

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

November 9, 2014

We Don't Belong to the Night

You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

In 2002, a camera crew went to a major city and followed several individuals at their jobs for a week. The distinction was that all of these individuals worked at night. The result was a documentary entitled, "By Night." Its purpose was to demonstrate how the nighttime world of a major city is very different from its daytime counterpart.

"By Night" is a sobering film. It's sobering because it highlights how people often behave very differently when they know they are cloaked in the darkness of night. The film records how they frequently say and do things in the cover of night that they would never say or do in the light of day.

In this life, the devil does everything he can to

convince us that it's still nighttime—that we still belong to the darkness. It might be the darkness of guilt, the darkness of bad memories, the darkness of fear, the darkness of grief, isolation, despair. He does this because he knows that if he can persuade us that we still belong to the night, then we'll think less and less about the Light of the World.

As some of you read or listen to these words, does it feel like nighttime? Does it feel as if all the disappointments and heartaches and regrets in your life have covered you like a shroud?

If you feel that way, remember: You don't belong to the night. Not anymore. The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, has pierced the darkness. He



has pierced your darkness. His blood has cleansed you. His holiness covers you. The Holy Spirit has brought you into the warm, comforting light of his presence. And that is where you remain.

Satan will always work to make you believe it's nighttime in your life. It isn't. Jesus has come. Daylight has arrived. The darkness is gone.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are the Light. When it feels as though it's nighttime in my life, refresh me with the wonderful truth that you are here, that all is well. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, contact Katie Chen (katiesl@hotmail.com).

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This Week at Lamb of God (November 10-16)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Cameron Family
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Ben Hallauer

Events

- *Wednesday, November 12*
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study - God Grows His Church (Acts)
- *Thursday, November 13*
7:30 am—Pastors' Circuit Meeting
- *Saturday, November 15*
10:00 pm—Ladies' Bible & Brunch
- *Sunday, November 16*
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
12:00 pm—Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Mission Prayer: Persecuted Christians

Lord of the Church, we praise you for the many opportunities WELS has to share your loving promises with people all over the world. We thank you that in some countries this outreach happens with little opposition and only some physical hardship. We ask your blessing on missionaries and people in other countries where opposition is fierce—especially for those who have faced



direct persecution, even to the point of death and genocide. We plead for your protection not only for WELS efforts but for all countries so that people may live in peace, so that your work may flourish, so that many more may come to know your saving name. Place your guiding hand over political leaders, militaries, missionaries, pastors, and the common people who so often suffer so much. Amen.

Congregational Meeting Change

The congregational meeting originally scheduled for today has been moved to Sunday, December 7. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the

change. Ministry updates and 2015 ministry plans and budget will be presented at the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Give Thanks Unto the Lord, for He is Good

A Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held after worship on Sunday, November 23. All are welcome! Sign up today to attend or bring something for the meal.

A Service of Prayer and Song for Thanksgiving will be held Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 pm. Plan to join us as we thank God together for all of his blessings.

Christmas for Kids

Children ages 3-10 are invited to Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 6, from 9:30-12:00. Plan to attend and bring friends and

neighbors to hear the good news of Christmas. Watch for your opportunity to assist with this outreach event.

Hymnal Survey

The WELS Hymnal project is seeking your assistance. They are conducting a survey that is intended for any and all worshipers in our church body to complete. The survey consists of approximately twenty questions and

shouldn't take more than ten minutes to complete. The survey will remain open through November 25 and can be found here: <http://wels hymnal.com/research/member-survey>. Thank you for your assistance!

Holiday Worship Times

As the decorations go up and the Christmas music begins to play, let us not forget the real reason for celebrating this holiday season! Join us for worship...

- **Thanksgiving Eve** – Wednesday, November 26 – 7:00 pm
- **WELS Columbus Advent Service** – Wednesday, December 10 – 7:00 pm, at Shepherd of Peace, Powell
- **Christmas Eve** – Wednesday, December 24 – 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day** – Thursday, December 25 – 9:00 am

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike)
- Dick and Jocelyn Ritter, as Dick continues to receive hospice care
- The family of Pastor Wagner, whose grandfather was called home to heaven on November 2

Request prayers of your pastor and/or your fellow Christians using a prayer request form by the mailboxes or online at LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance (9/2):	
Worship:	56
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13
Sunday Bible Study:	21
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$2727.50
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1940,81
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$13.00