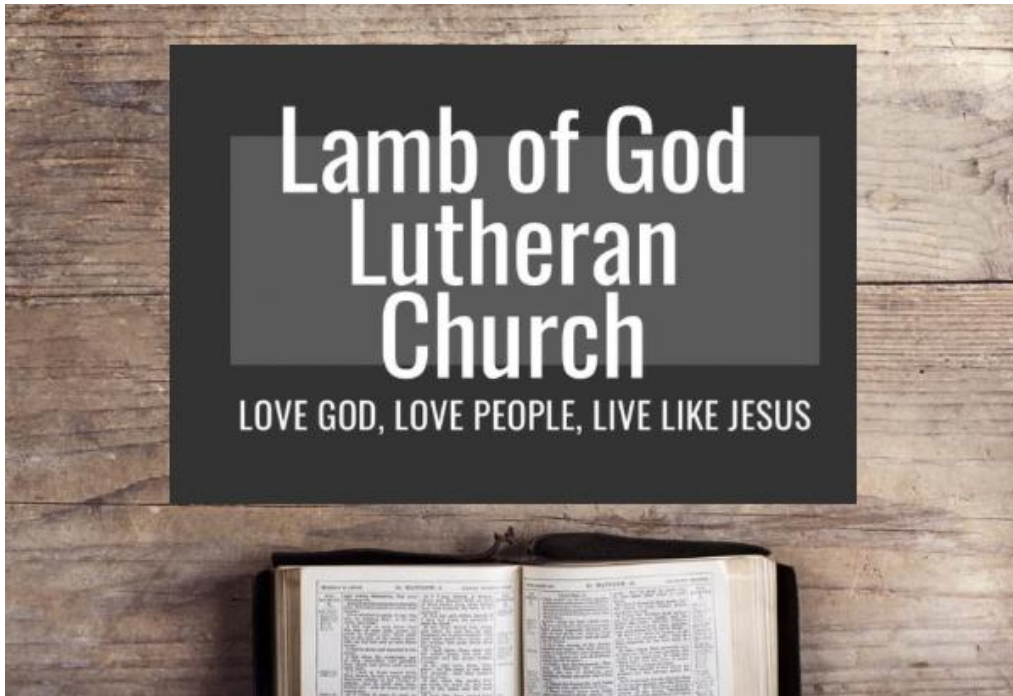


THE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

I heard a sermon the other day that discussed Joshua 5:13-14. It's a small and puzzling exchange between Joshua and the "commander of the army of the Lord" who is most likely the pre-incarnate Christ Himself. Most preachers seem to move immediately on to the action at Jericho, which is understandable since the story is so compelling, but this exchange always

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seemed weird to me:

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"
Joshua 5:13-14

If you don't know much about Joshua, he is a standup guy, courageous, selfless, fair, the chosen successor of Moses. The Bible doesn't record any of his failings and it isn't shy about such things. Besides that, God has led Israel out of Egypt for the expressed purpose of taking this promised land from these people. Of course He's on their side. Isn't He?

Actually, no He isn't. Even in the Old Testament God has always been on the side of all people and one of the biggest mistakes we make as Christians is when we assume that God is on the side of our nation, political party, race, gender, or whatever. Our natural tendency is to pick an issue or one particular ideal and say of course God would be on that side. The truth, as we probably already know, is that any side we choose is filled with things we know God is not in favor of. We simply choose to overlook those things.

"Are you for us or for our enemies?" Perhaps the question we should be asking is "Are we working for God or against Him?"

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



September

2—ZLS First Day of School

7—Labor Day

13—Rally Sunday & Church BBQ

14—Women's Bible Study begins @10:00 am

October

24th—LWML fall meeting @Messiah @ 9:00 am

30—ZLS Fall Festival

FROM THE OFFICE



Join us for in-person worship on
Sundays at 10:15 am. We will now
stream to YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@lambofgodlakes>
tevens/streams

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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

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Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
September 13 (following
worship)

Elders Meeting:
September 6 (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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14TH

Women's Bible Study on the Book of Ruth begins on Monday, September 14th at 10:00 am at Vicki Beck's home (4514 67th AVE NE, Marysville). The study will be using the book "The Girl's Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Questions? Contact Vicki at 541-231-9609.

RALLY SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 13th

Mark Your Calendars!!! Join us on Sunday, September 13th for Rally Sunday. Family Education classes will resume at 9:00 am and we will have a church picnic/BBQ following worship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The October-December *Portals of Prayer* is now available. Copies will be available on the back table on Sunday mornings.

SMALL GROUPS

Ongoing Small groups:

- Rahns—1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
- Mays—1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
- Becks—1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

If you would like to join, please contact the group host for more information.



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 friends of 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 08/26/2026

Good morning,

The Zion Lutheran School board met last night.

- Staff are preparing classrooms
- Teacher-Parent meetings are scheduled this week
- Lamb of God LCMS continues to work on the property and with an architect to move forward with the Conditional Use Permit and the County approval process.
- NLSA re-accreditation will be in process August - December
- Bleacher Installation October 18-27 in the gym.
- School starts Sept 2nd, yes, before Labor Day this year.

School enrollment numbers look good, as of last night there were 282 students.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the ZLS.

Sandy Bench

ZLS Board, V.P.

NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

July 31, 2026

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

I was honored to be a pastoral delegate at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's National Convention last week. My comment on the experience is "This is a blessed church body to walk with!" I witnessed respectful interactions and healthy cohesion in addressing issues as it appeared as though everyone was standing true to Scripture and our confessions.

Rev. Paul was involved this week in an effort of the Christian churches to have a voice for the promotion of Christian morals, ethics, and compassion. He drove several other pastors from Ouanaminthe and picked up some dignitaries from Port au Prince at the Cap Haitian airport, and they met at a university in the northern area of Haiti. He commented, "This will be good for the Christian churches to be organized as we work with our government; in the past, the churches were mainly ignored." We talked about healthy respect between the church and government as we recognize a need to consistently have God's Word be our rule and norm.

I was greatly encouraged by several inquiries about a proposed trip to Haiti in 2027. We will pursue this, as the Lord wills, with many details to be worked out.

The attached photo shows a couple of hired agricultural workers using a cow to till the soil after one crop was harvested (beans, I think). I labeled the big plants as bananas; however, they could be plantains. Rev. Paul's daughter Whitney told me at the dinner table last night that you can tell the difference by the leaves. I still need more help to properly identify. God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

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August 14, 2026

Greetings,

Activities continue to ramp up as a new school year approaches for Rev. Paul's ministry. Recently, NEHLM paid Trinity Hope Feeding Program for the portion that is ours for the daily meal for the 200-300 students in school. We are very thankful to have Trinity Hope Feeding Program walk with us in this feeding venture. They cover most of the expenses.

Another agency, "Haiti Orphan Wish," is sponsoring the replacement of many mattresses for the girls' and boys' homes. Again, we are very thankful for their help with these sorts of necessities. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission welcomes this kind of support so that the funds we receive continue to fulfill the priorities that have been established to first, maintain Word and Sacrament ministry; second, the 24/7 care for children who are without homes; and third, provide solid education in the day school. Thank you for walking with us as we walk with these dear Christians.

A grant has been submitted to Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) to develop a bakery that will provide food and jobs for the people of the ministry and the community of Ouanaminthe, Haiti. As the grant is submitted, we remember with gratitude the previous grants received from the LWML and the other projects they have generously supported.

God's peace,

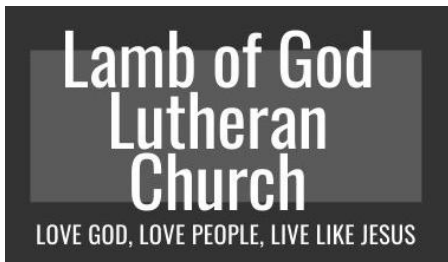
Rev. Samuel Wiseman

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS CALENDAR

	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
Worship Set-Up	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen	Braidyn Larsen
Worship Take-Down	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone
Soundboard	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty	Debbie Laskey	Phil Bates	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen
Greeter	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan	Geiger Larsen
Scripture Reader	Angela Moore	Kjell Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey
Children's Message	Vicki Beck	Marjorie O'Rourke	Delanie May	Gary Beck
Kid Zone	Vicki Beck	Marjorie O'Rourke	Rilee Henderson	Stacie Leaf
Altar Guild	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Larsen	Heather Stahl
Power Point	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen

OCTOBER SERVANTS CALENDAR

	4 th	11 th	18 th	25 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	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey	Phil Bates
Greeter	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Paul Kranich	Jen Wood	Angela Moore	Kjell Larsen
Children's Message	Jen Wood	Matt Bench	Brock Wolitarsky	Delanie May
Kid Zone	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Vick Beck	Marjorie O'Rourke	Rilee Henderson
Altar Guild	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Larsen
Power Point	Marjorie O'Rourke	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis	Kjell Larsen



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



== RALLY SUNDAY ==

BBQ

September 13th



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

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