

# Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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## Watch Your Footing

**If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)**

In the book, *The 19th Hole*, author Carol Mann recounts how golf legend Arnold Palmer will never forget the day he lost his footing.

It was the final hole of the 1961 Masters tournament. Palmer had a one-stroke lead and had just hit a satisfying tee shot. As he approached the ball, he saw an old friend standing at the edge of the gallery. He motioned Palmer over, stuck out his hand and congratulated him for the win he was about to secure.

Palmer later said that as soon as he shook his friend's hand, he knew he was in trouble. After that congratulatory handshake, he lost his mental footing. He hit his ball into a

sand trap. Then he put it over the edge of the green. Then he missed a putt. He lost the Masters.

For us as Christians, the temptation can be strong for us to assume that we can coast through our Christianity: We know the Bible stories. We attend church more often than not. We're on friendly terms with the pastor. After a while our idea of Christianity can begin to resemble our life insurance policy. It's nice to know it's in our filing cabinet if we need it; otherwise we don't give it much thought.

And that's when we can lose our footing.

Christianity is not some cultural formality through which we coast. Nor is it some life insurance



document we store away for emergencies.

Christianity is about our relationship with the One who has rescued us from the guilt of our sin.

Lost your footing? Come to Jesus. Repent. Be renewed in his forgiveness. And remember that your intense need for him never ends. Never!

*Prayer: Forgive me, Lord, for all the times I have forgotten how I need you every moment of my life. Empower me to stand in you alone. Amen.*

## Midweek Lenten Worship Continues

Join us 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 9-15)

### Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Hensler Family
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Wed—Elisabeth Wagner; Sun—Rhea Franks
- Ushers (Sun.): Chuck Sigrist & Einar Groething
- Refreshments: Burrows Family

### Events

- **Monday, March 9**  
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, March 10**  
7:00 pm—Evangelism Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 11**  
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper  
7:00 pm—Midweek Lenten Worship
- **Thursday, March 12**  
7:00 pm—Faith Builders
- **Sunday, March 15**  
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 am—Worship

## Mission Prayer: WELS Congregational Counseling

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, by the gospel you have called us into your holy church and enlightened us with your gifts. We pray that you use us as your instruments to call and gather many more. To that end bless the work done through WELS Congregational Counseling's



program to help churches with self-analysis and assessment as they strive to improve their ministry. We ask that you give both the counselors and the congregations they work with wisdom, mutual respect, and the common goal of bringing glory to your name. Amen.

## Congregational Meeting

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.

## Today's Christian Women's Retreat

Registration is open for *Today's Christian Women Retreat*, to be held April 10-11, 2015, in Lansing, MI. The book of Psalms will be the focus

of this year's retreat. Registration closes March 11. Information is available in the fellowship hall or at [www.tcwr.org](http://www.tcwr.org) (password: retreat).

## 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](http://LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers)*

## 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](http://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 25, 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.

## 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.

## Summer Softball

The Lamb of God coed softball team is forming now. We play Friday nights at Hoff Woods Park in Westerville, from mid-April through late-July. Contact David Chen for information or to join the team.

## Give Thanks to the Lord!

<b>Attendance:</b>	
Worship (3/1):	37
Worship (3/4):	13
Sunday School (w/teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	16
<b>Offerings:</b>	
General Fund (2/25):	\$306.00
General Fund (3/1):	\$1298.83
<i>Year-to-Date Average:</i>	\$1739.77
<i>Weekly Budgeted Ministry:</i>	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$12.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00