

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

May 4, 2014

Lord, Open My Eyes

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. (Luke 24:31)

The two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus had a problem. They were blind. That blindness was not a physical disability. Rather, it was one of the heart. While they walked to their destination, they talked about the events of the past week. They discussed everything that had happened to Jesus—his suffering, death and resurrection.

Unfortunately, none of it made any sense, because it didn't match what they wanted to see.

It is a blindness which affects me. I may have an acquaintance with Jesus. I may even appreciate his commitment and the example of his life. Still, I am disappointed because I want Jesus to match my view of him. I want him to be in my life, but not too involved. I want him to be ready to help me, but only when I am in a desperate situation. I want him to be ready to guide me, but only when I am completely lost.

If this is how I see Jesus, then I am just as blind as the Emmaus disciples.

This is when I need Jesus to come to my rescue, just as he came to those disciples. The Bible says that "he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself" (Luke 24:27). Jesus explained everything he did according to what God said he would do. He also drew them back to the upper room where he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it them. In these acts of love, Jesus opened their eyes to the truth.

In humility I am thankful that Jesus does not abandon me in my blindness. He reaches out to me in love even though I have turned away from him. He offers me forgiveness even though I didn't seek it. He opens up the Scriptures to me even though I have neglected them. Jesus even offers me a stunning picture of his loving faithfulness through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



Jesus' sincerest desire is that my eyes are open to the great things he has done for me. He withholds nothing so that I can clearly see him and see what he has done for me. Certainly, I will have to deal with daily distractions. The devil will try to deceive me, as will the world with its disappointments. Consequently, every day I will need to rely on what the Lord has revealed to me. I will also need to pray daily: "Lord, open my eyes!"

Prayer: O gracious Savior, through your holy Word and the gift of the Lord's Supper, open my eyes to see you as my Savior, and as the giver of everything I need for this life and the life to come. Amen!

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This Week at Lamb of God (May 5-11)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Jocelyn Ritter
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Church Cleaning: Flunker and Wagner Families
- Altar Care: Kathy Sigrist & Lucile Heart
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer

Events

- *Monday-Tuesday, May 5-6*
Ohio Pastoral Conference at Grace, Kenton
- *Thursday, May 8*
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- *Friday, May 9*
7:20 pm—Softball at Hoff Woods Park, Westerville
- *Sunday, May 11*
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Mission Prayer: Evangelism

Jesus, because of your compassion toward us—living the perfect life we couldn't live, dying the death we deserve, and preparing a place for us in paradise with you—we are compelled to



share your Good News with others. Thank you for promising to be with us

always. And thank you for allowing us the technological advances of things like movies to help start the conversation about your unconditional love for all of us. Please continue

to guide us to use technology for your glory. Amen.

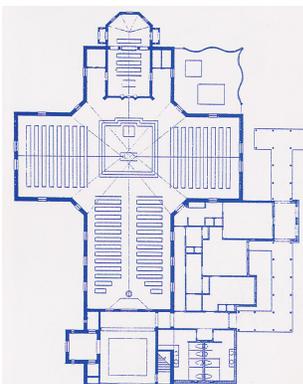
Branches Band Concert at Lamb of God

From ancient hymns to modern songs, from guitars and piano to vocal harmonies, the truth of God's love and grace is at the root of the *Branches Band*

ministry. They'll be at Lamb of God for a free concert on Monday, June 16, at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar!

If These Walls Could Talk...

In the places where Christians choose to gather for public worship, the shape of the worship space, the type and placement of the furnishings, the materials, colors, and styles vary widely. Many of those choices are not just a matter of personal preference but can reflect what we believe and the purpose of our time together. In "*More than*



Just Walls: Church Architecture and the Worship Space," we'll study these issues from a biblical and historical perspective, grow in our appreciation for the place we gather for worship, and become better equipped to discuss how our space can best be used for the glory of God. Join us Sundays at 9:15 am for this interesting and important discussion.

Pastoral Every Member Visits

Pastor Wagner would like to visit all of our members in their homes in 2014. Each visit should include all

confirmed members of the family. Please sign up for a time in the fellowship hall.

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 7:20 pm.*

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

Refrigerator Needed

Our refrigerator needs to be replaced. If you have a working refrigerator/freezer that you are not using and would like to donate, please contact Andy Hensler or Pastor Wagner.

Spring Work Day

Join us on Saturday, May 17, for our spring work day. We'll start at 9:00 am, and lunch will be provided.

Pastor's New Address

The Wagners have moved. Their new address is 4872 Rustic Woods Ln, Columbus, OH 43230. Thanks to all who helped with the move!

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Katie, Elisabeth, Destinee)

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: (4/27)	
Worship:	48
Sunday Bible Study:	17
Sunday School w/Teachers:	12
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$2045.34
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2086.07
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$12.55
Building Fund:	\$125.00