

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

April 20, 2014

Words that Change Everything

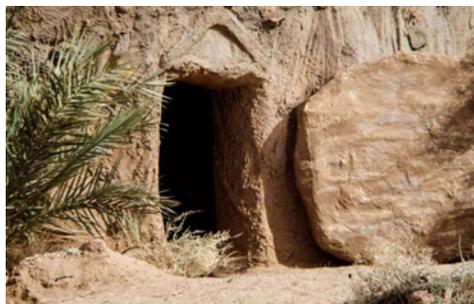
The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”...So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (Matthew 28:5,6,8)

In times of shock and grief sometimes the only thing a person can do is just go through the motions. This seems to have been the case with the women as they journeyed to the tomb. It’s hard to even imagine everything that was going through their heads. Just days earlier their world had been turned upside down when their dear Lord was arrested, sentenced to death, and violently executed. They witnessed the intense hatred of his tormentors; they saw the blood running down his body; they heard his cry of anguish, and probably even saw the Roman spear pierce

Jesus’ already lifeless body. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus had quickly prepared his body for burial, but now the women wanted to perform this one last act of love for their dear Savior.

But the stone was removed. The tomb was empty! What thoughts rushed through their heads in the seconds before the angel spoke? Is this the wrong tomb? Did someone steal his body? Can it get any worse than this? First Jesus is wrongly condemned to death, and now he won’t even get the dignity of a proper burial? But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” Those words changed everything.

He has risen, just as he said. You can imagine all of the times that Jesus predicted his resurrection replaying in



their minds like flashbacks in a movie. Could it really be? The truth was almost too much for them to digest at once. Is this what he meant? While it was too much to digest all at once, the Spirit would slowly help them understand. The joy that began that morning would fill their hearts and lives as they proclaimed the good news to others.

The angel’s words have changed everything for us as well. Jesus is risen! Your sin is gone! Death has been destroyed! Don’t stop looking into the empty tomb, and don’t stop telling others what you have seen!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us to continue to ponder the truth of Easter and cause our hearts to be filled with joy and peace. In your name we pray. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (April 21-27)

Serving Our Lord

- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanists: Rhea Franks
- Church Cleaning: Flunker & Wagner Families
- Greeter: Heather Cameron

Events

- *Monday, April 21*
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting
- *Tuesday, April 22*
7:00 pm—Faith Builders
- *Thursday, April 24*
9:30 am—Pastors’ Circuit Meeting
- *Friday, April 25*
8:25 pm—Softball at Hoff Woods Park
- *Saturday, April 26*
9:00 am—LWMS Spring Mission Day
- *Sunday, April 27*
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship w/Holy Communion
11:45 am—Thrivent Financial Presentation

Mission Prayer: Home Missions

Almighty God, we thank you for the generous hearts of your people. We thank you, that due to a special gift, the Board for Home Missions will be able to begin two additional home missions this year—one in Mt. Horeb, Wis., and one in Norman, Okla. This brings the total new home mission starts this



year up to 12—the most in any year since 2002. What great things you are allowing us to do even in the midst of these difficult economic times! Lord, continue to work in the hearts of your people everywhere, so that they gladly support the sharing of the gospel. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

LWMS Spring Mission Day

Lamb of God is hosting the Spring Mission Day for the Heartland Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Plan to be here for this spiritually uplifting day, featuring a presentation by Pastor Philip Janke, missionary at New Hope

Lutheran Church in Racine, WI. Visit tinyurl.com/LWMSHeartland to register.

Volunteers are also needed to provide some food items and to assist with setup and take-down. See the signup sheets in the fellowship hall.

Koiné in Concert

Koiné is an award-winning band of WELS musicians who present a unique, upbeat, and inspiring take on familiar Christian hymns and original music (www.koinemusic.com). Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to see them in a free concert at the Powell Amphitheater, 48 Hall St, Powell (rain location: Shepherd of Peace), on Friday, May 2, at 6:30 pm. Bring lawn seating and a friend! All ages welcome!



Thrivent Financial Presentation

Jeff Ritter from Thrivent Financial will be at Lamb of God at 11:45 am on Sunday, April 27, to provide an update about some of Thrivent's latest programs. Dave Szczublewski will also give an update about the work of the

Thrivent Community Board. Thrivent members and others who are interested are encouraged to attend.

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, contact Katie Chen (katiesl@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. Please sign up for a time in the fellowship hall.

Friday Night Softball

Enjoy spring weather, fellowship, and fun, as the Lamb of God softball team takes the field. Our games are Friday evenings at Hoff Woods Park, 556 McCorkle Blvd, Westerville. ***This week's game begins at 8:25 pm.***

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

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

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 (April 13):

Worship:	54
Sunday Bible Study:	16
Sunday School (w/teachers):	18

Offerings:

General Fund:	\$2146.80
Year-to-Date Average:	\$2063.19
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$17.50
Building Fund:	\$125.00