

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

July 6, 2014

Love in Motion

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

Jesus was a man in motion. The verse preceding our text describes it this way: “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness.”

Why this activity, this urgency? Because the people were harassed by false prophets. Because they were harassed by the forces of evil in this dark world. Because they were harassed by the guilt of their own sin and the fear of eternal death. And by themselves they were helpless to do anything about it.

Sound familiar? Aren't we tempted by false prophets of this world who promise a way to heaven other than through Christ? Aren't we besieged by forces of evil in this sinful world that want

to drag us away into the deadly sins of laziness, selfishness, greed, pornography, adultery, idolatry, and the like? Don't we get depressed by our own sinfulness and guilt and sometimes wonder whether heaven can really be our home? And by ourselves we are certainly just as helpless. Often we feel like lost sheep without a shepherd to guide, strengthen and protect us.

But Jesus is more than a man in motion. He's the Good Shepherd who has come to guide, strengthen and protect us, his harassed and helpless sheep. Living the perfect life of love we couldn't, he moved on to Gethsemane and two unjust trials that condemned him. Then he allowed himself to be taken to Calvary where he gave his life for his sheep, taking the curse for all their sins. Yes, even yours and mine. He kept moving through death and the grave, rising on Easter Sunday morning, and eventually moved back to his throne in heaven. He



assures us that his victory is ours. We're fully forgiven and headed for heaven.

He did all this because of his compassion! Compassion has been defined as love in motion. That's why Jesus was a man on the move. He had compassion for the lost, harassed and helpless like us. His love moved him to live and die for you and me.

It's his love in motion that moves us to action, too. The lost and harassed around us need to know of their Savior! It's time for us to get moving to tell them.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, may your compassion move me to put my love into motion. Help me to reach out to the harassed and helpless around me. Move me to actively share your love with my words and works. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (July 7-13)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Hensler Family
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko

Events

- **Thursday, July 10**
7:00 pm—Bible Study—
Church Fellowship
- **Friday, July 11**
6:15 pm—Softball (Hoff
Woods Park, Westerville)
- **Sunday, July 13**
9:30 am—Cross-Generational
Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy
Communion

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 Prayer: Commission on Inter-Church Relations

Lord, sometimes it is easy to forget our brothers and sisters in the faith who live far away in different cultures. Forgive our selfishness and pride. Remind us of your great love for all people—your living the perfect life we couldn't live, dying



the death we deserved, and preparing a place for us in paradise with you—so that we, in thanks, strive to generously support and encourage our fellowship of believers everywhere and, together with them, forward your kingdom. Amen.

Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center

The Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center is operated jointly by central Ohio WELS congregations. We share the love of Jesus with women facing the possibility of an unplanned pregnancy. By providing a free pregnancy test and information, we hope will lead them to continue the pregnancy. We also provide diapers, wipes,

clothes, toys, books, and other items on an ongoing basis to families facing hardship. These families also come to hear monthly devotions at the Center.

If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry, would like to volunteer, or would like to contribute financial support, please call Cindy at 614.804.4773. We need your help!

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.

Vacation Bible School Updates

Registration: Postcards are now available for inviting your friends, and registration is now open on our website for children age 3-grade 6.

Volunteers: We can still use more volunteers both before and during VBS

week (July 14-17). Contact Elisabeth Wagner for details.

Supplies: We still need a few more supplies. See the list in the entryway and consider donating or lending items to support this outreach ministry.

Church Picnic

Join us for a church picnic on Sunday, July 20, after worship. Plan to be here for a day of fun with Christian friends.

Friday Night Softball

Cheer on the Lamb of God softball team this **Friday at 6:15 pm** at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville.

Mission Festival

Join us on July 27, as guest pastor David Sigrist, son of Chuck & Kathy Sigrist, will preach and share what God is doing at Saviour of the Nations 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!

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.

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
- Pastor and Elisabeth Wagner, who were blessed with the birth of a son, Silas, on June 30.

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 (6/29):

Worship:	63
Cross-Generational Bible Study:	22

Offerings:

General Fund:	\$1912.56
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1988.77
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$11.00