

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

June 7, 2015

## Knowing the Real Gem

**Even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned. (Galatians 1:8)**

The writer Haddon Robinson tells the story about a boy in China who wanted to learn all about the precious gemstone, jade. And so he went to study under a gentle old man who knew all there was to know about jade. The first thing the old man did was to place a piece of jade into the boy's hand and tell him to hold it tight. Then the old man proceeded to talk about everything under the sun; everything except jade. After an hour of this, he took the gem back and told the boy to go home.

This routine went on for weeks—the boy holding the piece of jade in his hand, the old man talking about

everything but jade. Understandably, the boy became frustrated. “When is my teacher going to start talking about jade?” he thought. Then one day, when the old man put a common stone into his hand, the boy cried out instinctively, “That’s not jade!”

The old man’s wisdom was clear. He didn’t want that boy to sit and listen to someone talk about jade. He wanted that boy to know for himself what jade was, and to know it so well that he could instantly recognize a fake.

In my sinful weakness, I can often fall into the habit of simply talking about the gospel—taking pride in my ability to rattle off a boilerplate description. In doing so, however, I can become dull to the precious gem that the gospel really is.

Only when the Word of God cuts me to the heart



about the seriousness of my sin, and only when that same Word heals me with the promise of full forgiveness in Jesus—only then do I begin to know the real gem of the gospel.

Then I can be like that boy. If someone puts a fake in my hand, I can cry out, “That’s not the gospel!” I can do so because I already know the real gem.

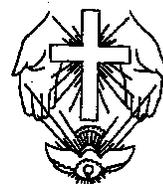
*Prayer: Holy Spirit, cut me to the heart about the seriousness of my sin. Heal me with the promise of full forgiveness in Jesus. Empower me to know your gospel. Amen.*

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

## Summer Sundays in the Son-Light

Join us for a cross-generational interactive summer bible study for all ages Sundays at 9:15 am. This year’s theme is **3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God**. Young

or old, you don’t want to miss it! (Refreshments are served beginning at 9:00 am.)



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## This Week at Lamb of God (June 8-14)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Hensler Family
- Bulletins: Jocelyn Ritter
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers: Steve Flunker and Michael Telander
- Bible Study Refreshments: Rader Family
- Greeter: Dorothy Walker

### Events

- **Mon-Wed, June 8-10**  
Pastor at District Convention
- **Wednesday, June 10**  
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- **Thursday, June 11**  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- **Friday, June 12**  
7:20 pm—Softball Game
- **Saturday, June 13**  
10:00 am—Neighborhood Canvassing
- **Sunday, June 14**  
9:15 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion  
11:30 am—Church Picnic

## Mission Prayer: WELS district presidents

Lord Jesus, our church's head, thank you for our district's president, Rev. John Seifert. Please bless him and his family as he serves both in his congregation and throughout our district, assisting with call lists, supporting other congregations and pastors, and addressing difficult issues as a member of the synod's Conference of Presidents. As a leader give him the humble servant's heart that you modeled for us. Amen.



## Important Dates

- Neighborhood Canvassing: June 13, 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).

## Alpha Center Life Walk

The Life Walk to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center is coming up on Saturday, June 20. Information and pledge forms were

recently distributed in member mailboxes. Sign up today at [alphalifewalk.eventbrite.com](http://alphalifewalk.eventbrite.com).

## NEW Lamb of God Apparel Store

You can now purchase your own Lamb of God t-shirt, sweatshirt, polo, buttondown, cap, bag, and more. Visit <http://lambofgod.qbstores.com> to

place your order. **Now through June 9, save 25% off your order!** Create an account and enter your email to be notified of future specials.

## Dinner with Our Kingdom Workers

We want to provide an opportunity for Kris & Ashley, our summer Kingdom Workers, to get to know our

families (and vice versa). If you are willing to host them for dinner, please sign up in the fellowship hall.

## Sharing Lamb of God With Our Neighbors

This Saturday, June 13, 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 a.m. Join us!

## Church Picnic

Mark your calendar for a day of fun, food, and Christian fellowship. We will enjoy a church picnic on Sunday, June 14, after worship. Sign up today to bring food for the picnic.

## Pastor at Convention

Pastor Wagner will be at the WELS Michigan District Convention this Monday-Wednesday. If you need to reach him, please call his cell phone (614-702-5609).

## 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](http://LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers)*

## Give Thanks to the Lord!

<b>Attendance (5/31):</b>	
Worship:	43
Sunday School	24
<b>Offerings (5/31):</b>	
General Fund:	\$1447.01
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1886.82
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Building Fund:	\$100.00
Sunday School Offering:	\$24.00
Dick Ritter Memorial:	\$50.00

**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.