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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



*I'm looking for faithful friends:*

### Can God help me in my search?

Have you ever longed for a solid friendship? Have you ever wondered if there's a friend out there that you can count on? It's no secret that true friendship is a rare thing.

That's not to say there aren't people who will pay attention to us! The world is full of people who will be our friend as long as they feel we have something to offer. But what about that friend who sticks by us, even when we're at the end of our rope? What about the one who cares about us, even when we have nothing to give? Is it possible that God could provide such a friendship?

Certainly, God has a good track record of providing friendships to those in need. When David was under attack by King Saul, he found a faithful friend in the per-

son of Jonathan, Saul's son. The Bible tells us that Jonathan *"loved David as he loved himself"* (1 Samuel 20:17) and even defended David against his father's attacks.

We're also told that the apostle Paul had several friends that attended him while he was in prison. They were of great help to him at a time when he really needed a friend.

But even during those times when true friendship seems far away, there is one friend who will stick by us no matter what! That person is God's one and only Son, Jesus.

There's a verse in the Bible that says, *"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother"* (Proverbs 18:24).

What a beautiful description of Jesus' friendship for us.

Just think! Even when we sinned, Jesus didn't abandon us. Instead, he stood in our place, taking our sin and guilt for us and then giving his life for ours to set us free from eternal death! Jesus also earned a place for us in God's family. By faith in him, we have the privilege of being heirs of his promised heaven. And he did it all because he loved us even more than he loved his own life.

Looking for a faithful friendship? Simply look to Jesus! His friendship will never end!

### Key Events This Month:

7/7,8—Playground Project Work Day

7/11—Little Lights Beach Day

7/15—Booth @ Golden Days Festival

7/23—Friendship Sunday/Outdoor Worship

7/23—Summer Celebration

7/30—Council Meeting

## 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.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:30—Council Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 6:00—Playground Project Work Day	8 6:00—Playground Project Work Day
9 10:30—Worship 12:00—Golden Days/Friendship Sunday Meeting	10	11 10:30—Little Lights Beach Day	12	13	14	15 10:00—LotW @ Golden Days
16 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	17	18	19	20	21 6:00—Tent Set-Up	22
23 10:30—Friendship Sunday 12:00—Summer Celebration	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	31					

**Church Cleaners for July:**  
 7/2-7/8—Wyatt/Teens  
 7/9-7/15—Blobaum  
 7/16-7/22—Coleman, Ian & Sheila  
 7/23-7/29—Wyatt/Teens  
 7/29-8/5—Coleman, Bob & Gail