

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

June 1, 2014

This is Living!

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

When Bob retired, he thought he had everything in order. His finances were secure. He felt great. He even made plans to pursue hobbies, enjoy travel, and do volunteer work. After the first few weeks of his new life, he regularly commented to his wife, “Now this is living!”

Suddenly everything changed. First there were unexpected emergencies which caused him to dip deeply into his savings. Then Bob’s health began to deteriorate. His life changed dramatically. Because of the steady stream of challenges Bob soon started to ask, “Is this living?”

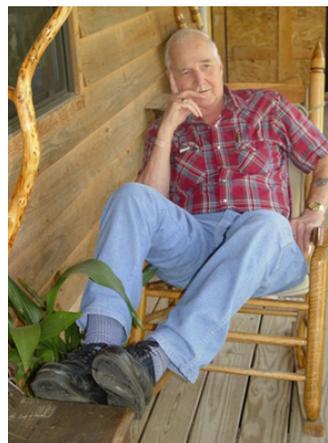
Bob offers a valuable insight on life. Too often I measure my life by the standards of this world. I have to be financially secure. I have to have good health. I have to have my life in perfect order. What if I don’t have many of these things? Would life cease to be en-

joyable? Would despair lead me to ask with Bob, “Is this living?”

Jesus provides me with a better standard for life. His words are demonstrative and simple. He says, “Now this is eternal life...” Before I dismiss what Jesus says as unimportant for this life, I need to understand what Jesus means by eternal life. Eternal life begins now and is centered on the knowledge of God and his Son, Jesus. That knowledge assures me I will live with him forever. Just as important, it assures me of a life now blessed by God.

I was dead because of my sins. I was separated from God because of my disobedience. I should have been abandoned forever. But because of his Son, God chose neither to abandon me nor to give me what I deserved. Not only do I have life through Jesus, I also have the assurance I am forgiven and reconciled to God.

This is really living. It is living because I am free from the devil’s deceptive control. It is living because I am free from the burden of



guilt and fear. It is living because I am free from the punishment of eternal death and hell.

Knowing what God has done and declared through Jesus changes me. And it changes my life. Not only can I depend on God’s blessing here and now, I can also look forward to his blessing forever. This is the life to which Jesus calls me and for which he prepares me. Knowing what Jesus has done for me and the life he offers, I can declare with complete confidence – this is living!

Prayer: O precious Savior, because of your love and your work I can be certain of eternal life. Lead me to recognize it is the life I can enjoy now through faith, and will enjoy forever in heaven. Amen.

Devotion: www.WhatAboutJesus.com

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This Week at Lamb of God (June 2-June 8)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Jocelynn Ritter
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Church Cleaning: Wintrich Family
- Refreshments: Flunker & Wagner Families
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer

Events

- **Thursday, June 5**
11:30am—Elders Meeting
7:00pm—Bible Study (Church Fellowship)
- **Friday, June 6**
6:15pm—Softball (Hoff Woods Park, Westerville)
- **Saturday, June 7**
10:00am—Ladies’ Bible and Brunch
- **Sunday, June 8**
9:30 am—Intergenerational Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion
3:00 pm—Housewarming Party at Wagners’

Mission Prayer: Mexico

God, you do expect something from us for sending your Son to live the perfect life we couldn't live, to die the death we deserve, and to prepare a place for us in paradise with you—you expect us to share the saving message of your son, Jesus Christ, with others. You don't promise that it will be easy, but



you do promise that you have overcome the troubles of this world. Please help our brothers and sisters in Mexico—and us—to always fix our eyes on you and your promises so that when life gets tough we continue to praise you and share your promises with others. Amen.

Summer Bible Study for All Generations

Join us Sundays at 9:30 am all summer long for *Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him*, an intergenerational interactive bible study for all ages. Come and see how God uses fire,

water, earthquakes, whirlwinds, and more to show who he is and to bring salvation to all people. Come early to join us for refreshments at 9:15 am.

Gone Fishing—Volunteers Needed

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

Cheer on the Lamb of God softball team this *Friday at 6:15 pm* at Hoff Woods Park, 556 McCorkle Blvd, Westerville.

Housewarming Party

The Wagners have moved, and they invite you to help them make their new house a home. Come and enjoy food and fellowship next Sunday, June 8, at an Open House, beginning at 3:00 pm. Their house is just north of church off Sunbury Rd at 4872 Rustic Woods Ln, Columbus.

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

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Our expectant mothers (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!

Attendance(5/25):	
Worship:	35
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$2112.02
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2033.05
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Building Fund:	\$125.00



FREE CHRISTIAN CONCERT
 LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
 MONDAY, JUNE 16, 7:00 PM
Refreshments will be served after the concert

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.