

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 24, 2015

## Are You a Star Witness?

**“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.” (John 15:26-27)**

In our country’s legal system, the testimony of a “star witness” can make all of the difference—the witness who has the most insight into what happened and can most clearly and convincingly testify to what they know.

If you were called into court to testify to the reality of Christ and his implications on the world, would you be prepared? Would you consider yourself a star witness? Or would you rather be on the other side of the table listening to what people might say to convince you that Jesus really was who he said he was?

When Jesus was about to leave this world, he promised to send the star witness, his Holy Spirit, to testify as to who he is and

what he did. The unique nature of this witness is that he would never be tempted to tell a lie, in fact his testimony would always be true. He is called the Spirit of Truth!

Today the Church observes the festival of Pentecost, the day this “Star Witness” was sent to validate and give clarity to the message of Jesus in 3000 hearts and give birth to the Christian church. Today he still testifies to the world through the words of the Holy Bible, a complete testimony to the work of Jesus Christ.

Yet, it wasn’t just the testimony of the Holy Spirit, but also the witness of those that had “been with Jesus from the beginning.” Those disciples were the first key witnesses to the world to proclaim, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Now it’s our turn to be star witnesses. How? As we read and study the Bible, the



Holy Spirit convinces us of its truth and trains us to be witnesses in the world. As we simply share what we know about who God is and what he has done to save us, the Holy Spirit uses our testimony to work the miracle of faith in others!

You have seen and realized the blessing of Jesus in your life. May God give you someone today to whom you can testify to the faith God’s Holy Spirit has given to you!

*Prayer: Holy Spirit, come into my heart today to give me clarity and strengthening of my faith in Jesus. Help me to see Jesus more clearly and confidently as my Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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

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).

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## This Week at Lamb of God (May 25-31)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Flunkers/Wagners
- Bulletins: Priscilla Ehrick
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers: David Chen and Charlie Genteline
- Bible Study Refreshments: Sigrist Family
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer

### Events

- **Tuesday, May 26**  
7:00 pm—Evangelism Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 27**  
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, May 28**  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- **Friday, May 29**  
6:15 pm—Softball Game
- **Saturday, May 30**  
10:00 am—Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, May 31**  
9:15 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship  
11:45 am—Kingdom Workers Welcome Luncheon

## Mission Prayer: Ministerial Education

Our praise to you, O Lord, for keeping your promises and providing precious gifts to your church as another class of gospel servants have graduated from Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary



eager to serve in your kingdom. Be with the graduates, giving them

confidence that since you have called them, you will use them and be with them as they strive to serve you with any opportunity you may provide. May more and more souls be reached as you use them to proclaim your Word to a world that so desperately needs it. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Church Picnic

Mark your calendar for a day of fun, food, and Christian fellowship. We will enjoy a church picnic on Sunday, June 14, after worship. Watch and listen for more details to come.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

As we make plans for the Westerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, we need to know how many volunteers we will have to set up or participate in the parade. Sign up today!

## 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
- 2015 High School Graduate: Zoe Hensler
- 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 (5/17):</b>	
Worship:	48
Sunday School (w/teachers):	14
Sunday Bible Study:	13
<b>Offerings (5/17):</b>	
General Fund:	\$1466.90
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1933.75
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$17.00
Dick Ritter Memorials:	\$535.00