AND SUPPORT!



Spring Bazaar

Crafts ~ Pottery ~ Jewelry ~ Direct Sales ~
Avery's Chicken & Waffles Food Truck ~
and so much more!



March 22, 2025

10AM - 3PM

Zion Lutheran School Gym

3923 103rd Ave SE

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Fundraising for Our

Mission Trip to Chitina, Alaska!



Zion Lutheran
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LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT
(PSALM 118: 24)

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