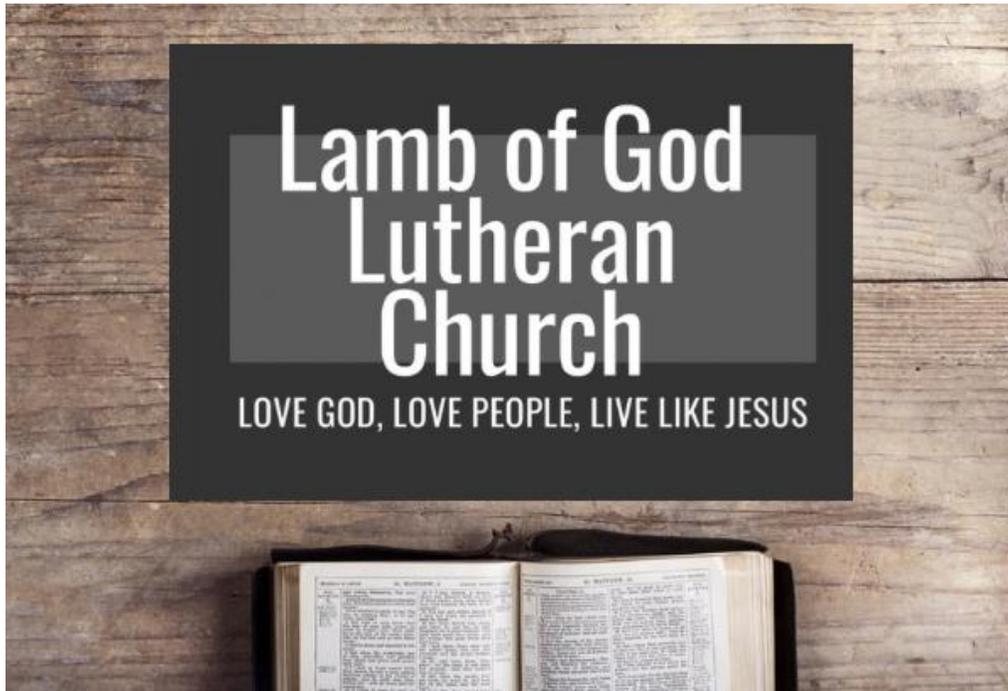


THE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

How do you argue? I mean how do you go about it. Not rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 10 as to how good you are at it. How do you go about it? Lots of people get angry when they argue. They would probably say they are “passionate” about certain subjects. Maybe “emotional” is a better word. Very often, their emotion causes people to let them have their
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way. The problem is that tears and/or loud voices don't actually change minds which means the underlying issue remains unresolved.

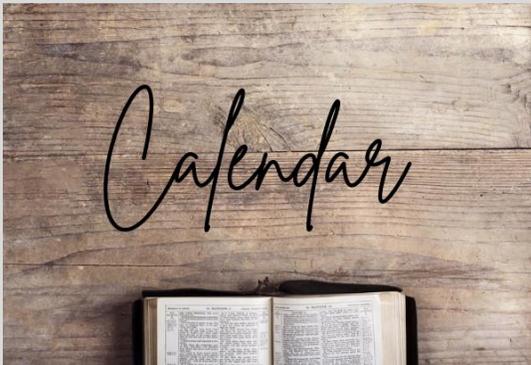
Some people focus too much on winning. They will bring up things that are off topic, but might make the other person feel guilty or embarrassed so they give in. If they resist mudslinging, they often barely hear what the other person says because they are so busy formulating their own response. Have you ever seen that in someone else? You are still speaking, and you can tell they have moved on. Maybe they think they already know what you were going to say, but do they? Sometimes you can see them take a breath, ready to speak, maybe even open their mouth a little—all while you are still explaining something. If we can spot that in someone else, others can certainly spot it when we do it. Like emotional argument, this kind of behavior might cause someone to give in, but nothing is truly resolved.

Some people will avoid arguments whenever possible, at least with certain people, because it is so unpleasant. After all, if you know the other person isn't going to really listen and there's no hope of real agreement, what's the point? This route might avoid conflict, but again, it forfeits any possibility of resolution. What should we do then?

I am increasingly convinced that the key to genuine resolution is to open ourselves to the possibility of change. We must allow for the possibility that we are wrong and could change our minds. This is easier said than done. After all, we believe what we believe for a reason. We already debated many of the points in our own minds. I just came from a district convention where pastors who should know better instead consistently failed to listen to opposing views. They even threw in some Bible verses to support their side. Unfortunately, that was usually an obvious attempt to make scripture say what they wanted it to rather than let it speak for itself. Again, pastors should know better. Unfortunately, we are just people so we are also prone to sin.

Rather than grab a Bible verse that supports what I'm saying, I want to leave you with a question. Imagine you took my advice and the next time you argued with someone rather than preparing your rebuttal, you really listened to what they had to say. Instead of immediately firing back a retort, you asked a clarifying question or two. Before you tore hole in their position, you made sure you understood it, maybe even helped them solidify a point or two. What if in the process of that you changed your mind? Would that be so horrible? Okay, maybe it would be tough to admit, especially to certain people. But just imagine how shocked they will look when you say, "Okay, you convinced me."

Blessings, Pastor Mike

**July**

4—Independence Day

18-26—Chitna Mission Trip

25—Adult Pickleball @ 7:00 pm

August

22—Adult Pickleball @7:00 pm

September

1—Labor 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/
www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org

Church Office Hours

Summer office hours will be limited especially during July. 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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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
 July 13th (following worship)

Elders Meeting:
 July 6th (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!



CHITNA TEAM MISSION TRIP

Please keep our Chitna Mission Team in your prayers as they travel to Chitna July 18-26.

FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEOS TO YOUTUBE

We would love some help putting our Facebook LIVE videos onto our YouTube channel. META is removing all prior Facebook LIVE videos older than 3 months starting in July. If you would like to help with this, please contact the church office. Thank you!

LITTLE DOVES PRESCHOOL HIRING

Peace Lutheran Church Little Doves Preschool is Hiring Preschool/Pre.-K Teacher

To see the job description and to apply, click the link below. Email all questions to littledovespreschool@gmail.com

https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=4a5bfb0151100432&from=shareddesktop_copy

SUMMER PICKLEBALL NIGHTS

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

BABY SHOWER FOR KYRA WOOD

Kyra will be having a baby girl, Gwendolyn Rose.

When: **Sunday, August 17 @12:30-3:00**

Where: Lori May's home

6811 110th Ave NE, Lake Stevens

RSVP: Jen, 425.422.9421

Registry: Amazon (https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/3HBULEFQJGPTU?ref=br_search_v2_desktop_res_1)

Things to keep in mind: Kyra prefers the Honest brand of diapers. In lieu of a card, bring a book, signed by you, to help build Gwendolyn's library. Kyra has plenty of 0-3 month clothes.



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**

BASKETBALL CAMP

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Basketball Camp a success.



NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

A Glorious Ascension Day to You!

May 29, 2025

Today (May 29th) is the fortieth day after Easter, the day on which Jesus ascended. Please consider the following enriching Scripture dealing with Christ's ascension: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:1-2).

Attached is a picture (right to left) of Rev. Paul and his oldest daughter Marguerite, his youngest daughter Abigail, and Benjennie (a young lady from the ministry in her "clinicals" to be a medical doctor). This picture is in the young ladies' apartment in Santiago. I originally sent this picture to Sarai who shares that she is the "tallest in her family besides her dad." It has been two years since Sarai or I had seen Abigail. I was surprised how tall she was. I had her stand on two pillows for the picture for Sarai's sake!



I am pleased to inform you that the operations of the childrens' home (La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat--MADO), the school (College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe--CELO), and the gardens are doing well. We are thankful for dedicated workers and faithful people to continue serving God as they are serving people.

Conditions with borders and political instability are concerns--we trust God as He provides a way for the Word to continue to grow in and through this ministry.

A Blessed Pentecost Season to You All!

June 13, 2025

"O Lord, may the Word of God continue to grow among us and those of this ministry in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, as well as those impacted by it. Amen."

Rev. Daniel Paul's daughters Whitney and Sarai (who are living with my wife and I as they attend Eastern Oregon University) finished their spring term and that evening were driven to western Washington to give some presentations at Zion Lutheran School in Lake Stevens, and Concordia Lutheran Church Oak Harbor; they may get to squeeze in another presentation as they will be associating with Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Lake Stevens.

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) will have a table in the Exhibitors Hall at the Northwest District Convention in Spokane, Washington, June 19-21. If you are at the convention, stop by and get a sticker for a water bottle, or wherever you might place it, and say "Hi" to our Lay Delegate Zaquarie Mendenhall and our Youth Delegate Carson Yancey--or to me.

Rev. Paul reports that classes at their preschool through high school, College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO), have begun year-end exams for the secondary classes last week and will continue through this week as the primary classes start their exams this week.

Gardens are doing well with some periodic rains recently. Mango season is on and people are planting and caring for corn, plantains, bananas, cassava, okra, and beans. These agricultural pursuits keep many people busy; and, with so many people to feed, the work is a blessing in serving others.

JULY 2025

JULY SERVANTS CALENDAR

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

AUGUST SERVANTS CALENDAR

	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Worship Set-Up	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Greeter	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Jen Wood	Dale Rahn	Evey Larsen	Mike Schoonover	Kjell Larsen
Children's Message	Matt Bench	Gary Beck	Vidki Beck	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Jan Novak
Altar Guild	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Power Point	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis

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



Office summer updates:

Office hours will be very limited during the summer. Please contact Pastor Mike, Jan or Shara directly.

Shara will be on vacation July 10-18.

Jan will be in Montana July 20-25.



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