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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



*I'm not satisfied with the way things are going in my life.*

### Can God help me be more fulfilled?

About this time of the year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions. We make them because there is some area of our lives that we would like to change. We want to stop doing something (overeating, smoking, drinking) and start doing something else (being a better parent, doing a better job at work, living a healthier lifestyle). Can we find satisfaction in keeping our resolutions? Maybe, at least, we can for awhile. Usually, most people end up breaking their resolutions. Then what kind of emotions set in? Frustration: "Oh, I can't believe it is January 5th, and I am already back to my same old unhealthy diet." Despair: "I am never going to be able to stop doing that (whatever that may be)." Failure: "Why even try? There is no way I will ever be able to do it. I'm a loser."

There is another problem that causes us to feel a lack of satisfaction and fulfillment in our lives. We can't control things. The storm hits and causes damage to the roof—expensive damage. The interest rates go up and cause that loan to be a little more stressful to pay off. The boss decides that he is going to give the other person the promotion even though you worked harder and did better work. Do we wonder if we can ever find true and lasting satisfaction in this kind of world?

Thank God the answer is a resounding "YES." In Psalm 107:9, God tells us that **"he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."** Here is the catch, but it is a good one. The "good things" God gives us are not the good things we normally are looking for. Certainly, God can give us a good job, the willpower to keep our

resolutions, and the good fortune not to have unforeseen accidents come into our lives. However, those things are minor compared to the real "food" that God gives us. God truly satisfies us and gives us fulfillment in life when he shows us, in his Word, that we have a Savior in Jesus.

No job, no relationship, no possession, or no person can give us the satisfaction and fulfillment God offers us in Jesus. In Jesus, we are assured of the forgiveness of our sins. In Jesus, we know that God is our loving Father. In Jesus, we are confident that we will be in heaven one day because of what he has done for us.

Jesus lived and died for you. He has opened heaven to you. Believe in him and find the peace and fulfillment he wants you to have in this life and in the one to come.

### Key Events This Month:

- 1/1—New Year's Worship
- 1/8—Monthly Potluck
- 1/8—Christmas Decorations Take-down
- 1/11,12,15—Branches Winter Session Begins
- 1/13—GLOW New Year's Party
- 1/15—GLOW Meeting
- 1/16,18—Little Lights
- 1/21—Pioneers Ice Fishing
- 1/28—Men's Bible Study

### Light of the World Mission

*As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we **GATHER** around God's Word and the Sacraments and **GROW** together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can **GO** and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and **GLOW** with the love of Christ in our lives.*

# JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30—Worship w/Communion	2	3 6:00—Choir	4	5	6	7
8 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:45—Christmas Un- decorating	9 5:00—6th Grade Con- firmation	10 6:00—Choir	11 6:30—Branches	12 6:30—Branches	13 6:00—GLOW New Year Party	14 9:00—Council Rock Reset
15 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—GLOW Meet- ing	16 10:30—Little Lights 5:00—6th Grade Con- firmation	17 6:00—Choir	18 10:30—Little Lights 6:30—Branches	19 6:30—Branches	20	21 10:30—Women’s Bible Study 2:00—Pioneers Ice Fishing
22 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship	23	24	25 6:30—Branches	26 6:30—Branches	27	28 8:00—Men’s Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
29 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meet- ing	30	31	<p>Church Cleaners for January:            1/1-1/7—Wyatt            1/8-1/14—Amundson/Crouse            1/15-1/21—Anderson/Taipale            1/22-1/28—Coleman, Ian &amp; Sheila            1/29-2/4—Coleman, Bob &amp; Gail</p>			