

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

February 8, 2015

## Unexpected!

I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted...Above him were seraphs...they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ... The temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined!" ... Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand...With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-8)

Red lights are fine. Blue lights are nice. But when they are together and flashing in your rearview mirror, your heart races and your mind reacts, "Woe is me! I am ruined! Speeding ticket...points on my record... increase in insurance..." When face to

face with one who could punish, fear takes over.

Isaiah's reaction was no different when confronted, not with a speeding ticket, but a vision of the Lord, seated on his throne. Three times the word "Holy" resonates in the vision. Smoke filled the room. Isaiah's first reaction when faced with the power and holiness of the Almighty God was the exclamation, "Woe to me! I am ruined!"

While we haven't been confronted with a personal vision of the Almighty, one day we too will "meet our Maker." Fear takes over. He is holy. We are not. He can punish. We are at his mercy.

What do you think Isaiah felt as the burning coal was brought to his lips? Was it punishment? His ruin? He soon experienced the unexpected. With the coal the Lord purified Isaiah. He did not punish him as his sins deserved. Isaiah was told, "Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

This is the great reality of the LORD Almighty. He has



every right to punish us for our sin, but his love brings not the coal of judgment, but the coal of purification. Because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, he assures us "your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." What relief! What joy! Like the joy and relief if the officer unexpectedly came to your car window and said, "While I clocked you fifteen miles per hour over the speed limit, I will pay your fine. Your record is clear."

No wonder Isaiah then answered the Lord's call, "Here am I. Send me!" May our response to God's unexpected grace be the same! "Send me! I will live for you!"

*Prayer: Lord God Almighty, purify my heart and life with your grace and mercy. Use me today to spread your glory and grace to others I know. Amen.*

Devotion from

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (February 9-15)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Cameron Family
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers: Dave Szczublewski & Charlie Genteline
- Bible Study Refreshments: Sigrist Family

### Events

- *Tuesday, February 10*  
7:00 pm—Growing in Grace & Knowledge
- *Wednesday, February 11*  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study (Acts)
- *Thursday, February 12*  
9:30 am—Pastors Circuit Mtg  
7:00 pm—Keys to Christianity
- *Friday, February 13*  
6:30 pm—Church Council/  
Choir Chili Cook-Off
- *Sunday, February 15*  
9:15 am—Sunday School &  
Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship  
12:00 pm—Valentine's Lunch

## Mission Prayer: Northwestern Publishing House

Holy Spirit, you have given us the Holy Scriptures to make us wise for salvation. We humbly ask that you continue to direct and equip the writers, editors, and staff of Northwestern Publishing



House. Guide them in publishing quality materials that will help many teach and apply the truths of Scriptures to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

## Valentine's Day Luncheon

The men of the congregation will be serving up lunch after worship next Sunday, February 15. Join us for some

Christian food and fellowship. Men are asked to contact Dave Szczublewski for details about how to get involved.

## 15 Days of Prayer for China

China Partners, a ministry of WELS Christians, invites you to use the 15 days of the Chinese new year celebration (February 19-March 5) to pray for the more than 1.4 billion

souls in China, less than 10% of whom are Christian. To receive prayer suggestions for each of the 15 days, email [ChinaPartners@sharegrace.net](mailto:ChinaPartners@sharegrace.net)

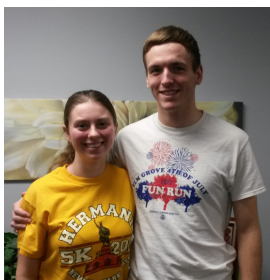
## Lenten Worship Begins February 18

Join us Wednesdays, February 18-March 25, at 7:00 pm, for *I Tell You the Truth*, a midweek worship series for Lent. A Lenten supper will be served each week at 6:15. Sign up in

the fellowship hall to attend or provide a portion of a meal. Our worship on Ash Wednesday (February 18) will also include Holy Communion.

## Meet Kris Kuschel

Ashley Weihert and Kris Kuschel will spend this summer at Lamb of God, helping us with our summer outreach.



"I am looking forward to working with your congregation this summer. I spent last summer on an SMA (Summer Ministry Assistance) trip in Alaska with Ashley and two other MLC students. I really enjoyed last

summer and am looking forward to spending my summer in Columbus!

I am a Junior at Martin Luther College with a double major in Elementary Education and Staff Ministry. I am from Mukwonago, WI. I attended Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. I have a younger brother, Karl, who is a freshman at MLC. I enjoy watching baseball, basketball, tennis, and especially football. I enjoy playing sports and other outdoor games/activities. I am also a member of the MLC tennis team."

## Food Drive

Our Sunday School is sponsoring a food drive "competition." Bring non-perishable food items, and place them in the box for the Sunday School class (es) you choose by next Sunday, February 15.

After that, you may continue to bring in donations to stock our food shelf to help those in need.

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

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike, Jeri
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Expecting a child this spring: Mike & Beth Telander

*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 (2/1)</b>	
Worship:	43
Sunday School (w/teachers):	11
Sunday Bible Study:	16
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund:	\$1958.06
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1686.83
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$9.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00