

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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## The Most Important Communication

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.”... When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (Exodus 24:12,15,16,18)

In an age of text messaging, emails, Facebook, Twitter and the like, we get 10s if not 100s of messages a day. They come to our computer at work, on our phone in the car, or through our iPad at home. So many come in a single day that it may be challenging to determine which ones should we read or to which ones should we respond.

What if God texted you today? Would you take the time to read what he wrote or would his word to you get buried in the list of emails and other messages?

If Moses lived in our generation, I wonder if he would have said to God, “Can’t you just text me what you want me to know instead of climbing up the mountain? Then I can just forward it to all the Israelites.”

God didn’t want his message to just blend in with the other communication of the day. He wanted to take time with Moses to both prepare him to receive the message and clearly communicate the message. For a total of 40 days and nights Moses spent with the Lord on Mt. Sinai. The importance wasn’t just communicated to Moses, but to all Israel as the brilliance of the glory of the LORD settled over Sinai for all to see.

When’s the last time you slowed down from your busy life to take in the all-important words of the LORD? If your iPad and Blackberry devices, your Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts have



your mind filled with a multitude of messages, it’s time to turn them off and sit, maybe not for 40 days, but maybe for 40 minutes with your print-on-paper Bible to read the “law and commands” God has written in it “for our instruction.”

The LORD desires to bless you with his Word. For there and only there we find the most important communication. We have Jesus who forgives our sins and assures us of life in heaven, in the eternal presence of the glory of the LORD!

*Prayer: Lord, lead me today to slow down and enjoy the glorious nature of the Word you have given to me. Let me see your instruction as a blessing to me today and every day of my life. Amen.*

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

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## This Week at Lamb of God (March 3-March 9)

### Serving Our Lord

- Bulletin Assembly: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanists: Rhea Franks (Wed), Destinee Fiecko (Sun)
- Refreshments: Wagner Family

### Events

- *Tuesday, March 4*  
7:00 pm—Keys to Christianity Class
- *Wednesday, March 5*  
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper  
7:00 pm—Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion
- *Thursday, March 6*  
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 pm—Bible Study
- *Saturday, March 8*  
9:30 am—Keys to Christianity Class  
10:00 am—Ladies’ Bible & Brunch
- *Sunday, March 9*  
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion

## Mission Prayer: Worship Conference

Lord, you give us life and breath, our world, and our families. We can hope in an eternal life with you, thanks to your living a perfect life in our place and dying a death that we deserve. How can we respond with anything other than praise and



worship? Please use this summer's Worship Conference to bless how we worship you. Bless the organizers as well as those who attend. Enrich our lives with your Spirit and let your praiseworthy deeds resound in the music we make to you. Amen.

## "Come, Follow Me" Bible Study

What does it mean to follow Jesus? How can we handle the blessings and obstacles that come as we try to follow? Whether you have followed Jesus all your life or have just



become his disciple, these are important questions. We invite you to look for God's answers with us Sundays at 9:15 am in our bible study, *Come, Follow Me.*

## Bible Basics Class

There's still time to join our Keys to Christianity Class Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Wagner or visit

[tinyurl.com/LOG-Bible101](http://tinyurl.com/LOG-Bible101) for information, or just join us on Tuesday evening!

## 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

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 9, "Spread the Love." Bring one or more jars of peanut butter.

## Easter for Kids

Planning is underway for our Easter for Kids, coming April 12. Watch for ways to get involved, and think of children you might invite to come.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Ken, Kitty, Dot, Julie, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Katie, Elisabeth, Destinee)
- Pastor & Elisabeth Wagner, who had an offer accepted this week on a home purchase in Columbus

*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!

### Attendance (February 23):

Worship:	48
Sunday Bible Study:	14
Sunday School (w/teachers):	11
Thursday Bible Study (2/20):	6

### Offerings:

General Fund :	\$1225.60
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1868.28
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$10.00