

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

January 26, 2014

## Holding Your Hand

**“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.” (Isaiah 42:6)**

“I wanna’ hold your hand.” Remember that Beatles tune? We appreciate a personal touch. But in this verse of the Bible from Isaiah, the picture isn’t so much of romantic lovers, but of the parent who is taking the child by the hand. Can you picture it? The parent along with the toddler needs to cross the street, so the parent takes the toddler by the hand, guiding and protecting.

Surprisingly, in our Bible reading, the picture is that God the Father is the parent, and it’s Jesus’ hand which is being held. It

reminds us that Jesus—the true God—became truly human, with our human weaknesses and needs. And so God the Father guided him, protected him, indeed, “held his hand” as he walked Jesus through life and finally to his death on the cross. The Father was guiding, protecting and holding his Son through it all.

But to what end? It was all for YOUR benefit, and MINE! It was all so that forgiveness and eternal life could be won for YOU and for ME! The Father held the hand of the Son, guiding him, directing him, caring for him, but ultimately with



your interests in mind.

Now God the Father, because of the work of his Son, can look at you and say, “I wanna’ hold your hand, too.” And he does!

*Prayer: Lord, I am encouraged to know that I can count on you for help in my life. Take my hand and lead me. Give me the assurance that as your child by faith in Jesus, you are guiding me through every circumstance and pointing me on my way to heaven. Amen.*

## Mission Prayer: European Chaplaincy

Dear Father in heaven, watch over our members who are away from home for work or for military service. We especially pray for those who are living in Europe and the chaplain who serves them. Thank you for moving those members and groups that



support this ministry. Bless our members in Europe who so much desire to hear your Word and receive your sacrament of Holy Communion. Let them rejoice in the fellowship they have with you and with each other. Amen.

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## This Week at Lamb of God (January 27-February 2)

### Serving Our Lord

- Church Cleaning: Dianne Johnson Family
- Bulletin Assembly: Bev Oldham
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Greeter: Heather Cameron
- Bible Study Refreshments: Fiecko Family
- After-Worship Refreshments: Schmidt Family

### Events

- *Thursday, January 30*  
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- *Sunday, January 26*  
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).

## How Do I Say What Really Matters?

You love your friends and want to introduce them to Jesus, your best friend. You've finally found the courage to talk about spiritual things and you've started the conversation. But then what? What do you say? How do you tell your friend the



best news they will ever hear in a way that they will understand? We'll talk about that next Sunday at 9:15 am, as we continue our bible study, *Confidently Sharing Jesus with Friends*, and we hope that you will join us.

## Alpha Center Celebrates God's Blessings

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 today, 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!

## Treasuring the Unity of Faith

In Romans 16, St. Paul puts into practice the doctrine of Church Fellowship by greeting fellow Christians and celebrating their unity of spirit and purpose. He puts the same doctrine into practice, when he

warns against false teachings that threaten that unity. Join us, as we study Romans 16 this Thursday at 7:15pm in our study of *Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth*.

## 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.

## Take a Friend out to Eat

On Sunday, February 16, we will celebrate Friendship Sunday. It's a special opportunity for you to invite unchurched friends to come to church with you. Think about those people, pray for them, and look for a chance to

invite them. In addition to a bible study, Sunday School, and worship geared for those new to the church, we will also have a meal for your friends to enjoy with us. Watch for more details to come.

## Forward in Christ

The February edition of *Forward in Christ* magazine has been distributed in your mailbox. After you have finished reading it, consider passing it along to an unchurched friend. Or bring it back to church, and we will give it to the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center for them to share with their clients.



## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Dick, Monty, Jeri)
- Priscilla Ehrick, who is hospitalized in Ukraine with pneumonia.

*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!

<b>Attendance (January 19):</b>	
Worship:	57
Sunday Bible Study:	24
Sunday School (w/teachers):	16
Thursday Bible Study (1/16):	9
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund :	\$2030.42
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1978.10
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$23.40
Building Fund:	\$125.00