

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

September 28, 2014

“In Jesus’ Name”

“For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

Bob was usually disappointed when he prayed and when he went to church. He was looking for answers, but they never really came. His prayer life seemed empty and repetitious. His worship life left him without direction and hope. This forced him to make a search. He tried talking to his friends and going to church with them. Nothing seemed to resolve his dilemma until one of his friends said, “Try praying in Jesus’ name.”

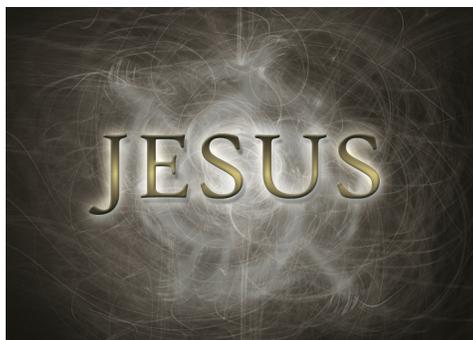
Since it sounded like a good idea, Bob decided to give it a try. Every prayer he ended with the words “in Jesus’ name.” Every time he worshiped he longed to hear those sought after words. While Bob heard and used the words regularly, he remained empty and disappointed.

Bob’s mistake is one I can easily make. It is easy to look at the words, “in Jesus’ name,” as a formula. It is

easy to think, if I use them in my prayers, God will give me the answer I want. I think that the same applies to my worship. If I worship in Jesus’ name, I will always feel good. There is one complication. “In Jesus’ name” is not a formula, rather it is the reason why I can pray and why worship is a blessing.

“In Jesus’ name” offers me confidence as well as peace. Because Jesus is who the Bible says he is, and because he accomplished everything the Bible said he would, his name is precious. In Jesus’ name I find the answer to all my needs and all my prayers. In Jesus’ name I receive full and free forgiveness for all my sins. In Jesus’ name I know God the Father will comfort and encourage me. In Jesus’ name I can have perfect peace to trust him even when I am at a loss for answers.

When Jesus offers me the invitation to come in his



name, it is not a magic formula. It is the reason why I can pray to him, and why I can worship him. It is also the reason why I can trust Jesus will be with me, and with all who come together in his name.

Prayer: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear. Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place, My never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace. Amen.
(Christian Worship Hymn 358)

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 (September 29-October 5)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Wintrich Family
- Bulletins: Bev Oldham
- Accompanist: Elisabeth Wagner
- Altar Care: Dorothy Walker
- Greeter: Dorothy Walker
- Ushers: Chuck Sigrist and Jeff Rader
- Sunday School
Refreshments: Rader Family

Events

- **Tuesday, September 30**
7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, October 1**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Bible Study-Jonah
- **Saturday, October 4**
9:00 am—Landscaping Day
- **Sunday, October 5**
9:15 am—Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion
12:00 pm—Sunday School Teachers meeting

Mission Prayer: Vicar in Mission Program

Lord of the Church, thank you for the pastor training system you have mercifully given our church body. Part of this system provides young men the opportunity to serve one year in a congregational setting under a supervising pastor. These



vicars receive valuable training, often in mission settings, which enhances the classroom knowledge they have been able to receive. Lord, we pray that you would bless these vicars with a zeal and an ability to reach the lost with your saving gospel. Amen.

LWMS Mission Day and Gift Basket



Mission Day
All are invited to the annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Heartland Circuit Fall Mission Day on Saturday,

October 11, at Abiding Word Lutheran Church in Maineville, Ohio. The Mission Day, which is from 9:30 am-3:00 pm, includes a presentation on mission work in China by Jennifer Boehm, spiritual growth workshops, silent auction, and more. For more information and to register, visit tinyurl.com/lwmsheartland. Contact Elisabeth Wagner or Diane Jensen with questions or to arrange carpooling.

Mission Offerings
LWMS Mission offerings are due to Jennifer Flunker by today. This year's offerings provide funding for vicars in mission settings (see above) and mission efforts in Brazil.

Silent Auction Gift Basket
There will again be a silent auction at the mission day. We have posted a sign-up sheet for a gift basket that will serve as Lamb of God's contribution. Our basket's theme is Kitchen Thingamajigs. Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Heartland Circuit's annual convention stipend fund. See Jennifer Flunker with any questions.



New Bible Study Beginning October 8

Commissioned by Christ himself, Jesus' disciples set out on a dangerous and difficult mission—making disciples of a world of sinners. We, who have received the same mission, can learn a lot from how those disciples carried out their mission and be encouraged by how it was blessed

by God. Join us for *God Grows His Church*, a study of the book of Acts, Wednesdays at 7:15 pm, beginning October 8.

We also invite you to join us this Wednesday, October 1, at 7:15 pm, as we conclude *God's Grace to Runaways*, a study of the book of Jonah.

Anniversary Offering

If you have not had the chance to contribute to our 45th Anniversary Beautification Project, there are still costs you can help with. Just put your thank offering, marked "Beautification Project," in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Our shut-ins (Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick)
- Charlie Genteline, who is battling health problems
- Dick and Jocelyn Ritter, as Dick faces continually declining health
- Pastor Taras Kokovsky, Ternopil, Ukraine, as he copes with cancer in his family and war in his nation
- Our youth confirmation students, who begin classes this week
- Our church council, who meet this week
- Stephen and Rachael Kamps (MLC '08) and daughter Edith

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 (9/21):	
Worship:	43
Sunday School (w/teachers):	10
Sunday Bible Study:	18
Offerings:	
General Fund:	\$901.75
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1901.07
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2217.52
Sunday School:	\$17.00