

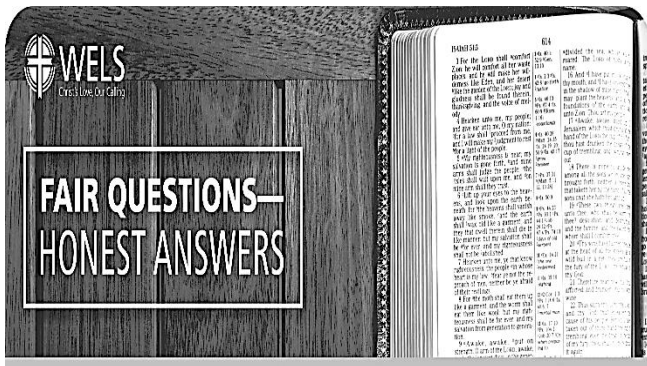


NEWSLETTER

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What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

“Create in me a pure heart, O God” (Psalm 51:10)



A famous doctor once conducted a series of autopsies in which he made a stunning observation. Here is how it happened. He had carefully examined the body of a convicted murderer when he noticed a connection to the body of a convicted thief. The two individuals had the exact same internal problem. It got a little crazier. He went back over the notes from a few other cases and he discovered that a few more bodies had the same internal problem. But it didn't stop there. He went back over all his cases and, regardless of the person's background, all of the people had that same internal problem. The doctor shared his findings in a book which is still the top-selling book of all time.

Do you want to know what the connection was between all of those people? They all had heart problems. You have probably heard the name of the doctor. His name is Jesus. Jesus once pointed out (Mark 7) that all evil thoughts and

actions come from within the heart. When someone cuts you off on the highway and your first reaction is NOT to smile and wave, it comes from within the heart. When someone hurts your feelings and you want to hurt them back, it comes from within the heart. When you say something in anger that you immediately want to take back, it comes from within the heart.

That is the problem. So what is the solution? One man said it well, *“Create in me a pure heart, O God”* (Psalm 51:10). We need new and pure hearts and God is the only one who can create them. This is where the work of God the Holy Spirit comes in. He uses something sharper than a surgeon's scalpel to penetrate and change the heart. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God. Like a skilled surgeon, the Holy Spirit cuts deeply in order to heal divinely. The Holy Spirit uses that Word of God to teach us that *“the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin”* (1 John 1:7). The Holy Spirit uses that Word of God to change the heart so that it beats with faith and hope and love. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God so that it pours out joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness. Thank the Holy Spirit for your new heart!

For more Questions & Answers, go to
www.WhatAboutJesus.com, then
Questioning God.

CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation Eighth grade students, Nathan Litzua, Jacob Reichow, Amber Schmidt, and Brooke Willmsen will be confirmed on May 10th in our Sunday worship service. They are precious souls which the Lord has entrusted to our care. Remember them in your prayers, continue to encourage our young students as they grow in their faith.

Sunday School Our last day of Sunday School will be May 17th. We will have a year-end awards ceremony at 11:00am with treats to follow. Even though we come to an end of Sunday School, remember it is still important to stay connected to Jesus. We hope to see our Sunday School families through the summer!

Thank You We are finishing another Sunday School year in May. We give a big "thank you" to the Sunday School staff (Pauline Schmidt, Althea Mathwig, Lonnie Rabe, Dennis Rabe, Kathy Stuedemann) for their dedicated and faithful service. We thank the substitute teachers (Cassandra Bratsch, Jenny Scherer, Jael Schmieg Heather Schulz, Janet Schuth and Kathy Stuedemann) for their help and willingness to serve. Thank you to the spouses of these staff members and any others who gave their direct support, encouragement, and help.

Host Families: We will need families to help host the two college students (men) that will be working with us on our Soccer Camp this year. They will need a place to stay June 21st – 27th. Also, we will ask other families to provide them with lunch and supper for that week. Look for a sign-up sheet!

St. John's Coborn's Cookout It is time once again for the fund raising cookout at Coborn's in Glencoe. The dates for our church will be Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th. We would like three people per shift and you will be working approximately 3 hours per shift. To check out the various hours, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the entryway. If you like to grill or meet people, this is an easy and fun opportunity plus you will help earn a little extra cash for church.

Pictorial Directory is in the making. On Sunday, May 3, John Graupmann of Creekview Images will be here to do group photos immediately following our morning worship. Also, you have until the end of May to get you and/or your family photos taken.

Call John to set up an appointment if you have not done so.

Children's Theater The MLC performing arts cast is presenting their performance of the "The Ugly Duckling" for the Children's Theater this spring. All are invited to enjoy this classic tale at their Community Performances on May 1st and May 2nd, at 7:30pm each evening in the Collegiate Center Auditorium. Admission is \$2.00. A guaranteed fun event for the whole family!

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SOCCER – BIBLE CAMP

We will be partnering with St. Paul's, Arlington to host the 2015 SOCCER-BIBLE CAMP. We are glad to say that our local Kingdom Workers chapter will be providing two college students to assist us this year! They will help with canvassing among the Hispanic families and assist with the camp activities. The Bible camp will be held at Oscar Olson Park, Glencoe, on Monday June 22nd through Friday, June 26th from 1:00 to 4:00pm. The camp is for children ages 4 to 14. Registration is due by May 30th, and the cost will be \$40. There will be a picnic on Friday following the camp program. Further details will follow in the upcoming church bulletins. We will need adult and teen volunteers to help with this camp! Please spread the word! Come for the fun and fresh air.

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YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group members are to consider helping out at the Soccer-Bible camp. Watch the bulletin for more information on volunteering and other activities being planned for this summer.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9 th	April Muchow John and Sharon Glawe (56 th Anniversary)
10 th	Jacob Reichow
14 th	Tyler Koepp and Amber Schmidt
17 th	Christy Ittel
19 th	Jakob Siewert
21 st	Ava Koenen
23 rd	Earl and Beverly Schuth (56 th Anniversary)
25 th	Logan Gansen
27 th	Jamin Goette and Tony Roush
28 th	Arya Wills
31 st	Jodi Lange