

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

March 15, 2015

Wash Your Hands

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:8)

One hospital has a special unit for premature babies. Before you enter this unit there is a washing station. Above the washing station there is a sign for everyone to see. The sign simply says this: "If you could see the germs, you'd wash your hands."

That sign says a great deal in just a few words. It declares that if you and I could only see the masses of dangerous germs crawling over our hands, we'd recognize what deadly business these germs can be and we'd do what's necessary to wash them away.

Sin can be like that. Our noses can get so used to the stench of our sinful habits

that we can't even smell them anymore. Our ears can get so used to the ungodly screech of our sinful thoughts that we can't even hear it anymore.

And our eyes can grow so accustomed to the bacterium of sin crawling over us and through us that we can't even see it anymore.

"Wash your hands, you sinners," James tells us. But how? And with what?

When it comes to your sin and mine, the answer is not some antiseptic that squirts out of a hospital dispenser. When it comes to your sin and mine, the answer is blood, the blood of the Son of God.

Jesus saw our filthy hands, our sinful hands. He knew we were helpless to wash



them clean. And so he did what we needed him to do. He sacrificed himself; he shed his blood to wash away our sins. His blood cleanses us. It makes your life and mine fresh and forgiven, clean and new.

And so let's wash our hands every day. Wash them in the cleansing blood of our Savior, for "the blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us of all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Prayer: Lord Jesus, it is your blood that washes me clean. Move me by your Spirit to come to you every day. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

Midweek Lenten Worship Continues

Join us this Wednesday at 7:00 pm, as our journey to the cross continues with a special midweek Lenten worship service. Also join us for supper Wednesday at 6:15 pm.



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).

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This Week at Lamb of God (March 16-22)

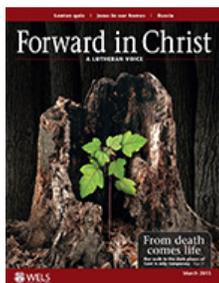
Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wenzingers
- Bulletins: Priscilla Ehrick
- Accompanist: Wed—Destinee Fiecko; Sun—Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers (Sun.): Chuck Sigrist & Einar Groething
- Refreshments: Wagners

Events

- **Monday, March 16**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, March 17**
7:00 pm—Growing in Grace and Knowledge
- **Wednesday, March 18**
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper
7:00 pm—Lenten Worship
- **Thursday, March 19**
7:00 pm—Faith Builders
- **Saturday, March 21**
10:00 am—Bible and Brunch
- **Sunday, March 15**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Mission Prayer: Forward in Christ



Heavenly Father, for more than one hundred years you have blessed our church body and many people outside of it through the

magazine we now call *Forward in Christ*. Help us to find ways to expand its audience in the rapidly changing media landscape. Use your love and direction in the articles to help readers grow in faith and navigate the complexities of life as role models of your grace and truth. Amen.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

All members are encouraged to attend our quarterly congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, March 22. Hear updates and provide input into the ministry that God has given us to

do together.

A key agenda item will be discussing our summer outreach plans with our WELS Kingdom Workers volunteers.

Easter Breakfast & Lilies

Join us for breakfast at 9:15 am on Easter Sunday, April 5. Sign up in the fellowship hall to bring food or drink to share!

You may also sign up in the fellowship hall to donate Easter lilies (\$8.00 each) to beautify our sanctuary to celebrate our Savior's resurrection.

Easter for Kids Update

Visit tinyurl.com/Easter4Kids to register your children/grandchildren, ages 2-10, for our Easter for Kids, which will be Saturday, March 28,

from 9:15-12:00. Also check out the board in the entryway to donate food or supplies for the event. To volunteer to help, see Elisabeth Wagner.

LWMS Spring Mission Day & Offering

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Heartland Circuit Spring Mission Day will be on Saturday, April 18 (NOT on April 25, as previously reported), from 9:00-

3:00, at Light of Life Lutheran Church in Greenwood, IN.

LWMS spring mission offerings should be given to Diane Jensen by March 22.

Seniors Outing

The Shepherd of Peace OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) invite you to join them for lunch today at a restaurant on Sawmill Rd. Those who are interested should see Bev Oldham for details.

Red Cross Donor Days

One way we can give to others is by donating blood. Lamb of God is sponsoring Donor Days at the Red Cross Stoneridge Donor Center March 23-28. Schedule an appointment at 1-800-RED CROSS.

Holy Week Worship

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2** – 7:00 pm...Worship w/ Communion
- **Good Friday, April 3** – 7:00 pm...Service of Darkness
- **Easter Sunday, April 5** – 9:15 am...Easter Breakfast
10:30 am...Festival Worship

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
- Katie Chen's niece, Amber, who is experiencing complications from premature birth

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:	
Worship (3/8):	60
Worship (3/11):	22
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13
Sunday Bible Study:	20
Offerings:	
General Fund (3/4):	\$422.00
General Fund (3/8):	\$2863.06
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1894.30
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00