

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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What's the Worry?

Jesus knows our nature. He knows we're prone to worry. Perhaps that's why he warned, "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:25-27) Elsewhere in Scripture Paul reminds us, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

In spite of these words of both admonition and assurance, Christians still tend to worry. Sometimes worry about the ability to provide for our families takes over our lives to such an extent that it guides our thoughts and actions. We put off giving to the Lord through our church—

"temporarily," we say—until we feel secure in our financial situations. Life, as you know, seems to throw one crisis after another at us, and, often, that financial security never comes.

We have the same worry when it comes to serving. We complain that we just don't have time. We work long hours, and then we have commitments to our families. How can we go to meetings or make meals for a family whose mom is sick?

"Later" we tell ourselves and even God. Later, when the college tuitions are paid and the kids are out of the house. Then we'll have time and money. But even then temptations are sure to creep up that could prevent cheerful giving to the Lord.

We reap what we sow, we read in 2 Corinthians 9:6. What are you sowing? Proverbs 11:18 reads, "He who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward." Matthew 6:19-21 records Jesus' words, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves



treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Don't worry! Take God at his Word: give generously, serve without reward, take time to help others, and watch him satisfy your every need. Paul promises, "My God will meet all your need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). In him we have forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. There's nothing to worry about!

Prayer: Gracious Father, forgive our worrying, and build up our faith in your precious promises. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (July 27-Aug 2)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Nancy Gregory
- Lawn Mowing: Michael Telander
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers: David Chen & Brian Burrows
- Bible Study Refreshments: Szczublewski Family

Events

- *Monday-Friday, July 27-31*
9:00 am—Fine Arts Camp
- *Wednesday, July 29*
7:00 pm—Midweek Bible Study: Rainbow Savior
- *Thursday, July 30*
7:00 pm—Elders Meeting
- *Friday, July 31*
6:15 pm—Softball
6:30 pm—Fine Arts Camp Performance & Artists' Showcase
- *Sunday, August 2*
9:15 am—Cross-Generational Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
11:45 am—Congregational Meeting

Mission Prayer: Synod Convention

O Holy Spirit, you have made us fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household. You have gathered us from many backgrounds to be a united church body built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. We thank you for the fellowship of faith and unity of confession that you have granted to us. As the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod meets this



week in convention, we ask your blessings on our president, officers, and delegates. Fill them with a spirit of love for the truth and for souls. Give them wisdom and understanding as they face the challenges to the gospel. Open their eyes also to find joy in the blessings that you are pouring out on us generously every day. Grant everyone safe travels and renewed zeal for your work. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Fine Arts Camp Showcase this Friday

Lord-willing, many children will be here to learn a variety of art forms at this week’s Fine Arts Camp. It’s not just about the art, though. It’s about building relationships and sharing our Savior. Please join us this Friday, July

31, from 6:30-8:00 pm, to meet the children and their families at our Fine Arts Performance and Artists’ Showcase. As an added bonus, enjoy refreshments and see the art created and performed by the children.

“Faith Day” at the Clippers

Come Join us at Huntington Park with the Clippers for “Faith Day”. The dates and discounted prices are below. Contact David Chen if you are interested.

Reserved Seating \$7, Bleacher Seating: \$4

Thursday, August 6 - 7:05 PM vs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders

Sunday, August 16 - 6:05 PM vs. Gwinnett Braves

Tuesday, September 1 - 7:05 PM vs. Indianapolis Indians

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 homosexuality? Join us for our midweek Bible Study, “Rainbow Savior,” Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Kingdom Workers Luncheon

There will be a going away luncheon for Kris and Ashley after worship on August 9. We want to take the opportunity to thank them for all the

hard work that they’ve done with and for our congregation this summer. Everyone is invited and welcome to join us.

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 (katie1@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
- Fine Arts Camp, this coming week
- The family of Dave Szczublewski, whose son died July 14
- Our expectant mothers: Katie Chen & Elisabeth Wagner

Request prayers of your pastor and/or your fellow Christians using a prayer request form by the mailboxes or online at LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers

