

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

January 11, 2015

The Meaning of Mercy

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. (Titus 3:4-5)

In the early 1800's, Napoleon Bonaparte ruled as emperor of France. His word was final. A woman appeared before him one day. She was seeking a pardon for her son.

Napoleon explained to her why this was not possible: Her son was guilty of committing a serious crime not once but twice. Under the law of the land, he had been sentenced to death.

But the mother persevered. "I plead for mercy for my son," she said.

"But your son does not deserve mercy," pronounced the emperor. It was then that this mother got to the heart of the matter. "You are correct," she said. "My son does not deserve mercy. But if he did, it would not be mercy.

And mercy is all I ask for."

"Then I will have mercy," Napoleon said. He spared her son's life.

This woman understood the meaning of mercy. The Apostle Paul did too. Paul said that, with the arrival of Jesus Christ, "God saved us, not

because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." The Son of God invaded our time and space to conduct a rescue mission. He rescued us from the curse of our own sin. He did this through the perfect life and innocent death he lived and died on our behalf.

But why? Here is where Paul gets to the heart of the matter. God did this not because we deserved it; not because he saw us as diamonds in the rough; not because we've done something that made us



sparkle in his eyes. He did it because of his mercy.

It's his mercy through Jesus Christ that makes your relationship with God so secure. It doesn't depend upon what you have done for God. It depends on what the Savior, in mercy, has done for you.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, in my moments of anxiety and doubt, fill me with your Holy Spirit. Through your Word, remind me that my relationship with you rests not on what I do for you, but upon your mercy. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (January 12-18)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Franks Family
- Bulletins: Priscilla Ehrick
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Greeter: Diane Jensen
- Ushers: Warren Cox and Jeff Rader
- Refreshments: Flunker Family

Events

- **Wednesday, January 14**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study: God Grows His Church (Book of Acts)
- **Sunday, January 18**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

Mission Prayer: Interactive Faith

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your Word is living and powerful. Bring many to study the riches of the book of Judges through our synod's



online Interactive Faith Bible study .

May all who participate be enriched in their understanding of the teachings of your Word and strengthened in their faith for life now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God Bowling Outing

Bring your family and friends with you to the Columbus Square Bowling Palace on Saturday, January 31, at 3:00 pm, for an afternoon of bowling

and fun. The cost is \$3 for shoes and \$5.50/game (\$4.50/child). Sign up in the fellowship hall to reserve your spot!

Online Interactive Faith Bible Study

In our lives, we go through cycles of ups and downs—we think God is pleased one moment and that he is not the next. Break the cycle of uncertainty with grace with a study of Judges—a book full of God's love and patience! This online bible study,

led by Pastor David Scharf of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenville, WI, will be held Wednesdays, January 7 – February 11, at 7:00 and 9:00 pm. To join the study or view archived lessons, visit www.wels.net/interactivefaith.

Alpha Pregnancy Center Annual Meeting

Learn about the latest ministry happening at the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center at their annual meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 3:00 pm, in the upper room at St.

Paul's Lutheran Church, 322 Stewart Ave, Columbus. A potluck supper will follow the meeting. Contact Cindy Greiner (614-804-4773) with any questions.

New Bible Study: A Matter of Life and Death

Who determines when life begins and when life ends? What is the purpose of our time on earth?

What does the Bible say about abortion, euthanasia, and suicide? How do I prepare for my death or the death of someone I love? What do I say to



someone dealing with a terminal illness? How does a Christian mourn as one who has hope? We all deal with these questions. Join us, as we look for answers, in a new Sunday Bible Study, "A Matter of Life and Death," beginning January 18, at 9:15 am.

Communion Setup

We are in need of volunteers to prepare the bread and wine for communion Sundays. Sign up in the fellowship hall, or contact Pastor Wagner with any questions.

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

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Dick Ritter, whose health continues to decline
- Vicar Daniel Slaughter, whose mother continues to battle cancer

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 (1/4)	
Worship:	51
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13
Sunday Bible Study:	20
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1958.75
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1958.75
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$14.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00