

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

February 23, 2014

Be Holy

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.’” (Leviticus 19:1-2)

Have you ever achieved perfection? Perhaps it’s making the perfect sales pitch. Perhaps it’s baking the perfect pie. Perhaps it’s achieving the perfect grade. When you reach that goal, you get excited. You rejoice. You let others know that perfection has been reached. But how long did it take you to achieve that perfection? How many mistakes did you make on the way?

The Lord tells his people to be holy. In other words, be perfect. But he doesn’t say work your way to perfection. He says you are to be holy, right now, at

this very moment, and then to keep being holy.

Of course, you aren’t perfect. You make mistakes. You do things that are wrong. And as soon as you make one mistake or sin even in the most insignificant way, you are no longer perfect. You are unable to be holy even though God demands that you be holy.

So the Lord sent Jesus. Jesus was holy. He didn’t make any mistakes. He never sinned. He never did anything contrary to what God commands. Jesus lived a perfect life in his thoughts, his words, and in everything thing he did.

Now Jesus gives that perfection to you. Even though you are not holy, Jesus makes you holy by giving you his perfect obedience to God’s laws



and washing away your sins with his innocent blood. Through Jesus you are able to be what you cannot achieve on your own. You are holy.

Prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I confess that by nature I am not holy as you desire. Cleanse me of my sins with the blood of Jesus. Lead me to always thank and praise you for the holiness that you have given me through Jesus. Keep me faithful to him. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

Mission Prayer: Home Missions



O God, you called us out of darkness and forgave our sins through the death of your Son. Now please guide us as we fulfill your commission to go into all the world to preach the gospel to all creation.

Especially let your hand of blessing be on the new missions we start this year, that all nations may come to know the peace that is found only in your gospel. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (February 24-March 2)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wintrich Family
- Bulletin Assembly: Bev Oldham
- Acolyte: Jalynn Johnson
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Refreshments: Fiecko Family

Events

- **Tuesday, February 25**
7:00 pm—Keys to Christianity Class
- **Thursday, February 27**
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Saturday, March 1**
9:30 am—Keys to Christianity Class
- **Sunday, March 2**
9:15 am—Sunday School & 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).

“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**.

Back to the Basics

How much do you remember from your confirmation class? **Keys to**



Christianity is a four-lesson bible study that covers the simple, beautiful

teachings that form the foundation of our faith. It’s a great introduction for any who might be curious about what we believe and teach. Make plans to invite a friend to join you for *Keys to*

Christianity. Our next 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.

Join us for the Journey to the Cross

This Lent, we follow Jesus “*From Garden to Glory*.” Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning March 5, for our Midweek Lenten 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. Our worship on

Ash Wednesday (March 5) will also include the Lord’s Supper, and Pastor Wagner will share a message from Luke 22:39-44 on the “Garden of Passion.”



Expressing our Unity

With the writer of Psalm 133, we rejoice when God blesses his church with true unity. Our goal is always to both preserve and extend that unity. We will study the way God wants us

to do that in the next lesson of our study of **Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth** this Thursday at 7:15 pm.

Serving for You and With You

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.

We “Can” Do It

Help the needy with your donation of non-perishable food items (to be matched by the Thrivent Community Board). We’ve given each Sunday in March a unique theme. On March 2, “**Please don’t eat your vegetables!**” Bring one or more cans of vegetables.

Congregational Meeting Postponed

The Congregational Meeting announced for March 2 has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for late March or early April.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Dick, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Katie Chen, Elisabeth Wagner, and Destinee Fiecko)

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 16):

Worship:	66
Sunday Bible Study:	20
Sunday School (w/teachers):	19
Thursday Bible Study (2/13):	7

Offerings:

General Fund :	\$2267.10
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1965.80
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$13.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00