

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 31, 2015

## The War is Over

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)**

Did you know that, as late as 1980, Japanese soldiers were still fighting World War II? You see, the far side of the Pacific has a staggering number of tiny islands. In the chaos of that war, some Japanese soldiers became isolated and forgotten on those islands. As a result, those soldiers continued to live year after year assuming that the war was still on.

The same thing can happen to me. In the chaos of life in this sinful world, I can become isolated. In my isolation I can look to myself for answers. But the answers I come up with create only more stress and frustration and emptiness in my soul. As a result I can

spend a long, long time fighting to fill myself with a peace I never find. It's like fighting a war that doesn't end.

Here's the Good News: The war is over. Real peace is at hand. But this peace is better than the end to a military conflict. It's peace with God. And this peace with God does not depend on how my emotions are doing from one day to the next. The peace with God I have is a concrete reality whether my emotions are feeling it at the moment or not. This is true because the peace with God I possess comes through faith in what Jesus has already done on my behalf. Through Jesus' life God declares me holy.



Through Jesus' death on the cross God declares me forgiven. Because of Jesus there is nothing more to fear.

If you've been stuck far too long on an island of your own making, it's time to get off. Jesus has come. Peace with God is yours. The war is over.

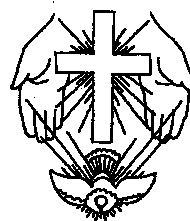
*Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive me for all the ways I have isolated myself from you. In Jesus, real peace is mine. Embrace me with your promises. Amen.*

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

## Summer Sundays in the Son-Light

Join us for a cross-generational interactive summer bible study for all ages Sundays at 9:15 am. We are learning and growing together through Bible reading, videos, discussion, activities, and more, as we explore the wonders God has done. This

year's theme is **3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God**. Young or old, you don't want to miss it! (Refreshments are served beginning at 9:00 am.)



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## This Week at Lamb of God (June 1-7)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Alexandra Wintrich
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers: Steve Flunker and Michael Telander
- Bible Study Refreshments: Fiecko Family
- Worship Refreshments: Kristina Peyton
- Greeter: Dorothy Walker

### Events

- **Tuesday, June 2**  
8:00 pm—Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, June 3**  
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, June 4**  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- **Friday, June 5**  
6:15 pm—Softball Game
- **Saturday, June 6**  
10:00 am—Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, June 7**  
9:15 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship

## Mission Prayer: Grace, Norman, Okla.

Almighty God, we praise you for the blessings that you have showered on Grace Lutheran Church in Norman, Okla., especially for giving them their first full-time place of worship and ministry. May the increased visibility and more obvious community presence give them more opportunities to share the gospel with the residents of Norman. May their



new facilities also allow them to offer childcare for those attending their support group for families with autism. And finally, bless their Soccer Bible Camp in June so they can not only reach many children with the message of sin and grace, but also attract families to find out more about their message and ministry. Amen.

## Outreach Planning Teams

If you are interested in helping with planning our Vacation Bible School (July 13-16) and/or Fine Arts Camp

(July 27-30), please contact Pastor Wagner.

## Dinner with Our Kingdom Workers

We'd like to provide an opportunity for Kris & Ashley, our summer Kingdom Workers, to get to know our

families (and vice versa). 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, to serve as greeters, and to provide refreshments after Sunday

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

## NEW Lamb of God Apparel Store

You can now purchase your own Lamb of God t-shirt, sweatshirt, polo, buttondown, cap, bag, and more. Visit <http://lambogod.qbstores.com> to

place your order. **Now through June 9, save 25% off your order!** Create an account and enter your email to be notified of future specials.

## 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. Sign up today to bring food for the picnic.

## 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

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, please contact Katie Chen (katies@hotmail.com).

## 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 (5/24):</b>	
Worship:	30
NO Sunday School or Bible Study	
<b>Offerings (5/24):</b>	
General Fund:	\$1387.95
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1907.76
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Building Fund:	\$125.00
Bob Woehrle Memorial:	\$5000.00
Dick Ritter Memorial:	\$200.00

**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.