

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

July 5, 2015

No Regrets

Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:52)

It's hard to switch to a new pair of shoes. Although they are new and better looking, they don't feel the same. They may be stiff. They may rub your feet in the wrong places. They need to be broken in. So a struggle arises. Do I stay with the “old reliables,” or do I make the switch? Part of me wants to remain with what is comfortable. Part of me says I need to make the change.

Switching to something new and different is difficult. There will always be a time of learning and transition. It will feel strange, even uncomfortable. All the while there will be pull to go back to what is familiar and comfortable.

This is the very issue Jesus addressed to his followers. People wanted to have it all. Yes, they wanted to follow Jesus, but they weren't ready to leave their old life behind.

It is a dilemma I face. Jesus

has completely changed me. Through his sacrifice on the cross and his triumph over the grave, he has given me a new life. No longer are my thoughts and actions dominated by sin and controlled by Satan. Jesus has made me his and established himself as my loving Lord and merciful Master. With this change I now serve Jesus in love and thanks.

There is only one complication. While part of me rejoices in my new life, another part of me bristles at the change. Like the switch to a new pair of shoes, this new life creates a struggle. Do I remain in it, or do I return to my old ways? The old ways—gratifying my sinful self—are familiar, comfortable, even natural. The new life in Christ may seem confining, uncomfortable, even unnatural. So what do I do?

Jesus helps me live without fear or regret. He helps me understand what my new



life means, now and for eternity. It is his power that gives me the strength to take hold of the new life he has given. It is his love that makes me look forward to the opportunities my new life offers. It is his promise that keeps me faithful and looking forward to a lifetime of blessings now, and an eternity of blessings in heaven.

It is only because of Jesus that I can live with no regrets.

Prayer: O blessed Jesus, you have given me a new life. Help me clearly see what you offer through your suffering and death. Then, give me the strength to leave the old sinful ways behind, and faithfully follow you with no regrets. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (July 6-July 12)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Burrows Family
- Lawn Mowing: Michael Telander
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Ben Hallauer
- Bible Study Refreshments: Franks Family

Events

- *Monday, July 6*
8:00 pm—Church Council Mtg
- *Wednesday, July 8*
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- *Thursday, July 9*
7:00 pm—Bible Basics Class
- *Friday, July 10*
6:15 pm—Softball
- *Saturday, July 11*
9:45 am—Neighborhood Canvassing
10:00 am—Bible and Brunch
- *Sunday, July 12*
9:15 am Cross-Generational Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Mission Prayer: Thailand

Jesus, Head of the Church, thank you that your gospel is reaching an increasing number of people in Thailand. Bless the work of the national pastors and evangelists—and the WELS missionaries supporting them. May your Holy Spirit guide the men being



trained at the seminary there. Thank you for international connections that allow Christians in one country to support ministry to loved ones in another. May these opportunities result in even more of your children learning about your grace. 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, on Sunday,

July 12, 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.

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.

Sharing Lamb of God With Our Neighbors

In addition to our Fine Arts Camp and Vacation Bible School, there are other opportunities for us to work together to share our faith and our ministry with our community this summer:

Canvassing

On Saturday, July 11, from 10:00 am to noon, we will walk more of the neighborhoods around church, handing out information about our church and summer camps and an invitation to

take an online survey. We'll start with a short devotion, prayer, and orientation at 9:45 am. Join us!

Westerville Fourth Friday

On Friday, July 24, from 6:00-9:00 pm, we will 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.

VBS/Fine Arts Camp Updates

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

We also need more volunteers and donations to make our camps happen. See the entryway displays or contact Lori Burrows (VBS) or Elisabeth Wagner (Fine Arts Camp) for details on how to get involved!

Important Dates

- Canvassing: July 11
- Vacation Bible School: July 13-16
- VBS Closing Service & Family Night: July 16 (7:30 pm)
- Westerville 4th Fridays: July 24, August 28
- Fine Arts Camp: July 27-31
- Fine Arts Performance/Artists' Showcase: July 31 (6:30 pm)

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
- Church Council, meeting Monday
- VBS & Fine Arts Camp Planning and Promotion

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