

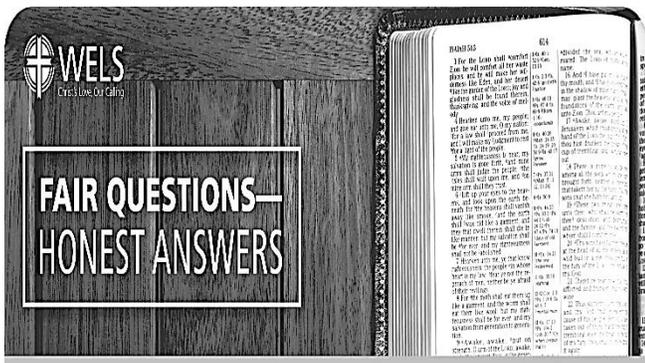


NEWSLETTER

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Do we have guardian angels?

“Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.” (Psalm 148:2)



Swim at Your Own Risk. No Lifeguard on Duty.

Those words might sound a bit perilous to a parent whose teenager is spending a lazy summer day at a lesser known beach. But to the teenager, the words call out, “Freedom!” No authorities within sight to spoil the fun. Now that’s a good time! Until help is needed.

Like lifeguards, God’s angels watch over us. Angels are spirit beings, without the earthly limitations of physical form, created by God as his agents for earthly missions. **“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways”** (Psalm 91:11).

Angels have been, and will continue to be, sent by God to battle evil and frustrate the ways of the wicked. For example, angels appeared in the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to announce their doom (Genesis 19). This mission of justice, though, falls in line with a greater purpose for which angels are created and called. **“Are not all**

angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation” (Hebrews 1:14)?

Just like we believe in a God whom we cannot see, we believe in angels whom we cannot see because the Bible convinces us so. Just like God cares for all people, but shows special attention to his children who love and believe in him, angels show the same special attention to believers. Every believer. Every minute. “Sent to serve.”

Is there a specific angel, a guardian angel, assigned to each believer? Jesus once taught about the care of God for children when he said that **“their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven”** (Matthew 18:10). That doesn’t necessarily mean that one, specific angel is assigned to a believer for life, but it does mean that there are plenty of angels around and assigned to help. Also, those angels are holy, they are heavenly, and cannot lead us astray.

So put your faith in God to forgive you, bless you, and to take care of you not only with normal circumstances like lifeguards or a job, but also in his invisible, miraculous ways like sending angels. He remains superior to angels, by the way, so only God deserves your praise and prayers.

The Bible says that even angels praise him (Psalm 148:2)!

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

CHURCH NEWS

Jesus Cares Ministry (JCM): Wednesday evening, June 24th, St. John's had their largest turnout ever for our Community JCM picnic. Assuming we got everyone counted, 80 people were present for the evening of food, fun and games- all with a spiritual connection. Most all of the surrounding communities were represented. Group homes from Gaylord, Glencoe, Arlington and Belle Plaine attended as well as individuals living at home from various communities. Thanks to all of them for participating.

The evening started with a picnic served and prepared by St. John's, a skit by Joyce and Will Cantillano (soccer coach), a craft also by Joyce and a lot of singing led by Judy. Before we were done 8:00 o'clock had arrived. I think it is fair to say everyone had a great time. The weather was beautiful and no pesky little mosquitoes were present and about six drops of rain really didn't bother us. Our Bible story for the evening was a review of THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT. For the past year we have studied the various gifts the Holy Spirit gives to a Christian as a result of faith.

Many people deserve a big THANK YOU for the evening's success. To our many St. John's members we especially appreciate the work you did- our regulars Mavis, Nora, Joyce and Arvid and Judy. To our extra helpers for the evening, Dennis and Charlotte, Darv, Heather, Tanya and family members, Carol and Cindy. We take July and August off from JCM but we are already planning our 2015-16 year which starts up in September. We encourage more St. John's folks to get involved with this outreach ministry to our community. You will enjoy it. I guarantee it.

Soccer – Bible Camp Is A Success!



We had a total of 81 children register for our Soccer – Bible Camp this year! That is up from the 60 children we had last year. Once again we had a week of fun on the soccer fields and we learned

more of how “*Jesus Wins*”. He won the victory for us at the cross. In his resurrection, he triumphed over death and connected to him by faith, we also are winners. Jesus overcame the tricks and temptations of Satan. With him, we also are victorious over Satan. While we still live here in moments of trouble and sadness, we look forward to that day when Jesus will return to bring us the final victory.

A **BIG** Thank-you goes to our coaches and helpers: Alex Vandenberg, Eric Thalmann, Pastor Reichow, William Cantillano, Taryn Reichow, Paige Litzau, Jarred Beduze, Nathan Litzau, Caden Frauendienst, Jacob Reichow, Morgan Verdeck, Rachel Reichow, Tanya Reichow, Janet Schuth, Jenny Scherer, Micah Scherer, Darvin Scherer, Carol Dammann, Laurie Litzau, Jenny Koenen and Dianna Frauendienst. We thank the families who helped host our two student helpers, Jarred and Will, by providing lodging and food: Schwartz's, Siers', Budahn's, Dammann's (Carol), Schuth's (Tim & Janet) and the Reichow's. We also appreciate the Thrivent Action Team funds (\$250.00) that helped cover expenses for our camp.

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LADIES AID

Members of the Ladies Aid are reminded of their meeting on Monday, August 10th at 6:00PM.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st	Jennifer Koenen
3 rd	Gavin Ittel
7 th	Jeffrey Muchow, Blake Schmiege, & Jessica Wills
8 th	Theresa Siers
9 th	Darvin Scherer
11 th	Bruce Goette and Derek Ortloff
12 th	Jerome Ehlers David and Jael Schmiege (13 th Anniversary)
14 th	Kristen Budahn
16 th	Joyce Rund and William Rabe
19 th	John Glawe
20 th	John and Althea Mathwig (30 th Anniversary)
22 nd	Joshua Rabe Darvin and Jenny Scherer (15 th Anniversary)
23 rd	Daniel Dittmer and Robyn Siewert
25 th	David Willmsen
26 th	Kenneth Ortloff
29 th	Barbara Heidemann and Ryan Schuth
30 th	Barton Brelje and Erica Goette
31 st	Sarah Kubesh