

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

November 23, 2014

Come and Celebrate

“Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” (Revelation 19:9)

This Thanksgiving week, we pause from our regular schedules and daily routines to reflect on the many things we’re thankful for. But for some—perhaps you—giving thanks might not be high on your “to-do” list this year. It may be that you simply don’t feel that there are all that many reasons to give thanks. A lost job. Dwindling savings. Poor health. Any one of these circumstances, or a combination of them, may lead you to the conclusion that you can’t be happy when you have so little to be thankful for.

But here’s some good news to lift your spirit: there’s a huge party being planned in heaven, and you’re invited. This party is being thrown in honor of the Lamb, Jesus

Christ. Why? Because Jesus Christ has overcome our sin and all the evil in this world as well as its source, the devil. God has extended an invitation to all people to come and celebrate!

No, being invited to this party won’t necessarily mean your career will pick up again, your savings will plump up, or your health will suddenly be restored. But being invited to this party reminds us that the struggles of this life are temporary while the blessings of the wedding supper are eternal. We can start to identify with the Apostle Paul who wrote, “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18). Paul



was elated to know that he was going to the heavenly wedding party.

God wants more guests there, too. He wants you there. He wants you to share in the joy that is yours in Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com



A Simple Way to Share the Word

After you are done with your copy of *Forward in Christ* or *Meditations*, share it with a friend, leave it in a waiting room, or bring it back to church to give to the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center.

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This Week at Lamb of God (November 24-30)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Flunker and Wagner Families
- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanists:
 - Wed—Rhea Franks
 - Sun—Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers:
 - Wed—Dave Szczublewski
 - Sun—Dave Szczublewski & Einar Groething
- Bible Study Refreshments: Sigrist Family

Events

- **Wednesday, November 26**
7:00 pm—Thanksgiving Worship
- **Sunday, November 30**
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

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

Mission Prayer: Kids Connection

Great God and Lord, we thank you for the 20 years of grace you have lovingly bestowed on us through the *Kids Connection* video series. Month after month, year after year, tens of thousands of your precious lambs across our synod have rejoiced together to drink in your



gospel promises and learn of their fellowship with one another. We thank you for the many hours of faithful service given by all who have devoted their time and resources toward this production—a production of thanks to you! By your grace, continue to bless this ministry for our good and to your glory. 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.

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.

WELS Columbus Advent Service

The Advent names of Jesus bring perfect comfort, hope, and joy to sinners living in a sin-filled world. Come, ponder the name that is above every name in our WELS Columbus Advent Service, Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00pm at Shepherd

of Peace Lutheran Church, 520 Village Park Dr, Powell. The service will feature the choirs from all four congregations. Refreshments will be served after the service. Contact Pastor Wagner if you need help finding a ride.

Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Let's celebrate our Savior's coming as we look forward to his coming again. Join us for worship...

- **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

Thanksgiving Worship

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

Deck the Halls

- Stay after worship on December 14 to help decorate our church for Christmas. Bring a snack or drink to share, if you wish.
- To donate poinsettias to beautify our church for the season, sign up in the entryway by December 7. The cost is \$8.00 each.

Congregational Meeting

Members, please plan to attend a congregational meeting after worship on December 7. Our 2015 ministry plans and budget will be presented.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike)

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 (11/16):	
Worship:	42
Sunday School (w/teachers):	11
Sunday Bible Study:	17
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1062.34
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1922.00
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$15.00