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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

Unchanging Hope for an Ever-Changing World

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.

This month's favorite Bible verse is: Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

As one year ends and another begins, columnists and commentators look back at the previous year. What changed? What stayed the same? Whose passing did we mourn? Whose new arrival did we celebrate?

At the same time, we make predictions about the coming year. What will the new year hold? What will change? What will stay the same?

As fun and exciting as it may be to reminisce about the past and dream about the future, it can also be a little sad and scary. Things will likely never be what they used to be. Loved ones who have passed away

don't come back. Jobs that are lost seldom reappear quickly. Even when broken dreams and broken relationships are repaired, they rarely return to their former glory. Many times our experiences in an ever-changing world are difficult.

Yet we sometimes look at our lives and see a need for change. Many of us make New Year's resolutions: "I'm going to exercise more and eat less." "I'm going to save more and spend less." "I'm going to love more and hate less." But too often, our good intentions disappear, and only poor excuses remain.

No matter what (or who) changes from one year to the next, there is one who never changes—Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He always exists, from before time, throughout the course of time, and at the end of time for eternity. Jesus loved you before you were born. He loves you today, and he will always love you.

That's what Christmas is all about. Jesus loved you so much that he wanted you to experience his unchanging love forever. So he came into the world to live up to God's perfect demands in your place. He took the punishment for your imperfection and gave you the reward for his perfection. That reward is an eternity far away from this world's sorrows and disappointments—the unchanging peace and joy of a place called heaven.

Jesus—the same yesterday, today, and forever—promises to be with us, love us, care for us, and give perfect peace with God to all who trust in him. Only Jesus offers unchanging hope to an ever-changing world.

Blessings in our never-changing God,

Pastor Strong

Key Events This Month:

- 1/5—Prayer Group Meeting**
- 1/12—Monthly Potluck**
- 1/12—Christmas Decoration Takedown**
- 1/15,16—Branches Group—Winter Session Begins**
- 1/18—Men's Bible Study**
- 1/19—Council Meeting**
- 1/20—Mornings with Mommy**
- 1/26—Annual Voter's Meeting**

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*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Prayer Group	6	7 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Worship Team Meeting	8 5:00—6th Grade Con- firmation	9	10	11
12 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class 10:30—Worship 12:00—Monthly Pot- luck 12:45—Christmas Dec- oration Takedown	13	14 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	15 6:30—Branches Group	16 6:30—Branches Group	17	18 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
19 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council	20 10:30—Mornings with Mommy Pastor at Conference in Anchorage	21 6:30—Choir	22 6:30—Branches Group	23 6:30—Branches Group	24	25 Church Cleaners for January: 12/29-1/4—Strong 1/5-1/11—Taipale, Phillips 1/12-1/18—Wallace, Duncan 1/19-1/25—Young 1/26-2/1—Ziesmer
26 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class 10:30—Worship	27	28 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	29 6:30—Branches Group	30 6:30—Branches Group	31	