

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

July 20, 2014

## Time to Grow

**Jesus said, “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.”**

(Mark 4:3-8)

Songwriters have used it. Thinkers have used it. Investors have used it. You probably have used it yourself. Even Jesus Christ used it. It’s the simple, everyday picture of planting seeds. Jesus’ simple story about planting seeds speaks volumes for our lives.

Jesus teaches us that seeds

are being planted in hearts at worship services each Sunday. That’s also what is happening in a children’s Sunday school lesson – seeds are being planted in their hearts. That’s what is happening when you learn what the Bible teaches – seeds are being planted in your own heart. They are being planted by God through his Word.

Seeds need time to grow. In springtime when gardens are first planted, there’s not much to see. Yet, as every gardener knows, when it comes to seeds, it takes time. As sunlight warms the moist earth where seeds are imbedded, seeds take time to sprout and grow.

Sometimes a person checks out a church one Sunday and decides not to go back. But that’s not much time to let the seeds sown that Sunday grow, is it? Sometimes people are glad to attend a particular Bible class or workshop at a church. But when it is done, they lose interest. In a way, they are like a child who excitedly plants a seed in a foam cup and waters it regularly. But



a couple of days later the child forgets about it, and the seed dries up.

Sometimes a person goes to worship regularly so that the seeds of God’s Word start to grow, but then he lets the cares of life grow up like thorns. They crowd out time for the Word, and so the planting of faith in his soul gets the life choked out of it.

But sometimes an amazing thing happens. The person keeps coming back to hear the Word. And the seeds grow. And keep growing. The plant of faith is made strong by God’s complete forgiveness won by Jesus. It flourishes under God’s unconditional love given in Jesus and is made resilient by heaven’s guarantee paid for by Jesus.

Maybe that person is you.

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## This Week at Lamb of God (July 21-27)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Franks Family
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer
- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Refreshments: Szczublewski & Sigrist Families
- Ushers: David Chen & Ben Hallauer

### Events

- *Tuesday, July 22*  
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting
- *Thursday, July 24*  
11:30 am—Elders Meeting
- *Friday, July 25*  
7:15 pm—Thrivent Night at the Clippers
- *Sunday, July 20*  
9:30 am—Vancouver Mission Presentation  
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion  
11:30 am—Mission Luncheon

## Mission Prayer: Worship Conference

Lord of the Church, we pray that you would be with the attendees of the WELS National



Worship Conference in Kenosha, Wis. Because of your great love for us in Jesus, you deserve nothing but our

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very best in worship. May our various worship forms always serve to proclaim

your Word clearly, both law and gospel. Through our worship services may people always see Christ. Amen.

## 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.

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 Festival July 27

Join us next Sunday, July 27, for a special Mission Festival. Our guest preacher will be David Sigrist, son of Chuck & Kathy and pastoral assistant at Saviour of the Nations Lutheran Church in Vancouver, British Columbia. Join us at 9:30 am for a special presentation about the work

that God is doing in Vancouver, at 10:30 am for a mission festival worship service, and at 11:45 am for a mission luncheon.



## Take Me Out to the Ballgame



church family. Thrivent Night with the Columbus Clippers is this Friday, July

Come out to the ballpark for an evening of family fun with your

25, at 7:15 pm, with pre-game food/drink specials and entertainment beginning at 5:00 pm. We have 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 Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended or gave time or supplies for our Vacation Bible School this past week. We had a great week sharing the love of Jesus with 20 children and their families!



**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.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Jeri)
- 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](http://LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers)*

## Give Thanks to the Lord!

<b>Attendance (7/13):</b>	
Worship:	38
Cross-Generational Bible Study:	26
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund:	\$675.85
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1943.87
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$9.00
Building Fund:	\$100.00