

# Weekly News & Notes

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).

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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## Conversion

**The Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” (Acts 9:15-16)**

Mosab Hassan Yousef, son of West Bank Hamas leader Sheikh Hassan Yousef, shocked the world when he announced his conversion from Islam to Christianity. In his 2010 book *Son of Hamas*, he reveals details of his conversion and his covert operations spying for Israel.

Some of Yousef’s former associates in the Palestinian territories find his story unbelievable. They claim that others have made up this story to embarrass Hamas and the Palestinians. How could a devout Muslim opposed to Jesus become a disciple of Jesus bringing his message to the world?

It has happened before. Not long after Jesus ascended

into heaven, a man named Saul of Tarsus “began to destroy the church” (Acts 8:3). He sincerely believed that God had sent him on a mission to stamp out the name of Jesus.

Then Jesus confronted him. As Saul journeyed to Damascus to arrest Christ’s followers, a light from heaven flashed around him. The voice of Jesus said, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

Blinded and humbled, Saul meekly entered Damascus led by his associates. For three days he ate and drank nothing. On the third day Jesus sent a Christian leader named Ananias to visit Saul. He was healed of his blindness, baptized, and was given the call of Jesus to carry Christ’s name to the world.

Saul’s dramatic story testifies to God’s amazing grace. He loves his enemies and persistently works to convert them. If you are opposed to Jesus, he loves you and calls for you to repent and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.



If you are God’s friend, he has already converted you from your inborn enmity, forgiven all your sins, and calls you to bring Jesus’ name to all the enemies of God around you.

Jesus loved Saul, his enemy. Jesus loves you. Jesus came to this world and rescued his enemies. By dying for their sins, he spared them the judgment of hell they deserved, and he brought them new life by rising from the grave. Go as his chosen instrument to bring this message to others.

*Prayer: Gracious Savior, lead me to appreciate your amazing grace, that you have forgiven me, your enemy by nature. Renew me in your love day by day so that I will gladly go out as your instrument to bring your saving message to others. Amen.*

Devotion from  
[www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com)

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## This Week at Lamb of God (January 26-February 1)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Diane Jensen
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Mike Telander
- Refreshments: Wagner Family

### Events

- **Wednesday, January 28**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Thursday, January 29**  
7:00 pm—Bible Basics - Keys to Christianity
- **Saturday, January 31**  
Renovation Work Day  
10:00 am—Ladies’ Bible & Brunch  
3:00 pm—Bowling Outing
- **Sunday, February 1**  
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation  
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship

## Mission Prayer: Albania

Lord of the Church, we thank you for preserving and strengthening the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Albania since WELS needed to leave in 2009. We are especially grateful for the two national pastors



who were ordained this past year. We also joyfully acknowledge this church's application for associate membership in the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference. Continue to help this church grow and flourish as they reach out with the gospel. Amen.

## Alpha Pregnancy Center Annual Meeting

Learn about the latest ministry happening at the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center at their annual meeting today at 3:00 pm, in the

upper room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 322 E. Stewart Ave, Columbus. A potluck supper will follow the meeting.

## Keys to Christianity Class Begins Thursday

Lamb of God invites all who want to know more about the Christian faith to join us for *Keys to Christianity*, a four-lesson Bible study on the basics of our faith. Whether you are new to Lamb of God or just want a faith-refresher, this class is for 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/LOG-Bible101), or contact Pastor Wagner with questions or to arrange a different time that fits your schedule.

## Lenten Worship Begins February 18

Join us Wednesdays, February 18-March 25, at 7:00 pm, for *I Tell You the Truth*, a midweek worship series for Lent. A Lenten supper will be

served each week at 6:15. Sign up in the fellowship hall to attend or provide a portion of a meal.

## God's Answers to Life & Death Issues

We deal with difficult questions when it comes to matters of life and death. The world's answers don't always line

up with what God says. Join us for a Bible Study called, "*A Matter of Life and Death*," Sundays at 9:15 am.

## Valentine's Day Luncheon

The men of the congregation will be serving up lunch after worship on Sunday, February 15. Make plans to join us for some Christian food and

fellowship. Men are encouraged to contact Dave Szczublewski for details about how to get involved.

## Bowling Outing

Join us this Saturday, January 31, at 3:00 pm at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace 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 today!

## Food Drive

Our Sunday School is hosting a friendly food drive competition. Bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, and place them in the box for the Sunday School class(es) you choose by February 15.

## 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

*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 (1/18)</b>	
Worship:	49
Sunday School (w/teachers):	12
Sunday Bible Study:	17
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund:	\$2798.81
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1919.58
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00