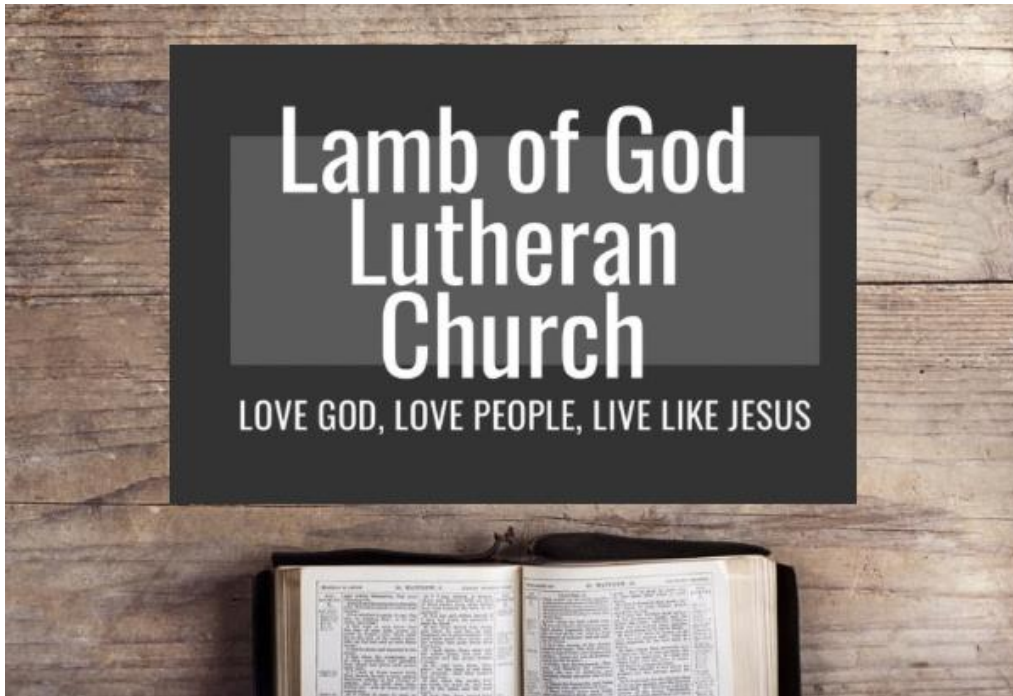


NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR MIKE:

Greetings Lamb of God,

William Faulkner once said, "The past is never dead. It's not even past." He considered our personal history as well as our family history to be inescapable. Many would agree with him. Some argue that we are no more than the sum of our choices. We drag everything we have done and everything done to us every step we take into the future.

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Depending on your past, that can be a comforting or a disturbing image. It's nice, if a little sentimental, to think of departed loved ones who are still with us because of memories we have of them. But we all have things we wish we hadn't done and things we wish had never happened to us in our past. Can we truly never be free of them? Faulkner says no, but his isn't the only voice on the matter.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Cor 5:17) Paul isn't describing some magic formula or pop-psychology get well strategy. He's sharing a simple but powerful fact. Anyone who trusts in the promise of God gets the benefits of that promise. God promises that Jesus Christ paid for all your mistakes, big and small, on the cross. Not only that, but you got credit for his goodness, so when God looks at you now, it's like He's looking at Jesus.

If that weren't enough, the Holy Spirit is at work inside you, helping you grow more and more to actually resemble Christ, even if we don't make much progress today and we'll never get there in this lifetime. Paul is stating a simple but powerful fact: you are not your mistakes. You are not the worst thing that you've done or the worst thing that's happened to you. God sees you as something new, so you are something new. I still believe in free will. Thus, we are free to live according to Faulkner or according to Paul. Paul's invitation is really compelling though, isn't it?

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



October

Women's Bible Study—Mondays at 10:00 am (Vicki Beck's home)

TBD—Youth & Family Event at Bob's Corn

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

30—ZLS Fall Festival

November

11—Veteran's Day

15—Men's Logger Cup (details p. 9)

26—Thanksgiving

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

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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Phil Bates (253) 381-2008

Meetings This Month

Council Meeting:
October 11 (following worship)

Elders Meeting:
October 4 (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.



MOUNT BAKER ZONE LWML FALL MEETING

The Mount Baker zone of the LWML Washington-Alaska District is having their fall meeting at Messiah Lutheran in Marysville on Saturday, October 24th. Registration opens at 9 am with the program beginning at 9:30 am. Contact Marjorie O'Rourke at mjorourke9@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

ZLS FALL FESTIVAL—OCTOBER 30th

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

MEN'S LOGGER CUP

Mark your calendars! Join us Sunday, November 15th at Pastor Mike's house for a "Best in Show" food/drink face off. More details on the flyer on page 9. Contact Matt Bench with any questions.

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENT—BOB'S CORN

Join us for a night of fun at the corn maze. Date TBD. More details to come.

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 09/24/2026

Good morning,

The school board met on Tuesday night. ZLS is off to a great start of the new school year. Enrollment is currently at 291, which is wonderful.

Athletics for the fall are 5th-8th grade soccer, volleyball, cross-country, dance and cheer.

The 7th and 8th graders will spend Monday night at Cedar Springs camp.

Work continues to be done on the property in order to get things moving towards new building on the campus. Geoff Larsen is leading the charge. A lot has been done (You should come by and see for yourself, I'm sure Geoff would love to explain things for you).

NSLA Accreditation: Work on the re-accreditation documents has begun with various committees looking into all aspects of school function:

1. Purpose
2. Relationships
3. Leadership
4. Professional Personnel
5. Teaching and Learning
6. Student Services
7. Facilities
8. Finance

Upcoming events: Northwest District Teachers Conference (Seaside, OR) Oct 21-23

Bleacher Installation October 18-27

NLSA Visiting Team March 17-19, 2027

Thank you for your support to the school and all your prayers

Have a blessed day,

Sandy Bench

V.P. ZLS Board

NEWS FROM NEHLM

Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission

August 28, 2026

Greetings in the Name of our Victorious Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

There is much activity at Rev. Paul's ministry with preparation for school, caring for facilities, working in the gardens, and pursuit of hopeful opportunities for further stabilization of the ministry. This is not an exhaustive list.

The first three items are regular activities for the ministry. We continue to work with others to pursue the development of a bakery to be operated across the road from the school, where a water purifier has been operating for a couple of years. This provides clean water for school students, children in the homes, and adults involved with the ministry along with some income from selling water in 5 gallon bottles or plastic bags. The bakery would continue to stabilize the ministry, providing jobs in agriculture and in the bakery. A main objective is to bring more people in contact with the ministry as the Word of God is consistently proclaimed through it.

The attached photo is of Elanie doing dental work in Ouanaminthe. She lives in Santiago with her husband Sandy. She has regular employment doing dental work and makes time to come to Ouanaminthe to serve the children in the homes, people of the ministry, and other people of the community, like the lady shown in the picture. Note: I enjoyed looking at the picture and identifying things that are uniquely different from my own visits to the dentist. Praise God for Elanie's service with the tools and environment she has. Sandy and Elanie welcomed the birth of their son in June. They also have a daughter about five years old. Praise God!



September 10, 2026

Greetings,

School started on September 7th. They have been able to purchase uniforms and a large portion of their curriculum. The activity level has increased for several hundred people with the beginning of school. Praise God for the opportunity for these children to learn and develop skills to thrive as citizens in the world. Praise God that the education continually emphasizes the Word of God and proper teaching of the Christian faith through the two schools (a preschool through Filo class--final year 13th grade in Ouanaminthe called College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe-CELO, as well as a preschool through 6th grade school in Baja).

Thank you for your support as the funds received through NEHLM allow the school and many other ministries to thrive.

Rev. Paul went with a couple other people from Haiti to share about Haitian ministries to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Latin America hub in Santiago this month. It sounded as if the conversations were well received.

God's peace,

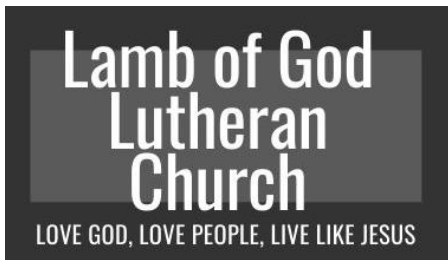
Rev. Samuel Wiseman

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	Vicki 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

NOVEMBER 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	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp	Phil Bates	Ruben Alanis	Jason Knapp
Elder on Duty	Gary Beck	Teri Larsen	Larry Aalbu	Dale Rahn	Debbie Laskey
Greeter	Larsen	Alanis Schoonover	Frederickson Rahn	Murray Hines	Pfiester McClellan
Scripture Reader	Larry Aalbu	Debbie Laskey	Paul Kranich	Jen Wood	Angela Moore
Children's Message	Gary Beck	Vicki Beck	Jen Wood	Marjorie O'Rourke	Matt Bench
Kid Zone	Stacie Leaf	Evey Larsen Amanda Pfiester	Vicki Beck	Marjorie O'Rourke	Rilee Henderson
Altar Guild	Heather Stahl	Joelle Cameron	Hayley McClellan	Heidi Llerenas	Christine Larsen
Power Point	Carla Schoonover	Kjell Larsen	Marjorie O'Rourke	Kjell Larsen	Deb Alanis



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

It's time for some delicious food!

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



Friday, October 23, 2026

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Sponsored by the Fidelia Guild

Freewill offering will be taken to benefit Immanuel's Youth
planning to attend the Higher Things 2027 Conference.

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

LATE FALL LOGGERS CUP



BEST IN SHOW FOOD/DRINK FACE-OFF
DURING SEAHAWKS – RAIDERS GAME



BEST CHILI



WOW! DRINK



FAVORITE DESSERT



WINNER & SCORE

- **What** – A time for men (High School age and above) to fellowship, have fun, share great food and drinks of all kinds, and watch some NFL football on TV
- **Contest**– attendees will vote for best chili, most delicious drink (of any kind), favorite desert, and “best in show”. Best in show will win the loggers cup. Side contests related to the NFL game just for fun
- **What YOU need to do!** – Select what you want to bring (chili, drink, desert, or yourself) and put your name and selection on the **sign-up sheet October 18th and subsequent Sundays**, at the back of church, or email it to Matt. If unable or not interested in the contest, but want to come, please come (✓ the “WILL ATTEND” box). Contestants can bring self-made, other-person made, or store bought. All are acceptable options. Tie breaker goes to home made
- **Where** – Pastor Mike and Lori's house – 6811 110th Ave. NE, Lake Stevens WA
- **When** – Sunday, Novembrer 15th. Noonish until the Seahawks game ends (game starts at 1:05 PM)
- **Questions** – Matt Bench 425-501-2163 (call or text), Email: mgbench@msn.com
- **Feel free to invite a friend(s)**



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