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How can I be happy without doing anything dirty?
“Blessed are the pure in heart.”
Matthew 5:8



Wash your hands. Wash your hands! So often we are reminded of the need to wash our hands. After using the restroom, before eating, after eating, before cooking, after cooking. It's so hard to keep them clean.

And that's just our hands! Try keeping our hearts clean, and we

have an impossible task! How hard it is to have perfectly pure motives! When I cut that little section of grass between my neighbors' house and mine, the good deed is spoiled with the self-serving intent that maybe he'll let me borrow his edger. I give some money for a worthy charitable cause, but only because I don't want to disappoint the sincere person asking.

We may be able to hide our impure motives from others, but not from God. The Bible says, *“The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart”* (1 Samuel 16:7). We can't fool God. There is no covering false notions or hidden deception. God looks right through the outward act and inspects the inner motivation. He is looking for the pure in heart.

What is the measure for that kind of inner purity? God holds us up to his perfect will and measures us against it. The conclusion is that all of us have sinned and fall short of the sinless standard that God has set for us. Under God's inspection, our hearts are not pure.

What's the solution? Our hearts need to be washed. But how? We can't wash them on our own, so Jesus did it for us. The Bible says, *“The blood of Jesus, [God's] Son, purifies us from all sin”* (1 John 1:7). By his death for us, Jesus washed our hearts clean; he has cleansed us of sin's stain. Through him all our sins are forgiven and our hearts are now pure in God's sight.

The forgiveness of sins and purity of heart that we have received freely from Jesus powerfully motivates us to stay away from anything dirty. We'll not want to dirty our hearts again with sinful things. Rather, we'll be happy to strive to live according to the pure way that God teaches and thereby indicate our great appreciation for the sacrifice that Jesus made to wash our hearts clean.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE Don't forget we have two opportunities to worship each week during the summer; Wednesday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.



DAIRYLAND PARADE

The Cleveland Dairyland Festival Parade will be Sunday, August 1st. Our church will have a float in the parade; we are looking for people to help decorate the float. We are also looking for float “riders” and “walkers”, the walkers will be handing out invitations for our church. The parade will start at 11:30am, with line-up at 11:00am at Country Horizons Coop on Hickory St. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for those who are interested in helping.



Vacation Bible School August 2-6, 2010

Saddle up and ride in to our vacation Bible school program called Circle J Ranch. We need “pardners” of all ages to invite their friends, relatives, and neighbors to learn about their Savior, Jesus.

We also need teens and adults to help with refreshments, crafts, music, teaching and teaching assistants. Even if you can spare only an hour, we can use your help. Sign up at the back of church, call Pastor Endorf at 693-8612, or say YES if someone asks you to use your

talents to serve the Lord and others. **THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE ENTRY OF CHURCH TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR VBS.**



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL The final summer Sunday school for this year will be Sunday August 8th. This twenty minute Sunday school will take place during Pastor's sermon. Please join us as we hear God's Word and enjoy a snack. Everyone is welcome.



CHURCH PICNIC will be Sunday, August 8th. Bring a friend! The morning church service will begin at 10:30am and the picnic taking place right after the service. There will be grilled food and fun for everyone. If you would like, bring your favorite picnic dish for all to enjoy.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16



Come, share your God given musical gift and sing with Worship Choir to glorify God and to help lead the congregation's song. **The first rehearsal will be Wed. Sept 1 at 8:00pm after the evening church**

service and then each Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. starting September 9. The choir serves the Lord in song one Sunday a month plus festival services.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday August 18th at 6:30pm.

2010 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Are you going away to college or the military? We need your contact information. Please give the information to Larry Jaeger or Kris Mahler.

SCRIP Use Scrip Cards for all your everyday shopping. College kids going back to school would be happy to have grocery cards, gas cards, and any of our other food or shopping cards. Wedding, birthday, or anniversary parties are a perfect time to use our Scrip Program. Try the Scrip Cards; it is an easy way to add to our wish list.

RELEASED Daniel Gabsch was released from membership at the June Church Council meeting, at his request. Milton & Doris Leiteritz were released from membership at the July Church Council meeting, at their request.

CONGREGATIONAL 150TH CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 12th we will have a special 150th Anniversary celebration. Worship service will be held at 8:30am, 10:30am and a Dinner & Program at the Bilmar Supper Club at 12:30pm.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE Beginning September 19th, we will worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. Bible class and Sunday school will begin at 8:30am.

STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS! As school has finished for the year and families leave town for vacations, please don't take a vacation from worshiping in God's house. Here is a link to find a WELS church near your vacation destination: <http://welslocator.locatorsearch.com>

ANNUAL RALLY OF THE LUTHERAN LADIES

Will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brillion, co-hosted by St. John/St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reedsville. The theme for the day will be "In the Footsteps of Jesus: Far and Near". A listing of times, agenda, cost and registration will be available in August.

You may have missed seeing these members in our services. They are now living in a nursing home or assisted living facility, but they welcome your visits and your prayers.

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Helen Busse
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Declining strength or poor health limits the mobility of the following. They are at home but often not able to get out. They, too, cherish their ties with you. Visit them, call them, send them a greeting. It gives them a happy moment.

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