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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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Jesus Is My Savior by Faith

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” - Mark 15:16

In many places, June ushers in warmer weather. Summer begins in earnest, and that means people like to be outside and enjoy the warm temperatures. One activity that many enjoy is swimming. It might be a backyard pool, a community pool or beach, or even a lawn sprinkler. Whatever the method, people love to get wet.

Followers of Jesus get wet too, when they are baptized. Baptism is a wonderful gift of God where water is applied and the words are spoken as Jesus commanded, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). When those words and the water are combined like this, according to Jesus' promise, baptisms take place. Through this special means, God creates faith in



people—infant or adult. Sins are washed away, and by faith in Jesus God makes them members of his family.

After baptism, learning continues so that people grow in their faith and grow closer to God for the confidence and joy of life with God both now and forever. There is much to learn and know in the Bible. It guides us. It refreshes us. And its message saves us! It is the “living water” (John 4:10) that Jesus gives us. Much more

refreshing than any pool or beach or sprinkler! It quenches our thirst for belonging to God, for truth about God, and for true peace with God. The Word of God creates and strengthens faith in Jesus as our Savior.

Without faith in Jesus, people will be “condemned,” that is, lost forever in hell when they die. As Christians, we seek to invite everyone to hear Jesus' message and be baptized, so

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Key Events This Month:

6/6-6/10—Barnyard Roundup VBS

6/12—VBS Sunday/Picnic

6/14-6/15—PNW District Convention

6/19—Father's Day Pie

6/25—Men's Bible Study @ Country Café in North Pole

Your Time of Grace

Are you looking for something to strengthen your devotional life outside of Sunday worship? Of course, signing up for Daily Bible Readings is one great option. Checking out the Daily Devotions via our synod's website (www.wels.net) is an-

other awesome devotional source.

Now, there's another way you can continue to grow in your faith and be encouraged in your faith life. **Your Time of Grace** is an offshoot from *Time of Grace*, which is put on by Pastor Mark Jeske. **Your Time of Grace** is a Youtube

channel, run by pastors who take turns giving a weeks' worth of video devotions (usually around 5 minutes long) pertaining to one main topic.

These devotions are awesome! To access these videos or to subscribe to the channel, search “Your Time of Grace” on www.youtube.com!

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hell is not their destiny. This is because Jesus told us to baptize and teach, so that people can have saving faith and will enjoy heaven when they die.

Many people think of summer as a gift, when we have rest and relaxation. But the real gift that lasts forever—no matter the weather—is the gift of faith in Jesus that comes through baptism and God's Word! Come and share with us the joy of being members of God's family.

In Christ,
Pastor Jason 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.*

Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social

In honor of Father's Day, our Member Ministry team is again sponsoring a pie and ice cream social after the service on June 21. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted in early June asking for donations of fruit, creme and "your choice" pies, as well as ice cream and punch or juice drinks. We are asking that you bring your pie pre-sliced to make serving easier and quicker. Contact Faye Christianson if you have questions, and thanks again for helping us celebrate Father's Day.

Rummage Sale

It's time to start saving up your unused treasures at home! In July, we'll be hosting a rummage sale. We're hoping to get various donations from you to fill our tables, and the proceeds from the sale will go to both the local women's shelter and New Beginnings, a WELS program geared towards supporting single mothers and pregnant women.

There aren't lots of details right now (those will be coming in June), but for now, we know that

the sale will be held over by the parsonage on Saturday, July 9th. Please be on the lookout for more news, and again, any items you can donate will help support two great organizations in our community and synod!

On the Lighter Side...

Things You Never Hear in Church

Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!

I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!

Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!



Heart of Worship Sermon Series

Do you ever wonder why we do what we do in worship? Why we use certain parts of the liturgy, read certain parts of Scripture, sing certain hymns each Sunday?

If that's you, then you're in for a treat this summer. Beginning the Sunday after VBS, we'll be starting a new sermon series entitled "The Heart of Worship." Throughout this sermon series, we'll touch on dif-

ferent parts of our worship service, helping you to both understand their place in worship and gain a greater appreciation for the gift our worship is from God.

Some sermon topics will include: music in worship, confessing your faith, the Lord's Supper, prayer, the sermon, and so much more!

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 10:30—Worship w/Communion 11:45—VBS Volunteer Meeting 12:00—VBS Set-up	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Barnyard Roundup VBS				
12 10:30—VBS Sunday 12:00—VBS Picnic	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Pastor @ District Convention in Seattle				
19 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream Social	20	21	22 6:00—Canvassing	23	24	25 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Country Café in North Pole
26 10:30—Worship 12:00—Elders Meeting	27	28	29 6:00—VBS Follow-up	30	Church Cleaners for June 5/29-6/4—Kuhl/Kukes 6/5-6/11—Risse 6/12-6/18—McGough 6/19-6/25—Sampe/Wallace 6/26-7/2—Sinclair/Dolgnier	

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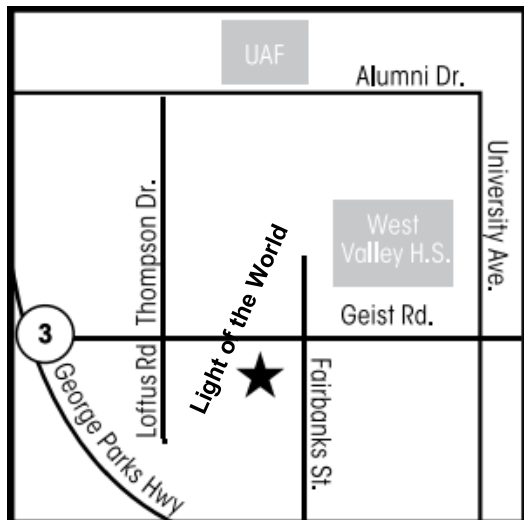
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GATHERS US IN!**

