

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

November 16, 2014

## How Much Would You Pay?

**This is what the LORD says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.” (Isaiah 52:3)**

If you could have all the wealth of another nation, how much would you pay to make that happen? Would you spend millions to make billions?

Israel and Judah, God’s chosen people, were overrun by foreign nations. Those enemy nations took full control of the money, wealth and people of Israel and Judah. How much did it cost those enemy nations? Nothing.

But, it was not so much that God sold them, but that the people of Israel and Judah sold themselves. They chose to worship other gods. They chose repeatedly to follow ways directly forbidden by God. They sold themselves with their greed, their selfishness, their lust, their murder, their lack of love, their idolatry... They bought into all the wickedness that their sinful nature and the world

around them were selling. They forsook the LORD. They sold themselves to sin, for nothing.

Have you sold yourself to sin? Have you bought into what the world and your sinful nature are selling? Is your history checkered like Israel and Judah’s – with greed, selfishness, lust, murder, lacking in love?

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised to do something remarkable. He would buy back his people – WITHOUT MONEY! In a letter to 1st century Christians, Jesus’ disciple, Peter, wrote: “For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:18-19). Jesus did not buy into sin. He never sinned. Jesus was “without blemish or defect.” Through his perfect life and his precious



blood, God redeemed you. God bought you back and forgave you.

Without a payment of money, God brought Judah out of the captivity they had sold themselves into. How much did God pay to rescue you? Without money, God bought you. Through Jesus’ blood, God redeemed you.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive me for the many times I’ve listened to temptation and sold myself into sin. Thank you for redeeming me through Jesus. Thank you for the priceless payment he made – one I could never afford or make. In thanks for your mercy and love, keep me from evil and sin. Amen.*

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

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (November 17-23)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Chen and Fiecko Families
- Bulletins: Dorothy Walker
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers: Dave Szczublewski and Einar Groething

### Events

- **Tuesday, November 18**  
7:00 pm—Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, November 19**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study - God Grows His Church (Acts)
- **Sunday, November 23**  
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation  
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion  
12:00 pm—Thanksgiving Luncheon

## Mission Prayer: Evangelism

Precious Savior, as you so earnestly sought out each one of us so that you might share your forgiveness for our rescue, so you have also placed into each of our own hearts a similar passion to share your forgiveness with others. To that end Lord, we humbly ask your rich blessing upon the new online



evangelism certification program being offered through WELS Commission on Evangelism and Martin Luther College. Grant your wisdom to the teachers and bestow diligence and eagerness to participating congregational leaders so that the joy of your kingdom may come to many more hearts. Amen.

## Christmas in a Box

Think about what would make a child smile on Christmas morning. Through the Alpha Center, we are beginning a toy drive to fill boxes full of gifts that will brighten Christmas for 200

children or more. Fill a box on your own, or donate items to be added to gift boxes. See the box and display in the entryway for details.

## Give Thanks Unto the Lord, for He is Good

**A Thanksgiving Luncheon** will be held after worship next Sunday, November 23. All are welcome! Sign up today to attend or bring something for the meal.

**A Service of Word and Song for Thanksgiving** will be held Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 pm. Plan to join us as we thank God together for all of his blessings.

## Christmas for Kids

Children ages 3-10 are invited to Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 6, from 9:30-12:00. Plan to attend and bring friends and neighbors to hear the good news of

Christmas. We are seeking donations of food items for lunch and volunteers to assist with crafts, lunch, and other activities on December 6. See the display in the entryway for details.

## Note of Thanks

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank all of you for your prayers, words of comfort and encouragement, and the flower arrangement you gave in honor of my grandfather, who

entered eternal life on November 2. With you, we look forward to standing with him before our Savior's glorious throne!  
*Pastor and Elisabeth Wagner & family*

## Holiday Worship Times

We have so many reasons to celebrate this holiday season! Join us for worship...

- **Thanksgiving Eve** – Wednesday, November 26 – 7:00 pm
- **WELS Columbus Advent Service** – Wednesday, December 10 – 7:00 pm, at Shepherd of Peace, Powell
- **Christmas Eve** – Wednesday, December 24 – 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day** – Thursday, December 25 – 9:00 am

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike)
- Dick and Jocelyn Ritter, as Dick continues to receive hospice care
- 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](http://LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers)*

## Give Thanks to the Lord!

<b>Attendance (9/9):</b>	
Worship:	44
Sunday School (w/teachers):	7
Sunday Bible Study:	19
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund:	\$1954.00
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1941.10
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$16.00
Building Fund:	\$225.00