

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

April 19, 2015

## Who Is Truly Worthy of Praise?

**Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:11-12)**

Whom do you praise? Is it some college basketball team that wins repeated national championships? Is it the man who wears the green jacket? Does your praise go to your son or daughter for getting an "A" on a test or winning a blue ribbon at the art fair? No doubt lots of hard work and effort were put forth. Parents are proud of their children's accomplishments. Fans rejoice in the victory. But step aside from all that and ask yourself, who truly is worthy of praise?

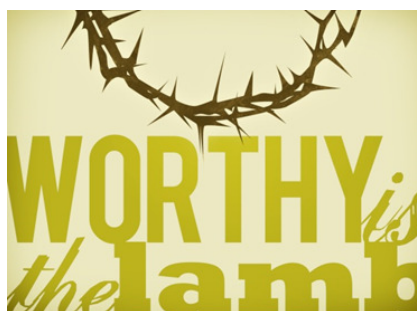
Star athletes have their

flaws. Children aren't always cherubs. Yet there is one, and one alone, who is worthy of everyone's praise, and his name is Jesus.

The apostle John records what he heard and saw in this vision of heaven. Before him are countless angels giving praise to Jesus alone! But it's not just praise for praise's sake. They let us know exactly why Jesus alone is worthy of praise. They call him "the Lamb who was slain."

In the Old Testament Passover meal, a year old spotless lamb was slaughtered. Its blood was painted on the door posts all in accordance with God's command. Trusting in God, the Israelites followed these instructions and the Angel of Death passed over their houses and they were saved. All of this was a picture pointing forward to Jesus, the spotless and sinless Son of God.

On Calvary, Jesus shed his blood in our place to pay for all our sins! Because of his perfect sacrifice, the



gates of heaven are open for all who believe! This is why Jesus alone is worthy of the angels' praises as well as yours and mine!

The best part is that you don't have to wait until heaven to join in praising Jesus. Each week we gather to worship Jesus and sing his praises. Each day you give glory to Jesus as you read the Bible. Throughout each day, as you live your life according to his will, you are singing a song of praise to him who has forgiven all your sins and promised you eternal life in heaven.

**Prayer: Lord God, let my life be a song of praise to you, for you alone are worthy of praise. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

Devotion from  
[www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com)

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## This Week at Lamb of God (April 20-26)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Szczublewskis
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers—Dave S & Bryan F

### Events

- *Monday-Tuesday, April 20-21*  
Ohio Pastoral Conference  
(Maineville, OH)
- *Tuesday, April 21*  
3:30 pm—Bob Woehrle  
Committal Service  
7:00 pm—Church Council  
7:00 pm—Creek Ridge Civic  
Association Meeting
- *Wednesday, April 22*  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- *Thursday, April 23*  
7:00 pm—Faith Builders
- *Friday, April 24*  
6:15 pm—Softball
- *Sunday, April 25*  
9:15 am—Sunday School and  
Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship with  
Communion

## Mission Prayer: Evangelism

Gracious Father, you have commissioned every one of your followers to be your ambassadors to this dark world. Give us each the wisdom, zeal, and the encouragement to do this. One of the ways you have blessed numerous congregations to this end is through WELS Schools of Outreach.



We praise you for the over 200 opportunities our WELS congregations have had to attend these events where they have been encouraged and instructed on how to evaluate their outreach efforts and improve them. Help us all share you to the best of our ability. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## WELS Summer Youth/Family Camps & Rallies

- Camp Lor-Ray—various ages and dates—[www.camplor-ray.org](http://www.camplor-ray.org)
- Camp Killarney—various ages and dates—[www.killarneycamp.org](http://www.killarneycamp.org)
- Camp Chi-Rho—completing grades 5-8—July 27-31—[www.welsyouth.net](http://www.welsyouth.net)
- Camp South—completing grades 3-7—July 27-31—[hopelutheranwpb.com/#/events/camp-south-2015](http://hopelutheranwpb.com/#/events/camp-south-2015)
- Freedom 513 Rally—completing grades 8-12—July 13-16—[www.welsyouth.net](http://www.welsyouth.net)

## Committal Service

A committal service for Bob Woehrl will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 3:30 pm at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 5600 E. Broad St.

## Friday Night Softball

Enjoy spring weather, fellowship, and fun, as the Lamb of God softball team takes the field. Our games are Friday evenings at Hoff Woods Park, 556 McCorkle Blvd, Westerville. This week's game begins at 6:15 pm.

## Mowing Help Wanted

The grass is green and growing. That means we need volunteers to mow. Sign up today in the fellowship hall. Contact Andy Hensler or Dave Szczublewski with questions.

## Midweek Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays at 7:15 pm, as we study the book of Acts and the comfort and direction it provides for Christians living in an anti-Christian world.

## Spring Work Day

Join us on Saturday, May 2, for our spring work day. We'll start at 9:00 am, and lunch will be provided. Contact Dave Szczublewski with questions.

## Summer Dates

- Vacation Bible School: Dates TBD
- Westerville 4th Fridays: June 26, July 24, August 28
- Westerville Parade: July 4
- Fine Arts Camp: July 27-31

## Pastor at Conference

Pastor Wagner will be at the WELS Ohio Pastoral Conference in Maineville, OH, this Monday and Tuesday. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call his cell phone (614-702-5609).

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

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet, Jessica
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Dick Ritter, who is hospitalized in the palliative care unit at Mt. Carmel-St. Ann's Hospital
- Church Council, meeting this week

*Request prayers of your pastor and/or your fellow Christians using a prayer request form by the mailboxes or online at [LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers](http://LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers)*

## Give Thanks to the Lord!

### Attendance:

Worship (4/12):	59
Sunday School (w/teachers):	11
Sunday Bible Study:	15

### Offerings:

General Fund (4/12):	\$1599.16
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1971.73
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$5.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00