

THE CONNECTION

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

How do you change a person? One of the unique struggles of being a pastor is telling people about a better way to live then watching them go a different way and suffer for it. You just can't understand the unique frustration involved in watching people you care about make mistakes you've warned them about. You can't know the pain in watching those you love suffer needlessly when they could have just listened.

Well, maybe coaches have some idea. I guess they tell their players things that

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get ignored later. And teachers. And employers. And parents. And friends. Okay, I guess pretty much everyone knows what I'm talking about. It's tough, isn't it? How many times do we search for the right words to change their minds? How often do we find ourselves in the same old arguments until we can recognize our nagging in our own ears? How do you change a person?

Here's a biblical truth we all ignore: Only the Holy Spirit can change us. Not a well-reasoned argument. Not even the greatest sermon ever preached (that's hard to admit). If you read the Gospels, you might notice that Jesus didn't walk around trying to change people's behavior. He just loved and accepted them. Often, they changed after that, but as a side effect of love and acceptance. Radical love and unconditional acceptance. Anything less just hints that the real goal is to get someone to change and that needs to stop being our goal.

Here's another biblical truth we all ignore: we are all messed up, too. We make choices that go against God's will for our lives, and I can't imagine how frustrating it must be for Him, yet He still gives us agency. He still loves us radically and accepts us unconditionally. His main question for us is not "Are you following My rules?" it's "Are you in a relationship with Me?" "Are you Mine?" not "Are you good?"

I'm not saying this will make life easy. It still hurts watching loved ones hurt. But that pain is unavoidable. It's the cost of love. We don't need to add to it by fooling ourselves into thinking that we can control outcomes we can't. I will close this month with the serenity prayer. It's not just for addicts.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; And wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world As it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right If I surrender to His will; So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



March

6-8—Puget Sound Youth Gathering

21—Spring Bazaar 10:00 am-3:00 pm to benefit Chitna Mission Trip

29—Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:15 am

April

2—Maundy Thursday Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm/Worship @ 7:00 pm

3—Good Friday Worship @ 7:00 pm

5—Easter Celebration Worship @ 10:15 am

25—ZLS Auction @ 4:30 pm

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

Please contact Pastor Mike, Jan, or Shara directly if you need assistance.

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You can now find recordings of sermons on our YouTube channel @lambofgodlakestevens

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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
March 8 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:
March 1 (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 BAZAAR SUPPORTING CHITNA



Spring Bazaar
Crafts ~ Pottery ~ Jewelry ~ Direct Sales ~
Avery's Chicken & Waffles Food Truck ~
and so much more!

March 21, 2026
10AM - 3PM
Zion Lutheran School Gym
3923 103rd Ave SE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Fundraising for our
Mission Trip to Chitna, Alaska!
Lamb of God & Peace Lutheran churches

The poster features various craft-related icons: a hanger, a house, a necklace, an embroidery hoop, a waffle, a paint palette, yarn, and a basket.

For more information on being a vender for the bazaar, please see Christine Larsen.

Quilt Raffle: Tickets are available for \$5.00 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Winner will be drawn later this spring. It will be on display during worship on an upcoming Sunday as well as during the Bazaar.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29—Palm Sunday Service @ 10:15 am

April 2—Maundy Thursday Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm and Service @ 7:00 pm

April 3—Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm

April 5—Easter Celebration Service @ 10:15 am

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The April-June *Portals of Prayer* is now available. Copies can be found on the back table on Sunday mornings.



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 Updates 02/23/2026

Hello to all,

The Zion Lutheran School board met tonight. Here is the highlights from our discussions regarding the issues we are working on for the school.

Enrollment for 2026-2027 school year is underway.

The new front gate should be up and running after Spring Break in April. The RFID stickers are for families enrolled in the school are being put together, as well as using the call button at the gate for entrance into the school property, when the gate will be closed during the school day. Security is still being taken seriously.

The Annual Auction is April 25th.

Thank you for all you do for your congregation and Zion Lutheran School

Have a blessed day,
Sandy Bench
ZLS Board Vice President

NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

February 10, 2026

Greetings,

The governmental situation in Haiti has improved with the "Transitional Presidential Council." Rev. Paul informed me that elections are being planned, likely to take place this month or next. There is enough stability in the country that one of the young men (Dieufanes) from La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphilenat (MADO-The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage) has been in school to be a police officer and graduated. I was so delighted that conditions have stabilized to the point that the Haitian government is able to prepare people to be police officers. As elections for new officials are occurring, the need for established law will be crucial.

With Ash Wednesday approaching on February 18th, the Haitian atmosphere of "Carnival" (Mardi Gras in other cultures) is fairly active; there are various different cultural traditions that encourage "letting loose" before the forty solemn days of Lent. This non-Biblically behavior is not supported by MADO nor the rest of the Lutherans in Haiti. In response, the northern Lutheran churches of Haiti are having a "retreat" with close to two hundred youth (12-20 years olds) in Cap Haitien. At this retreat there will be presentations on Matthew's Gospel and the Book of Concord. We ask for God's blessings upon the presenters and youth attending this event. MADO will be sending sixty youth.

Rev. Paul reported, "Our weather has been a bit cold for us. That is why we have had more cases of the flu lately." I realize that many areas are having cooler than normal weather, but here in LaGrande, Oregon, this might be the most gentle winter I have experienced. I have only shoveled snow (only about 2") once.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman
NEHLM Pastoral Advisor
nehlm.org

Don't forget to Spring Forward on Sunday, March 8th.



MARCH SERVANTS CALENDAR

	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 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	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Evey Larsen	Mike Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Delanie May	Jennifer Wood	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen
Kid Zone	Stacie Leaf	Stacie Leaf	Marjorie O'Rourke	Vicki Beck	Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Pfiester
Power Point	Kjell Larsen	Hayley McClellan	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen

APRIL 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				
Elder on Duty	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn
Greeter	Geiger Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines
Scripture Reader	Jennifer Wood	Dale Rahn	Evey Larsen	Mike Schoonover
Children's Message	Jan Novak	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May	Jennifer Wood
Kid Zone	Stacie Leaf	Vicki Beck	Marjorie O'Rourke	Stacie Leaf
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas
Power Point	Marjorie O'Rourke	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen

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





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