

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

April 5, 2015

Praise the God of Our Salvation

In that day you will say: “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song: he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say, “Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name: make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.” (Isaiah 12:1-5)

When your new born child squeezes your finger for the first time, how can you put that feeling into words? When the doctor says, “Your cancer is gone,” is there any way to describe that feeling? What Isaiah is trying to explain in our devotion today is even more

difficult to put into words. He is a sinner standing in the presence of a righteous God. He knows that he deserves God’s anger and punishment. But something startling happens. God turns away his anger. Instead of punishing him, God rescues him.

Isaiah is talking about what God does for us in Jesus Christ. Jesus came and rescued us by paying for our sin. Jesus bore the punishment for our sin and rose from the dead, and now instead of facing God’s anger, we have full forgiveness and life everlasting. How does one express the amazing relief of that enormous load being lifted off? How does one express the sheer joy of that forgiveness?

Expressing heartfelt thanks to God for his salvation is what Isaiah is doing here. You can almost see him running up and down the streets, leaping for joy, trying to tell people how it feels to be saved. Fear is



gone, only trust remains. The Lord is the true strength of his life and the song in his heart. God sustains him with the living water which he draws from the well of salvation. So he gives thanks to the Lord by singing his praises and proclaiming the good news of salvation to everyone.

Isaiah is expressing his gladness over all the glorious things that the Lord has graciously done for him. Listen to Isaiah shouting and singing for joy, and join him in praising the God of your salvation.

Prayer: By your life, death, and resurrection, O Lord, you have become my salvation! Let me praise you as long as I live for the glorious things you have done. Amen.

Devotion adapted from [www.WhatAbout\[esus.com](http://www.WhatAbout[esus.com)

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This Week at Lamb of God (April 6-12)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Burrows Family
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Rhea Franks
- Bible Study Refreshments: Szczublewski Family
- Worship Refreshments: Telander Family
- Ushers—Jeff Rader and Brian Burrows

Events

- *Tuesday, April 7*
7:00 pm—Evangelism Committee Meeting
- *Sunday, April 12*
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, please contact Katie Chen (katies1@hotmail.com).

Mission Prayer: Vicars in Missions

Lord, thank you for providing our church body with men willing to study to become pastors. Please bless the vicar year of these seminary students with the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experiences in a variety of areas



including evangelism and even starting a new congregation. Use their mentors to guide them in pastoral ministry, and use us to support ministerial education and the Vicars in Missions program through our prayers and offerings. Amen.

Spring Mission Day

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Heartland Circuit Spring Mission Day will be on Saturday, April 18, at Light of Life Lutheran Church in Greenwood, IN. The speaker will be Missionary John Stelljes, pastor at the five-year-old mission in Greenwood. Find more information and register online at tinyurl.com/LWMSHeartland. Sign up in the fellowship hall to contribute to the Silent Auction gift basket for the event. Contact Diane Jensen or Elisabeth Wagner with questions.

I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD
WHOEVER
FOLLOWS ME
WILL NEVER
WALK IN
DARKNESS BUT
WILL HAVE
THE LIGHT OF LIFE
IN THEMSELVES

LORD, YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE!
Psalm 27:1

Spring Mission Day
Saturday, April 18
9 am – 3 pm

Guest presenter – **Pastor John Stelljes**
WELS home missionary

Light of Life Lutheran Church
2234 Sheek Road
Greenwood, IN 46143
lolgreenwood.org

Continental breakfast & lunch provided

1st Annual Alpha Pregnancy Center Life Walk

Please put **Saturday, June 20**, on your calendars & be part of our first LIFE WALK to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center. We will take a morning walk, rain or shine, around Schiller Park in German Village to raise funds and show support for the vital work being done at the center! You'll also be



celebrating the God-given value of every human life! More information along with a registration/pledge form will be coming out in April. Questions? Please contact Cindy Greiner, member of St. Paul's, at 614-804-4773 or at cindy@justasking.org. Would you or your company like to be a LIFE WALK Sponsor? All sponsors will be listed on the registration/pledge form as well as on the back side of the t-shirts. Please contact Cindy Greiner for information. Thank you!

Pastor at Renewed in Grace Retreat

Pastor & Elisabeth are attending a retreat in San Antonio, TX, in celebration of Pastor's ten years in ministry, from April 7-11. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Kuehl (614-373-0025).

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet, Jessica
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Evangelism Committee, meeting this week

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 (3/29):	60
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13
Sunday Bible Study:	21
Offerings:	
General Fund (3/25):	\$295.00
General Fund (3/29):	\$1739.50
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1930.59
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00