

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

January 18, 2015

We Have Overcome

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 John 5:4-5)

What do you think of when you hear the title “We Shall Overcome?” You may remember this as the anthem of the civil rights movement in America.

Joan Baez sang “We Shall Overcome” for the 300,000 people gathered at the March on Washington in 1963. Martin Luther King Jr. referred to “We Shall Overcome” in the final speech he gave before his assassination. Large groups of marchers and protesters sang “We Shall Overcome” as they advanced the cause of civil rights.

So what happened? Did they overcome? Some would point to many advances in civil rights and say, “Yes,

we overcame.” Others would point to ongoing struggles and say, “No, we have not overcome.”

One group, however, says with absolute confidence, “We have overcome!”

They do not express their victory as a future hope. They know they have already received it.

The apostle John writes, “For everyone born of God overcomes the world.” Every human cause in the world for civil rights, freedom or prosperity has limitations. The hope to overcome remains a possibility but not a certainty. Everyone born of God has certainty for God gives them faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

Jesus overcame. He overcame sin—all of it—with his death for the sins of the world. He overcame



death by rising from the grave. He overcame the devil by crushing his power. Believers in Jesus have his victory—all of it—and they overcome all the sinfulness of this world.

We shall overcome? In Jesus, we have overcome!

Prayer: Lord of life, Jesus Christ, lead me to rejoice every day that I have your victory. Help me to overcome my daily problems because you have already overcome everything that could afflict me. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

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).

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This Week at Lamb of God (January 19-25)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Cox and Szczublewski Families
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Greeter: Diane Jensen
- Ushers: Warren Cox and Jeff Rader
- Refreshments: Rader Family

Events

- **Monday-Tuesday, Jan 19-20**
Pastor at Pastor/Teacher Conference in Findlay, OH
- **Wednesday, January 21**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Thursday, January 22**
7:00 pm—Church Council Mtg
- **Sunday, January 25**
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion
3:00 pm—Alpha Center Annual Meeting (St. Paul's)

Mission Prayer: WELS VEBA

Lord Jesus, who showed great compassion toward those who were sick and in need, we thank you that, as a synod, we have been able to show our compassion for those who work in our churches, schools, and others areas of



ministry through our WELS VEBA health care plan. Help us walk together in this program to assist young and old alike in their times of need. Preserve it among us as a tool to offer care and assistance to those who work in your church. Amen.

NEW Keys to Christianity Class



Lamb of God invites all who want to know more about the Christian faith to a **no-obligation**

bible study that covers four key concepts of the Christian faith: sin, grace, faith, and works. *Keys to Christianity* is designed for those who are new to the Christian faith, but it is also a great refresher for long-time

Christians. Why not join us and bring a friend with you? Our next *Keys to Christianity* classes will be Thursdays, January 29-February 19, from 7:00-8:15 pm.

Childcare may be available *upon request*. Register in the fellowship hall or online at www.tinyurl.com/LOG-Bible101, or contact Pastor Wagner with questions or to arrange a different time that fits your schedule.

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 Bible Study, "A Matter of Life and Death," Sundays at 9:15 am.

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!

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, as he recovers from his recent surgery
- Family of Kay Slaughter, Vicar Daniel Slaughter's mother, who was called home to heaven on January 11
- Church Council, meeting 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 (1/11)	
Worship:	46
Sunday School (w/ teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	13
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1001.19
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1479.97
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$152.00