

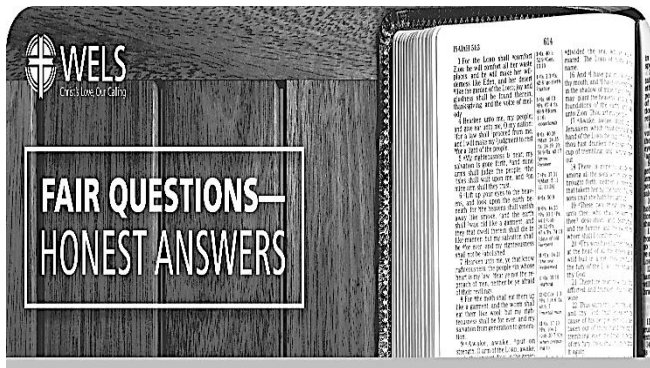


NEWSLETTER

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Knowing Jesus or Knowing about Jesus – what's the difference?

"No prophet is accepted in his hometown." (Luke 4:24)



Isn't social media wonderful for staying in touch? Watch a video of your nephew's first step. Share your grandmother's recipes. Make personal contact with your best friend on his birthday. Monitor your classmate's battle with cancer.

Even though separated by a distance, you carry your friends and family around with you in your pocket or purse. But it's not the same as being there in person, is it? There's no substitute for holding your mom's hand at the clinic when she gets the bad news, or sitting by your dad's side at the funeral. A relationship is more than following a news feed, it's being an eyewitness to history and experiencing it.

What kind of relationship do you have with Jesus? Most people know the facts about his life, as told to them by parents and preachers. In Nazareth, the people knew who Jesus' parents were. They heard reports about his preaching and his miracles, and they were thrilled to have him come for a visit. But they didn't know him as well as they thought. He announced, *"No prophet is accepted in his hometown"* (Luke 4:24). And when Jesus started

to tell them what needed to change, the people of Nazareth tried to kill him.

Just knowing the facts about Jesus doesn't change my behavior or attitude. Just following the story with my head won't make me feel ashamed of my sins and lead me to trust him as my Savior. And it certainly won't get me to heaven, because knowing about Jesus isn't the same thing as knowing Jesus. Knowing Jesus means taking to heart what he says about my sins. Knowing Jesus means there's nothing I can do to make this relationship work, but that he makes it all possible. Knowing Jesus means experiencing his love and forgiveness. Knowing Jesus means walking with him through the darkest days of my life. Knowing Jesus means a relationship that never ends, no matter how bad the news is.

How can you be close to someone who lived so long ago? Read the eyewitness accounts written in the Bible. Put yourself in their place and apply what they saw and heard to your own life. Stay in touch with your Savior by regularly reading and listening to God's Word, and speak to him in prayer. Join together with other Christians to grow in your knowledge about Jesus and what he means for you.

*It's true: No Jesus, no peace.
Know Jesus, know peace.*

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

CHURCH NEWS

Jesus Cares Bible Class wrapped up for the season with our class on May 21st. During the year, we have had the privilege of ministering with God's love to many guests from the surrounding communities of Glencoe, Plato, Arlington, Hamburg, Gaylord, Winthrop, Henderson, and Watertown. We wish to thank Mavis Graupmann, Nora Albers, Pastor Reichow, Joyce Koepp, and Arvid and Judy Schwartz for all their hard work and patience. We also thank others who helped on occasion: Amber Schmidt, Kayla Reichow, Stephanie Koepp, Ben Siers, Theresa Siers, and Pauline Schmidt.

Jesus Cares Picnic The annual Jesus Cares Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 24th at Oscar Olson Park with an evening picnic and activities beginning at 5:00pm. Fun activities and music will make an enjoyable evening. Mark it on your calendar. You are invited to join us for this fun event. Questions, contact Pastor Reichow.

Soccer – Bible Camp: Get ready for our camp on June 22-26 at Oscar Olson Park from 1 to 4:00PM! We are working with St. Paul's in Arlington to host this camp and we are coordinating plans for the two MLC students that will be here to help us (2 weeks). All children ages 4 – 14 are encouraged to participate. We are looking forward to having fun with games and practicing skills. Also, we will take some time each day to learn more about our loving God. The theme for the week is "*Jesus Wins*". Our grand finale for the week, is a picnic starting at 4:00pm on Friday, the 26th at Oscar Olson Park. *Everyone is Welcome!*

All members, including high school students are encouraged to help with this event. See the sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

Congratulations Graduates! Congratulations to High School graduates, Samantha Roush and Robyn Siewert. May God bless them in their future endeavors.

Kingdom Workers: One night, two possible events - Come to one or both!

Your Minnesota Valley Chapter has two events planned for Wednesday, June 10th at Martin Luther College. Starting at 5:45 p.m., you can enjoy a *free* light supper while participating in a *Canvass Workshop*. Professor John Boeder will be leading the workshop. Pre-register by June 8th for this

workshop and light supper, by contacting LaDonna Rodewald. 507-354-5141 glrodewald@gmail.com.

You are also invited to "*Music for Missions Concert VI*" featuring local Christian musicians. This will be held in the Martin Luther College auditorium on June 10th starting at 7p.m. Former St. Paul's New Ulm teacher, Ms. Coral Cady will speak about her mission work in Indonesia. Refreshments will be served "under the stars" following the concert. Come to hear wonderful music, learn of mission work, and enjoy fellowship with other Kingdom Workers. A freewill offering will be collected to support our mission projects.

Coborn's Cookout Our fundraising cookout at Coborn's is scheduled for Friday, June 5th (10:30AM – 6:00PM) and Saturday, June 6th (9:30AM – 5:00PM). We could use a couple more helpers to fill up the remaining spots (see sign-up sheet at church). Enjoy some food and support our church at the same time!!

Wish List: There is an updated WISH LIST on the "Happenings" board at church. Two major projects need our attention – we need to start planning and gathering funds for organ repairs and stained glass storm window repairs. The organ's electronic boards and leathers are at the end of their life. Storm windows and framing are deteriorating.

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YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group: Watch your email and future bulletins for upcoming youth events. We may try to organize a youth event over the summer.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 rd	Rebecca Asche
6 th	Benjamin Siers
8 th	Caleb Goette
12 th	Timothy Bratsch
15 th	Chad and Jennifer Koenen (19 th Anniversary)
17 th	Vernon VonBerge
18 th	Michael and Jennifer Siewert (22 nd Anniversary)
21 st	Ruth Brinkman
22 nd	Steve and Pam Warren (19 th Anniversary)
23 rd	Pam Warren
24 th	Bryan Koepp
25 th	Elenora Hardel and Brenda Stockman
27 th	Leonard and Ruth Lange (51 st Anniversary)
28 th	Jerome and Katheryn Ehlers (46 th Anniversary)
29 th	Bill and Emily Rabe (8 th Anniversary)