

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

June 15, 2014

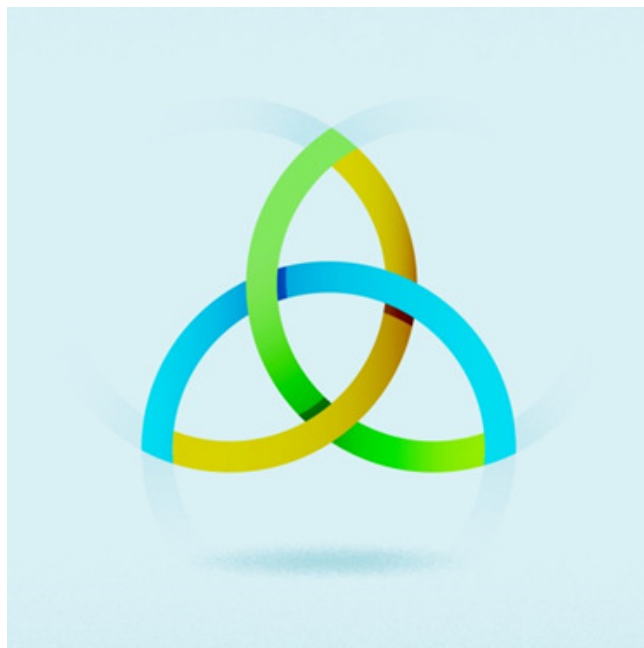
## Always With Us

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)**

These special words written by the apostle Paul aren't just a pious wish that God would be with his people and bless them. Instead, he's reminding us as Christians that God IS with us. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—the one true God is ALWAYS with us to give us his great gifts.

In one way, though, it is terrifying to know that God is always present. He knows the greedy or doubtful or vengeful thoughts we have. He hears the angry or bitter or immoral words we speak. He witnesses the loveless and selfish and hurtful ways we treat others. The almighty, perfect God knows our sin, hears it, sees it ... and hates it.

Yet that almighty, perfect God doesn't forsake us. Rather, he stays with us and



blesses us with his grace. Through the sacrifice of Jesus he takes away our guilt for every sinful thought, word and deed. In love God our Father sent his Son to be our Savior. He forgives our sin and gives us the gift of eternal life. And every day he provides for all our needs and protects us from all harm and danger. He also blesses us through the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the gospel the Holy Spirit brought us to faith in Jesus. He continues to work through God's

Word to keep us connected to Jesus and joins us together with other Christians in the bond of faith.

Blessed with the grace, love, and fellowship of God, we are glad to live each day with the confidence that God is always with us.

*Prayer: Be and abide with me always, O God, with your power and with your love. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (June 16-June 22)

### Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Cleaning: Dianne Johnson Family
- Refreshments: Burrows Family

### Events

- *Monday, June 16*  
7:00pm—Branches Band Concert
- *Wednesday, June 18*  
7:00pm—Bible Study—Church Fellowship
- *Friday, June 20*  
6:15pm—Softball (Hoff Woods Park, Westerville)
- *Saturday, June 21*  
8:00am—Growing in Grace & Knowledge (Bible Basics)  
10:00am—Ladies Bible and Brunch
- *Sunday, June 22*  
9:30 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion

**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.

## Mission Prayer: Bethel, Menasha, Wis.

We offer you our thanks and praise, heavenly Father, for blessing the Hispanic outreach efforts of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Menasha, Wis., to the point that a second bilingual pastor was needed and now can be supported by WELS Home Missions. We pray that



many more souls will be reached for your kingdom by this focused mission effort. Bless this congregation with harmony and bestow its called workers and members with your wisdom and power to do the work before them. 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*, a cross-generational 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.

## Branches Band Concert this Monday

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 this Monday, June 16, at 7:00 pm. A free-will offering



will be received, and refreshments will be served after the concert. Join us, and invite your friends!

## Vacation Bible School Update



We're still fishing for helpers in the kitchen! If you are able to volunteer some time for

an evening or two the week of July 14-17 to assist with food prep, serving, and clean-up, please speak to Elisabeth Wagner. We're also looking for any fishing-related items that could be used to decorate for VBS. Items will be returned as desired.

## Pastoral Visits

If you haven't scheduled a time for Pastor Wagner to visit your family in 2014, please help him serve you better by signing up in the fellowship hall or by speaking with Pastor today.

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

## 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.

## Furniture Needed

The Fieckos are looking for two free or almost-free furniture items in preparation for the arrival of their baby: a short dresser (about 36" tall) and a futon. If you know of anyone who is looking to part with these items, please contact them.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Our expectant mothers (Elisabeth, Destinee)
- Lance Telander (father of Michael Telander), who is battling Waldenstrom macrobulinemia
- All Fathers, on Fathers Day

*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 (6/8):</b>	
Worship:	48
Cross-Generational Bible Study:	26
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund:	\$2501.93
<i>Year-to-Date Average:</i>	<i>\$2058.26</i>
<i>Weekly Budgeted Ministry:</i>	<i>\$2217.52</i>
Building Fund:	\$225.00
Sunday School:	\$17.00