

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

June 14, 2015

God Allows Losses, Then Provides Gifts

The son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing....[Elijah] cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this boy’s life return to him!” The LORD heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived... Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth.” (1 Kings 17:17,21,22,24)

You think you’ve got it bad? Listen to what happened to this widow around 850 BC. First, she lost her husband. Without the support of her husband and in the midst of a severe famine, it was literally only because of a miracle that she and her son survived. Then the unthinkable happened. She lost her son.

When we get to know people like this woman, we see clearly that this world of ours is a world of loss. Nothing has changed over the millennia. Everything we lay eyes on, everything

we touch, smell, see and taste – it will all be lost. One thing we have, though, that will last beyond the here and now is our soul. Sometimes we coast through life as though this were not true. Other times we are extremely aware that this is true.

Isn’t this the ultimate human problem – how do I deal with a world of loss, aware that one day I’ll lose even my own life?

Some find security in being a self-proclaimed “pretty good person.” Others find security in favorably comparing themselves to someone they assess as a “pretty bad person.” Still others, and possibly the majority, find “ostrich security” by sticking their heads in the sand and ignoring the subject of death entirely.

We must admit that all these “solutions” are failures. We don’t get to decide who goes to heaven and who stays out. Heaven is God’s home, and it is God’s decision who gets to live there in his presence? We can only look to God



for mercy and for help with the ultimate human problem. At the end of the day, he is the only possibility we have left. At the end of the day, he is the only possibility we need. He sent Jesus, his Son, to be the answer for the ultimate human problem.

What a gift! Perhaps that’s the greatest miracle of this account – arguably even greater than raising a dead person back to life – that a sinful human devastated by loss after loss was led to deep trust in God’s promises. May God give all of us such a faith. Remember – when we trust in Jesus, we’re trusting in the almighty God who can raise the dead to life.

Prayer: Dear Savior, give me a faith that will not shrink, though pressed by many a foe; that will not tremble on the brink of poverty or woe. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (June 15-21)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wenzinger Family
- Bulletins: Dorothy Walker
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers: Jeff Rader & Charlie Genteline
- Refreshments: Flunker Family
- Greeter: Dorothy Walker

Events

- **Tuesday, June 16**
7:00 pm—Evangelism Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, June 17**
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, June 18**
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- **Friday, June 19**
6:15 pm—Softball Game
- **Saturday, June 20**
8:30 am—Alpha Center Life Walk (St. Paul’s, Columbus)
10:00 am—Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, June 21**
9:15 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

Mission Prayer: National School Leadership Conf.

As educators from across our synod gather this week to enhance their abilities as leaders in our schools, Lord God, we ask that you bless the speakers and participants with your saving wisdom and powerful presence. May the presentations,



workshops, and opportunities for fellowship bring glory to your saving name. Enable the participants to apply what they learn to their varied educational environments that more students might learn your saving truths. Amen.

Alpha Center Life Walk

The Life Walk to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center is this Saturday, June 20. Information and pledge forms were recently distributed

in member mailboxes. Registration begins at 8:30 am at St. Paul's. The walk begins at 9:00 am. Sign up today at alphalifewalk.eventbrite.com.

Vacation Bible School Updates

Registration is now open at www.LambofGodColumbus.org/VBS for our 2015 Vacation Bible School, coming July 13-16. We are also in need of volunteers to help in various

areas. Contact Lori Burrows for more details. Finally, we are looking for donations of supplies or money to cover our program. See the entryway for more information today!

Sharing Lamb of God With Our Neighbors

On Saturday, June 27, from 10:00 to noon, we will walk some of the neighborhoods around church, handing out our brochure, information about our Vacation Bible School and Fine

Arts Camp, and an invitation to take an online survey. It's a simple way to share our faith. We'll start with a short devotion, prayer, and orientation at 9:45 am. Join us!

Stay Connected on the Road

When you travel this summer, be sure to visit www.wels.net/locator to

find worship locations and times near your destination.

Lamb of God Apparel

You can now purchase your own Lamb of God shirts, hats, bags, and more. Visit <http://lambofgod.qbstores.com> to place your order. Create an account and enter your email to be notified of future specials.

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.

Important Dates

- Neighborhood Canvassing: June 27, July 11
- Westerville 4th Fridays: June 26, July 24, August 28
- Westerville Parade: July 4
- Vacation Bible School: July 13-16
- VBS Closing Service & Family Night: July 16 (7:30 pm)
- Fine Arts Camp: July 27-31
- Fine Arts Camp Performance and Showcase: July 31 (6:30 pm)

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).

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

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 (6/7):	
Worship:	49
Sunday School	31
Offerings (5/31):	
General Fund:	\$1926.03
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1888.52
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Building Fund:	\$125.00
Sunday School Offering:	\$25.00
Dick Ritter Memorial:	\$50.00