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Key Events This Month:

11/9—Monthly Potluck

11/11—GLOW Meeting

11/15—Men’s Bible Study @ TBD

11/16—Congregational meeting for church discipline case

11/16—Council Meeting

11/21—Family Fun Night

11/22—Women’s Bible Study @ Church

11/26—Thanksgiving Eve Service

11/28—Christmas Decorating @ Church

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1

Maybe you’ve heard these words spoken at the end of a dinner prayer. Maybe you’ve heard one of your “church” friends say them, and thought: “Good?!? Enduring love?!? Oh really! Show me.”

Oil flowed into the Gulf of Mexico like water over Niagara Falls. Anarchists revolted at a meeting of the world’s leaders and set police cruisers on fire. “God is good? He has enduring love? Show me.”

Children are born with birth defects. Convenience store clerks are shot. The economy is uncertain. Unemployment threatens the stability of millions of families. People still die. I am lonely. “God is good? He has enduring love? Show me.”

Has anyone, or anything, ever let you down? Plenty of times. Has your love ever gone unre-

turned?
You’ve
stopped
counting.
Many times
you’ve prob-
ably won-
dered where
to turn;
you’ve asked,
“Who can I
trust?”

This psalm calls out to you, to me. It’s an “Hallelujah” psalm, meaning “Praise the LORD!” Long ago, God’s people sang the words of this psalm toward the end of their Passover meal. That special occasion was a time for the people to remember how God rescued their nation from slavery in Egypt; it was a picture of God’s rescue of all people from their slavery to sin. The Passover meal was a way that God showed each generation how much he truly loved them.

Would disaster continue to



interrupt their lives? Would prosperity be withheld? Would earthly death continue to pick away at their loved ones? Yes, yes, and yes. Yet the people sang out praise and thanks to their merciful God for deliverance from all these trials of life. . . and more: “Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4,5).

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Thanksgiving Festivities

As the holiday season begins in November, we turn our attention toward God and the blessings he gives us. We hope that you’ll be able to join us for our Thanksgiving service this year.

As in past years, we will be having a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 26th @ 6:30pm.

On Black Friday, we’ll be decorating our church for Christmas. It’s been a fun experience in the past to join together to

get our church ready to welcome our Savior’s birth, and we would love for you to help us out this year. We’ll start at 10:00am and provide lunch as well!

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It is the custom in North America to gather this time of year to celebrate Thanksgiving. Whether you are with family, friends, or celebrating alone, take the time to give thanks to our Savior God for his mercy and deliverance from death through Jesus. Jesus shows us that God is good. Jesus proves that his love for us endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord!

Pastor Jason Strong

I've Got Joy in My Heart

Beginning Sundays this month, we'll be tackling the book of Philippians in our Sunday morning Bible Classes. It's the letter of the Apostle Paul that reminds us why we can continually have joy in our lives. The joy begins with Jesus!

This class will be a good way to get into the Bible, and especially the book of Philippians! We hope to see you there!

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.*

GLOW Update

Still coming down from their refreshing and successful Women's Retreat, the ladies of GLOW have quickly turned their attention to planning Advent by Candlelight, which will be held on Saturday, December 6 here at Light of the World. To date, they have all of their hostesses, and they will have a sign-up sheet available in the coming weeks.

In the past month, the ladies also had some turnover in the leadership of the group. After

three years, Becky Strong and Carole have stepped down as President and Secretary. We thank them for their faithful service for those years! The new President is Fay Mueller and the Secretary is Gail Coleman. We pray that God will bless their service this year!

Finally, on **Saturday, November 22**, the women will have their monthly Bible Study at church at 9am as they continue to go through "God Is in the Laundry Room."

On the Lighter Side...

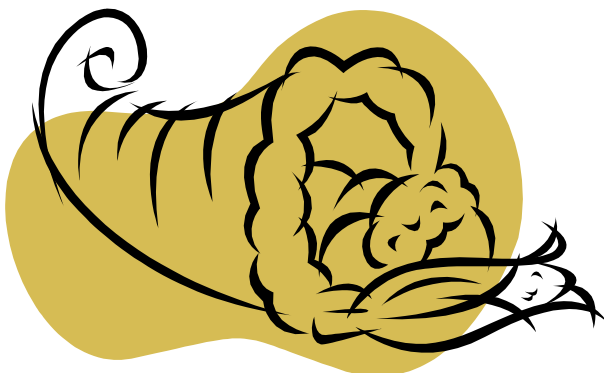
Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff-- including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. Please let the light keep shining in your life.

Christmas Schedule

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas at Light of the World because after Thanksgiving, things will pick up quickly. To help you plan out your holiday celebrations, here's a schedule of festivities being held at Light of the World this Christmas season:

- ⇒ Advent by Candlelight—12/6
- ⇒ Christmas Caroling—12/14

- ⇒ Christmas for Kids—12/20
- ⇒ Sunday School Christmas Eve Program—12/24
- ⇒ Christmas Eve Song Service—12/24
- ⇒ Christmas Day Celebration—12/25
- ⇒ New Year's Eve Service—12/31
- Rejoice! Our Savior is born!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—Elder's Meeting	3 4:30—Catechism	4 6:00—Choir	5	6 6:00—6th Grade Confirmation	7	8
9 8:00, 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—Potluck	10 4:30—Catechism	11 6:00—GLOW Meeting	12	13	14	15 Men's Bible Study @ TBD
16 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—Meeting with Lisa Kuhl 1:00—Council Meeting	17 4:30—Catechism	18 6:00—Choir	19	20	21 6:00—Family Fun Night	22 Women's Bible Study @ Church
23 8:00, 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—Member Ministry Team Meeting	24 4:30—Catechism	25 6:00—Choir	26 6:30—Thanksgiving Eve Service	27	28 10:00—Christmas Decorating	29
30 8:00, 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—Outreach Team						

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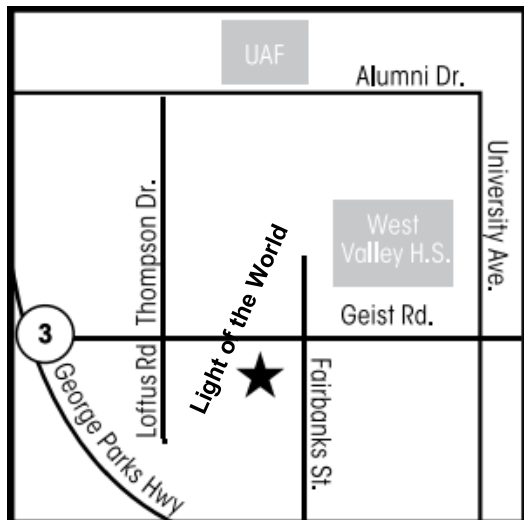
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Grow in God's Word with us!
Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30
Bible Classes for all ages
9:15 am



Located at: **4155 Geist Road**

"Take Me to the Manger!"
Advent by Candlelight
Saturday, December 22nd

