

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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Great Faith

Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith!” (Matthew 15:28)

What constitutes a great faith? What means is used to measure that which is called: “the substance of things hoped for and the certainty of things unseen?” (Hebrews 11:1)

It is hard to explain faith, let alone measure it. Jesus, however, knows. He also knows the standard to determine what great faith is, and he uses it in respect to the woman who pleaded for his help. Two observations led Jesus to pronounce that this woman had a great faith. The first was her knowledge of Jesus’ ability to help, and her tenacious hold on that knowledge. She knew what Jesus’ ministry was all about, and she was not going to challenge it or seek to change it. The second was her persistence. She wasn’t going to take “no” for an answer. This Jesus called a great faith, and it is a model of faith I need to pursue.

Sometimes my grasp of God’s Word and his promises is tentative at best. I may know the words, but I don’t understand what Jesus’ ministry was truly about. This results in a lack

of persistence. I will pray, but it becomes an occasional practice, and I quickly give up because to me the Lord doesn’t seem interested.

I need to recognize my weakness and confess it. Then I need to get back to the Lord and his Word. Here I receive the joyful proclamation that the barrier to my prayers is removed. In addition, I receive the very means I need to strengthen my faith. Through a daily study of the Word my faith in Jesus grows stronger. My grasp of God’s promises becomes firmer. Even the devil cannot cause me to lose my grip on his precious words. I even see a growing persistence in my prayer



life. I pray more often and with more passion.

These are only a few results of a life of faith through the working of the Word. There is also a greater boldness to approach the Lord, a greater certainty of his help, and a greater peace to know he will always answer me for my good.

So a goal for me in this life is simple. I do not strive to be recognized simply as a person who has a great faith. Rather, I want to be known as a person who has great faith in an ever greater Lord and Savior.

Prayer: Lord, increase my faith. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (September 8-14)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Diane Jensen Family
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Greeter: Heather Cameron
- Ushers: Dave Szczublewski & Bryan Fiecko

Events

- *Tuesday, September 9*
6:00 pm—Anniversary Planning Meeting
- *Wednesday, September 10*
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Bible Study
- *Sunday, September 14*
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

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

Mission Prayer: Luther Preparatory School

Dear Lord, 150 years ago as our government leaders were pressing to preserve the Union, thank you for giving us a spiritual leader who had the vision to preserve our church body by establishing schools to train



pastors, teachers, and other workers for your ministry. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of your church and ministry and to support our training schools for the advancement of your kingdom. Amen.

Summer Assistant Ministry Opportunity

Today's WELS Together newsletter highlights students who serve as Summer Assistants in congregations (sometimes called summer vicars), an

idea that our leaders are considering for Lamb of God. Read the article and share your thoughts and questions with our leaders.

Lamb of God Fall Festival

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

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

Online Chapel Services

Get a daily dose of God's Word by viewing chapel services from our WELS schools streamed live and archived online:

- Martin Luther College: mlc-wels.edu/streams

- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: wls.wels.net/chapel-archive
- Luther Preparatory School: www.livestream.com/lutherprep
- Michigan Lutheran Seminary: www.mlsem.org/campus-life/cardinal-casts

Faith Building Opportunities

Get the fall off to a great start by joining us to study God's awesome word together:

Peter is famous for his faith and infamous for his lack of faith. In our new Sunday bible study, *Bold Faith in Trying Times*, we are examining his inspired advice to early Christians and to us in the book of 1 Peter.

Our ChristLight Sunday School, for

ages 2 & up, begins the year with a look at Moses' life and what it means for our lives.

Our Wednesday night bible study, *God's Grace to Runaways*, takes us into the world and words of Jonah.

Grab your bible and join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 (refreshments at 9:00) and Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

Beautification Update

Thank you to all who have committed to thank offerings for our 45th Anniversary Beautification Project. Every package has been claimed. If you claimed a package and have not returned your envelope, please place it in the offering plate by September 28. Then make plans to join us on planting day—Saturday, October 4. To God be the glory, great things he has done!

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Our college students, as they begin their academic year
- Our Sunday School teachers, as they begin another year of sharing God's Word
- Teachers at our Columbus area WELS preschools and elementary schools

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 (8/31):	
Worship:	39
No Sunday School:	
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$2408.22
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1920.24
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Building Fund:	\$125.00
Beautification Project:	\$804.61