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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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Key Events This Month:
8/11—Sign Dedication
8/15—Canvassing
8/18—Council Meeting
8/19—Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Never Too Old To Learn!

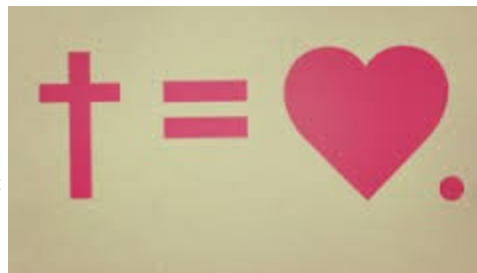
“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

If you’ve been to Walmart or Fred Meyer or Office Max lately, you’ve probably seen it. A sign which makes children groan and parents leap for joy (at least on the inside). I’m talking about those back-to-school sales. You can walk through the aisles, and it seems wherever you turn, there’s clothes the kids will need or school supply lists needing to be fulfilled. Summer sports and vacations are winding down. Parent/teacher meetings are being scheduled. Yep, school is right around the corner.

Well, here at Light of the World, we’re gearing up for another school year as well. The summer projects are being finished and people are beginning to settle back into their

regular worship schedules and routines. And, in about a month, school will be starting up here as well.



There will Sunday School for the children, oh yes, but not just for them. You see, that verse from Proverbs talks about the training parents and adult believers should be giving to the children, but what about when we get older? Is Sunday School for adults necessary? When am I too old to be learning from and about God’s Word?

A pastor once told me, “I’ll stop reading and studying God’s Word when I know everything in it.” He’s read

through his entire Bible over two dozen times and still finds something new in there each time he reads. Do you have that same attitude towards the Bible? Or do you feel, “I know enough..that’s good enough.” Or, “I know the basics, and that can get me through life.”

Is that good enough? Has your appetite for growing the grace and knowledge of

our Lord and Savior been thoroughly satisfied? Or are you craving more? I know Satan tries to get us with that old lie, that what I know about God’s Word is enough to get me through and I don’t need to keep learning, but that’s just not true. As the apostle Peter writes, you and I need to be “like newborn babies, [craving] spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” (1 Peter 2:2).

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Sign Dedication

It’s finally here! Thanks to the work of many volunteers, the monetary gift from the McElligott family in Texas, and by the grace of God, we’ve been able to purchase a sign for the front of church and set it up.

We are looking to have it up and running at the end of July/beginning of August, using it to inform our community of events going on at Light of the World and also sharing spiritual encouragement with them.

On Sunday, August 11, we’ll be having a short dedication for our sign following our worship service. We hope you’ll be able to join us as we thank God for blessing us with this wonderful tool to help carry out our mission here!

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As we start a new school year here at Light of the World, my hope and prayer for you is this: be there to train and encourage the children in the way they should go, but don't stop there. Recommit yourself to go back to Sunday School. Find a Bible Class to join to increase your diet of God's Word so that your faith may continue to grow and be nourished.

Happy learning!

Pastor Strong

Light of the World Mission Statement

*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.*

Looking For: Sunday School Teachers

As we draw closer to the end of the summer, we're starting to plan for this upcoming Sunday School year. So far, we have one teacher committed to teaching for the year. We would like to have 3 classes and someone devoted to running the music portion of Sunday School. Could that be you? Please talk to Pastor or our Education Team leader, Jake Rettig, if you are interested. Thanks!

Upcoming Bible Study

At our Quarterly Voter's Meeting this past month, there arose some questions and confusion about the role men and women have in a congregation. With the discussion that revolved around the topic, Pastor thought it would be a great idea to study the issue of the roles of men and women for our first Bible Study of this year.

Starting Sunday, September 8,

we'll dive into a topic that is largely misunderstood and debated about, even within our own church body, as we begin a study entitled "Heirs Together of God's Gracious Gift of Life." There is a booklet that will be available for the class, and we'll ask for a \$10 donation to help with the costs of these books. We hope you'll strongly consider joining us for this in-depth study of a timely topic.

Upcoming BBB Classes

Our BBB (Back to the Basics of the Bible) Class has started up and is cruising right along.

Here's the topics we'll hopefully be tackling this month:

- ⇒ THE TRIUNE GOD
- ⇒ JESUS CHRIST—TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN
- ⇒ BAPTISM
- ⇒ THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about our BBB Class, you may contact Pastor Strong via email or by calling his office.

We are currently meeting on Monday evenings at 7:30pm.

God's Lights Of the World

After our meeting this past Tuesday, we have decided to host the 2014 WELS Women's Retreat! We are very excited for this opportunity to gather with other WELS women of Alaska in our own city of Fairbanks! We are thankful to God for giving us this opportunity. More information to come in the months ahead.

We have 9 women planning to attend this year's retreat in

Girdwood, AK. If you are still interested in attending, please speak to Becky Strong as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. over at the parsonage. Hope to see you all there.

Items to be discussed: Advent by Candlelight, Christmas for Kids, 2014 Retreat, and much more!

God bless, Becky Strong

Calling All Singers!

Are you one of those people who love to belt out show-tunes in the shower? Do people constantly look at your weird as they drive by your singing at the top of your lungs in your car?

If you answered yes to one of those questions (or even if you didn't), and you love to sing, we want you. Our choir is

looking to start up again towards the end of August, and we're constantly looking for new singers. This is an awesome and fun way to use your gifts to serve God, and we sing a variety of music throughout the year. If you'd like to join, please talk to Carole Belmont so she can start putting a weekly schedule together!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	5 7:30—BBB Class	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:30—Worship 11:45—Sign Dedic- ation 12:00—Potluck 12:45—Member Minis- try Team Meeting	12 7:30—BBB Class	13 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	14	15 6:00—Canvassing	16	17
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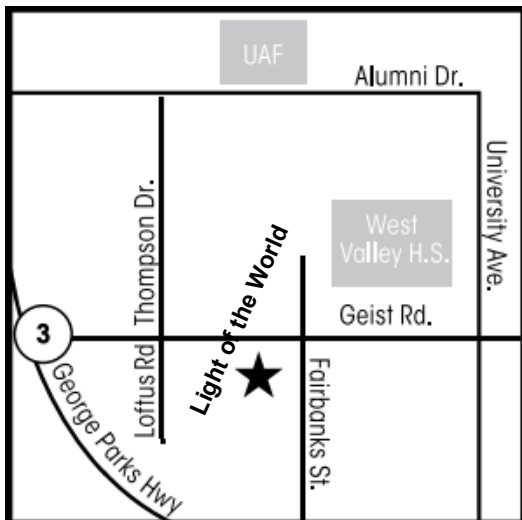
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**Grow in God's Word with us this
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