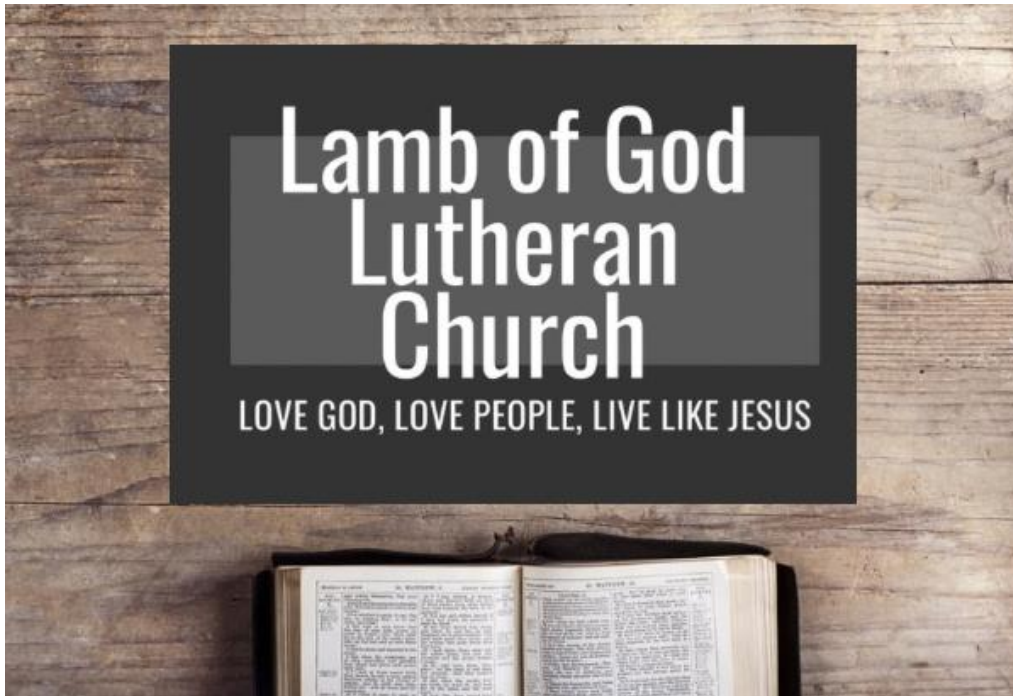


## THE CONNECTION

# NEWSLETTER

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### FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

Summer is almost here! I remember looking forward to summer so much as a kid. Alice Cooper had a big hit in 1972 with "School's Out for Summer." It's not really a great song, but it still somehow gets played occasionally today. I think that's because it captures a sentiment we all share. Same thing is true with Loverboy's "Everybody's working for the weekend."

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When retirement seems far away, maybe we are working for the weekend. Or maybe we're working for summer vacation. Suffering through boring or demanding jobs just to have a chance to hit the road with the family, visit the mountains or the beach. What's the next vacation you have planned? Do you find it keeps you going when life is unpleasant? I find it's helpful to have something to look forward to.

Of course, looking forward can be tricky too. Sometimes we build something up too much in our minds. After too much hype, the actual experience can be a letdown. Ironically, if you've been fortunate enough to experience a lot of vacations, you might even find yourself let down by life in general. Is this all there is? Like Jack Nicholson asked in the movie, "What if this is as good as it gets?"

It's not. The reason we can't be fully and finally satisfied by anything we find in this world is because we were made for something bigger and better than this world. We yearn for something more, not simply out of dissatisfaction with what we have, but because something greater exists. And we don't have to work for it. It's been given to us as a gift. We are intended to live forever in relationship with an infinite, omniscient, omnipotent, creator God. There's no way to describe what that will be like because we have no frame of reference down here. I guarantee it won't disappoint though.

As a bonus, we still get to enjoy things in the here and now, like weekends and summer vacations. Eternity puts those things in perspective though. So I hope whatever you do this summer will be done as someone who is headed for something even greater.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike



### June

8—Chitna Team Recognition (during worship)

8—Church Picnic (following worship)

15—Father's Day

23-25—Basketball Camp 9:00-11:30 am

### July

4—Independence Day

# 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/](http://www.facebook.com/lambofgodlakestevens/)  
[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)
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## CONNECT WITH US!

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Elders:  
 Larry Aalbu (425) 422-1016  
 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:  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> (following worship)

Elders Meeting:  
 June 1st (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!



## CHITNA TEAM RECOGNITION

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

## BASKETBALL CAMP

Lamb of God is hosting a basketball camp for students entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades on June 23-25 from 9:00-11:30 am. Cost is \$60. Space is limited. Register on our website at [www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps](http://www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps).

## CHURCH PICNIC

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

## SUMMER PICKLEBALL NIGHTS

Mark your Calendars! Summer Adult Pickleball nights will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm in the ZLS gym.



## 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**

## ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL-SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Hello,

Zion Lutheran School Board met tonight.

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is currently at 289 students with the possibility of more students enrolling in the next several months.

The school is transitioning from Sycamore Education to FACTS as their School Management Software.

Lamb of God LCMS has done a lot of work on drainage in the back field: they are laying drain fields and hop to have this stage of work completed by June. Next would be going to the County to ask, in general terms, if we could transition from portables to new permanent structures with some modifications to our existing Conditional Use Permit.

Teachers and students are in the home stretch for this school year. It's been a great year!

Thank you for your support and prayers for Zion Lutheran School.

Sandy Bench

# NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

**\*\*There was not a NEHLM update sent in May as of this publication. So here is one from March that was missed. Also, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation about NEHLM at the school. More details about that will be sent out when it becomes available.**

March 27, 2025

Greetings,

Rev. Paul reports, "We are doing well, by the grace of God!"

In the schools he is dealing with some extra courses that are taking several hours each week. I think these courses are ones for which they have yet to obtain a teacher, so he is filling in for the time being.

I inquired about services for the Lenten season, and he responded, "We always have our Wednesday and Friday services along with our two nights a month with an overnight worship." (I went to an overnight Service for about two hours several years ago--quite an experience with lots of prayers and singing.) "During Lent, we adjust the theme to fit a Lenten emphasis." They also had a "Revival" last Sunday, inviting two of the school classes to worship with them. Rev. Paul shared, "It was crowded with many people standing outside." Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) continues to "walk with" them to pursue a larger worship facility.

Rev. Paul's daughters, Whiney and Sarai, who are living in our house, have completed their winter quarter and are on a Spring Break trip with the university to visit areas along the west coast of the USA.

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I continue to prepare for our trip this May and would be able to take letters to children that some of you are sponsoring.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

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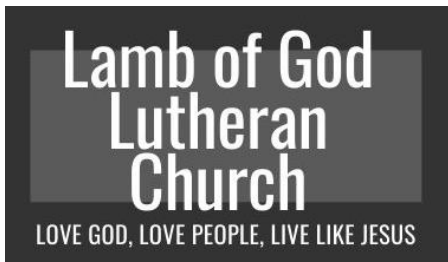
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## JUNE SERVANTS CALENDAR

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

## JULY SERVANTS CALENDAR

	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Worship Set-Up</b>	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen
<b>Worship Take-Down</b>	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
<b>Soundboard</b>	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates
<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Phil Bates
<b>Greeter</b>	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Will Bryan	Mike Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Sara Bryan
<b>Children's Message</b>	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May	Jen Wood
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Power Point</b>	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen



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





LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

# BASKETBALL CAMP

**JUNE 23-25 9:00-11:30 AM**

Zion Lutheran School Gym

Grades 3-9

Cost: \$60

For More Information or to Register, visit  
[www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps](http://www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org/summercamps)



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