

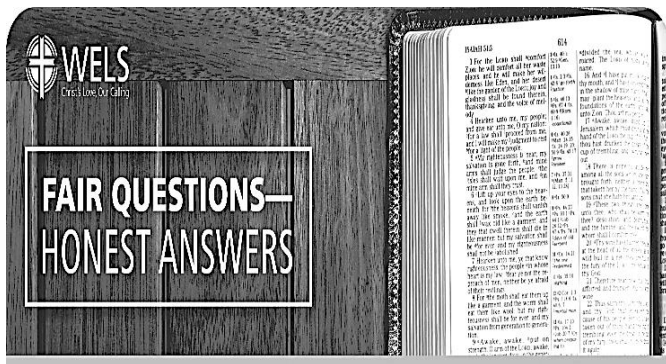


# NEWSLETTER

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## Why is the Bible called the Holy Bible?

*“Prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:21)*



“One more book, Dad! Please!” my two-year-old daughter tells me as she looks at me with her baby blue eyes and holds up her favorite book. It’s amazing how many books we read in a sitting, everything from: *Pete the Cat* to the *Biscuit* series, to *Pinkalicious* to *Dr. Seuss*. These books contain short stories that hold the attention of the listener (and the reader) while providing some entertainment or education along the way.

We read for many reasons. And we know that most of the things we read whether online, in the newspaper, or in a book must be read with a discerning eye. The problem is that we sometimes struggle to know which parts of them are real and true.

This can be a challenge. But what about when it comes to the Bible, the Holy Bible. Well, that is another story! Why? Throughout Scripture we are told that God’s Word is different. What makes it different? The author is God. Yes, men

wrote the Bible but God is the main author. It is his holy, perfect Word.

God tells us some remarkable truths about his Word such as: God’s Word cannot be broken (everything it says is reliable). His Word is truth (why would God lie to us?). His Word is sharp (it can pierce through the hardest of hearts). His Word is alive (it is active). His Word is powerful. His Word always achieves God’s purpose. His Word will never pass away.

While these truths are important to note, it is the message of God’s Word that can’t be overlooked. For God says that the purpose of the Bible, the Holy Bible, is for us to know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.

The Bible is holy. But you have to open and use it to get anything out of it. If you want to change a heart or be comforted by God’s grace, you have to “blow off the dust” and share or listen to the holy words of our God. These are the words that he authored through men, for you, to tell you about his great love and saving activity in Jesus, so that through the encouragement of the Scriptures you might have hope.

For more Questions & Answers, go to [www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com), then *Questioning God.*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Jesus Cares Bible Class** We are continuing our ministry to people with developmental disabilities. Bible class is scheduled here at church on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM. Our lessons this year focus on "Jesus Is My Shepherd." St John's is privileged to have this ministry for those in our community who are blessed differently. We could use additional help. If you are willing to spend about 2 ½ hours every third Thursday with this special ministry, please speak to Arvid & Judy Schwartz, Joyce Koepf, Mavis Graupmann or Pastor Reichow. There is a guarantee that you will go home feeling better than when you arrived.

**Harvest Party** --The Congregational Harvest Party will be held Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm here at church. An evening of activities and games is being planned for young and old. Members are encouraged to enter the 'Bake Off' contest (more details will be posted soon). We will have a "Trunk n Treat" contest again this year. Start brainstorming some ideas for your trunk and please participate in the contest. The best dressed trunk wins a prize!

All members are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors. Flyers with all the information will be available soon for members to use when inviting others. Further details will be posted in the Sunday bulletins and on our St. John's "Happenings" board.

**Labels For Education** The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a collection for food labels and box tops as a parochial school fund raiser. A bulletin board is set up in the meeting room next to the library for the following items: Campbell's UPC labels, Box Tops for Education, Coborn's Food Club labels, Country Hearth Proof of Purchase labels. Do NOT put in the whole label from the Campbell's soups, just the UPC code. The Box Tops for Education are found on the following products: Betty Crocker, General Mills cereals, Pillsbury refrigerated cookies and biscuits, Land O Lakes products, Ziploc bags and Scott and Kleenex tissues and toilet tissues. We will be donating our label collections to St. Paul's Lutheran School, Arlington. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Lange.

**Card Collection** The Ladies Aid is collecting used greeting cards for Arlington Good Sam. The

residents cut apart, make new cards, then sell at local stores in Arlington. If you have any questions, contact Mavis Graupmann.

**Fall Mission Festival** We are celebrating October as Mission Month this year. We will focus on our congregation's mission work in the area communities and neighborhoods. We will do this by taking a closer look at each of the four parts of St. John's theme for the school year: "*S.E.E.K. To Glorify The Lord*".

October 4 Share Jesus  
October 11 Encourage others  
October 18 Enjoy time together in God's family  
October 25 Knock on God's door  
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## LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will meet on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All ladies are encouraged to be present, as we will be electing new officers. New members are always welcome. See you there!

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## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group completed ditch clean-up of our section of Highway 212 in September. Kristen and Bryan Budahn are working on some plans for the coming months. Youth members are always encouraged to serve at church related activities (the Harvest Party, our Jesus Cares Ministry, etc.). Watch Sunday bulletins for more information.

### *October Birthdays & Anniversaries*

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zachary Muchow and Brian Stockman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sharon Glawe
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis and Lonnie Rabe (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Kristina Roush
5 <sup>th</sup>	Earl and Kathy Stuedemann (52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Stuedemann
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Raddatz
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Dittmer
11 <sup>th</sup>	David and Vanessa Willmsen (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Schuth, David Graupmann and Sam Roush
20 <sup>th</sup>	David Stuedemann
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael and Brenda Stockman (32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) Emma Schmiegl
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evelyn Michaelis and Ronald Schuth
27 <sup>th</sup>	Alexis Muchow
28 <sup>th</sup>	Earl Schuth
29 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Litzau
30 <sup>th</sup>	Howard and Diane Dittmer (60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Jon and Denise Ortloff (22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)