

THE CONNECTION

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

“How is this going to turn out?” I ask myself that a lot when I’m watching a movie or reading a book. You can usually tell a lot by the genre. If you are watching a romantic comedy, the couple will end up together at the end. This might happen at the end or if they get together early in the film, there will be a breakup and reunion.

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Action movies are often just as predictable as rom coms. Trouble arises in the world. The hero must overcome great adversity and preferably have a boss fight at the end. Suspense is found in how the hero will overcome the problem and who might die along the way. No one goes to a James bond film wondering if the villain will win. In Horrors, no one is guaranteed to survive. If anyone does, it is usually the least likely person.

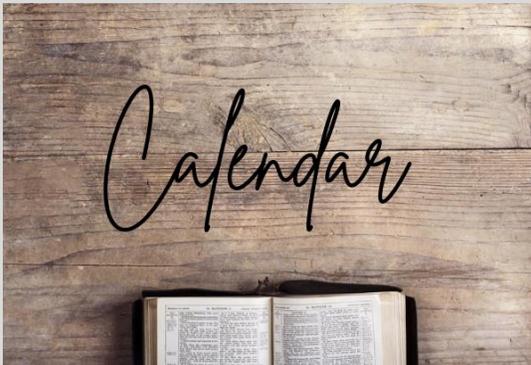
Dramas are different though. They lack supervillains, car chases or murderous people wearing hockey masks. There's no telling if anyone gets together at the end. It's during dramas that we most often ask, "How is this going to turn out?" Most stories that are "based on a true story" are dramas. Life is unpredictable. The only formulas it seems to follow are tragic ones where people go down some destructive path and blow up a career, a marriage, a family.

The biggest challenge I have when I'm hearing a story is trusting the author. Often, I notice something that doesn't make sense in the story. I then must decide whether I think the author put this here intentionally or unintentionally. Will it make sense in the plot or was it due to oversight or incompetence? It's helpful if I am familiar with the author. When he or she has told a satisfying and coherent story in the past, I am ready to trust them again. If they are careless or lazy I'm not likely to read them again. I can put up with the uncertainty of a plot as long as I believe the author can make it worth my time.

This is also the same in life. There aren't a lot of true atheists out there. It's hard to live believing there's no plan, no meaning, no one in control. Most people believe in something. But what is that something? How do you know you can trust it? What kind of a story is it writing? How is this going to turn out?

I feel especially blessed. Not only do I worship a God Who has redeemed me, but I was also born at a time when I can look back at many of His promises fulfilled. The most important of those is the cross, where God finally redeems humanity, crushing Satan's head while His own heel is bruised. His story isn't finished, "He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" (Revelation 21:5) But I know that my story is a part of His story and I know He is a very good author.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



September

1—Labor Day

7—Rally Sunday/Family Education Resumes @ 9:00 am/Church Picnic

14—Baby Shower for Hannah Kraus

October

24—ZLS Fall Festival

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.

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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
September 14 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:
No Elders Meeting this month.
Next meeting October 5 (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!



RALLY SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 7th

Join us Sunday, September 7th for Rally Sunday. Adult Bible classes will be resuming at 9:00 am with a study on Genesis. There will be a Rally Sunday BBQ following worship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, water, and coffee will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The October-December 2025 issue of Portals of Prayer is now available. Copies are available on the back table on Sunday mornings.

BABY SHOWER FOR HANNAH KRAUS

Hannah (and her husband Cody Farnsworth) are having a baby boy in October!

When: Sunday, September 14th @ 1:30 pm

Where: Susie Rahn's home

5201 175th AVE SE, Snohomish

RSVP: Susie, (425) 350-2184

Registry: [Amazon](#) (under Hannah Kraus) They would also welcome gently used clothing/hand-me-downs or books.



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**

PICTURES FROM NEHLM

July 30:



August 12:



NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

July 30, 2025

Greetings,

I trust your summer is going well. For La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO-The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage), children are being cared for, gardens are being worked in, and the Word of the Lord is continually being shared. It is encouraging to witness these Christians being steadfast while navigating the issues of a failed and practically non-existent national government.

I have attached pictures of a photo of "Manmie's Eau" (French for Mommie's Water). The name was chosen by the children of MADO. This "business" is on the wall of the boys' orphanage across from the school. You can see some school students at the window. There is another picture of the water purifier that is used to get this quality water. Rev. Paul reports, "This is the best water in the area. We got it to have good water for the boys' and girls' homes as well as the school. We are able to sell some to the community to help pay for the equipment." This facility is set up to produce individual bags and has faucets for big water bottles. This venture provides good water for the people of the ministry and jobs for the older children as some of the water sold.

The other photo is Rev. Paul teaching an online Greek class for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti, ELCH (full altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS). He had five students come to his site in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, as this class was shared at several other locations. Rev. Paul said, "I gave them a test last Saturday on Greek. They did not like it. There is so much to do in learning Greek." I agreed and reminded him of our time in Summer Greek at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1998. He finished with, "The seminary has about 200 men training to be pastors. There are other Haitian pastors teaching and some LCMS pastors. We are glad to have men working on this."

Greetings,

August 12, 2025

Last Sunday, August 10th, was the 24th Anniversary Service for Rev. Paul's church in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. They had over four hundred people attend. Rev. Eliona Bernard, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod), was present along with Rev. Gergens of Cap Haitian. They also had eight Haitian Christian pastors of other church bodies in Ouanaminthe in attendance. Rev. Paul said to those who pray and support this ministry, "Thanks ever so much for all you and NEHLM have been doing to make this ministry so great. May God continue to bless you." What a joy to see the Word of the Lord growing through this ministry.

I have attached two photos of the service. The one focuses on the seven students who finished the Filo (Final) Class at College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (CELO). The Filo Class is their thirteenth year of school. The students must pass some challenging standardized tests to be a high school graduate.

The ministry is busy with their gardens and getting things prepared for the upcoming school year. There are needs for uniforms, curriculum, teachers' salary, and supplies. On the web page are some approximate expenses for schooling. Also on the web page is a 58-second video from the worship service.

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS CALENDAR

	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
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	Phil Bates	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu
Greeter	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines
Scripture Reader	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey	Jen Wood	Dale Rahn
Children's Message	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May	Jen Wood	Matt Bench
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis

OCTOBER SERVANTS CALENDAR

	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Worship Set-Up	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis
Elder on Duty	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Phil Bates	Gary Beck
Greeter	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn
Scripture Reader	Evey Larsen	Mike Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Larry Aalbu
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen	Jan Novak
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester	Heather Stahl
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis

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

== RALLY SUNDAY ==

BBQ

September 7th



BBQ following worship. Water, coffee, hamburgers, and hot dogs provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share.



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