

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

February 16, 2014

Love That is Real

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

At this very moment, do you feel loved by God? Do you feel close to him? Do you feel as if his arms are embracing you, carrying you through this day or this night? Do you feel safe, secure, protected? Do you feel as if God is focusing every fiber of his attention on you?

Perhaps you do. But chances are good that you don't. After all, think about everything going on in your life that can keep that feeling away from you. Perhaps it's the uncertain economy or trouble at work. Perhaps it's heartache at home, your finances, your health, or a relationship that's gone sour. Perhaps it's the death of someone close. Perhaps at this point in your life you

simply find yourself in a place where you feel empty, isolated, misunderstood, forgotten. But you definitely do not feel loved by God.

But you know what? That's okay. Think about it: Would you really want to live in a world where God's love was there for you only when you really felt it? You see, God's love for you in Jesus Christ is far more dependable, far more certain, far more real than any temporary emotion. In this broken-down world, bad things are going to happen, and those bad things are going to rough up our emotions once in a while. And when that happens, we are not going to feel very loved.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this," the Apostle Paul says. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." And so there it



is. It's okay if our frail emotions don't always feel God's love. We don't have to depend on our feelings to know God's love is real. Instead, we can place our certainty on the One who sent his Son to wash us clean of our every sin.

Prayer: Holy Father, your love for me in Jesus Christ is real. Forgive me when I've trusted my emotions instead of trusting you. In my difficult moments, empower me to rest in you alone. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

Journey to the Cross

This Lent, we follow Jesus "From Garden to Glory." Join us Wednesdays, beginning March 5, at 7:00 pm, for our Midweek Lenten worship services. A light supper will be served each Wednesday before worship at 6:15 pm. Sign up in the fellowship hall to attend or provide a portion of the meal.



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This Week at Lamb of God (February 17-23)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Hensler Family
- Bulletin Assembly: Fran Woodruff
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Greeter: Heather Cameron

Events

- *Wednesday, February 19*
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting
- *Thursday, February 20*
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- *Sunday, February 23*
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion
12:00pm—Evangelism Committee Meeting
12:00pm—Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Mission Prayer: Colombia

Lord of the church, in spite of attempts by Satan to disrupt the unity of the church in Columbia, the congregations continue to prosper. The spiritual needs of the congregations are being met, training of members for ministry



is being accomplished, and the congregations are active in evangelism. Continue to bless the evangelism efforts in Columbia that many more souls might be added to the kingdom of God. Amen.

NEW Keys to Christianity Class



Lamb of God invites all who want to know more about the Christian faith to a **no-obligation**

bible study that covers four key concepts of the Christian faith: sin, grace, faith, and works. *Keys to Christianity* is designed for those who are new to the Christian faith, but it is also a great refresher for long-time Christians. Why not join us and bring

a friend with you? Our next *Keys to Christianity* classes will be:

- Tuesdays, February 25-March 18, 7:00-8:15 pm (4 sessions), OR
- Saturdays, March 1 & March 8, 9:30 am-noon (2 sessions)

Childcare may be available *upon request*. Register in the fellowship hall or online at www.tinyurl.com/LOG-Bible101, or contact Pastor Wagner with questions or to arrange a different time that fits your schedule.

“Come, Follow Me” Bible Study

Peter left behind everything to follow Jesus. It was not an easy journey, as he learned what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus. In a new Bible study, we will join Peter on his journey from despair to a new life of courage as



Jesus reveals how his victory at the cross and grave affects our daily life and brings power to carry out his purpose for our lives. Join us Sundays at 9:15 am, starting February 23, for *Come, Follow Me*.

Expressing our Unity

Mission work, public worship, holy communion, prayer, Christian charity work...which of these are expressions of faith that require a unity of

confession? Join us, as we examine that question this Thursday at 7:15 pm in our study of *Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth*.

Help the Hungry

Bring non-perishable food items to help the needy through the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. If you wish to donate funds instead of food, put your donation in

an envelope, payable to Mid-Ohio Foodbank. All food and money donations will be matched by the Thrivent Community Board.

Pastoral Visits

Pastor Wagner would like to visit all of our members in their homes in 2014. Each visit should include all confirmed members of the family and will last about one hour. Please sign up for a time in the fellowship hall.

Congregational Meeting

Members, plan to join us after worship on March 2 for our quarterly congregational meeting. Ministry & renovation updates will be discussed, and your input is very important.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Dick, Monty, Jeri)
- Katie Chen, Elisabeth Wagner, and Destinee Fiecko, who are all expecting babies in 2014.

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 (February 9):

Worship:	55
Sunday Bible Study:	14
Sunday School (w/teachers):	14
Thursday Bible Study (2/6):	6

Offerings:

General Fund :	\$3138.15
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1950.58
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$16.75
Building Fund:	\$225.00