

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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The Kingdom of Heaven is Our Greatest Possession

“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” (Matthew 13:45-46)

How do you determine the value of something? Well, you could have it appraised. For a fee, a jeweler will tell you what your wedding ring is worth, for example. Then there are those things that you can appraise without the help of any experts. Hold your child in your arms and as his breath gently brushes your neck you know immediately how valuable he is.

Jesus wants us to understand how valuable it is to be a member of his kingdom – to be his disciple. So, he told a story

to help us understand. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of

great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.” Jesus is saying that being a member of his kingdom is such a treasure that it is worth giving up everything we have to keep it.

Unfortunately, too often we don’t treasure the kingdom of heaven. We treat it more like a cubic zirconium than a fine pearl. We do this when we forget its true value. And when we forget its true value, we are in danger of losing it altogether.

But this won’t happen when



we remember that Jesus’ life and death keep us from the fires of hell, when we remember that Jesus’ resurrection is our way to eternal life. Remember what the kingdom of heaven is and what the kingdom of heaven gives and it will always be your most treasured possession.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, being a member of your kingdom is my most treasured possession. Keep me from ever being convinced otherwise. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

Serving Together to Glorify Our God

Lamb of God depends on volunteers like you to carry on our ministry. Consider volunteering for altar setup, greeting, lawn mowing,

church cleaning, and/or refreshments. See the list in the fellowship hall or contact Pastor Wagner for details.

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, contact Katie Chen (katiesl@hotmail.com).

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This Week at Lamb of God (August 18-24)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wintrich Family
- Mowing: Szczublewski Family
- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist & Scott Franks
- Refreshments: Cox Family

Events

- **Wednesday, August 20**
7:00 pm—Bible Study:
Church Fellowship
- **Saturday, August 23**
5:00 pm—Alpha Pregnancy
Counseling Center Wine &
Cheese Fundraiser
- **Sunday, August 17**
9:30 am—Cross-Generational
Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship with Holy
Communion
1:00 pm—Lamb of God Golf
Scramble

Mission Prayer: Russia

Savior of the nations, from the earliest days of Christianity you have worked through missionaries to spread your gospel to the ends of the earth and you have called many people to serve as pastors and teachers and minister to their own cultures. Help us to be thankful for the missionaries who first proclaimed the gospel to our ancestors and who helped us to hear



the Word in a language we could understand. Thank you also for Pastors Fehringer and Sedelnikov who have now been ordained to do the same for our brothers and sisters in Russia. Even as our languages and styles of government may often seem so different, help us to remain focused on our shared citizenship in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Make a Joyful Noise

Choir rehearsals for the new season begin soon, and all members are invited to join us in glorifying God in song. Not sure how well you can sing?

Join us for a few rehearsals to give it a try! Contact Elisabeth Wagner for details.

Lamb of God Golf Scramble

Dust off the clubs and join us for a golf scramble at Minerva Golf Course, on Sunday, August 24, at 1:00 pm. We will be playing an 18 hole, 4 person

scramble. The cost is \$27 including cart. All ages and abilities are welcome. Sign up today. For questions see Warren Cox.



Lutheran Elementary Schools

St. Paul's Lutheran School in Columbus (K-8) and Beautiful Savior Lutheran School in Grove City (PreK-8) still have openings for the 2014-15 school year. Consider giving your child(ren) the priceless gift of a Christian education. Member

discounts, financial assistance, and carpooling may be available (both schools also accept EdChoice, if you are living in a "failing" school district). Families interested in enrolling their children should contact the schools directly or speak to Pastor Wagner.

Alpha Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraiser

You are invited to a Wine & Cheese Fundraiser benefitting the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center. It will be held Saturday, August 23, from

5:00-7:00 pm, at the home of Mark & Cindy Greiner. Contact Cindy (614-804-4773) for more information.

College Addresses

If you or your child will be heading off to college this fall, please share your updated contact information with the church office, so that we can keep in touch. Thank you!

Meals for the Ritters

Those who would like to assist Dick & Jocelyn Ritter with meals are invited to sign up in the fellowship hall. Contact Brenda Szczublewski for more information.

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 very soon
- Dick Ritter, Jeri Pedersen, & Bev Oldham, who continue to battle health problems.
- Einar Groething, who suffered a fractured pelvis in a fall.

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 (8/10):	
Worship:	50
Cross-Generational Bible Study:	21
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1494.99
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1961.27
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$11.00
Beautification Project:	\$251.55

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.