

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 25, 2014

“Because I Live, You Also Will Live”

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” (John 14:15-19)

Do you like being alone? Sure, it can be nice to take a walk by yourself to clear your head, or escape to the garage for some quiet tinkering. But when the bad news comes, or the holidays arrive, or the empty solitude joins in, do you like being alone?

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure—both his

departure to death on the cross and also his departure to heaven at his ascension—he comforts his disciples. He doesn’t want them to think that they are being abandoned by him and left on their own. So he makes a promise to them. God was going to give his Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to be with them forever. They were not going to be alone, in good times or in bad times.

The promise Jesus made to his disciples is also for you. He knows there are times that you are going to feel alone. There are times when temptation will seem ready to overwhelm you. There are times that sorrow or trouble or the death of a loved one will leave you standing not knowing what direction to turn. Yet God has not left you alone. When he made you his child, he sent the Holy Spirit to be with you. By your side he reminds you of the comfort and promise of the Resurrection. Because



Jesus lives, you too will live. No matter what the trial or the sorrow, nothing can take away the sure fulfillment of this promise. You will live because Jesus has rescued you from death. He has rescued you from sin. He has replaced it with eternal life.

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, I give thanks that you have not abandoned me, but have sent your Holy Spirit to keep your promise of eternal life before me. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (May 25-June 1)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Church Cleaning: Henslers
- Bible Study Refreshments: Fiecko Family

Events

- **Thursday, May 29**
7:00pm—WELS Columbus Ascension Service (Beautiful Savior, Grove City)
- **Friday, May 30**
6:15pm—Softball (Hoff Woods)
- **Saturday, May 31**
8:00am—Growing in Grace & Knowledge (Bible Basics)
- **Sunday, June 1**
9:30 am—Intergenerational Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

BRANCHES

BAND

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: River of Life, Goodyear, AZ

Ascended Lord Jesus Christ, you are both the Savior and Lord of the Church. We come to you seeking your blessing upon River of Life Ev.



Lutheran Church in Goodyear, Ariz. We thank you for blessing this group of believers with mission status in our synod; now we ask that you would send them a full-

time missionary to lead them in proclaiming your love to the community. Continue to inspire the members of this church to work

patiently and diligently to reach out to the lost souls in their community. Bless their efforts and enlarge your kingdom. 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 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.

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!

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 6:15 pm.*

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Our expectant mothers (Elisabeth, Destinee)
- Daniel Slaughter and Ben Zietlow, who have been assigned to serve as vicars at Beautiful Savior and St. Paul's for 2014-15.
- 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: (5/18)	
Worship:	61
Sunday Bible Study:	22
Sunday School w/Teachers:	21
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1280.17
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2029.11
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$16.25

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