

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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You Are What You Wear

“I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” (Isaiah 61:10)

Some have said, “You are what you wear.” If you are dressed in a clown suit, you probably are a clown. If you’re wearing a baseball hat, team jersey, baseball pants and cleats, you probably are a baseball player. If you are wearing an orange jump suit, you probably are a prisoner. If you are wearing a beautiful white dress, you probably are a bride. You are what you wear.

We needed new clothes to wear. Why? Because, by nature, we are sinful, dirty, greedy people who are wearing sinful, dirty, greedy clothes. And, quite frankly, that looks terrible! Nobody looks at a sinful, dirty, greedy person

and thinks, “How gorgeous!” Instead people think, “How nasty!” That’s a realistic description of us and our sinfulness. We need help!

What has God given us to wear instead? “He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness,” Isaiah writes. The LORD himself has given to us his garments of salvation; he has dressed us in his robe of righteousness.

“Righteousness” is a word that means “perfection.” How did he do this? First, Jesus lived a perfect life; he was robed in righteousness. Then Jesus lovingly made a trade. He dressed us in his perfection and clothed himself with our sinfulness. Taking our sins on himself, he suffered the punishment we deserved. By his death, he paid for our sins so that we will never have to.



As a result, we can delight greatly in the LORD! Martin Luther put it this way: “In his righteousness I live, not in mine.” In the end, who are we? Check out Isaiah’s description of our clothes once again. We are saved. We are perfect in God’s eyes. We are what we are wearing—beautifully perfect in the pure clothing given to us by God himself.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for becoming what you were not, so that I might become what I was not. Give me great joy as I remember who I am through you—one who is clothed in a garment of salvation and arrayed in a robe of righteousness for all time. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (January 13-19)

Serving Our Lord

- Church Cleaning: Franks Family
- Bulletin Assembly: Jocelyn Ritter
- Ushers:
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Greeter: Diane Jensen
- Refreshments: Burrows Family

Events

- **Thursday, January 16**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Sunday, January 19**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

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: Church Extension Fund

Lord Jesus Christ, anointed at your baptism to preach the gospel, your church is humbly grateful to be able to assist new mission



congregations through WELS Church Extension Fund. We especially thank

you for moving our people to provide funds for both loans and grants to help these new churches with the purchase of land and facilities where your gospel of forgiveness can proclaimed for building up your kingdom. Amen.

Alpha Pregnancy Center Annual Meeting

The Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center thanks you for your support in 2013! Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and donations of diapers, wipes, clothes, and toys. We reached more families than ever this past year, and were blessed to share the Gospel with Mormons, Muslims, and many with no religious beliefs at

all. We are very thankful for these opportunities. Please join us on January 26th at 3:00 pm in St. Paul's Upper Room to hear about our monthly bi-lingual devotions and other ways we are sharing the love of Jesus on your behalf. There will be a potluck of light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Confidently Sharing Jesus with Friends

Sharing your faith can be scary. While it should be easier for us to talk about our faith with friends and loved ones, it is often even more difficult. We worry about what they will think and how it will affect our relationship with them.



But Jesus both sends us out and equips us to be his witnesses in the world, even among our friends. Join us for a new 4-week bible study, *Confidently Sharing Jesus with Friends*, Sundays at 9:15 am, beginning January 19.

Youth Lock-In at St. Paul's, Columbus

St. Paul's Youth Group invites all high school age members to join them for a lock-in from 8:00 pm on Friday, January 17, through 8:00 am on Saturday, January 18. There will be

good food, fellowship with other WELS members, and fun activities. For details, contact Vicar Duve (aduve1@yahoo.com) or Sarah Larger (selarger.sgrplm@sbcglobal.net).

Church Fellowship: Truth and Love in Action

Join us Thursdays at 7:15pm for *Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth*. We will study and apply the biblical principles about how God wants us to express

our unity of faith and show our love for his truth in our interactions with other Christians. Join us for this interesting and important bible discussion.

Food Drive

Bring non-perishable food items to help the needy through the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. A list of especially needed items is posted in the fellowship hall. If you wish to donate funds instead of food (Mid-Ohio Foodbank use \$1 for \$11 worth of food), put your donation in an envelope, payable to Mid-Ohio Foodbank.



Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Dick)
- Pastor & Elisabeth Wagner, who are expecting their fourth child this summer

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 (January 5):	
Worship:	47
Sunday Bible Study:	16
Sunday School (w/teachers):	8
Offerings:	
General Fund :	\$2086.92
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2086.92
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Building Fund:	\$225.00
Sunday School:	\$14.75