

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

December 28, 2014

Does God Want Me?

“Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:20-22)

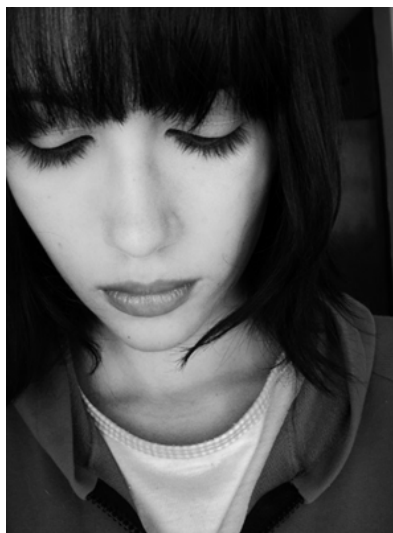
Who says that God doesn't want you? Who says that God turns his back on those who have run away and made themselves filthy with all kinds of selfish, greedy, ugly sins? Who has known the mind of God – except that which he has revealed to us?

With today's Scripture reading, God allows

everyone to peer into his mind and his heart. God wants “all you ends of the earth” to turn to him in humble repentance and be saved. This means that no matter how wicked or terrible your past, no matter who you have hurt or how badly you have hurt them – God forgives.

How do I know this? How can this be real? Less than a week ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus. The angel very clearly instructed Joseph to give him the name “Jesus – because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). This baby was born to be your Savior – to rescue you and pay your entire debt of sin. He did that on the cross of Calvary and rose victoriously to show that it was all accomplished.

No other god has such a plan. No idol of wood or stone can relieve guilt, shame, remorse. No amount of money or luxuries of life can cover up sin. Such a gift comes only



from the one true gracious and loving triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Take these words of encouragement from God. Gather together in church. Assemble with like-minded Christians each week. Hear the gracious, loving words of your God and rejoice!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for being gracious and merciful to me. Forgive my sins for Jesus' sake and guide me each day to worship and praise you in all I do. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

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This Week at Lamb of God (December 29-January 4)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: McGory Family
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers: David Chen and Bryan Fiecko
- Bible Study Refreshments: Sigrist Family

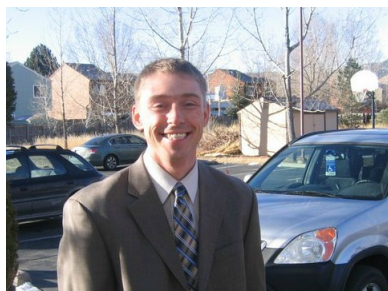
Events

- *Wednesday, December 31*
7:00 pm—New Year's Eve Worship at Shepherd of Peace (Powell), St. Paul's (Columbus), and Beautiful Savior (Grove City)
- *Sunday, January 4*
8:00 am—Youth Confirmation
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
12:00 pm—Sunday School Teachers 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: Peace, Boulder, Colorado

We lift our eyes to the mountains. Where does our help come from? From you, O Lord. You do not let us slip or waver. You are the Creator of mountains, hills and the Flatirons. Bless Peace Lutheran Church, a mission congregation that is your feeding



center for souls in Boulder, CO. Give the pastor and members courage to stay faithful to you. Stabilize and comfort them in your grace and mercy. Use them to reach those who are hurting and need your help. According to your will we ask it, Amen.

New Year's Eve Worship

We will not have worship at Lamb of God for New Year's Eve. You are invited to worship at any of our sister congregations (Shepherd of Peace,

Powell; St. Paul's, Columbus; Beautiful Savior, Grove City) at 7:00 pm on New Year's Eve.

Birthdays, Anniversary, & Contact Info

We distribute a calendar every month that includes the birthdays and wedding anniversaries you have asked us to share. If you haven't seen yours listed (or aren't sure if it is) and would like it shared, please email LambofGodColumbus@gmail.com.

If any of your contact information (mailing or email address, phone numbers) has changed in the past year, please give the updated information to Pastor Wagner by January 4, so that we can publish an updated membership directory. Thank you.

Christmas Poinsettias & Decorations

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for our celebration of our Savior's birth. Those who wish may take their plants home next Sunday.

We also need volunteers to help take down the Christmas tree and decorations after worship next Sunday, January 4.

Note of Thanks

Dear Members of Lamb of God,

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to our family this Christmas. We are so blessed to be serving and worshipping our Lord with you here in Columbus. May God bless each and every one of you in 2015, as we continue to serve him and make him known together.

In Christ,

Pastor Tim and Elisabeth Wagner, Micaiah, Sarah, Anna, and Silas

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Wagner and his family are on vacation through Thursday, January 1. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Kuehl at 614-373-0025.

Communion Setup

We are in need of volunteers to prepare the bread and wine for communion Sundays. Sign up in the fellowship hall, or contact Pastor Wagner 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

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance (12/21)	
Worship:	63
Sunday School (w/ teachers):	14
Sunday Bible Study:	20
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$2047.35
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1930.02
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00