

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

March 30, 2014

A Gift Worth Opening

It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious. (Isaiah 42:21)

You receive a gift. You open it up. The gift tells you something about the person who gave you the gift. Are they a big spender? Do they have a solid grasp on current fashion? Do they know you well or was the gift something that will land you in a return line in the near future?

As you read this devotion, you get to reflect on God's Word and love for you. Take it a step further. Open up God's gift to you. Open up your Bible. Carve out some time to daily take a look at God's Word.

Perhaps start your day with 10 minutes of Bible reading, and follow that up with 10 minutes of prayer.

Each day as you open up that gift – God's Word, what will you see? What will you learn about your God? Yes, you will discover or know better God's

power and wisdom. But even better, you will know for sure something God emphasized through the prophet Isaiah. You will see that the God who loves you is righteous.

God wants you to know his righteousness. So, God made his Word great and glorious. He did this, not in an attempt to make it a "great read" or best seller (although it is.) He made his Word great and glorious so that you would clearly see and know his righteousness. And some extra good news: the One who is righteous, makes you righteous, too.

Perhaps one of the most important cues you may pick up from a gift you receive is a clear indication of what the giver thinks of you. But many gifts from others often don't accurately reflect what the giver thinks of you. Perhaps they like you, but not as



much as their lavish gift seems to indicate. Or they deeply love you, but are lousy gift givers. In the Bible, you clearly and repeatedly see that God loves you. That's a gift that's worth opening every day!

Prayer: Gracious LORD, thank you for the great and glorious gift of your Word. Give me the time and desire to regularly read and study your Word. When I read your Word, may the Holy Spirit give me understanding, wisdom and increased faith in you. Empower my faith to shine in a life of love for you and others. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

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

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This Week at Lamb of God (March 31–April 6)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanists: Elisabeth Wagner (Wed); Rhea Franks (Sun)
- Church Cleaning: Flunker and Wagner Families
- Refreshments: Flunkers

Events

- **Tuesday, April 1**
7:00pm—Faith Builders Class
- **Wednesday, April 2**
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper
7:00 pm—Midweek Lenten Worship
- **Thursday, April 3**
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturday, April 5**
9:00 am—Easter for Kids
Craft Prep
10:00 am—Ladies' Bible and Brunch
- **Sunday, April 6**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship
12:00pm—Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Mission Prayer: Vietnamese Outreach

Heavenly Father, we seek your continued blessing upon the work of Pastor Daniel Kramer and all who serve and support the proclamation of your gospel among Vietnamese in Idaho and around the world. Preserve and strengthen them in faith, keep them



true to your Word, and raise up faithful leaders and diligent disciples that they and many more from every nation, tribe, people, and language may gather around your heavenly throne with the great multitude that no one can count. Amen.

Bible Basics 102: Faith Builders

Does your faith need a boost? Do you know someone who wants to know more about what we believe and teach? **Faith Builders** is a great introduction for those new to Christianity and a great review for all

Christians. In this Bible Basics class, we will discuss the Bible, the one true God, Jesus Christ, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Our next **Faith Builders** class will be held Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning April 1.

LWMS Spring Mission Offerings & Rally

Today, we are collecting for Lutheran Women's Missionary Society mission offerings, which are sent to designated missions both within the US and globally. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to these important missions. Offerings should be directed

to Jennifer Flunker no later than April 2. Checks can be made payable to LWMS.

The spring LWMS mission day will be Saturday, April 26, here at Lamb of God. Save the date!

It's More than Just Eggs

Children ages 2-10 are invited to join us for music, crafts, lunch, an egg hunt, and the exciting true story of Easter at Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 12! Sign up children to attend at tinyurl.com/Easter4Kids.



Midweek Lenten Suppers & Worship



Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm for our Midweek Lenten services. A light supper is served each Wednesday at

6:15 pm. Sign up in the fellowship hall to attend or provide a portion of the meal. This Wednesday, Vicar Aaron Duve (St. Paul's, Columbus) will share a message from John 19:38-42 on the "Garden of Peace."

Holy Week Worship

- **Maundy Thursday, April 17** – 7:00 pm...Worship w/ Communion
- **Good Friday, April 18** – 7:00 pm...Service of Darkness
- **Easter Sunday, April 20** – 9:15 am...Easter Breakfast
10:30 am...Festival Worship

Share the Great News!

Postcards are now available to take to invite others to join us for Easter for Kids on April 12 and Easter Worship on April 20. Take as many as you wish!

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty)
- Our expectant mothers (Katie, Elisabeth, Destinee)

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 (March 23 & 26):

Worship (3/23):	54
Worship (3/26):	26
Sunday Bible Study:	14
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13

Offerings:

General Fund (3/23):	\$1313.65
General Fund (3/26):	\$410.00
<i>Year-to-Date Average:</i>	<i>\$2016.93</i>
<i>Weekly Budgeted Ministry:</i>	<i>\$2217.52</i>
Sunday School:	\$14.00