

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

July 13, 2014

Worth More Than Many Sparrows

“A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master...If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! So do not be afraid of them...Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:24-26,29-31)

Once a demon-possessed man was brought to Jesus, and Jesus drove out the demon. The people who witnessed this miracle were amazed at the authority that Jesus possessed, but some of the Lord's enemies only claimed, “It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons” (Matthew 9:34). “Beelzebub” was a name often associated with

Satan, the “prince of demons.”

As Jesus prepared his disciples for their mission of proclaiming the message of salvation, he warned them that if he is associated with Satan by those who hated him, they should be prepared to be labeled and treated in the same way by those who are opposed to God's plan of free salvation through Jesus. After all, he said, “A student (a disciple of Jesus) is not above his teacher (Jesus).”

The outcome of Jesus' words was not limited to those 12 disciples who were with Jesus then. The meaning applies to all who follow him by faith, even now. So we too are comforted by Jesus' words: “Do not be afraid of them.” That's because we are valuable to God, and he promises to always protect and help us. Jesus reminds us that God takes care of even the sparrows which were sold in the market



place for a mere penny. How much more he cares for us, for whom he gave up his own Son to make us his own!

God watches over us and shields us. Trouble may come – but what do we need to fear? God has our very hairs numbered, and more than that, he is holding our lives in his hands. We don't need to fear anything, or anyone.

Prayer: Lord, help me take to heart each day this Bible verse: When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me? (Psalm 56:3,4). Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (July 14-20)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wintrich Family
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers: David Chen & Ben Hallauer

Events

- *Monday-Thursday, July 14-17*
5:45-8:00 pm—Vacation Bible School
- *Sunday, July 20*
9:30 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
11:30 am—VBS/Church Picnic

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.

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, contact Katie Chen (katie1@hotmail.com).

Mission Prayer: Scandinavia

Lord of the Church, we thank you on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the faith in the Lutheran Confessional Church of Sweden, Norway, and Finland. We rejoice with them that for 40 years they have steadfastly held to the true faith and held out the light of the gospel in their dark corner of your world. We ask for your continuing blessing upon their labor done in your name.



Strengthen them by your Word. Guide them by your Spirit. Protect them with your power. Use us, too, to support and encourage them as they faithfully go about the work you have placed them there to do—all to your glory and for the building up of your body, the Church, of which you are the Head. In your holy and gracious name we pray, and know that you hear us, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Come out to the ballpark for an evening of family fun with your church family. Thrivent Night with the Columbus Clippers is Friday, July 25,

at 7:15 pm, with pre-game food/drink specials and entertainment beginning at 5:00 pm. We've ordered a block of tickets for Lamb of God members and friends that are available for \$5 each (kids & seniors only \$3). Sign up in the fellowship hall to claim your tickets. Contact Warren Cox with questions.

VBS Starts Tomorrow

Thanks to all who have volunteered to give time or supplies for our Vacation Bible School this week. Please pray for all who serve and attend this week's VBS, that the Gospel may be clearly

proclaimed and that faith may bloom and grow!



Church Picnic Next Sunday

Join us for a Lamb of God family picnic after worship next Sunday, July 20. We'll enjoy food, games, and fun

with Christian friends. Grilled meat will be provided. Sign up in the fellowship hall to bring a dish to share.

Mission Festival July 27

Join us on Sunday, July 27, for a special Mission Festival. Our guest preacher will be David Sigrist, son of Chuck & Kathy. Join us at 9:30 am for a special presentation about the mission work that God is doing

through Saviour of the Nations Lutheran Church in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for altar setup, greeting, lawn mowing, church cleaning, and refreshments. See the list in the fellowship hall or contact Pastor Wagner for details. Thanks!

Congregational Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 3, at 11:45 a.m.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Bryan and Destinee Fiecko, who are expecting a child in August
- Dick Ritter, who continues to battle health problems.

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 (7/6):

Worship: 33
Cross-Generational Bible Study: 20

Offerings:

General Fund: \$2044.63
Year-to-Date Average: \$1990.84
Weekly Budgeted Ministry: \$2217.52
Sunday School: \$21.25
Building Fund: \$125.00