

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

June 28, 2015

## The LORD is My God

**“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land,” declares the LORD, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’”**

**(Zechariah 13:7–9)**

The night on which Jesus was betrayed, he was approached by a group of armed guards led by his disciple, Judas Iscariot. Identifying Jesus to the armed guard by kissing him, Judas then watched as the Lord was arrested and bound. As the guards arrested him, the other disciples fled into the darkness. Jesus was alone. His disciples had left him and scattered. It is this event that the Lord Almighty foretold in Old

Testament prophecy: “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”

It is hard to imagine the torment and loneliness of Jesus in the hours that followed. Yet Jesus endured that loneliness and persevered through the torment. As he endured his hardship, he did so to win a crown of victory for the world. Throughout his hardship, ultimately ending in his death on the cross, Jesus had one goal in mind. He came to make all people his own through his suffering and death on the cross.

That doesn't mean that it will always be easy for those who follow after Jesus. The Lord says, “I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.” The Lord will allow hardships to enter the lives of his people to strengthen their faith and draw them closer to him. He does this to help his people hold on to him with an ever tighter grasp. Perhaps you experience this. Perhaps you are enduring a hardship in your life. Perhaps it has seemed like there is no one to help.



It is just you and your pain and loneliness. And in that loneliness and pain you cry out to the Lord your God. And the Lord answers, “You are mine.” What powerful words. You are not enduring your hardship on your own. Your God is with you. He has made you his own. You are led to grasp him even closer and declare, “The LORD is my God.”

*Prayer: Almighty Lord, in your wisdom you refine my faith through the trials you allow to come into my life. Use these times to teach me to grasp you all the more and fervently declare that you are my God. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (June 29–July 5)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: McGory Family
- Lawn Mowing: Cameron
- Bulletins: Priscilla Ehrick
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Ben Hallauer
- Bible Study Refreshments: Sigrist Family

### Events

- *Tuesday, June 30*  
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm—  
Parade Bag Preparation
- *Wednesday, July 1*  
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- *Thursday, July 2*  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- *Friday, July 3*  
5:30 pm—Float Building
- *Saturday, July 4*  
1:00 pm—Westerville 4th of July Parade
- *Sunday, July 5*  
9:15 am Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship  
11:45 am—Flunker Farewell Luncheon

## Mission Prayer: Tom Plitzuweit, Lutheran Schools

Heavenly Father, as Mr. Tom Plitzuweit begins his duties this week as associate director of the WELS Commission on Lutheran Schools, we ask that you would bless him with wisdom and strength for carrying out his new responsibilities. May he also be a tremendous blessing to the schools of our synod as they seek to share your saving truths with the lambs of your flock. Fill him with joy as he goes about his duties, knowing that you are always with him. Amen.



## Important Dates

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

## Help Needed

We are hosting a fine arts camp and are looking for volunteers to help the week of July 27-31 in various ways. If you are interested and available any mornings that week to help with

snack, registration, art projects, photos, or childcare, please contact Elisabeth Wagner (614-702-7575 or [elisabethswagner@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabethswagner@hotmail.com)) or talk to Pastor.

## Vacation Bible School Updates

Registration is now open at [www.LambofGodColumbus.org/VBS](http://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

In addition to our Fine Arts Camp and Vacation Bible School (see above), here are several opportunities to work together to share our faith and our ministry with our community:

### Westerville 4th of July Parade

We will be preparing our parade giveaways this Tuesday, June 30, from 12:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm.

We will be building our Lamb of God parade float on Friday, July 3, beginning at 5:30 pm. Join in the fun!

We still need more parade walkers and

helpers. Lineup begins at noon, and the parade lasts until about 3:00 pm. See Dave Szczublewski for details.

### Canvassing

On Saturday, July 11, from 10:00 am to noon, we will walk more of the neighborhoods around church, handing out information about our church and summer camps and an invitation to take an online survey. We'll start with a short devotion, prayer, and orientation at 9:45 am. Join us!

*A signup sheet for all of these activities is in the fellowship hall.*

## 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
- Priscilla Ehrick, who fell and broke her wrist
- Amber Cowles, infant niece of Katie Chen, who will have heart surgery on July 1

*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)*

## Farewell to the Flunkers

Steve, Jennifer, and Mason Flunker will soon be moving to Illinois. There

will be a luncheon to wish them God's blessings after worship on July 5.