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The Connection

Lamb of God Lutheran Church Lake Stevens' Newsletter

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16

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Office: 425-377-2173

NEW! Office Hours:

Tuesday/Thursday: 12:30pm-3pm

Wednesday/Friday: 8:30am-3pm

Sunday Morning Schedule

Bible Study: 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

Pastor:

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Worship/Youth Leader:

Jan Novak (360) 691-3372

Hello Lamb of God!

We're probably all at least familiar with Matthew 28:18-20:

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.'"

Much has been written and said about the "great commission." Often, it is used to encourage Christians to engage in door to door evangelism, or possibly some mission trip. But I've also heard people talk about focusing on the "disciple" part of making disciples.

The Greek word *mathetes*, means "learner" "student" or "pupil." During Jesus' earthly ministry, He had lots of learners, though we often just think of the twelve who formed a kind of inner circle. Luke 10:1 describes Jesus sending out seventy-two of His pupils. We are His learners also. This can be kind of troubling for me. Normally, being a student is a thing that happens for a season of our lives. Then we graduate and move on. Being a student continually isn't something that necessarily appeals to me.

When I got my MA back in the 1990s, I got a good look at graduate education. A lot of the students seemed to lack any desire to leave the academic world at all. And the academic world itself seemed a bit detached from reality. My mother, who worked at an undisclosed university for years, told me the department with the least ability to set or stay within its budget was the business department. Worst on campus. Makes you wonder how useful those degrees were.

Jesus didn't teach like that. His scripture explanation was not limited to head knowledge. He lived what He taught, and His learners lived it with Him. Those seventy-two He sent got serious OJT (on-the-job training) and probably some good debriefing when they returned.

My desire for discipleship at Lamb of God looks more like what Jesus did. Don't get me wrong; Bible study is important. If your only exposure to scripture is the sermon on Sunday, you probably aren't taking your responsibility as a disciple seriously enough. But if we limit our role as lifelong disciples to understanding the things Jesus said and taught, we haven't really understood Him.

As we become more intentional about growing disciples, I pray that we will all embrace what Jesus taught and did. There's just as much to learn about Jesus by taking your neighbor with dementia out for weekly coffee as there is in discussing the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Let's strive for both.

Pastor Mike

Milestones—August Birthdays, Baptismal and Wedding Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Karl Hereth	5
Patti Foye	6
Colin Jones	10
Brianna Strege	12
Corban Repp	14
Kayla Hines	14
David Springer	15
Brad Kirker	16
Brandon Martz	16
Debbie Jones	17
Hailey Kirkland	18
Nita Marshall	18
Justin Brave	19
Emily Cameron	19
Randy Strege	20
Kyra Wood	21
Trevor Hines	22
Gloria Strege	23
Lyndsey Dalton	25
Mikaela Gatterman	25
Cheryl Jamieson	25
Shelby King	28
Chloe Groeneveld	30

Baptismal Anniversaries

Lori May	1
Nick Gable	2
Joy Beckmeyer	6
Julie Wolcott	7
Brian Jamieson	16
Jack Hereth	17
Mandy Hereth	17
Mark Cameron	18
Karl Hereth	23
Dave King	23
Emily Cameron	24
Ben Ihrie	25
Jen Dalton	29
Lyndsey Dalton	29

Happy Anniversary!

Larry & Jan Aalbu 9/9

Mike & Cindy Caldwell 9/19

Brian & Cheryl Jamieson 9/22

Mike & Sue Griffin 9/26

Ken & Patti Foye 9/28

Milt & Susie Grover 9/28

Jeff & Colleen Sax 9/28

Randy & Gloria Strege 9/28

Sunday Sermons are now being recorded and posted on our website. Go to www.lambofgod-lakestevens.org and click on the "Sunday Sermons" link on our homepage.

Prayer Chain:

If you have a prayer request to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office. You may call (425) 377-2173 or e-mail secretary@lambofgod-lakestevens.org. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Assistance

Pastor Mike May:	314-775-6956
Worship Leader: Jan Novak	360-691-3372
Elders:	
Dana Wolcott	425-335-3465
Ernie Frederickson	360-668-1234
John Laskey	425-334-6210
Milt Grover	360-568-6755
Rick Ihrie	425-481-3247
Larry Aalbu	360-568-4757

Meetings This Month

Council/Elders Meetings

September meetings:

Council Meeting— Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 pm

Elder's Meeting—Sunday, September 13 (following service)

Vacation: Pastor Mike will be on vacation September 14-18.

Schedules for Classes and Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Family Bible Study Hour at 9 am:

Join us on September 13th for Rally Sunday. We will rededicate our teachers and hand out bibles to our 2nd & 3rd graders. Our Sunday morning bible classes will resume that morning at 9 am.

Our younger classes will be using a new curriculum from Discipleship Junction. Our Junior/Senior High group will be using Gospel Journey or Life in 6 Words. The adult class will begin with a study on the Book of James lead by Pastor Mike.

- *Pre-school-2nd grade Team Teachers: Christine Pfiester and Shara Knapp. This class will meet in the stage classroom.
- *3rd -6th grade; Team Teachers: Hayley McClellan and Kathleen Hines. This class will meet in the Art/Science room of the gym.
- *7th -12th grade; Teachers: Jan Novak, Pastor Mike, and TBD. The class will meet in the gym or LOG module.

  *These grade level splits and team teachers are flexible and subject to change as needed.
- Adult class; Teachers include: Pastor Mike, Jan Novak and TBD. This class will meet in the gym or LOG module.

Men's Bible Studies/Help the Homeless

The men's Bible study meets on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. **Study meets at McDonald's in Everett. Address: 4020 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98201.** After Bible study, the men serve the homeless in Everett.

Monday evenings from 7:00—8:30 pm in the church office. The current study is "**Apologetics—Defending the Faith.**" Starting September 14th a new study "**Building a Family Legacy**" will begin. Please contact the leaders of this study, Dana Wolcott and John Laskey, for more information.

Ladies Bible Study: The Monday evening ladies bible study will resume **Monday, September 14th at 7 pm** at Debbie Laskey's home. The new study will be "**A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place"** by Beth Moore. If you have questions or to sign up, please contact Susie Rahn. Susie's phone # is 425-350-2184 and e-mail is rahnds3@msn.com.

Homeless Gift Bags: Ashley Wolcott put together $5 gift bags made up of things like socks, hand sanitizer and deodorant. If you would like to purchase packets, please contact Ashley or stop by the church office.

New Office Hours: Beginning September 8th, the new church office hours will be Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30 pm-3:00 pm and Wednesday & Friday from 8:30 am-3:00 pm.

Estate Planning Seminar: To bring us unique insights and specific tools for planning our financial future in the area of Christian charitable estate planning, Allen Helms, Senior Vice President for Gift Planning Services with the LCMS Foundation, will present on this topic. We will enjoy his expert presentation on the topic of charitable estate planning with the Christian family and the mission of the Church in mind. Join us on **Saturday, September 19 from 3-4:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marysville**. Messiah is located at 9209 State Ave in Marysville. If you need directions, call their office at 360-659-4112 or see their website at www.messiah-lcms.org.

AUGUST FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	General	Giving Life	Haiti
8/1 to 8/8	$6,919.00	$575.00	$25.00
8/9 to 8/15	$4,061.00	$310.00	
8/16 to 8/22	$1,795.00	$305.00	
8/23 to 8/29	$2,660.30		$133.25
Totals	**$15,435.30**	**$1,190.00**	**$158.25**

August Attendance: 8/2: 55 8/9: 88 8/16: 68 8/23: 71

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

September

Everett Outreach- Lord's Little Cooker (Every Saturday Morning 7:45-9:30 a.m.)

Youth Bible Study-Sunday Mornings 9-10am

- **Youth Group Meetings…
  9, 16, 23, 30 (7-8:30 pm)
- 13 Rally Sunday- Hand out Bibles (Second and Third Grade Bibles)
- 13 Sunday Bible Classes Begin (9-10 a.m.)
  - Life in 6 Words or Gospel Journey
- 23 See You at the Pole (SYATP)
  7 am…your local school flag pole

October

Everett Outreach- Lord's Little Cooker (Every Saturday Morning 7:45-9:30 a.m.)

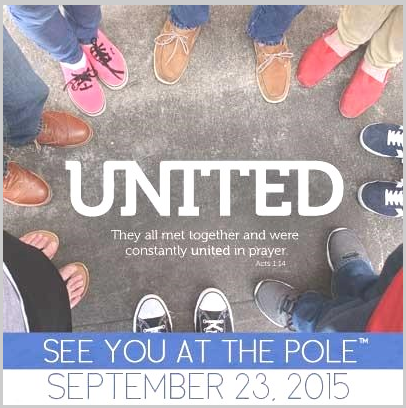
Youth Bible Study-Sunday Mornings 9-10 am

- **Youth Group Meetings…
  7, 14, 21, 27 (Tues)
- 3 Dare2Share Training
- 9-10 Camp Lutherwood Senior High Retreat
- 21 BOB'S Corn Maze, 6-9:30 pm
- 27 ZLS Fall Festival (Youth and Family will operate a booth for this event)
- 31 Halloween –Downtown Lake Stevens

Family Night at Evergreen Speedway

Way to go Justin Brave and Mark Cameron!

Having fun at the Birch Bay waterslides.



"They all met together and were constantly united in prayer."
Acts 1:14

For the last 25 years, See You at the Pole has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation.

There are two opportunities to unite in prayer with your friends:

DAY: SEE YOU AT THE POLE day is on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 a.m. local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.

WEEK: The *GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER* (Sunday, September 20 through Saturday, September 26) encourages students to find new and unique ways, places, and times to pray throughout the week. Whether you attend **PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, or HOME SCHOOL,** gather your friends wherever and whenever and pray! The GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER is dedicated to prayer and launching your on-campus Bible clubs, prayer strategies, and student ministries.

Vacation Bible Camp

A **HUGE** thank you to all who gave their time and talents during this year's VBC. It was a huge success! We had 37 kids in attendance this year.

Adult Helpers: Pastor Mike May, Jan Novak, Christine Pfiester, Joelle Cameron, Amy Lewis, Heidi Llerenas, Steve Dalton, and Lori May

Youth Helpers: Christina Cameron, Emily Cameron, Rebecca Cameron, Daisy Llerenas, Sarah Llerenas, Connor McDonald, Kayla McDonald, Alli Dalton, Amethyst Corey, and Delanie May

Community Supper Thank You!

Thank you to Kathleen Hines, Amethyst Corey, Jennifer Wood, Marcy Barthel, Milt & Susie Grover, Pastor Mike, Lori, & Delanie May, Christine Pfiester, and Shara Knapp for coming out and serving dinner at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. What a wonderful way to serve our community! Look for the opportunity to serve again in the future.

August 7, 2015

In my recent talk with Rev. Paul he informed me that the roof to the second wing of the school has been poured. They will be taking down the wooden framework for the cement on Friday or maybe Saturday and then pursuing the finishing work for that building. Rev. Paul commented, "After we finish with that building we will be working on the cafeteria, office, and storage room for the kitchen." We are so thankful to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) for their grant along with a dear soul who is matching that grant. Rev. Paul is very concerned about providing detailed reports of the expenses, which is rather challenging in a society without as many paper (electronic) trails to trace. We are blessed to support a ministry that is concerned about details.

When I called Rev. Paul I asked where he was; "Oh, I am in the my garden right now. We are harvesting plantain, banana, and sugarcane." There is a rather gruesome history of sugar in Haiti that continues in their neighboring country of the Dominican Republic to this day. I did not want to belabor that point with him so I asked him how they used the sugar cane. "They eat it," Rev. Paul responded. "They will chew and suck on it to get the juices. We cut it in little hunks and they really like it." I thought this sounds way better than the long history of sugar slavery to process the sugar cane.

Rev. Paul shared his concern over the 10-20% higher cost of living expenses that they are experiencing. This is the second month in a row that we have sent extra funds from the unallocated receipts for their food. He shared several factors of money leaving Haiti as thousands of Haitian students are going to universities in other countries, the proper policing of drug trafficking (much cocaine), which has slowed the economy; however, the largest factor is the 40,000 plus people sent to Haiti from the Dominican Republic in the past two months. This last factor is a political situation that highlights the ongoing border tension between these two countries.

August 21, 2015

The ministry is active and we are thankful for the blessings the Lord pours upon us as we walk with these dear souls in Haiti. One notable blessing is that Rev. Paul finally received his updated visa to travel out of the country. He has been working on this since early June when I wrote a letter for his daughter (Margurite) and him expressing Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission's (NEHLM's) desire for them travel to the USA. Margurite's visa application is still on hold. Rev. Paul thinks she has a good chance of receiving her visa when Cliney (Rev. Paul's wife) renews her visa. Cliney is waiting for a letter from the Boston hospital where Abigail was born. We are excited for the opportunity for other people in Haiti to be able to help Rev. Paul with some visitations to supporters in the USA. With Rev. Paul having his visa, NEHLM is arranging a trip to Miami to follow-up on the eye surgery he had earlier this year for glaucoma.

School is scheduled to begin September 7th. This is an exciting time! Rev. Paul reported, "Most of the uniforms are ready." Cliney went to purchase material in early July for over 70 uniforms for school. The uniforms are scarlet red dresses and white blouses for the girls and scarlet red shorts and white shirts for the boys. I think you can find a picture of these distinct uniforms on NEHLM's web page. There are about 200-250 students in this school for grades K-6th. For the orphans to go to school above sixth grade, they need to go to other schools at this time. We have 21 orphans in this category this year. This is a big expense. We are hoping at some time in the future to have our school be able to hire the upper grade teachers needed as we have more and more orphans apply to attend the upper grades.

In relation to education, the NELHM board and Rev. Paul have discussed an application process for the older students; we see completing applications as a good practice for students to learn. Rev. Paul and Cliney also desire to have other people overseeing their studies.

We thank sponsors like you who continually pray for and encourage your orphan or student in their studies. Rev. Paul did note their thriftiness in having kept previous upper grade books in good shape. He said, "This year we do not have to buy all of our books for the upper grades. We are able to reuse books that other orphans had used." You are among the many other blessings that the Lord pours upon this ministry. Thank you for being involved.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Advisor

Haiti Mission Team Informational Meeting: Are you interested in being a part of our 2016 mission trip to Haiti? Please join us on **Sunday, September 20th** for an informational meeting immediately following worship. Tentative dates for the upcoming trip are April 1-9 or the last two weeks of June.

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE - SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE	6th	13th	20th	27th
Worship Set-Up	Brave	Rahn	Gatterman	Frederickson
Worship Take - Down	Jones	Jamieson	Geiger	Springer
Soundboard	DuWayne Brave	TBD	Joel Repp	Milt Grover
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Larry Aalbu Larry/Rick Ihrie	Milt Grover	Ernie Frederickson Ernie/John Laskey	Dan Wolcott
Fellowship & Greeters	Laskey Knapp	Aalbu D. Bartelheimer	Vogel Jamieson	Caldwell T. Phillips
Scripture Reader	Debbie Laskey Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-10, 14-18 Mark 7: (24-30) 31-37	Rick Ihrie Isaiah 50:4-10 James 3:1-12 Mark 9:14-29	Elaine Repp Jeremiah 11:18-20 James 3:13-4:10 Mark 9:30-37	Brian Jamieson Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5:(1-12) 13-20 Mark 9:38-50
Children's Message	Stacey Hassebrock	Mark Cameron	Cheryl Jamieson	Jan Novak
Altar Guild	Debbie Jones Susie Grover	Debbie Jones	Patti Foye Julia Repp	Patti Foye
Power Point	Heather Stahl	Shara Knapp	Jim Repp	Mike Gatterman
Acolyte and Offering	Luke McClellan Lindsey McClellan	Audrey Pfiester Kyra Wood	Daisy Llerenas Sarah Llerenas	Katherine Geiger Reed Geiger
Nursery	Katherine Geiger	Delanie May	Springer	Foye
Money Counters	Cherie Gatterman Christine Pfiester	Susie Rahn Debbie Jones	Cherie Gatterman Christine Pfiester	Susie Rahn Debbie Jones

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE - OCTOBER 2015

DATE	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Set-Up	Brave	Rahn	Gatterman	Frederickson
Worship Take - Down	Strege	Foye	Jamieson	Jones
Soundboard	Milt Grover	DuWayne Brave	Joel Repp	Milt Grover
Elder on Duty Communion Elders	Rick Ihrie Rick/Milt Grover	Dan Bartelheimer	John Laskey John/ Ernie Frederickson	Larry Aalbu
Fellowship & Greeters	Pfiester King	Dalton McDonald	Foye Williams	Gatterman Erme
Scripture Reader	Larry Aalbu Genesis 2:18-25 Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18) Mark 10:2-16	Natalie Hansen Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 3:12-19 Mark 10:17-22	Stephanie Schmitt Eccl. 5:10-20 Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16) Mark 10:23-31	Dale Rahn Revelations 14:6-7 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36
Children's Message	Dana Wolcott	Stacey Hassebrock	Mark Cameron	Cheryl Jamieson
Altar Guild	Becky Ihrie Stephanie Schmitt	Stephanie Schmitt	Jan Aalbu Gloria Strege	Gloria Strege
Power Point	Heather Stahl	Shara Knapp	Jim Repp	Mike Gatterman
Acolyte and Offering	Christina Springer John Springer	Kayla McDonald Connor McDonald	Luke McClellan Lindsey McClellan	Audrey Pfiester Kyra Wood
Nursery	McClellan	Williams	Repp	Knapp
Money Counters	Cherie Gatterman TBD	Susie Rahn Debbie Jones	Cherie Gatterman TBD	Susie Rahn Debbie Jones

Money Counters Needed! We are in need of one or two volunteers who would like to help count offering on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. Please contact the church office if you are willing to help. Thank you!

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** Lord's Little Cooker 7:45-9:30 am Men's Bible Study
6 10:15am Worship and communion	**7 Office Closed** **Labor Day** Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	**8** Council meeting 6:30 pm	**9** Zion Lutheran School begins Youth meeting 7:00-8:30 pm	**10**	**11**	**12** Lord's Little Cooker 7:45-9:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 am
13 Rally Sunday/2nd & 3rd grade Bible Presentation 9:00 Family Ed 10:15am Worship Elders meeting (after service)	**14 Office Closed** Women's & Men's Bible Studies 7:00 pm Pastor Mike out of office until 9/18	**15**	**16** Youth meeting 7:00-8:30 pm	**17**	**18**	**19** Lord's Little Cooker 7:45-9:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 am LCMS Estate Planning @Messiah 3:00-4:30pm
20 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship and communion	**21 Office Closed** Women's & Men's Bible Studies 7:00 pm	**22**	**23** Youth Event See You at the Pole 7:00 am Youth meeting 6:00-8:30 pm	**24**	**25**	**26** Lord's Little Cooker 7:45-9:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 am
27 9:00 am Family Ed 10:15am Worship	**28 Office Closed** Women's & Men's Bible Studies 7:00 pm	**29**	**30** Youth meeting 7:00-8:30 pm			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Family Education 9:00am

WORSHIP Hour 10:15am

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

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Rev. Art Werfelmann, Emeritus
Worship Leader: Jan Novak
Secretary: Shara Knapp

Rally Sunday

September 13

Fall Bible Classes begin for adults and children

Join us at 9:00 am