

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 18, 2014

## Jesus Will Bring You Home

**“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:1-3)**

Do you like saying goodbye, especially saying goodbye to someone you dearly love?

As Jesus spoke to his disciples on the night before he died, he knew that his words were, to a large degree, words of farewell. But even as he spoke his farewell, he also wanted to comfort his disciples. They were going to see him again!

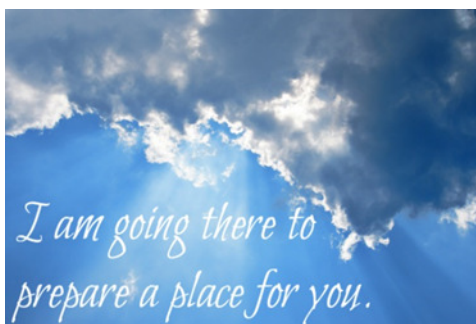
Jesus was leaving to prepare a place for them. He was then going to return and bring his disciples to be with him. When the apostle

John later in life looked back on that evening, he understood how Jesus went about preparing this place for his disciples. John stood at the cross

as Jesus washed away the sin of the world. He made the inhabitants of the Father’s house clean by forgiving their sin. Forty days later Jesus ascended into heaven where he waits to bring his disciples home as he rules all things for the good of those who love him.

That doesn’t mean it’s easy to wait for Jesus to return. We find ourselves confronted with troubles each day. Past sins have a way of haunting us. New sins have a way of attacking us. Despair can sink into our lives as we wait for Jesus to fulfill his promise to take us home.

Jesus knows that our hearts become troubled, that our trust at times wavers, that



we may wonder if he is ever going to come back and take us home with him. So he gives us these words of comfort and encouragement. Our Savior remembers his promise and will fulfill it. As he came the first time to rescue us from the destruction of sin and death, we are assured that he is faithful and will come back and bring us to his heavenly home where we will never again have to say goodbye.

*Prayer: Dearest Jesus, you promised that you were going to prepare a place for me. Come quickly, that I may join you in your Father’s house. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (May 19-25)

### Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Church Cleaning: Flunker and Wagner Families
- Altar Care: Kathy Sigrist & Lucile Hart
- Altar Flowers: Burrows Family

### Events

- **Wednesday, May 21**  
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting
- **Thursday, May 22**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Sunday, May 18**  
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion



**FREE CHRISTIAN CONCERT**  
LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 7:00 PM

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: Ministerial Education

Father, at this time of year as we celebrate graduations and call services at our ministerial education schools, we thank you for the many young men and women you have sent to these schools so that they may train to be modern disciples. Send your Holy Spirit into their hearts to fill them with a desire to reach out



tenderly to the hearts of those whom you have already called and to reach out patiently and cheerfully to those who do not yet know you as Lord. Enlighten them, energize them, and strengthen their confidence that by their ministry to others they are making an important difference in the world. Amen.

## Concert, Graduation, & Call Services Online

Graduation time is just around the corner. Once again, you will be able to watch concerts, graduation services, and call services at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary live online at [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net).

### Schedule of events:

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

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

## Summer Sundays in the Son-Light

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

Beginning June 1, join us for *Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him*, an intergenerational interactive bible study for all ages Sundays at 9:30 am.

Come and see how God uses fire, water, earthquakes, whirlwinds, and more to show who he is and to bring salvation to all people.

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

## Gone Fishing

Our annual Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the evenings of July 14-17, and your help is needed! Whether you only have an hour to spare or can

help the whole week, your assistance would be most appreciated. Contact Elisabeth Wagner for more info or to find out what you can do.

## Friday Night Softball

There is no softball game this Friday. Our next game is scheduled for **Friday, May 30, at 6:15 pm.**

## Concert at St. Paul's

Stephen Bautista, WELS singer and guitarist from Las Vegas, will be performing at St. Paul's (322 Stewart Ave, Columbus) on Friday, June 6, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- 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](http://LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers)*

## Give Thanks to the Lord!

<b>Worship Attendance: (5/11)</b>	
Worship:	48
Sunday Bible Study:	13
Sunday School w/Teachers:	12
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund:	\$1706.33
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2068.52
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$13.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00

**Stay Connected on the Road:** If you will be traveling this summer, be sure to visit [www.wels.net/locator](http://www.wels.net/locator) to find worship locations and times near your destination.