

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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## Showing Our Gratitude

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15-17)**

God gives us his love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through his Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of his bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form,

certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make him comfortable, run errands for him, offer our best food, and give him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we, in faith, live in obedience to his Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love to us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give him



praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

In response to God's love and grace we, as stewards, give ourselves and our resources. We acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all as we serve him faithfully out of gratitude for all of his gifts to us. God enables us to give thanks even during bad times, because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, you gave up everything to have us. And your generosity saved our lives.*

*What grace! While we were spiritually dead and unlovable, you bought us back with your own life, the most valuable substance there is. Lead us to serve you in gratitude and joy all our days. In your name we pray. Amen.*

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## This Week at Lamb of God (July 20-26)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wagner & Szczublewski families
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer
- Bulletins: Dorothy Walker
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Altar Care and Greeters: Fran Woodruff & Dorothy Walker
- Ushers: Dave Szczublewski & Scott Franks
- Bible Study Refreshments: Chen Family

### Events

- **Wednesday, July 22**  
7:00 pm—Bible Study: Rainbow Savior
- **Friday, July 24**  
6:00 pm—Westerville 4th Friday  
6:15 pm—Softball
- **Saturday, July 25**  
10:00 am—Bible and Brunch
- **Sunday, July 26**  
9:15 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

## Mission Prayer: Ukraine

Worthy are you, O Lamb of God, to receive honor, praise, and glory, because you gave your life as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. Now exalted, all things are placed under your feet. So we come to you for our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian



Lutheran Church. Look on the trials they are suffering because of the

separatist uprising. Some of their pastors have been forced into military service, leaving flocks without shepherds. Guide history to bring peace and stability to that region. Raise up more called workers for this small church body and bless them with a clear witness

of your saving grace. We pray to you, O Lord of history. Amen.

## 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.

## 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.



## Fine Arts Camp/4th Friday Updates

### VBS & Fine Arts Camp

Registration is open and postcards are available to invite children to our 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 camp. See the entryway display or contact Elisabeth Wagner for details!

### 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.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who gave their time, talents, prayers, and donations in support of our Vacation Bible School. God blessed us with the opportunity to serve 22 children and their families this past week.

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](mailto: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
- Pastor & Elisabeth Wagner, and David & Katie Chen, who are both expecting another child this winter
- Pastor Steve Kuehl, who has received a call to serve as pastor at St. Paul, Norfolk, Nebraska
- The family of Dave Szcublewski, whose son died this past week

*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)*