

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

February 2, 2014

Blessed on “Good” Days and “Bad” Days

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth...Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.” (Matthew 5:5,7-12a)

Nothing’s been going right. You’re told: “You should be happy!” But are you feeling it?

You’ve had a rough day. You’re greeted with: “You are so blessed!” But do you believe it?

Sometimes God tells you and me that we should be joyful because we are so blessed. But, our sinful

nature takes our minds off God’s sure word and onto life’s ups and downs. Perhaps, we can only think of reasons why life stinks at this

particular time. A loved one died. The bully has been picking on you again. You’re teased because of your Christian faith. People slander you. In the midst of these bad experiences, sinners like you and me may wonder if God loves us as much as he claims.

When faced with hardships, trouble or persecution, don’t listen to your sinful nature. It’s so frequently and drastically wrong. Listen to your loving, all-knowing God. Hear Jesus tell you that you are blessed on “good” and “bad” days. Listen to Jesus tell you that you do have reason to be joyful – no matter what garbage life or other people hand you. Jesus is not only your Teacher, but your Savior. Through his life, death and resurrection, God forgives all your sins. God has made you his own dear



child. Heaven is your eternal home. The eternal comforts and joys of heaven far outweigh whatever trouble or problems you have now.

Because you know how God has blessed you, your thoughts, words and life are changed. Jesus said that blessed children of God (like you) are meek and merciful. Blessed children of God are pure in heart and they are peacemakers. Why? Because yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for every good and perfect gift you give me. Forgive me for complaining and being spiritually near-sighted. Increase my trust in your love and care. Fill me with the sure hope of eternal life with you and let my attitude and life reflect that hope. Thank you for all your blessings. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (February 3-9)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Cameron Family
- Bulletin Assembly: Elisabeth Wagner
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Greeter: Heather Cameron
- Refreshments: Flunker Family

Events

- *Wednesday, February 5*
7:30 & 9:30 pm—WELS Interactive Faith Online Bible Study
- *Thursday, February 6*
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- *Saturday February 8*
10:00am—Ladies’ Bible and Brunch
- *Sunday, February 9*
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Mission Prayer: Martin Luther College

Jesus, you said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Thank you for allowing our synod to build an early childhood learning center where children are being brought to you and where your

precious truths are being taught to the students who will teach preschool children throughout the world. You have moved us to share your good news with others, including the very young. Help us to continue to share your message with others. Amen.

That's What Friends are For

Friendship is about happy times and sad times, joys and struggles, silly moments and serious ones. Real friendship gets under the surface of our lives to the things that really matter. This Valentine's Day weekend, invite your friends to church

with you to show them just how much they mean to you. After a special bible study, Sunday School, and worship service on Sunday, February 16, we will also have a meal for your friends to enjoy with us on .

We'll Leave the Light On for You

The tagline above was at the end of Motel 6 radio commercials for almost 20 years. As we let our light shine for our family and friends, we want to leave the light on after our first conversation about Jesus. We want to keep living



our faith and sharing our Savior. Next Sunday at 9:15 am, we'll discuss ways to do that, as we continue our bible study, *Confidently Sharing Jesus with Friends*, and we hope that you will join us.

One Truth or Many Truths?

"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'" Which teaching? Aren't there many teachings in the Bible? Is it okay to disagree on the "little" ones, as long as we agree on the "big" ones? We'll

explore these questions and more this Thursday at 7:15pm in the next lesson of our study of *Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth*. Join us!

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.

Offering Statements

Thank you for your financial support of our shared gospel ministry. Offering statements for 2013 have been distributed. If you have questions, please contact Warren Cox or Dave Szczublewski.

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)
- Dorothy Walker and Priscilla Ehrick, who are recovering from health problems for which they were recent hospitalized.
- Pastor Nick Guillaume (Maineville, OH), whose mother died in a car accident 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

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance (January 12):	
Worship:	45
Sunday Bible Study:	19
Sunday School (w/teachers):	14
Thursday Bible Study (1/9):	6
Offerings:	
General Fund :	\$1290.21
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1806.13
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$25.00