

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

December 14, 2014

## Finding Peace

**Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all, the Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)**

This is the season when people try especially hard to be happy. We have parties, gather with the people we love, eat the food we like, and give and receive gifts. It is called the “the spirit of Christmas.” But does our rejoicing end with the season?

This is also a time when we hear a lot about peace on earth. But our world doesn’t seem very peaceful, does it?

In our reading for today, the Apostle Paul actually encourages us not just to

rejoice but to rejoice always. Crime in the streets ... rejoice?

Young people dying in foreign wars ... rejoice? No job ... rejoice? Yes, what we have in Jesus lifts us above all that. All of these things are problems in this sinful world. Jesus lived and died to take us out of this sinful world to be with him in a perfect world forever. But can we rejoice and find peace while we are still here? Again yes, because “the Lord is near.” We don’t have to scratch and claw our way through life grabbing things as if this is all there is. Jesus is with us, and through him we are blessed with God’s favor and the joy of life with God now and forever.

We don’t have to be anxious about anything, either. We know who is in charge of all things, and he has invited us to present our requests to him. We can



take our worries and problems to our God in prayer and leave them with him, knowing that he will always answer according to his great love and his eternal will for us. Then, as Paul explains, “The peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Our joy and peace are not restricted to the Christmas season. Because of what happened on Christmas, we have peace and can rejoice every day.

*Prayer: Lord God, help us to rejoice every day in the gift of your Son Jesus and give us your peace both now and in eternity. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (December 15-21)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wenzinger Family
- Bulletins: Priscilla Ehrick
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Bible Study Refreshments: Rader Family
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Brian Burrows

### Events

- **Wednesday, December 17**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study - God Grows His Church (Book of Acts)
- **Sunday, December 21**  
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation Class  
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship with Sunday School Advent/Christmas Presentation

## Mission Prayer: Martin Luther College

Lord of the harvest, we praise you for your gifts to your Church, the young men and women who are graduating from Martin Luther College this Thursday. Use them to advance your



kingdom. Instill in them humility and Christian virtue, that they further your message whatever they do, or wherever they go. Anoint them with a rich measure of your Spirit. Amen.

## Christmas Concerts Online

Hear the Christmas message in song in these online concerts:

- **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary:** Today at 4:00 pm (www.wels.net/streams)
- **Luther Preparatory School:** Today at 4:00 pm and December 18 at 11:00 am (lps.wels.net/page/lps-livestream)

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

## Christmas Worship Opportunities

Join us at the manger, as we celebrate our Savior's birth:

- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Wednesday, December 24 – 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day Festival Service**  
Thursday, December 25 – 9:00 am

**Postcards are now available in the entryway for inviting friends and family to our Christmas services.**



## Offering Envelopes

With your 2015 offering envelopes, you will find a letter and offering planning worksheet from the church council. The worksheet is for your

planning and does not need to be returned. Contact Pastor Wagner or a church council member with any questions.

## 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.



## Ink/Toner Cartridges Needed

Our supply of used ink and toner cartridges has run out. Bring in your cartridges, so that we can recycle them

to earn \$2 each toward supplies at Office Max and Staples. Find the bin in the fellowship hall with a green cover.

## Meeting Report

Those who were not able to attend last week's congregational meeting can find a copy of the material presented beneath the mailboxes. Contact a council member with any questions.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike)
- Vicar Daniel Slaughter, whose mother continues to battle cancer
- Dick Ritter, whose health continues to decline

*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:</b>	
Worship (12/7):	42
Sunday School (w/teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	16
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund (12/7):	\$2608.12
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1942.30
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52