

THE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

I googled this today:

Lifestyle creep, or lifestyle inflation, is a phenomenon where an individual's spending increases as their income grows, often leading to former luxuries becoming new necessities and former necessities becoming unaffordable luxuries. This unconscious pattern of spending can prevent financial progress by diverting funds that could be

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saved or invested, and it can ultimately lead to financial stress, increased debt, and a failure to meet important financial goals like retirement or homeownership.

That's a secular perspective—nothing about stewardship, generosity or experiencing the heart of God through giving. Nevertheless, it recognizes the danger of lifestyle creep and more importantly, its unconscious pattern. No one sets out to fail to meet their financial goals, or to turn luxuries into necessities. It happens as naturally as water flowing downhill and it is by no means limited to money,

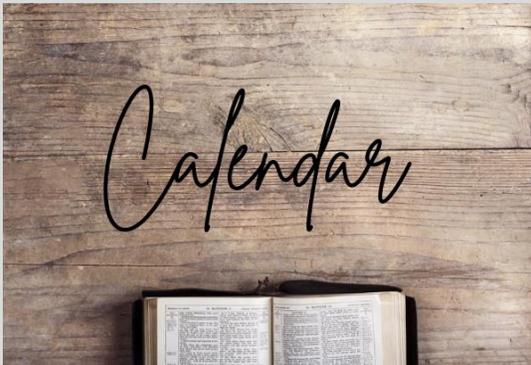
Do you remember when we knew how to spell things? I used to be a pretty decent speller. Then Microsoft Word came out. It underlined misspelled words for me. A right click and it would suggest the proper spelling without me needing to look the word up in the dictionary. Better still, it automatically changed commonly misspelled word to the proper spelling. There is no better way to ensure we continue to misspell words than to automatically correct them for us. Except maybe texting. R u following me?

I'm not suggesting we smash all our computers and become independent of the modern world, knitting our own socks and churning our own butter. Independence is largely an illusion and we weren't created to be independent anyway. What I want to suggest is that we are conscious of and ideally careful about what we depend on. When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the people were completely unprepared to become a nation, especially not the kind of nation God wanted them to be. After repeated failures, God sent them on a journey of radical dependence. Wandering for 40 years in the wilderness, they had no source of food and often no access to water. God provided these things miraculously and daily. Except for the Sabbath, the people were not even allowed to gather enough food for tomorrow.

Can you imagine waking up each morning knowing that you are completely dependent on God for your survival? Ultimately we are every bit as dependent on God as those Israelites were, we just don't always think of ourselves that way. Let's be wary of what (and who) we rely on and what it might cost us.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

**October**

TBD—Youth and Family Event Bob's Corn Maze

24—ZLS Fall Festival

November

7—Men's Logger Cup

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
- Jan (425) 418-6270 or worship@lambofgod-lakestevens.org
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CONNECT WITH US!

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Dale Rahn (425) 422-9789
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Debbie Laskey (425) 319-1381
Teri Larsen (425) 356-9283

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
October 12 (following worship)

Elders 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!



ZLS FALL FESTIVAL—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th

Candy donations needed. If you'd like to contribute, please leave your candy donation on the back table on Sunday mornings.

SOUP SUPPER INVITATION

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everett invites you to join them for their annual Soup Supper on Friday, October 24th from 4:30-6:30 pm. More details can be found on the flyer on p. 9.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENT—BOB'S CORN MAZE

More details to come.

LOGGER CUP—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Step right up, step right up, for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. The Fall Logger Cup Crown will be on the line and will be passed from Cody, our Summer Logger Cup winner, to the Home Run Derby King. Can't swing a plastic bat at a slow pitched ball? No worries, mate, as there will be other games to play and you can cheer on your fellow Home Run Derby contestants...yes laughing will be allowed!!! See the flyer on p. 9 for further details.



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 SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Good morning all,

The ZLS Board met and I have a few things to report to each of the Congregation Churches.

*The new turf for the front playground is almost ready to be put into place, the area has been prepared.

*email from Geoff Larsen regarding a work party at the school (work that needs done before paperwork can be submitted to the County for more school buildings)

Subject: Work Party Sat Sept 27 Morning

Hi everyone, We're looking to have a work project this Saturday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. Looking to work on the landscape beds we've worked on, flush cutting the remaining stumps, placing logs around the perimeter, and spreading bark chips. Tools that we will need are rakes, bark forks, wheelbarrows, loppers, weed eaters and chainsaws. As for the field. Dan and I are working on seeding the field and then top dressing with the soil that was removed by the school main building in the coming days. The goal here is to have a field with green vegetation on it that we can mow! And we have a contractor lined up to come in in October to mow behind the baseball field and the area above the covered playground. All the effort everyone has done in this work is really starting to show. I cant thank you enough for all the effort. Thank you, hopefully you can join us this Saturday morning. Geoff

*296 students currently at the school with a few more tours scheduled this week for prospective families

* still working on getting quotes for bleachers for the gym

Have a blessed day,

Sandy Bench

NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

August 30, 2025

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

We praise God that this ministry continues to bring the Word of God to the people of Haiti: 200-300 students educated yearly, 70-80 children without homes receiving 24/7 care, and two churches consistently teaching and preaching about the ministry of Jesus Christ, distributing His grace as He instituted in the Word and Sacraments. Thank you for your prayers and support.

The community of Mirebalais, about forty miles north of Port au Prince, has been taken over by gangs. Cliney (Rev. Daniel Paul's wife) had family who lived in that area. With the gang invasion, their property was destroyed and set on fire. This left them with no home and the unsettling presence of gangs. These family members, as well as other people, have been taking refuge in Ouanaminthe for the last three to four years. The limited supplies, food, housing are being pushed in Ouanaminthe. We pray for compassionate and wise navigation for all those involved.

Efforts are being made to get ready for school which is scheduled to start in October. Uniforms for students, curriculum supplies, and teaching salaries have increased in cost. Please check nehlm.org for ideas of the needs.

God's peace,
Rev. Samuel Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser
nehlm.org

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

September 10, 2025

Pepe, a man in Ouanaminthe who has been involved with La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO-The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) since 2003, has had some challenging situations this year. Pepe was a trusted worker for MADO for years. He had some of his younger siblings become children at MADO; he married a girl from MADO (Archline), and Rev. Paul led him through theological instruction so that he is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS).

His seven year old son, Archley, fell and broke both of his bones in his lower arm. Archley had surgery with a metal plate used. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission sent funds from an account that we have for emergencies like this to help them through this time financially.

Pepe's other challenge was that his "Three wheeler" (motorcycle front with a bed and two-wheel axle in the back) was stolen in late spring this year. Pepe used that vehicle as a taxi and transport vehicle for hire. With Haiti's unstable, some would say nonexistent, government, there are no police to contact. Pepe continues to do whatever work he can find; he has shown a solid work ethic the whole time he has been with the ministry. Pepe is a powerful preacher and has served the MADO churches. There were efforts for him to have a church plant on the other side of Ouanaminthe, yet without consistent outside support, this is almost impossible.

Thank you for taking time to read this, and please pray for Pepe's family, Rev. Paul's ministry, and the country of Haiti.

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 |

NOVEMBER SERVANTS CALENDAR

| | 2 nd | 9 th | 16 th | 23 rd | 30 th |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Worship Set-Up | Braidyn Larsen | Braidyn Larsen | Braidyn Larsen | Braidyn Larsen | Braidyn Larsen |
| Worship Take-Down | Everyone | Everyone | Everyone | Everyone | Everyone |
| Soundboard | Jason Knapp | Phil Bates | Ruben Alanis | Jason Knapp | Phil Bates |
| Elder on Duty | Teri Larsen | Larry Aalbu | Dale Rahn | Debbie Laskey | Phil Bates |
| Greeter | Murray Hines | Pfiester McClellan | Geiger Larsen | Alanis Schoonover | Frederickson Rahn |
| Scripture Reader | Debbie Laskey | Jen Wood | Dale Rahn | Evey Larsen | Mike Schoonover |
| Children's Message | Brock Wolitarsky | Delanie May | Jennifer Wood | Matt Bench | Gary Beck |
| Altar Guild | Joelle Cameron | Hayley McClellan | Heidi Llerenas | Christine Pfiester | Heather Stahl |
| Power Point | Kjell Larsen | Marjorie O'Rourke | Kjell Larsen | Hayley McClellan | Kjell Larsen |

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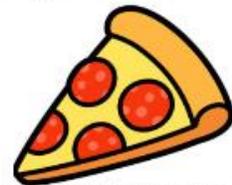
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Lord's Little Cooker 7:45 am |
| 5 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15 am Worship with communion Elders Meeting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



FALL Loggers Cup



- **What** – A time for men (High School age and above) to get together, have some fun playing , fellowship, and to eat some pizza. Something for everyone!!!
- **Event** – Just for fun Corn Hole and Bocce Ball. Optional easy pitch, plastic ball and bat Home Run Derby. Winner to receive the Logger Cup
- **When** – Friday November 7th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Where** – Zion school gym (where we meet for church)
- **Feel free to invite a friend(s)**
- **Questions** – Matt Bench 425-501-2163 (call or text), Email: mgbench@msn.com
- **Please RSVP** to Matt by October 15th with # attending (not required but helpful)



It's back! Time for some good, homemade food!

Come join us for some homemade soup, salad, and pies
at Immanuel's



Friday, October 24, 2025

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

at

Immanuel Lutheran Church's Social Hall
2521 Lombard Ave
Everett, WA 98201

Sponsored by the Fidelity Guild

Freewill offering will be taken to benefit Mission Projects.

Call 425-252-7038 or email office@immanuelseverett.org for more information.

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