

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

November 30, 2014

You're Ready for Jesus

Jesus told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near." (Luke 21:29-31)

Well, it's getting to be that crazy time of the year again, isn't it? No, our trees aren't sprouting leaves and getting ready for summer; our trees have "sprouted" lights and are glistening with ornaments. Are you ready?

I guess we could ask, "Does it matter if you're ready?" Finally, I suppose the answer would be, "No, it doesn't matter if I'm ready for Christmas, because Christmas is coming whether I'm ready or not."

And so it is with Jesus' return to this world. He's coming back, whether I'm

ready or not.

BUT it's vital that I be ready, for when Jesus returns, he'll be sending people to where they will spend eternity, either in heaven or in hell. Wow! Sounds like this is something for which I need to be ready!

And thank God, you are ready. Why so? Because you know that Jesus came the first time. You know that Jesus came as a baby, wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger. THE King came near to us, entering our world, in order to win salvation for us. He became a real human so that he could win a real salvation for real humans like you and me. And because God has convinced you that it's true, you can rest assured; you're ready for Jesus' second coming!

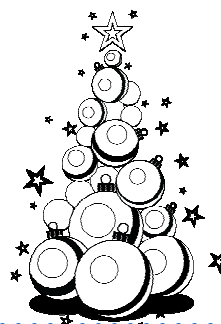
So as you look at those



trees, twinkling with lights and glistening with ornaments, lift up your heads! Know that the King came to us once, and know that his eternal kingdom is near! And know that through Jesus ... you're ready!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, lift my eyes to the skies, that I might eagerly await your second coming. Use my celebration of your first coming to bring me excitement and confidence about your return. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com



Christmas for Kids Next Saturday

Christmas for Kids is next Saturday, December 6, from 9:15 – noon. Postcards are available by the mailboxes to invite friends and neighbors. Register today on our website! And pray that God would use this event to touch many with the good news of our Savior's birth!

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This Week at Lamb of God (December 1-7)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Alexandra Wintrich
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Ushers: Steve Flunker and Scott Franks
- Bible Study Refreshments: Szczublewski Family

Events

- **Wednesday, December 3**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Saturday, December 6**
9:15 am—Christmas for Kids
- **Sunday, December 7**
8:00 am—Confirmation Class
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
12:00 pm—Congregational Meeting

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: Christian Aid and Relief

Gracious King of all, in thankfulness for all that you have done for us, fill our hearts with an eager desire to reflect your love to others, especially those suffering from disasters and medical and financial challenges. Use us as your instrument



to serve the needs of others and bless the ministry of WELS Christian Aid and Relief. We pray that the humanitarian aid offered will help our missionaries build bridges to proclaim the gospel with the people of their communities. Amen.

Christmas in a Box

Think about what would make a child smile on Christmas morning. Through the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling 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 by December 7. See the box and display in the entryway for details.

Deck the Halls

To **donate poinsettias** to beautify our church for the season, sign up in the entryway by December 7. The cost is \$8.00 each.

Stay after worship on December 14 to help **decorate our church** for Christmas. Bring a snack or drink to share, if you wish.

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

Congregational Meeting

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

Food for the Needy

As the weather gets colder, requests for help increase. Bring non-perishable food items anytime to stock our shelves to help those in need.

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 Center.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike)
- Dick Ritter, whose health continues to decline
- Christmas for Kids

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 (11/23):

Worship:	53
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13
Sunday Bible Study:	24

Offerings (11/26):

General Fund:	\$2293.94
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1929.91
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$15.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00