

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

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Even Better Than Miracles

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” (Matthew 14:33)

Some might argue it was easy for the disciples that night to confess Jesus was the Son of God. They saw him walk on the water. They witnessed his dramatic rescue of Peter. They even watched him quiet the wind and the waves. But, was it simply the result of a few miracles that brought the disciples to confess their faith? Certainly it was part of the process, but there was more at work that night.

Miracles alone do not lead people to confess Jesus is the Son of God. It is the power of the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit. It is a lesson I need to learn well.

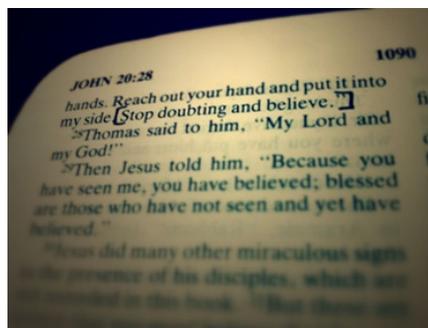
It is easy to want to see some kind of miracle. However, if I put my faith

only in miraculous deeds, I will always need bigger and more dramatic deeds to keep me convinced. In a way, I would become like Peter. He wanted to walk on water, and he did.

At least until he was forced to face reality. The same danger awaits me. The devil uses reality to try to rob me of my confidence and silence my confession of Jesus.

This is why I need to rely on the witness of the Bible. In the pages of God’s error-free Word he offers me not only the promise of what he is going to do, he also provides the completion of the promise. This faithful testimony is the truth I need to believe, and it is an unshakable and never-failing truth – Jesus is the Son of God and my Savior.

Here is where Jesus repeatedly pointed his disciples, and where he points me. It is in the Word I learn of my forgiveness and peace with God. In



addition I learn of my acceptance by God and my adoption into his family. I even learn of the place prepared for me in his heavenly kingdom.

While miracles may draw attention to Jesus, I need to rely on God’s faithful account in the Bible. Here is the truth that not only leads me to Jesus, it also provides the faith I need to believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that by believing, I now have life in his name (John 20:31).

Prayer: O dearest Lord, bless me through your Word. Lead me to your Son and my Savior. Then, give me the confidence I need to trust him with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength. Amen.

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This Week at Lamb of God (September 1-7)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Cameron Family
- Mowing: Ben Hallauer
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Destinee Fiecko
- Altar Care: Heather Cameron
- Greeter: Heather Cameron
- Ushers: Steve Flunker & Brian Burrows

Events

- **Wednesday, September 3**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Bible Study
- **Saturday, September 6**
10:00 am—Ladies’ Bible and Brunch
- **Sunday, September 7**
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

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

Mission Prayer: Prison Ministry

O God, you have taught us through your servant Paul that “it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.”



Nevertheless, we so often become enticed by the pleasures of the flesh and willingly place ourselves in the shackles of sin. Help us to not take for granted the freedom you have won for us, and help us to be especially diligent in proclaiming this

freedom to the residents of our nation’s jails and prisons. Provide hope and peace to those who are weighed down by the consequences of their actions, and patience and comfort to those who have been wrongfully convicted. Help us all to remember that while we all were still sinners Christ died for us and paid the price of our sin. Amen.

Lamb of God 45th Anniversary

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 26. That’s when we will have a special service and other events to celebrate 45 years of God’s grace on

our congregation. Contact Brenda Szcublewski to find out how you can get involved in the planning.

New Sunday School and Bible Study Cycle

With the start of a new school year comes a new chance to study God’s Word together. Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study beginning September 7.

the book of 1 Peter. God showed love to ancient Israel through a servant named Moses. Our ChristLight Sunday School, for ages 2 & up, begins the year with a look at Moses’ life and what it means for our lives. Join us each week for refreshments at 9:00 am, followed by our study at 9:15.

Peter is famous for his faith and infamous for his lack of faith. In our new bible study, *Bold Faith in Trying Times*, we will examine his inspired advice to early Christians and to us in

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Choir rehearsals start this Wednesday, September 3, at 6:15 p.m. All ages and voices are welcome! Join us for

one season or for the whole year. Contact Elisabeth Wagner for details.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an important part of our ministry. Consider assisting with altar setup, greeting, lawn mowing,

church cleaning, and/or refreshments. See the list in the fellowship hall or contact Pastor Wagner for details.

Midweek Bible Study

Whether in ancient Nineveh or modern day Columbus, OH, there are souls whom the Lord loves and wants to know about his saving love. The book of Jonah allows us to face and confront the smug or distracted rebel inside each of us and to marvel at the amazing grace of God. Join us for “God’s Grace to Runaways,” an Interactive Faith Bible Study on the book of Jonah, Wednesdays, September 3-24, at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Einar Groething, who is recovering from a recent fall.
- Our college students, as they begin their academic year
- Our Sunday School teachers, as they prepare for another year of sharing God’s Word

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 (8/24):	
Worship:	53
Cross-Generational Bible Study:	19
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$1165.96
<i>Year-to-Date Average:</i>	\$1926.47
<i>Weekly Budgeted Ministry:</i>	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$1.00
Building Fund:	\$100.00
Beautification Project:	\$242.79