

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

January 19, 2014

I Have to Tell You About Him

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus... Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). (John 1:35-37,40-41)

The tourists walked the Wall of China. It was impressive. They told people about it. The motorist saw a tornado touch down a quarter mile up the road. It lifted a couple roofs. It was powerful. She told people about it. He saw someone jump into the raging currents to rescue some desperate children. It was courageous and loving. He told people about the hero. When you spot something overwhelmingly impressive,

you tell people about it. Jesus wasn't gigantic or overwhelming in a physical sense, but when people saw him, they couldn't help but tell others about him. John the Baptist saw Jesus. He couldn't help but tell people and say: "Look, the Lamb of God!" Andrew saw and heard Jesus. He was compelled to run and tell his brother, Peter: "We have found the Messiah!"

Who Jesus is and what he was doing compelled people to tell about him. Jesus had come for sinners (remember the recent Christmas message... "You will call him 'Jesus' because he will save his people from their sins.") John called him the Lamb of God because Jesus would lay down his life for sinners. Jesus would step in the place of all sinners. The Lamb of God would be the ultimate and final sacrifice for all sin. The Messiah—Jesus Christ—would perfectly serve as the ultimate Prophet, Priest and King. No one before or after him came close to



comparing with him. Jesus, true God and true man, Savior of the world, was one we can't help but tell people about.

And so, John and Andrew did. They told people about Jesus. Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Lamb of God, the Son of God, and their Savior. Listen to what they (and all of God's Word) says about Jesus. Take it to heart and trust in him. Tell others about Jesus. He is their Lamb of God, their Messiah and their Savior, too.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to be the sacrifice to earn forgiveness for all my sins. Thank you for prompting someone to tell me about Jesus. Increase my trust in you and give me courage to tell others about Jesus. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (January 20-26)

Serving Our Lord

- Church Cleaning: Diane Jensen Family
- Bulletin Assembly: Fran Woodruff
- Altar Care: Dianne Johnson
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Greeter: Diane Jensen
- Refreshments: Rader Family

Events

- *Mon-Tues, January 21-22*
Pastors Conference in Toledo
- *Tuesday, January 21*
7:00pm—Church Council Mtg
- *Thursday, January 23*
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- *Saturday, January 25*
10:00 am—Bible & Brunch
- *Sunday, January 26*
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion
12:00pm—Evangelism Committee Meeting
3:00pm—Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center Meeting

Mission Prayer: Nepal

Dear Savior, in your Epiphany we see the nations of the world coming to worship you because of your sacrifice for sin on the cross. With joy we see thousands of people in Nepal eager to hear your Word and



learn of your love for them. Strengthen the faith of these new believers and their resolve to worship you under difficult circumstances. Bless our efforts to serve them with the materials and support they need.

God is Working through the Alpha Center

The Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center thanks you for prayers, financial support, and donations of diapers, wipes, clothes, and toys in 2013! 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 Sunday, January 26, at 3:00 pm in the Upper Room at St. Paul's (322 Stewart Ave, Columbus) 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!

Introducing Your Friends to Your Best Friend

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 special bible study, *Confidently*

Sharing Jesus with Friends, Sundays at 9:15 am, now through February 9.

Truth and Love Go Hand in Hand

The Bible has been twisted and distorted in so many ways. What is the loving thing to do when we know someone who believes or even promotes these false teachings? Join

us, as we seek God's answers to this tough question in our study of *Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth* this Thursday at 7:15pm.

Food Drive Continues

Bring non-perishable food items to help the needy through the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. All food donations will be matched by the



Thrivent Community Board. If you wish to donate funds instead of food, put your donation in an envelope, payable to Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, February 16, we will celebrate Friendship Sunday. It's a special opportunity for you to invite friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to join you for worship and Sunday School. Think about those people, pray for them, and look for a chance to invite them to come with you to Lamb of God on February 16. Watch for more details to come.

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

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Dick, Monty, Jeri)
- Brian Burrows, who is being confirmed in the Lutheran faith this morning.

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 12):	
Worship:	53
Sunday Bible Study:	15
Sunday School (w/teachers):	14
Offerings:	
General Fund :	\$1816.96
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1951.94
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$12.85