

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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## The Greatest Possession

**“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:24-26)**

Christian discipleship is not an on-again-off-again matter, something we do in a burst of enthusiasm or only when we feel like it. Jesus wants followers who endure and maintain loyalty to the end. That means that we deny the sinful nature within us and the devil’s temptations. It means committing to Christ as he committed himself to us. He lived for us and he went all the way to the cross for us; we should be ready to follow him - even to death. We are reminded of Jesus’ promise, “Be faithful to death and I will give you a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

Jesus teaches, “For whoever wants to save his life will

lose it.” If our only pursuit is for this earthly life, then we will lose our souls. In that way we would be like the rich fool that Jesus described in one of his parables (Luke 12:13-21). He endeavored to provide everything he needed for all his life, but failed to recognize that his immortal soul outlives this life and that the only safe provision for it is Christ. The Lord goes on to say, “Whoever loses his life for me will find it.” If we focus our faith on Jesus, we may forfeit worldly pleasure that others have. We may even lose our life for his sake, but we have a far greater treasure stored up for us in heaven.

Jesus emphasizes the point with some spiritual economics, “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?” If we could somehow amass all the world’s wealth and glory for ourselves, how rich and honorable and powerful we would be! But what benefit would all that accumulated wealth provide



for us after life on this earth? “Or,” Jesus goes on, “What can a man give in exchange for his soul?” Standing before God, the holy Judge, what could we give from our wallets, take from our bank accounts, or surrender from our possessions that would win God’s favor? Not even the sum total of all we have could make one iota of difference.

There is only one thing valuable enough to save our souls – the precious blood of Jesus. And that has already been given to cover the full cost of redeeming us! The wealthiest person is not one who possesses the most, but the one who is possessed by Christ.

***Prayer: You, and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure! Amen.***

Devotion from  
[www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com)

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## This Week at Lamb of God (September 22-28)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Hensler Family
- Bulletins: Jocelyn Ritter
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Greeter: Heather Cameron
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Jeff Rader
- Refreshments: Fiecko Family
- Lawn Mowing: Ben Hallauer

### Events

- **Tuesday, September 23**  
11:30 am—Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, September 24**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
NO Bible Study
- **Saturday, September 27**  
3:00 pm—Fall Festival
- **Sunday, September 28**  
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

## Mission Prayer: Multi-Language Publications

Lord, you do not show favoritism. You call people to salvation from all walks of life and from all over the world. Through WELS Multi-Language Publications we are able to communicate your saving truth to people from across the globe. Thank



you for the people who have skillfully taken up the task of translating the gospel message into different languages so that we will be able to enjoy heaven with people “from every nation, tribe, people, and language.” Amen.

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

## Lamb of God Fall Festival

Come join us this Saturday, September 27th at 3:00 pm for some good ol’ family fun. There will be a Lamb of God potluck, mini hay rides for the

kids around the property, volleyball, croquet, euchre tournaments, and ending with a bonfire. For more information contact Warren Cox.

## LWMS Heartland Circuit Mission Day

On Saturday, October 11th, the LWMS Heartland Circuit is hosting their Fall Mission Day at Abiding Word in Maineville, Ohio. Highlights of the day include a presentation on mission work in China by Jennifer Boehm, spiritual growth workshops,

silent auction, and more. Money for mission offerings is due to Jennifer Flunker by next Sunday, September 28. Money collected provides funding for vicars in mission settings and mission efforts in Brazil. For more information, contact Jennifer.

## New Bible Study Beginning October 8

Commissioned by Christ himself, Jesus’ disciples set out on a dangerous and difficult mission—making disciples of a world of sinners. We, who have received the same mission, can learn a lot from how those disciples carried out their mission and be encouraged by how it was blessed by God. Join us for *God Grows His*

*Church*, a study of the book of Acts, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm, beginning October 8.

Note that there will be **no Bible Study** this Wednesday, September 24. We will conclude *God’s Grace to Runaways*, a study of the book of Jonah, on October 1 at 7:15 pm.

## 45th Anniversary Beautification Offering

If you have not had the chance to contribute to our 45th Anniversary Beautification Project, there are still

costs you can help with. Just put your thank offering, marked “Beautification Project,” in the offering plate.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Stephen and Rachael Kamps (MLC ‘08) and baby Edith, born at 28.5 weeks with the lethal condition of Triploidy. Rachael is also suffering from preeclampsia.
- Dick and Jocelyn Ritter, as Dick has entered into a home hospice program with declining health.
- Pastor Taras Kokovsky, Ternopil, Ukraine, whose family is coping with cancer again and whose nation is in the midst of unrest and war.
- Our Elders and Church Council, who meet this week.

*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!

### Attendance (9/14):

Worship:	42
Sunday School (w/teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	16

### Offerings:

General Fund:	\$1937.36
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1928.07
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$12.75
Building Fund:	\$225.00
Beautification Project:	\$98.40