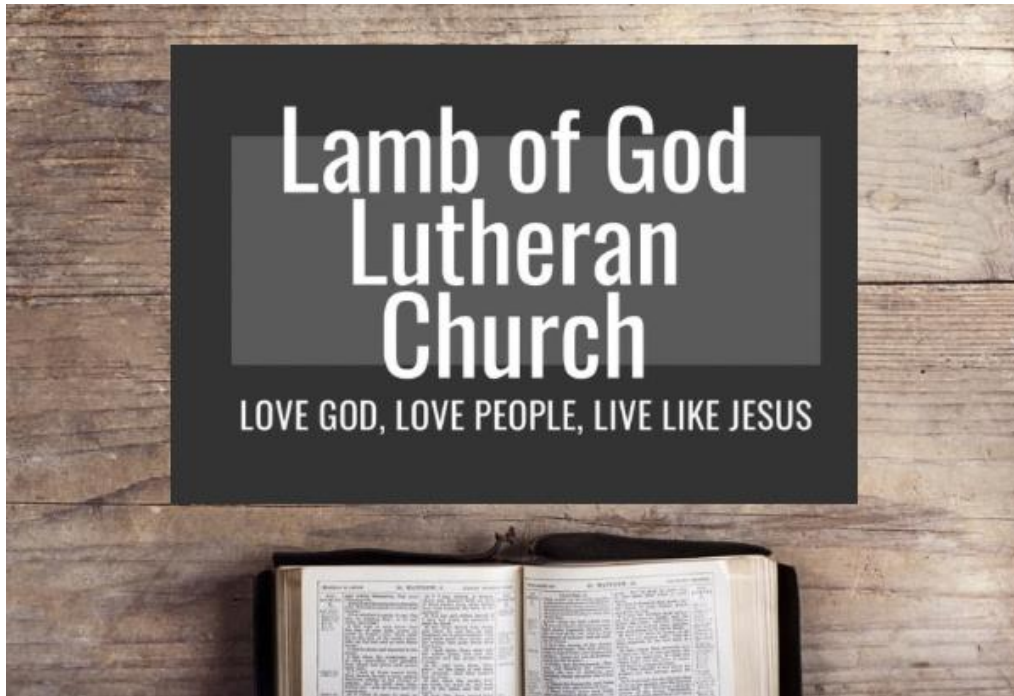


# THE CONNECTION

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

A coyote is known for its howl, a duck is known for its quack, and a Christian is known for its \_\_\_\_\_. Ideally the answer would be love. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) If I can be brutally honest for a moment, we aren't doing so hot. Surveys consistently show the words people most commonly associate with Christians are anti a whole bunch of things and hypocrites. Being known as anti-stuff isn't great, but what really disturbs me is that we are known as

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anti-gay which means we are against people. Followers of Jesus shouldn't be known as against people.

Yet when I asked my 8th graders if they could still be friends with someone who came out as gay or trans, I was surprised by how many said no. Isn't it annoying when reality disturbs your mental image of how things are going? Maybe you've been taught to "hate the sin, love the sinner." My observation is that we are much better at hate. We are so good in fact that all people really pick up on is that hate. Maybe you were told "you don't have to like someone to love them." Whoever made that up wasn't fooling any of the people they pretended to love. Would you be fooled by someone who told you they loved you, but they didn't like you?

I'm not saying that none of these issues matter. They just don't matter as much to me as people matter. I also keep in mind something you already know: Only God can change a heart. Only God can create faith. Only God can transform lives. He hasn't asked me to do any of those things for Him. All He asked me to do is to love people, and I think, to like them too. If I can do that, then maybe they will get a glimpse into the heart of the One Who changed my life and want to get to know Him better. Then God can do His thing.

For me to do this, I will need compassion. More on that next month

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



### **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

### **May**

- 25—Memorial Day

# FROM THE OFFICE



Join us for in-person worship on **Sundays at 10:15 am**. We will continue to stream to Facebook LIVE.  
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## 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**

## CONNECT WITH US!

### Pastoral Assistance

Pastor:  
Mike May (314) 775-6956

Worship/Youth Leader:  
Jan Novak (425) 418-6270

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  
Phil Bates (253) 381-2008

## Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:  
April 12 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:  
April 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](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!



## CANDY DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Please leave candy donations on the back table on Sunday morning.

## 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

## ZLS AUCTION—RSVP by 4/13

*Join us for...*

Zion Lutheran School's 37th Annual Auction

Saturday April 25th, 2026

NEW LOCATION: Machias Meadows in Snohomish

Doors open - Appetizers & Drinks - 4:30pm

Silent Auction Opens - 4:30pm

Silent Auction Closes - 6pm

Dinner & Live Auction - 6:00 - 9:30pm

Dinner catered by Alexia's Catering

All are welcome, please invite your friends and family.

To make reservations, donations, or sponsor the event, please **visit [ZLS Auction](#)**

Please RSVP no later than April 13th

Donations are due April 13th



## 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 -A Little Note from Mr. Martin

The School Board continues its regular work of guiding the long-term health and direction of Zion Lutheran School. At our upcoming meeting, I will be submitting a five-year security plan for the Board's review. This plan reflects the work that has already been done to strengthen campus safety and outlines additional steps we can take over the coming years.

The proposal is designed to align with our broader Vision Plan, which looks ahead to the continued growth of our school. While there are still many hurdles to clear, that long-range planning includes the upcoming addition of two new school buildings within the next ten years as we work to ensure that Zion has the facilities needed to support students and families well into the future.

I am grateful for the thoughtful leadership of our School Board as they continue to steward the mission and future of our school.

# NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

February 26, 2026

Greetings in the Name of the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Paul is engaging with the responsibilities before him of being the overseer of two churches and two schools (church and school each in Ouanaminthe and five miles away in the rural group of homes of Baja). There are also girls and boys children's homes about a quarter mile apart in Ouanaminthe. The political environment has greatly improved the last several months compared to the situation since 2021 when Haiti's president was assassinated. Elections are being prepared for this year with the first official votes being set for August 2026. This involves many actions to prepare for the elections and candidates to get their agenda promoted. Rev. Paul said enthusiastically, "Plans are to have newly elected officials in office by February of 2027." We pray for this situation--God's will be done!

I reported in my last update that Dieufanes (a young man who grew up in this ministry) completed police school. I asked for some further information; Rev. Paul reported that Dieufanes was going to school in Cap Haitian and switched to police school last summer. The police school took six months, and he was sent to Port au Prince. I commented that Port au Prince would be the most difficult place to be a policeman with the gangs still very strong there. Rev. Paul responded, "Oh, he will be sent somewhere else to serve because he is so new." This was good news. Attached is a photo of Dieufanes.

They have been having some heavy rains with flooding in northeast Haiti. They had to shut down school Tuesday, February 24th, due to some flooding. However, there is some activity in some of the gardens with the harvest of papaya, plantain, bananas, and sugar cane.

God's peace,  
Rev. Samuel Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser  
[nehlm.org](http://nehlm.org)



March 11, 2026

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the Father "Gave Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32),

As I spoke with Rev. Paul today, they were experiencing a pleasant sunny day with the temperature in the mid-80s. Rev. Paul explained that this is their dry season, but they have received some rain so crops are doing well. Praise God!

Rev. Paul explained how four children who grew up in the Dominican Republic were brought to La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphilenat (MADO--The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage). The officials will try to locate the families of these 5-12 year olds. Since this ministry is on the border with the Dominican Republic, children are often left on their own at the border and need to go somewhere. Only one of those four understands Haitian Creole which causes some issues in caring for them. May the Lord grant strength and compassion to all involved with these new "lost lambs" brought to Rev. Paul's ministry.

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

# APRIL SERVANTS CALENDAR

|                           | 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 26 <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>         | Ruben Alanis      | Jason Knapp       | Phil Bates        | Ruben Alanis     |
| <b>Elder on Duty</b>      | Gary Beck         | Teri Larsen       | Larry Aalbu       | Dale Rahn        |
| <b>Greeter</b>            | Geiger Larsen     | Alanis Schoonover | Frederickson Rahn | Murray Hines     |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>   | Jennifer Wood     | Dale Rahn         | Evey Larsen       | Mike Schoonover  |
| <b>Children's Message</b> | Jan Novak         | Brock Wolitarsky  | Delanie May       | Jennifer Wood    |
| <b>Kid Zone</b>           | Stacie Leaf       | Vicki Beck        | Marjorie O'Rourke | Stacie Leaf      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Heather Stahl     | Joelle Cameron    | Hayley McClellan  | Heidi Llerenas   |
| <b>Power Point</b>        | Marjorie O'Rourke | Kjell Larsen      | Carla Schoonover  | Kjell Larsen     |

# MAY SERVANTS CALENDAR

|                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup>            | 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 31 <sup>st</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>         | Jason Knapp        | Phil Bates       | Ruben Alanis                | Jason Knapp       | Phil Bates        |
| <b>Elder on Duty</b>      | Debbie Laskey      | Phil Bates       | Gary Beck                   | Teri Larsen       | Larry Aalbu       |
| <b>Greeter</b>            | Pfiester McClellan | Geiger Larsen    | Alanis Schoonover           | Frederickson Rahn | Murray Hines      |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>   | Angela Moore       | Kjell Larsen     | Larry Aalbu                 | Debbie Laskey     | Jennifer Wood     |
| <b>Children's Message</b> | Gary Beck          | Vicki Beck       | Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen | Jan Novak         | Brock Wolitarsky  |
| <b>Kid Zone</b>           | Rilee Henderson    | Vicki Beck       | Amanda Pfiester Evey Larsen | Stacie Leaf       | Marjorie O'Rourke |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Christine Larsen   | Heather Stahl    | Joelle Cameron              | Hayley McClellan  | Heidi Llerenas    |
| <b>Power Point</b>        | Deb Alanis         | Kjell Larsen     | Marjorie O'Rourke           | Kjell Larsen      | Carla Schoonover  |

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





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