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Sonlight Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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Key Events This Month:

10/8-9—WELS Alaska Women's Retreat in Homer

10/10—Men's Bible Study

10/11 - Monthly Potluck

10/11—Council Meeting

10/18—GLOW Meeting

10/18—Quarterly Voters Meeting

10/23—Family Fun Night

10/26-27—ACPaT in Wasilla

10/27—Women's Bible Study

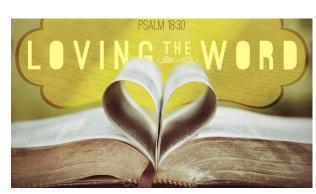
Why Is the Bible Called the 'Holy Bible'?

Prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21

"One more book, Dad! Please!" my two-year-old daughter tells me as she looks at me with her baby blue eves and holds up her favorite book. It's amazing how many books we read in a sitting, everything from: Pete the Cat to the Biscuit series, to Pinkalicious to Dr. Seuss. These books contain short stories that hold the attention of the listener (and the reader) while providing some entertainment or education along the way.

We read for many reasons. And we know that most of the things we read whether online, in the newspaper, or in a book must be read with a discerning eye. The problem is that we sometimes struggle to know which parts of them are real and true.



This can be a challenge. But what about when it comes to the Bible, the Holy Bible. Well, that is another story! Why? Throughout Scripture we are told that God's Word is different. What makes it different? The author is God. Yes, men wrote the Bible but God is the main author. It is his holy, perfect Word.

God tells us some remarkable truths about his Word such as: God's Word cannot be broken (everything it says is reliable). His Word is truth (why would God lie to us?). His Word is sharp (it can pierce through the hardest of hearts). His Word is

alive (it is active). His Word is powerful. His Word always achieves God's purpose. His Word will never pass away.

While these truths are important to note, it is the message of God's Word that can't be overlooked. For God says that the purpose of the Bible, the Holy Bible, is for us to know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.

The Bible is holy. But you have to open and use it to get any

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Quarterly Voters Meeting

On Sunday, October 18th, we'll be holding our Quarterly Voters Meeting following our worship service.

These meetings are the best way for you, as a member and as a vital part of this congregating tion, to be apprised of projects and other goings-on here at Light of the World.

Topics for the upcoming meeting will include:

- ⇒ Budget review
- ⇒ Ministry team reports

⇒ Membership updates

Please mark this date on your calendars and plan on attending. Thanks!

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thing out of it. If you want to change a heart or be comforted by God's grace, you have to "blow off the dust" and share or listen to the holy words of our God. These are the words that he authored through men, for you, to tell you about his great love and saving activity in Jesus, so that through the encouragement of the Scriptures you might have hope.

Blessings to you as you eagerly grow in God's Word!

Pastor Strong

Special Gift Opportunity

In the past, members have asked about special projects needing financial support during this time because they wanted to use part of their PFD to fund them. While you are certainly welcome to give a special monetary gift this month to any fund here (but please do not feel obligated), the Council, at the recommendation of the Worship Team, has prioritized a new piano at the top of the list. If you'd like to give to that or any other fund, please designate your intentions on your weekly offering envelope.

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.

G.L.O.W. Report

September saw a changeover in our leadership, as our former president, Fay Mueller, moved away to Wisconsin. We are thankful, however, that Bethany McGough has agreed to serve as the new president, and she will be working closely with Carole Belmont.

We had a great turnout for our first women's Bible class this past month, and the conversations were even better. The plan is to meet every fourth Tuesday of the month, so our next class will be on the 27th.

Finally, we have a few ladies who will be attending the WELS Alaska Women's Retreat this month in Homer. It's a great opportunity for them to continue to grow the relationship between our ladies and the other WELS ladies of Alaska.

On the Lighter Side...

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

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Church Picture Directory

On November 10th and 11th, we will be hosting a photography session here at church as we work with Lifetouch Photography to produce a church picture directory.

There are still many opportunities for you to get involved, but even if you don't, we need you to make our directory complete. We are now scheduling sitting sessions, so please sign up through one of our three convenient ways:

- ⇒ At the registration table in our fellowship area downstairs following Sunday worship
- ⇒ Online at lightoftheworldlutheran.com (follow the link on the front page)
- \Rightarrow Call Pastor at 479-4324.

Thank you for being a part of this event!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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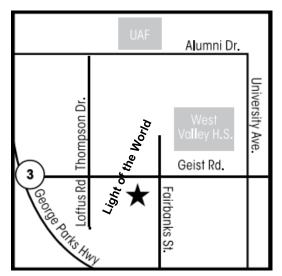
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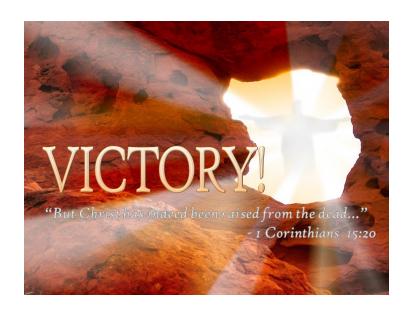
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Grow in God's Word with us!
Sunday Worship 10:30
Bible Classes for all ages
9:15 am



Located at: 4155 Geist Road



Celebrate Easter in October! 10/11 @ 10:30am