

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

June 8, 2014

Cross-Examination

“When he [the Counselor] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.” (John 16:8)

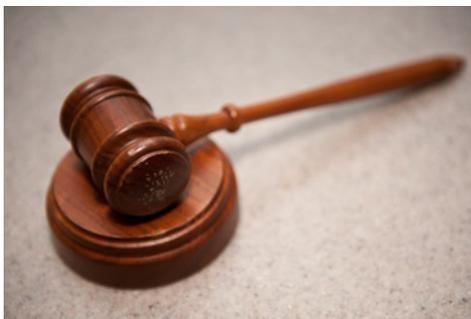
It is never easy to serve as a witness in a court room. The challenge starts when the oath is taken to “tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.” After the testimony is given, an even greater challenge follows. It is the cross-examination. Here attorneys from either the defense or the prosecution will try to find flaws in the testimony. Certainty of facts will be questioned, as will eye-witness accounts. Even the reliability of the witness will be scrutinized. It is a stressful process, but it becomes necessary to either refute or convince.

It is interesting that Jesus chooses this concept to explain the work of the Holy Spirit, who is the Counselor. When he comes, he will cross-examine the world and its testimony about sin, righteousness and judgment. It is a cross-examination to which I need to pay careful attention.

It is easy for me to adopt the world’s wisdom and ways. I downplay the severity of my disobedience. I lower God’s standard for my life. I maintain false notions about Judgment Day. However, will my adherence to these ways pass the Counselor’s cross-examination?

Worldly ways and wisdom will be refuted when compared to the wisdom that comes from God’s Word. The truth will always stand. It will clearly define God’s position on sin, righteousness and judgment. God’s truth is that I deserve his sentence of eternal punishment for my sin. My righteous works will never measure up to God’s perfect standard. It is impossible for me to stand on my own accomplishments on the Day of Judgment.

With worldly ways and wisdom refuted, I cling to the truth God provides. That truth directly leads me to Jesus. Through his work as my Savior, I am forgiven.



Through his sinless life of obedience, I am clothed with his righteousness. Through his humiliation and exaltation, I am declared not guilty and ready for Judgment Day. What Jesus has done will always stand as true, and will always stand up under cross-examination.

That is why I put my confidence in Jesus alone. He is my Savior from sin. He is my righteousness. He is my Rock and my Hope. He also assures me, when I put my confidence in him, I will never be put to shame.

Prayer: O blessed Savior, you have promised to send me your Holy Spirit. Fill me with his power. Lead me through his counsel. Strengthen me with his presence, so that I never fail or fall. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (June 9-June 15)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Cleaning: Franks Family
- Refreshments: Szczublewski Family

Events

- *Mon-Wed, June 9-11*
WELS Michigan District
Convention, Saginaw, MI
- *Friday, June 13*
7:20pm—Softball (Hoff
Woods Park, Westerville)
- *Sunday, June 15*
9:30 am—Cross-Generational
Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

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

Mission Prayer: District conventions

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, we praise and thank you for the unity of faith you have bestowed upon our synod and for empowering our



work in your kingdom. We ask for your special presence with our districts as they meet in convention. May your strength to go forth boldly with your almighty presence. Renew us with the fire of your love. 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.

Fishin' for Decorations and More!

If you happen to have fishing-related items that could be used to decorate for VBS, we can use them! Items will be returned as desired. We're also 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.

Housewarming Party Today

The Wagners have moved, and they invite you to help them make their new house a home. Come and enjoy food and fellowship today 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. Maps are available.

Friday Night Softball

Cheer on the Lamb of God softball team this *Friday at 7:20 pm* at Hoff Woods Park, 556 McCorkle Blvd, Westerville.

Pastor at District Convention

Pastor Wagner will be attending the WELS Michigan District Convention this Monday-Wednesday, June 9-11. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please call his cell phone.

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.

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 (6/1):

Worship:	58
Cross-Generational Bible Study:	33

Offerings:

General Fund:	\$2143.92
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2038.09
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52



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.