

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 11, 2014

Jesus Is the Gate

I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:7-10)

Fences have become a way of life. People put up privacy fences to keep others from seeing into their yard. Farmers put up fences to keep the cattle in the field. Businesses put up fences to keep thieves away from their warehouses. But every fence has a gate—a passage way for those who are supposed to get to the other side of the fence.

Jesus is that gate. It is only through Jesus and his Word

that we are able to receive eternal life. Still there are thieves who seek to steal the gift of God away from us. There are people who try to convince us that we can receive eternal life by relying on the good things we do. Still others twist and obscure God's Word to rob us of the joy of salvation in Jesus. But try as they might, they are unable to establish another way through the fence. The only way to eternal life is through Jesus.

Thankfully, Jesus did all of the hard work so that we can pass through him into eternal life. He opened the way to God by removing all of the barriers that stood in our way: our sins, our guilt, and the accusation of the devil. He prepared us for life with God by washing us with the water of baptism and assuring us that our sins



are forgiven. He leads us through the gate as he gives us his Word, which nourishes us and causes our faith to grow. What is more, he protects us from those thieves who would urge us to ignore the only gate and try to reach eternal life by jumping the fence.

Through Jesus we have life, the fullness of eternal life with God!

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, in your mercy you opened the way to eternal life. Guard me from those who seek to lead me astray. Establish my faith in you, my only Savior. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

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This Week at Lamb of God (May 12-18)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Church Cleaning: Cameron Family
- Altar Care: Kathy Sigrist & Lucile Heart
- Refreshments: Rader Family

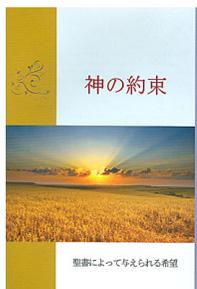
Events

- **Tuesday, May 13**
7:00 pm—Growing in Grace & Knowledge Class
- **Thursday, May 15**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Friday, May 16**
8:25 pm—Softball at Hoff Woods Park, Westerville
- **Saturday, May 17**
9:00 am—Church Work Day
10:00 am—Ladies' Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, May 18**
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: Japan

Lord of all nations, we thank you for the many gifts that you have given to your Church so that your gospel can be proclaimed. Guide our brothers and sisters in Japan as they reach out to their neighbors with a booklet



called *The Promise*, which was recently revised by WELS Multi-Language Publications to better communicate to a Japanese audience. May the love of Christ fill their hearts as they share your good news with others. Amen.

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 at www.wels.net. Schedule of events:

Martin Luther College

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

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

Praising God with Pews, Pulpits & Paraments

Why does the shape of a church matter? What difference does it make where the font and altar stand? Is there anything theological about lighting and acoustics? These are just a few of the questions we are discussing in our Sunday bible study, "**More than Just Walls: Church Architecture and the Worship Space.**" We invite you to

join us, as we study these issues from a biblical and historical perspective, grow in our appreciation for the place we gather for worship, and become better equipped to discuss how our space can best be used for the glory of God. Join us Sundays at 9:15 am (through May 18) for this interesting and important discussion.

WELS Columbus Ascension Service

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2213 White Rd, Grove City, will host an Area WELS Ascension Worship Service on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 pm, featuring special music from our

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

Summer Scheduling Matters

There will be NO Bible Study or Sunday School on Sunday, May 25.

Beginning June 1, join us for a **Family Bible Study** for all ages every Sunday

at 9:30 am. Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:15 am. (Note the time change for the summer).

Vacation Bible School is July 14-17.

Spring Work Day

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

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 8:25 pm.***

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Elisabeth, Destinee)
- David & Katie Chen, who were blessed with the birth of a son, Otto, on May 4
- 2014 graduates (Martin Jensen, Ohio University); Janet Gregory & Jessica Baum (high school)

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!

Worship Attendance: (5/4)

Worship:	37
Sunday Bible Study:	13
Sunday School w/Teachers:	7

Offerings:

General Fund:	\$2132.47
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2088.65
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$8.00