

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

March 23, 2014

The Only Thing of Importance

If Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. (Romans 8:10)

John Bacon was a sculptor. And he was a good one. In fact, even during Bacon's lifetime, Great Britain recognized him as a genius. Some of the most famous places in England eagerly commissioned him to work his magic. Today his astounding sculptures live on. They continue to awe and inspire, from Oxford to Bristol Cathedral to Westminster Abbey and beyond.

John Bacon died in 1799. His 58 year old body found its final resting place at the Whitfield Tabernacle in London. It's said that above his tomb are words that Bacon himself wrote for his epitaph before he died. To everyone walking past his grave John Bacon says this: "What I was as an artist

seemed of some importance to me while I lived; but what I was as a believer in Jesus Christ is the only thing of importance to me now."

As you read this devotion, what's important to you? Perhaps you're a student just trying to make it through the final quarter. Perhaps you work in an office and face the pressure of constant deadlines. Perhaps you are working two jobs to make ends meet and trying to keep a relationship with your spouse and children. Perhaps you're retired and battling poor health. No matter where you are in your life, there are matters that are urgent and pressing for the here-and-now.

But never let the urgent overshadow the important. What's important is your relationship with Jesus



Christ. God's forgiveness of your every sin at Calvary's cross is the only thing that will matter the moment your life on this earth comes to an end.

John Bacon worked hard to use his talents to the best of his ability. The Lord wants us to do the same. But as you do, keep in mind The Only Thing of Importance. It's your bond of faith with the Son of God.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, there are so many pressing matters in my life. Give me focus. Empower me to rivet my eyes of faith on what is truly important. Move me to fix my eyes on you. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (March 24-30)

Serving Our Lord

- Altar Care: Dianne Johnson
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanists: Rhea Franks (Wed) Destinee Fiecko (Sun)
- Bible Study Refreshments: Diane Jensen Family
- Church Cleaning: Cameron Family

Events

- **Wednesday, March 26**
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper
7:00 pm—Midweek Lenten Worship
- **Sunday, March 30**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
12:00pm—Congregational Meeting

Midweek Lenten Suppers & Worship

Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm for our special Lenten services. A light supper is served at 6:15 pm. Sign up in the fellowship hall to provide a portion of the meal. This week's message is from Pastor Sims (St. Paul's), based on Luke 13:1-9: "Garden of Repentance."

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: Ukraine

Lord of the church, you have foretold political unrest and opposition to the gospel in these last days, and we see it all around. We pray for our brothers and sisters in



Ukraine who witness these hardships much closer than we do. We pray that you use our closer relationship with the Ukrainian Lutheran Church

through our Board for World Missions to encourage them in faith and train them in discipleship that they may stand firm against the assaults of Satan and

every evil and go forth with your gospel of peace without fear. May your kingdom come among them and us and many others. Amen.

Bible Basics 102: Faith Builders

Does your faith need a boost? Do you know someone who wants to know more about what we believe and teach? **Faith Builders** is a great introduction for those new to Christianity and a great review for all

Christians. In this Bible Basics class, we will discuss the Bible, the one true God, Jesus Christ, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Our next **Faith Builders** class will be held Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning April 1.

LWMS Spring Mission Offerings

On Sunday, March 30, we will be collecting for Lutheran Women's Missionary Society mission offerings, which are collected each year and sent to designated missions both within the US and globally. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to these

important missions. Offerings should be directed to Jennifer Flunker no later than April 2. Checks can be made payable to LWMS.

The spring LWMS mission day will be Saturday, April 26, here at Lamb of God. Save the date!

Easter for Kids

Join us for lessons, music, crafts, lunch and an egg hunt at Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 12! Sign up children to attend at tinyurl.com/Easter4Kids or LambofGodColumbus.org.

We also still need volunteers for the event so please email Lori Burrows (BurrowsL@denison.edu) to sign up. Those who have signed up to help with



craft prep can meet at church on Saturday, April 5th, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Coffee & snacks provided.

Congregational Meeting

Members, plan to join us after worship on March 30 for our quarterly congregational meeting. Ministry & renovation updates will be discussed, and your input is very important.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Wagner is be on vacation March 21-28. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Kuehl (614-373-0025, pastorkuehl@shepherdofpeace.org).

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Katie, Elisabeth, Destinee)

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 (March 16 & 19):

Worship (3/16):	57
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Sunday Bible Study:	11
Sunday School (w/teachers):	14

Offerings:

General Fund (3/16):	\$2106.76
General Fund (3/19):	\$426.29
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2043.59
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$5:00
Building Fund:	\$125.00