

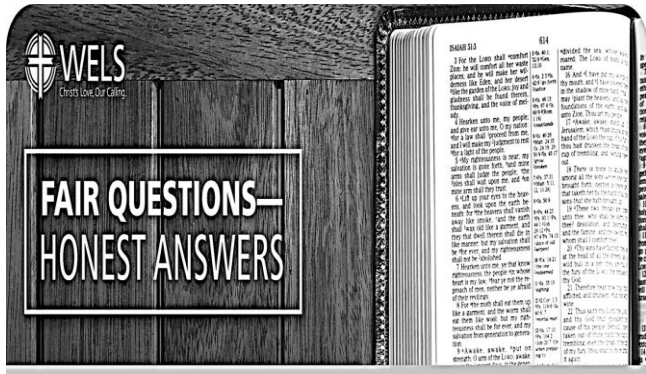


# NEWSLETTER

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## What happens to us when we die?

*“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)*



What happens to us when we die? What an important question, because we all need and want to know the answer!

Many people attempt to guess at an answer, even people whom many others trust! The guesses are all over the place. Some people think that we will reincarnate as a new life after we die. Others think we continue as a ghost over a favorite spot or maybe as an angel over a favorite friend.

Our eternal God gives the trustworthy answer in the Bible for his believers. He moved one of the authors of the Scriptures to write:

*Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord,*

*will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

We no longer have to grieve like everyone else who may still be guessing about what happens to us when we die. The question has been answered for us. By his death, Jesus paid for our sins. By his resurrection, Jesus guarantees that those who believe in him will have life with him after death. We will spend eternity with him in glory!

Now, since we know that those who fall asleep in Jesus will enter life in heaven, we want to dedicate ourselves to reading, studying, and applying God's Word! We want to make sure that all our loved ones know the truth about God's love for them in Christ, so that trusting our Savior we don't have to wonder what will happen to us when we die. We know with confidence that we will be together forever with the Lord in heaven.

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

## CHURCH NEWS

**Lenten Worship** Lenten worship will be held at Millie Beneke Manor in Glencoe at 2:00PM on Wednesdays and our regular mid-week Lenten service will be at church at 7:00PM. The theme for our Lenten and Holy Week series this year is ***"I Tell You The Truth"***. Our faith is dependent on the truth of Christ's resurrection. If Christ had not been raised, our faith would be futile. But thanks be to God, he is alive. Since Christ rose from the grave, we can be confident that all of his other claims are true. Our Lenten sermon series focuses on some of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building "I tell you the truth" statements. This phrase is a translation of the Greek word *amen*. It is my prayer that as Jesus speaks his "amens" we too will declare our own "amens" in response.

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### I TELL YOU THE TRUTH

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February 18: "Anyone Who Sins Is a Slave to Sin"  
(John 8:31-36)

February 25: "Faith Can Move Mountains"  
(Matthew 21:18-22)

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**Lenten Suppers** are being served before each mid-week service from 5:45 – 6:45PM. Free-will donations are accepted. Like last year, Thrivent no longer gives supplemental funds. They have implemented a new program (Thrivent Choice Dollars) from which we receive funds. In any event, we appreciate your support for our church groups and our building fund. Come and fill up your stomach ahead of the service with a meal and then stay for worship to get soup for your soul. See you there! The serving schedule is below:

February 18 Congregational Potluck  
February 25 Ladies Aid  
March 4 Sunday School  
March 11 Tone Chimes/Choir  
March 18 Youth Group

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Thrivent members, have you designated your Choice Dollars through Thrivent? Visit [Thrivent.com/choicedollars](http://Thrivent.com/choicedollars) to begin or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Review the organizations for which you are requesting your Choice Dollars. Last, choose where you'd like to direct your Choice Dollars. If

you still have further questions, you may speak with Kathy Stuedemann, Lonnie Rabe or Carol D.

**Jesus Cares Bible Class** We continue our ministry to people with developmental disabilities. Bible class is scheduled here at church on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Members and youth helpers are welcome to come and join in. We can utilize your skills in a variety of ways.

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## INTERACTIVE FAITH

The latest Interactive Faith online Bible study continues every Wednesday through Feb. 11, 2015. Rev. David Scharf is leading a six-week study called "Breaking the Cycle with Grace (a study of the book of Judges)." These online Bible studies are held at 6pm and 8pm CST. To get access, go to: [www.wels.net/interactivefaith](http://www.wels.net/interactivefaith) . Also, all the previous Interactive Faith Bible studies are archived and you can get access to them at the above posted link.

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## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Group-SNOWTUBING** A group outing has been planned for snow tubing at Buck Hill on Sun., February 15<sup>th</sup>. We plan to leave church at 1pm and return approx. 5:30-6pm. Cost will be \$17 per person. The Youth Group Fund will cover \$10 for each of our youth members that participate. We are opening it up to all our 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and you are welcome to invite family and friends. We will need some parent volunteer drivers. RSVP no later than February 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the sheet at church or respond to the email that was sent out. Get ready for fun in the snow!

**Lock-In Event:** We are looking at possible Lock-in dates and options. Keep an eye out over the next several weeks for more information in the Sunday bulletins and by email.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jon Ortloff and Rachel Reichow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noah Gansen
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunok Gansen
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Schuth
15 <sup>th</sup>	Paul and Christy Ittel (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie and Evelyn Michaelis (56 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Jeremy and Kris Siers (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Vanessa Willmsen
26 <sup>th</sup>	Arleen Schmidt