

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

October 12, 2014

“My Ways are Not Your Ways”

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:6-9)

I thought that I’d make it to work on time, but I didn’t know about the accident that blocked my way. I thought I knew my way around the Bible, but then I couldn’t remember where that passage was. I thought I was a good dad, but I know the way I have lived is far from the best.

There’s a problem with our thoughts: they come from a sinful mind. There’s a problem with our ways: they aren’t perfect and they aren’t always God’s way. That doesn’t mean all our thoughts and ways are bad. But it does mean we can’t always trust our thoughts and our ways.

At the time God spoke these words to the people of Israel, their thoughts had led them to forsake the

Lord and to question his love and wisdom. That led them into the way of idolatry, the worship of false gods. It was the way of unbelief and rebellion. It was the way to hell. God had every right to punish them now and forever.

But God didn’t. Why? Because his thoughts and ways aren’t tainted and spoiled by sin like ours. His thought, his way was to continue to love an unlovable people. He sent them his prophets who urged the people to repent so that they could bask in the warmth of his free mercy, pardon and forgiveness. His love moved him to send his Son Jesus into this world to be their Savior and ours.

Could you ever think of sending your child to prison to trade places with a murderer or thief? That wouldn’t be our way of doing things. But it was our loving Lord’s way. He sent his holy Son into this sinful world to live, die and rise



again for us. And it’s proof that his loving thoughts and forgiving ways always center on us. He can and does make the worst of situations serve our good. His forgiving love covers even the worst of our sins. His Word, given to us in the Bible contains the best thoughts anywhere.

Don’t trust your thoughts and ways. Trust your Lord and Savior’s thoughts and ways. Why? As he says, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for revealing in the Bible your loving thoughts and forgiving ways. Help me always to place your thoughts and ways far above my own. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (October 13-19)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Franks Family
- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Altar Care: Dorothy Walker
- Greeter: Dorothy Walker
- Sunday School Refreshments: Chen Family
- Ushers: David Chen and Mike Telander

Events

- **Wednesday, October 15**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study - God Grows His Church (Acts)
- **Saturday, October 18**
9:00 am—2015 Ministry Brainstorming
10:00 am—Ladies’ Bible & Brunch
- **Sunday, October 19**
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation Class
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

Mission Prayer: St. John's, Antigua

Gracious Lord, thank you for the 600 souls that gather at St. John's Lutheran Church on the Caribbean island of Antigua and for the 225 children that attend their school.



May your Spirit guide the members of this church, in thanks to Jesus, to raise

up workers from among their own people and to move from synod support to self-support. God, also guide St. John's as they work hard to upgrade their facility to attract

students and reach them and their families with your Word. Amen.

Fall Women's Retreat

The women of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Strongsville, OH, invite all women to join them for a retreat at Furnace Run Metro Park, on Saturday, November 8, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The retreat theme is

"Building Healthy Relationships." The cost is only \$20. For more information, see the poster in the fellowship hall or contact Pastor Wagner or Jenn Grieser (330-687-3711, jenngrieser@yahoo.com).

Midweek Bible Study

The Christian Church in the years after Jesus' ascension was like the Church today in many ways—a persecuted people striving to carry out a life-changing mission. Join us, as we look

at how God worked for and through those Christians in *God Grows His Church*, a study of the book of Acts, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.

2015 Ministry Brainstorming

What direction should our ministry take in 2015? What are your ideas? What opportunities do we have? Join us this Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 am-noon, for an all-member

brainstorming session, in which we'll gather your ideas for every area of our ministry. Then, come on October 25, from 10:00 am-noon, to compile those ideas into ministry plans for 2015.



Lamb of God
Lutheran Church

**Celebrating
45 Years
of God's Grace**

45th Anniversary Celebration

We invite you to join us, as we celebrate 45 years of God's unending grace on Sunday, October 26, with a 10:30 am worship service followed by a luncheon. Photos, memories, and Lamb of God trivia will be part of this special day of thanksgiving and praise to God. Sign up for the meal in the fellowship hall, or by calling 614-471-5164, visiting tinyurl.com/LambofGod45, or emailing LambofGodColumbus@gmail.com.

WELS Columbus Reformation Service

Celebrate the Lutheran Reformation with brothers and sisters in Christ next Sunday, November 2, at 4:00 pm, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 322 E Stewart Ave, Columbus. A meal will follow the service.

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 (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Dick and Jocelyn Ritter, as Dick faces continually declining health
- Kay Slaughter, mother of Beautiful Savior's Vicar Daniel Slaughter, who was recently found to have a large ovarian cyst, a lump in her breast, and several blood clots.

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 (10/5):	
Worship:	49
Sunday School (w/teachers):	12
Sunday Bible Study:	20
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1521.43
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1912.84
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$13.00