

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

April 27, 2014

## Something Greater

**These [trials] have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine. (1Peter 1:7)**

Think about gold for a moment. Imagine taking all the known gold that's ever been mined in all of human history. Now picture this: If you took all that gold and melted it into one cube, that cube would easily fit on the infield of any baseball diamond. Listen to that little factoid again: The infield of a simple baseball diamond would be more than enough to hold all the known gold that all of human history has used and possessed.

Sometimes it's easy to forget how precious and rare gold really is. It probably should come as no surprise, then, that in days of an uncertain dollar and a shaky economy, many

people choose to invest in gold.

But as rare and precious as gold is, the apostle Peter points you to something greater. He points you to your faith.

Let's assume for a moment that some truly difficult times are coming in the months and years ahead. Is it wise and prudent to economize, to live more modestly, to manage money carefully? Of course. But you could have the investing prowess of Warren Buffet and still lose everything that matters if you ignore what Peter has to say to you about your faith.

Which brings us to why the Lord often gives us hard times in the first place. Peter says, "These [trials] have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, ... – may be proved genuine." In other words,



God often allows trials into our lives to refine for us the most precious possession we have – our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin.

Gold is precious. But in the end it's only a soft, yellow metal. It cannot fill the empty place in your soul. Your faith, however, is something greater. Through it your Lord gives you everything you need.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, through faith in your Son I have forgiveness of sins and I have your promise that you'll take care of me. Refine my faith, Lord. Make it strong. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (April 28-May 4)

### Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Church Cleaning: Dianne Johnson Family
- Altar Care: Kathy Sigrist & Lucile Heart

### Events

- **Tuesday, April 29**  
11:30 am—Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm—Faith Builders  
7:00 pm—Creek Ridge Civic Association Meeting
- **Thursday, May 1**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Friday, May 2**  
6:30 pm—Koiné Concert at Powell Amphitheater  
7:20 pm—Softball at Hoff Woods Park
- **Saturday, May 3**  
10:00 am—Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, May 4**  
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship

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

## Mission Prayer: Asia Lutheran Seminary

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the nine years that you have blessed our work in Asia through Asia Lutheran Seminary. You have blessed Asia Lutheran Seminary with four full-time professors, one visiting professor each semester, and additional adjunct faculty. These professors personally serve more than 100 students each



week, as well as support other lay missionaries who serve more than 600 people through weekly classes and Bible studies. Lord, we ask that you would continue to bless the amazing work already being done and continue

to open more doors in Asia for the spread of the gospel. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Branches Band Concert at Lamb of God

From ancient hymns to modern songs, from guitars and piano to vocal harmonies, the truth of God's love and grace is at the root of the *Branches Band*

ministry. They'll be at Lamb of God for a free concert on Monday, June 16, at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar!

## More Than Just Walls

In the places where Christians choose to gather for public worship, the shape of the worship space, the type and placement of the furnishings, the materials, colors, and styles vary widely. Many of those choices are not

just a matter of personal preference but can reflect what we believe and the focus and purpose of our time together. Join us Sundays at 9:15 am for "More than Just Walls: Church Architecture and the Worship Space."

## Koiné in Concert

Koiné is an award-winning band of WELS musicians who present a unique, upbeat, and inspiring take on familiar Christian hymns and original music ([www.koinemusic.com](http://www.koinemusic.com)). Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to see them in a free concert at the Powell Amphitheater, 48 Hall St, Powell (rain location: Shepherd of Peace), on Friday, May 2, at 6:30 pm. Bring lawn seating and a friend! All ages welcome!



## 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 7:20 pm.**

## Pastoral Visits

Pastor Wagner would like to visit all of our members in their homes in 2014. Each visit should include all confirmed members of the family. Please sign up for a time in the fellowship hall.

## Spring Work Day

Join us on Saturday, May 17, for our spring work day. We'll start at 9:00 am, and lunch will be provided.

## Pastor's New Address

The Wagners are moving today. Their new address is 4872 Rustic Woods Ln, Columbus, OH 43230.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Katie, Elisabeth, Destinee)

*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!

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
Maundy Thursday (4/17):	26
Good Friday (4/18):	36
Easter Sunday (4/20):	64
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund (4/17):	\$582.50
General Fund (4/18):	\$160.00
General Fund (4/20):	\$1727.40
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2088.61
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52