

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 17, 2015

## Real Help

**During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:9-10)**

On January 12, 2010, a catastrophic earthquake struck the capital of Haiti. The devastation to infrastructure and human life was immense: the city a field of dust-covered rubble, the people hurt and helpless. Rescue workers searched the toppled buildings and cracked concrete for days to bring help to any who survived the quake. Amid devastation, now and again, there is a miracle. One such is the story of Wismond Jean-Pierre. Eleven days after the quake, he was found uninjured in a pocket in the rubble of the crumpled hotel where he worked. The workers were overjoyed to offer their help to one who desperately needed it.

We can assist in the world

with our time or our money, with our encouragement or our support. God loves and blesses these works. But Christians have a particular kind of help that is unique and superb, and especially fitting for this broken world. Luke, the writer of Acts, expressed that help very well. He said, “God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”

The gospel is a unique thing. It’s the message of God’s great love for this world, though it is horrendous rubble because of sin. It’s unique because it recognizes that those pinned in sins’ wreckage aren’t able to free themselves. It’s superb because it proclaims the one-man rescue team of Jesus, who died on the cross to free the world from its guilt and sins. It’s truly helpful because his saving work promises a heaven where everything is whole. This is the gospel, unique, superb and truly helpful.

We who have been pulled out of the rubble of our sins are blessed to know that message. We were helped by somebody else as they shared with us our rescuer Jesus. Our great privilege as



members of his team is to now share that help with others. Many more are trapped in sin. Sometimes we hear their cries in their actions or questions. Sometimes they tell us just where they are and how badly they are stuck. We can help them best by sharing Jesus. He is real help for hurting people with difficult sins and weighty guilts. He gives God’s forgiveness for all that traps them. He offers God’s love to make them whole forever. As we proclaim the gospel, we bring what they truly need: real help.

*Prayer: Jesus, you are the real help I need to rescue me from the guilt of sin and the power of death. I praise you for all you did to accomplish my salvation and for declaring that good news to me in the message gospel. Give me the courage to share it with people who need to hear about you. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (May 18-24)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Chen and Fiecko Families
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers—David Chen and Charlie Genteline
- Lawn Mowing: Cameron Family

### Events

- **Tuesday, May 19**  
8:00 pm—Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 20**  
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, May 21**  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- **Sunday, May 24**  
NO Sun. School/Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

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).

## Mission Prayer: Good News, Mt. Horeb, Wis.

Lord of the church, the saints of Good News Lutheran in our new home mission in Mt. Horeb, Wis., are anxious to reach the lost. Bless their efforts to reach out to their friends with the good news of your Word. Bless those already enrolled in their



“step one” class so that they may grow in their understanding of their Savior. Finally, be with this young church as they search for affordable land to build a permanent facility, all for the praise of your holy name. Amen.

## Summer Sundays in the Son-Light

There will be NO Bible Study or Sunday School on Sunday, May 24.

Beginning May 31, join us for a cross-generational interactive summer bible study for all ages Sundays at 9:15 am. We'll learn and grow together through

Bible reading, videos, discussion, activities, and more, as we explore the wonders God has done. Young or old, you won't want to miss it!

Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:00 am.

## Seminary Graduation Events Online

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Graduation is this week. Watch the vicar and pastor call services, commencement concert, and graduation service online at [livestream.com/wslive](http://livestream.com/wslive):

### Schedule of Events

- 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
- (All times EDT)

## 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.

## Help Wanted: Communion/Greeter/Refreshments

We are seeking volunteers to set up communion twice each month, to serve as greeters for Sunday worship, and to provide refreshments after

Sunday worship. Sign up today in the fellowship hall, or see Pastor Wagner with questions.

## Kingdom Workers Welcome Luncheon

Be here to meet and welcome Kris Kuschel and Ashley Weihert, our Kingdom Workers volunteers, on

Sunday, May 31. A luncheon will be held after worship with activities to help us get to know each other.

## 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

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Mike
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Graduating from high school: Zoe Hensler
- The family of Dick Ritter, who was called home to heaven on April 30
- 2015 Graduates of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
- Thanksgiving for our 2014-15 Sunday School teachers

*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>Attendance (5/10):</b>	
Worship:	58
Sunday School (w/teachers):	12
Sunday Bible Study:	13
<b>Offerings (5/10):</b>	
General Fund:	\$2197.00
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1958.32
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$10.00
Dick Ritter Memorials:	\$50.00