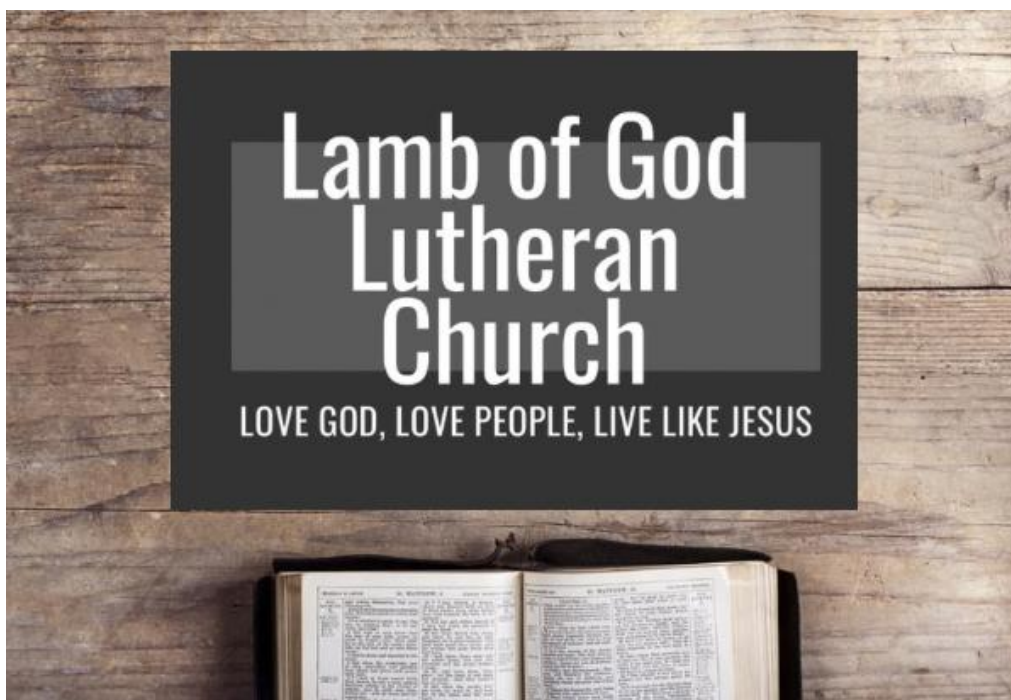


THE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

In John 4:27 Jesus tells His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Why the distinction? Jesus makes a point of telling them that the peace He gives is not normal, everyday peace like the world gives. What kind of peace is that?

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It seems like worldly peace is usually defined by the absence of conflict, disturbance or even war. When we put it that way, it seems like a pretty low bar. A country not actively at war is not necessarily peaceful is it? How about when two or more countries are at war with each other but arrange a brief cease fire? If they arrange it in order to discuss terms of ending the war, that's great, but what if they are only asking in order to resupply and regroup enabling each side to return to killing each other more effectively? Is that a moment of peace?

To be fair, not being shot at is better than being shot at. A quiet moment is better than a shouting match. But are those really the only options? Jesus says they are not. The peace He offers is different. He tells the disciples not to let their hearts be troubled or afraid even though He made it clear they would have trouble, they would be persecuted because they followed Him.

The peace Jesus gives enables us to be untroubled in troubling circumstances. It lets us be undisturbed when things happening around us are disturbing. How exactly does this happen? I don't know. I think the more we trust and get to know God, the more trustworthy we find Him to be. But the process is unclear. It's not because some pastor tells you not to worry. It's not even because the Bible says it. Jesus just gives a special kind of peace to those who follow Him.

Paul wrote the church in Philippi, "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

It surpasses my understanding, but I know I want it. Don't you?

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



May

- 11—Mother's Day
- 18—Voter's Meeting (following worship)
- 18—Bunco Fundraiser @ 12:00 pm
- 23—Adult Pickleball @ 7:00 pm
- 25—Last Family Education Class until the fall
- 26—Memorial Day

June

- 8—Chitna Team Recognition (during worship)
- 8—Church Picnic (following worship)
- 15—Father's Day

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

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
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 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:
 May 11th (following worship)

Spring Voter's Meeting:
 May 18th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:
 May 4th (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!



SPRING CONGREGATION MEETING

Mark your calendars! Spring Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18th (following worship). December 2024 meeting minutes are on p. 9 for your review.

CHITNA TEAM RECOGNITION

On Sunday, June 8th, during worship, we will be recognizing and praying our Chitna Mission Team and their upcoming mission trip.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Calling all Graduates! If you, or a member of your family, will be graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office by May 21st so that we can include them in our June newsletter. Please provide a picture and details of where the student is graduating from & any future plans. Thank you!

ADULT PICKLEBALL

Pickleball Night Join us on Friday, May 23rd 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!

FAMILY EDUCATION

Sunday morning Bible Classes will be breaking for the summer. The last week of class will be Sunday, May 25th. Classes will resume in the fall.

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your Calendars! Church Picnic/BBQ—**Sunday, June 8th** following worship. Bring a salad or dessert to share. More details to come.



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**

UPCOMING CHITNA FUNDRAISER



BUNCO!
Fundraising for our mission
trip to Chitina, Alaska

 **Sunday, May 18th @ Noon**
 **Zion Lutheran School Gym**
Ages 12-100
No experience required!

RSVP by May 10th
Call or text Teri @ 425-356-9283
or scan QR code



Suggested Donation: \$25/person
Includes lunch and dessert donated by
Tuscano's and Cabbage Patch!

NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

April 11, 2025

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the "Suffering Servant" Who Has Paid the Price for Sin!

On a recent phone call Rev. Daniel Paul reported, "We are getting ready for Passion Week. It is an exciting time for us all. This is one of the few years that we do not have Baptismal candidates for Easter. There is a group being instructed for their baptisms in October, but none right now." These would be people old enough to be instructed first, then baptized. Infant baptism is the norm. It is delightful to know that they are baptizing infants from families already involved in the church and yearly, they have several "adult" baptisms. Praise be to God!

Rev. Paul shared that the children's agency of Haiti has brought this ministry six new children between four and eight years old (boys and girls). It would be nice to have new sponsors respond to this opportunity. Please contact NEHLM, and we will pursue getting you a picture of the child. We have kept the sponsorship for full time care at \$50 a month and appreciate unallocated gifts to help "Maintain this Ministry of Jesus Christ's Mission." (These are the 3 M's that I promote in thanksgiving for gifts to our local church and extended ministries.)

Rev. Paul reported, "We are starting our rainy season and got our first rain today (4/10/2025). We receive the most of our rain in May and June, but this will allow us to start planting."

The pictures are of their yearly "Ladies' Celebration Service." You will notice the limited space at the worship center with many people sitting behind Rev. Paul as he preaches, and in another picture, people on benches outside the worship building. He said, "We try to provide food at these special services because there are many people who are starving."



April 22, 2025

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

Rev. Daniel Paul sent the following greeting on Easter Sunday:

Alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Blessed Easter to all of you my friends. You and I, we partake in Christ's resurrection in our holy baptism, where we receive His justification and the forgiveness of sins. We do not need to fear death, for all our sins are forgiven. Let us rejoice. Happy Easter.

We are thankful for the opportunity to acquire some prescriptions that are almost impossible for them to obtain in Haiti. One of those prescriptions is for Rev. Paul's eyes to help with glaucoma and the other is for a resident in their home, Franceline, who requires medicines for her disabling condition. Our ability to do so is through medical professionals "walking along" with us to get the prescriptions and then having them sent by plane via an organization called "Missionary Flights International." We try to send a full box of other OTC medicines and vitamins that are beneficial for them when an order is sent.

Some members of Cliney's (Rev. Paul's wife) family have been displaced from their home between Port au Prince and the Central Plateau of Haiti. They recently found out that their houses were burned to the ground with all the furniture and belongings inside. We are thankful for them being able to leave before the damage but very sad with the conditions that continue, especially near Port au Prince.

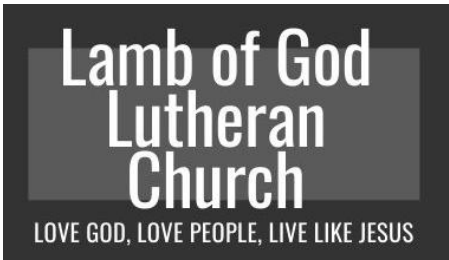
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MAY SERVANTS CALENDAR

	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
Worship Set-Up	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
Elder on Duty	Phil Bates	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu
Greeter	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Mike Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Sara Bryan	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis

JUNE SERVANTS CALENDAR

	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Worship Set-Up	Novak/May	Beck	Rahn	Novak/May	Beck
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Phil Bates	Gary Beck	TBD
Greeter	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey	Jen Wood	Dale Rahn	Grant Bryan	Evey Larsen
Children's Message	Jen Wood	Matt Bench	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester
Altar Guild	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Kjell Larsen



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

CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES

Below are the meeting minutes from the December 2024 meeting for your review.

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Congregational Meeting

December 1, 2024

Attendance: See attached.

Opening Prayer by Brock Wolitarsky

Minutes of the June 2, 2024 meeting was approved unanimously with a motion by Milt Grover and a second by Gary Beck.

Treasurer's Report: (See attached). Ruben Alanis reviewed the 2024 budget and presented the proposed 2025 budget. Milt Grover made a motion to accept the proposed Operating Budget and Phil Bates seconded the motion. It passed. Jill Murray made a motion to accept the proposed Building Budget and Dale Rahn seconded the motion. It passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor Mike May gave a building update. They are doing proper maintenance to avoid the wetlands issue. They are working on getting a conditional permit. Jill Murray stated that the most aggressive date for building is 2027.

Youth/Worship Report: Jan Novak reported that the youth would be leading the service on December 15th. There will be no service on Christmas Day. On January 19th we will be worshipping with Peace in Monroe.

Elders Report: Gary Beck reported that Phil Bates is the new elder. There will be several school events coming up for Christmas. These will be announced.

Zion Lutheran School Board: School was out for three days due to a power outage. Enrollment is great.

Council nominations: The nominations for Council are as follows: Brock Wolitarsky for President, Kris Werfelmann for Secretary, Susie Rahn for Financial Secretary and Sandy Bench for Zion School Board Rep. Lori May made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Gary Beck seconded the motion. It passed.

Brock Wolitarsky closed in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Kris Werfelmann

Secretary



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