

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

February 9, 2014

Choices

“If serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”
(Joshua 24:15)

Life is full of choices, isn't it? What to eat? What to wear? Where to go? What to do? Everywhere we turn, we're faced with choices. Sometimes the choices are clear. Other times, not so much. Sometimes, we're choosing between two good things. Other times, it seems like we're choosing between the lesser of two evils.

Today, we're presented with another choice. It isn't a choice of whether or not to believe in God. If that were the choice, we would never choose to believe!

No, only God can choose us. God uses his Word to choose us and call us to faith in him. The choice is not whether to believe in God; the choice is this: whom are we going to serve?

When we don't like to make choices, we try to delay them until the last possible moment, or perhaps, try not to choose at all. It seems easier, instead of choosing, to try to stay right in the middle and be neutral. However, when it comes to choosing between serving God and serving things or people that are opposed to God, there's no middle ground. We can't be neutral. We're either on God's side or we're not.

So whom are you going to serve: The world or the LORD? The world promises pleasure and happiness, but so often disappoints and never truly satisfies. The LORD never disappoints and always satisfies. The world doesn't care if you get hurt along the way. The LORD



cared so much, he sent his Son, Jesus, to die in your place. The world can only offer temporary gifts. The LORD's gifts last into eternity.

Every day, God places this choice before us. The choice is yours. Whom are you going to serve? “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Prayer: LORD God, you give me the opportunity to serve you as a way to say “thank you” for all you’ve done. Help me every day to choose to serve you with all of my heart and mind. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (February 10-16)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Flunker & Wagner Families
- Bulletin Assembly: Jocelyn Ritter
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Acolyte: Jalynn Johnson
- Greeter: Heather Cameron
- Refreshments: Burrows Family

Events

- **Thursday, February 13**
9:30am—Pastors' Circuit Meeting
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- **Saturday, February 15**
10:00am—Ladies' Bible and Brunch
- **Sunday, February 16**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
12:00pm—Friendship Sunday Lunch

Mission Prayer: St. George, Utah, Mission

Gracious Savior, we approach your throne of grace on behalf of your faithful people in St. George, Utah. Bless the outreach efforts that are being conducted there. Open the



doors and the hearts of many to the glorious gospel message of Jesus Christ. Continue to bless the efforts of Pastor Michael Quandt as he labors in the harvest field in Utah. Amen.

Be Like Andrew

The day Jesus called Andrew, he went to his brother Peter and brought him to Jesus. Andrew didn't know all of the answers or have a carefully crafted speech; he simply told him, "We have found the Messiah." And then he

brought him to Jesus. This Valentine's Day weekend, bring your unchurched friends to Jesus; invite them to come to Sunday School, worship, and lunch with you next Sunday, February 16.

Learn to Follow Jesus

In a time when people waited for a Messiah to bring peace to a troubled world, Jesus called Peter to leave his fishing boat to follow him. Walk along with 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 for a new Bible study, **Come, Follow Me**, Sundays at 9:15 am, beginning February 23.

One Truth or Many Truths?

"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'" Which teaching? Aren't there many teachings in the Bible? Is it okay to disagree on the "little" ones, as long as

we agree on the "big" ones? We'll explore these questions and more this Thursday at 7:15pm in our study of **Church Fellowship: Working Together for the Truth**. Join us!

Help the Hungry

Hunger is a very real problem in our community, and you can help. We are collecting 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 cash donations will be matched by the Thrivent Community Board.

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

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.

Offering Statements

Thank you for your financial support of our shared gospel ministry. Offering statements for 2013 have been distributed. If you have questions, please contact Warren Cox or Dave Szczublewski.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Dick, Monty, Jeri)
- Dorothy Walker and Priscilla Ehrick, who are recovering from health problems for which they were recent hospitalized.

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 2):

Worship:	49
Sunday Bible Study:	16
Sunday School (w/teachers):	9
Thursday Bible Study (1/9):	6

Offerings:

General Fund :	\$1130.84
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1671.07
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$12.75