

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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## Rejoice

**“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her...” For this is what the LORD says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants . (Isaiah 66:10–14)**

A river is a fascinating element that coils itself through the countryside. Usually the waters will flow, quietly glistening in the sun. Sometimes the bank of the river will creep closer and closer to the middle as the waters drop. Other times the waters will rush upward, overrunning the banks and flooding the countryside. It is the latter

picture the Lord uses to describe his grace that he pours out on his church throughout the ages—Jerusalem as it is called in these verses.

As one who believes in Jesus as your Savior, you are a member of his church. There are times that you rejoice with the church. When people learn about Jesus as their Savior from sin and become members of his church, your heart is gladdened. When people receive the assurance of the forgiveness of sins, your heart is overjoyed. But there are also times when you mourn over the church. When believers endure hardships or trials, you are saddened. When persecution rears its ugly head, you grieve. But in all of these scenarios, your God says to those in the church: “Rejoice.”

He can say that because in each of these scenarios, his grace continues to overflow over his church like a flooding river. When someone comes to faith in Jesus, they join his church



as an heir of eternal life (Galatians 3:26). When the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed, the church receives peace from God. When hardship strikes in its many forms, God’s protective hand preserves his beloved (Psalm 91). As persecution rains down on the church, God as a refuge and strength will not fall (Psalm 46). Through his Word, God gives his church this comfort and much more. And you also can rejoice, for you are a member of his church.

*Prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you build and preserve your church. In mercy you called me into your church and continue to preserve me as a member of your church. Continue to pour your peace over me, that I may continually rejoice. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (July 13-19)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Burrows Family
- Lawn Mowing: Michael Telander
- Bulletins: Jocelyn Ritter
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Altar Care: Fran Woodruff and Dorothy Walker
- Greeter: Fran Woodruff and Dorothy Walker
- Ushers: Dave Szczublewski & Scott Franks
- Bible Study Refreshments: Fiecko Family

### Events

- **Monday-Thursday, July 13-16**  
5:45 pm—Vacation Bible School
- **Thursday, July 16**  
7:30 pm—VBS Closing Service and Family Night
- **Friday, July 17**  
6:15 pm—Softball
- **Sunday, July 19**  
9:15 am Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship

## Mission Prayer: Multi-Language Publications

Lord God, you rule all things for the good of your church. We thank you for the work of WELS Multi-Language Publications, which brings the gospel to many people, often in places where our missionaries cannot go. We thank you for leading



Rev. Nathan Seiltz to accept the call as the coordinator of Multi-Language Publications. As he now begins his work, grant him success so that the gospel can continue to be proclaimed in print form around the world. Amen.

## Ordination & Installation in Marietta

Clinton Kreuziger, 2015 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will be ordained and installed as the new pastor at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Marietta, OH, today at 4:00

pm. The members of Lamb of God are invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ in this special worship service. A meal will follow the service.

## New Midweek Bible Study

There's a lot in the news about same-sex marriages. What does God say about the issue? How do we respond? How do we show love to those who are caught up in the sin of homosexu-

ality? Join us for a new midweek Bible Study, "Rainbow Savior," Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning July 22.



## Weekly Help Needed

Are you detail-oriented and familiar with Microsoft Word? We are looking for a volunteer to produce our weekly

bulletins. All work can be done from home. Contact Pastor Wagner for details.

## VBS/Fine Arts Camp/4th Friday Updates

### VBS & Fine Arts Camp

Registration is open and postcards are available to invite children to our Vacation Bible School (July 13-16) and Fine Arts Camp (July 27-31). Take as many postcards as you can share!

There is still time to volunteer or donate supplies for our camps. See the entryway display or contact Lori Burrows (VBS) or Elisabeth Wagner (Fine Arts Camp) for details!

All members are encouraged to join us for our **VBS Closing Service this**

**Thursday**, from 7:30-8:00 pm. Hear God's Word, listen to the children sing, and meet the families that are joining us for VBS this week. Refreshments will be served after the service.

### Westerville Fourth Friday

On Friday, July 24, from 6:00-9:00 pm, we will again have a booth at the Westerville Fourth Friday block party. We have promotional items to give away and information to share. See Pastor or Ben Hallauer for details. Sign up in the entryway today.

## Congregational Meeting

Our next quarterly congregational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, August 2. All members are strongly encouraged to attend to receive updates and provide input on our ministry together.

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
- Priscilla Ehrick, as she recovers from a broken wrist
- Destinee Fiecko, whose grandpa entered eternal life on June 27
- Monty Taylor, who is recovering from double pneumonia
- Vacation Bible School & Fine Arts Camp

*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)*