

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 10, 2015

## Thank You, Mother

An old Spanish proverb observes: “An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.” So, thank you, mothers. On behalf of all clergy, thank you.

We pastors wake up every day ready and willing to do what we’ve been trained to do: serve our flock. You wake up every day ready and willing—even though you’ve had no formal training whatsoever—to take care of your little lambs, your straying sheep, your fickle flock.

We use some time each day to prepare a sermon for our congregation on Sunday. You preach every day—most often without much preparation—when you juggle the kids and the dog and the cell phone and use the other hand to pack lunches and fold underwear and wipe runny noses. And you do it all never thinking of what you’ll get out of it, never hoping for recognition, never waiting for a paycheck. Your sermons tell of Christ-like love, humility, and generosity. They say lots about Christian perseverance, hope, and faith.

We put on our robes to

cover up out-of-fashion ties so that our congregation focuses not on us but Jesus. You take off your make-up and any veneer of self-righteousness so that your children see you as you really are. Sometimes you holler. Sometimes you cry. Sometimes you laugh. Sometimes you scold. Sometimes you kiss boo-boos. Sometimes you hum or pray or sing. And your children see Jesus. In you.

We teach our congregation once, maybe twice, a week about the goodness and guidance of Jesus. You teach your children about Jesus with every decision they see you make, every TV show they notice you watch, every Bible passage magnet they read posted on the refrigerator, every voice inflection they hear you use when you’re talking about the weird neighbors, every prayer you say with them at bedtime, every one of their “why” questions you answer with a hint of God’s handiwork.

Ours is a noble calling, mothers. God puts us both—clergy and mothers—in a certain place, for a certain time, with certain



opportunities, to use certain gifts. Our assignment from God is the same: to prepare for this life those whom God gives to us, by first preparing them for eternal life. We take hands by first shaping hearts. You, mothers, are very dear to those under your care. Probably more dear than you know.

So, on this Mothers’ Day we clergy just want to say, “Thank you, mothers,” for helping to make our job so much easier.

*Prayer: Gracious God, when we think of or look at our mothers, let us remember you and your gracious providing with appreciation that encourages mothers in their special calling. Give all mothers a renewed vigor to be faithful in the role you have given them and to be successful in preparing children for eternal and earthly life. Amen.*

Devotion by Pastor Daron Lindemann from [www.wels.net/news-events/forward-in-christ](http://www.wels.net/news-events/forward-in-christ)

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## This Week at Lamb of God (May 11-17)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Cameron Family
- Bulletins: Priscilla Ehrick
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers—Chuck Sigrist and Michael Telander
- Refreshments: Franks Family
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer

### Events

- **Tuesday, May 12**  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics
- **Wednesday, May 13**  
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, May 14**  
7:00 pm—WELS Columbus Ascension Service (Beautiful Savior)
- **Friday, May 15**  
6:15 pm—Softball
- **Saturday, May 16**  
10:00 am—Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, May 17**  
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship

## Mission Prayer: Academia Cristo

Lord of the nations, we thank you for Christ Academy, a new Spanish-language Web site designed to get the gospel into the homes of more families in Latin America. Bless the outreach and training opportunities this Web site provides. If it is your will, we pray that, in the



future, the goal to offer seminary courses through the site for those who wish to train for ministry may be realized. May this site enable the scattered WELS members throughout Latin America to grow in their faith and to share their faith with others. Amen.

## WELS Columbus Ascension Service

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2213 White Rd, Grove City, will host an Area WELS Ascension Worship Service on Thursday, May 14, at 7:00

pm. All are invited to come and worship our risen and ascended King, Jesus. Dessert will be served after the service.

## Concerts & Commencement Services Online

Graduation time is just around the corner. Once again, you will be able to watch concerts, graduation services, and call services at Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary live online. Schedule of events:

### Martin Luther College

[livestream.com/mlc-streams](http://livestream.com/mlc-streams)

Concert: May 16, 5:00 and 8:30 pm  
Graduation service: May 17, 11:00 am  
Teacher Call service: May 17, 3:30 pm  
*(all times are EDT)*

### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

[livestream.com/wslive](http://livestream.com/wslive)

Vicar Call service: May 20, 8:00 pm  
Pastor Call service: May 22, 11:00 am  
Concert: May 22, 8:00 pm  
Graduation service: May 23, 11:00 am

## Dinner with Our Kingdom Workers

We'd like to provide an opportunity for Kris & Ashley, our summer Kingdom Workers, to interact with

our families. If you are willing to host them for dinner, please sign up in the fellowship hall.

## New Home Phone Number

Pastor & Elisabeth Wagner have a new home phone number: 614-702-7575.

Please update your records. (Their cell phone numbers have not changed.)

## Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed for weekly lawn mowing. Contact Andy Hensler or Dave Szczublewski with questions.

refreshments after Sunday worship. See Pastor Wagner with questions.

We also need volunteers to provide

Sign up today in the fellowship hall.

## Important Dates

- Westerville 4th Fridays: June 26, July 24, August 28
- Westerville Parade: July 4
- Vacation Bible School: July 13-16
- Fine Arts Camp: July 27-31

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, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet, Jessica
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- The family of Dick Ritter, who was called home to heaven on April 30
- 2015 Graduates of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

*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 (5/3):

Worship:	53
Sunday School (w/teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	16

### Offerings (5/3):

General Fund:	\$2168.40
<i>Year-to-Date Average:</i>	\$1945.06
<i>Weekly Budgeted Ministry:</i>	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00