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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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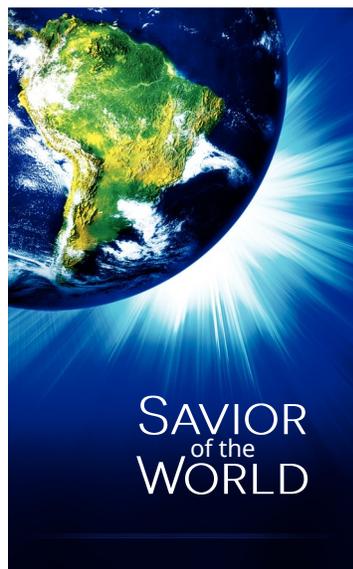
Jesus Is the World's Savior

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

Have you ever loved someone so much that you would have done anything for them? You wanted what was best for them, even if it meant sacrificing what was best for you. Their happiness and joy was your chief concern.

That type of self-sacrificing love inspires us. It is featured in many of the novels we like to read and the movies we like to watch. How would you feel to have someone love you like that? How would it feel to have someone who is so head-over-heels in love with you, that they would do anything, anything at all, to keep you safe?

That's exactly how Jesus describes the love of God. Jesus tells us that the heart of God beats for you! He loves you so much that he was willing to do



everything necessary to keep you safe for all eternity.

From beginning to end, the Bible traces God's plan to rescue the world from eternal danger. His Word demonstrates just how far God was willing to go to save you, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."

God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to suffer the punishment

for the sins of the entire world. Why would God do that? Why would he allow his Son to endure the tortures of the cross? Why would Jesus voluntarily go through with his Father's plan? Why was Jesus willing to suffer the agony of hell itself?

God didn't sit back and watch the people he loved so dearly perish forever. He cared too much to see that happen to you. So Jesus stepped into human history and suffered the punishment that was meant for you.

He didn't want anything to stand in the way of spending an eternity with you in heaven. He wants you to know just how deeply he loves you. With a God who is willing to sacrifice himself for your rescue, is there any reason to doubt his love? "Whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." You can live confidently knowing that your God loves you and through faith in Jesus you have a place

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Key Events This Month:

- 4/10—Monthly Potluck**
- 4/15—Council Strategy Session**
- 4/17—Council Meeting**
- 4/22—Game Night @ Parsonage**
- 4/23—Men's Bible Study**
- 4/24—Quarterly Voters meeting**
- 4/26—Women's Bible Study**
- 4/29—VBS Work Night #1**

Quarterly Meeting

On Sunday, April, 24th, we'll be holding our quarterly voters' meeting. This meeting will mostly be geared towards providing ministry updates to the congregation, as well as planning for our maintenance

work day, which will be Saturday, May 14th.

These meetings are a great way to stay current on what's going on here at Light of the World, and it's the place where you can give feedback on our ministry here.

If you have a specific area of concern or a specific item you'd like included on the agenda, we'd ask that you present it to the Council first so that they can have the opportunity to talk about it before the meeting. Thanks!

Light of the World Mission Statement *On the Lighter Side...*

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in heaven your Savior has prepared for you. His love truly is inspiring! He is the world's Savior. He is your Savior.

Proclaim that Savior this Easter season!

In Christ,

Pastor Jason Strong

*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.*

An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his doctor and his lawyer, both church members, to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit, one on each side of his bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling.

For a time, no one said anything. Both the doctor and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled; the preacher had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness and avaricious behavior that made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the doctor said, "Preacher, why did you ask us to come?" The old preacher mustered up his strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves; and that's how I want to die."

G.L.O.W. Report

Whew! The busyness of Easter season has come and gone. We're thankful for another opportunity to rejoice in the resurrection victory of our Savior. Our first Easter egg hunt for the children worked out well; every child went home with plenty of sweets!

For the next couple of months, we will continue to meet after worship on the same Sundays when the Council meets. We'll be looking to plan for the summer months in our next meetings.

Our Bible class has been going well. Thanks to all the ladies who attend. We would encourage any and all the ladies at Light of the World to come for some great fellowship and a wonderful opportunity to grow in God's Word!

Barnyard Roundup VBS

We are in the midst of planning and preparing for our annual Easter for Kids outreach event later this month. This year's theme, "The Jerusalem Experience," will take the kids on a journey through Jerusalem as they follow Jesus through Holy Week. We'll walk with him through palm branches and cloaks, stand at the foot of his cross, and rejoice in the empty tomb. This

event will be an experience for the senses.

There are currently sign up sheets for donations and volunteers, as well as invites to pass out. Please strongly consider joining us in some fashion on this awesome Easter experience!



APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Outreach Team 12:00—Maintenance Team	4 4:30—6th Grade Con- firmation 6:00—Catechism	5 6:00—Choir	6	7	Church Cleaners for April 4/3-4/9—Ziesmer 4/10-4/16—Austin 4/17-4/23—Carpenter 4/24-4/30—Coleman, Bob & Gail 5/1-5/6—Coleman, Ian & Sheila	
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17 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW	18 6:00—Catechism	19 6:00—Choir	20	21	22 6:00—Game Night @ Parsonage	23 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Country Café in North Pole
24 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Quarterly Vot- ers Meeting	25 6:00—Catechism	26 6:00—Women's Bible Study	27	28	29 6:00—VBS Work Night #1	30

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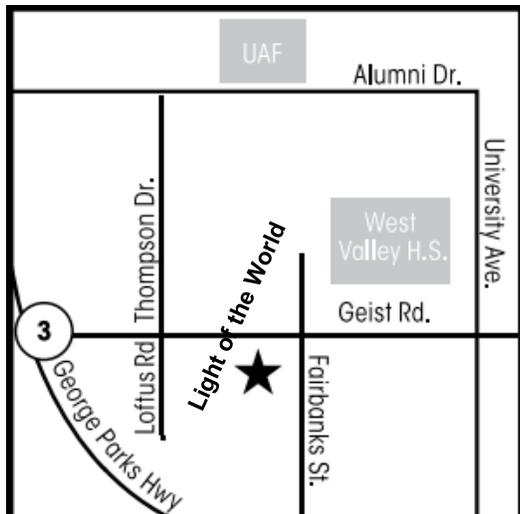
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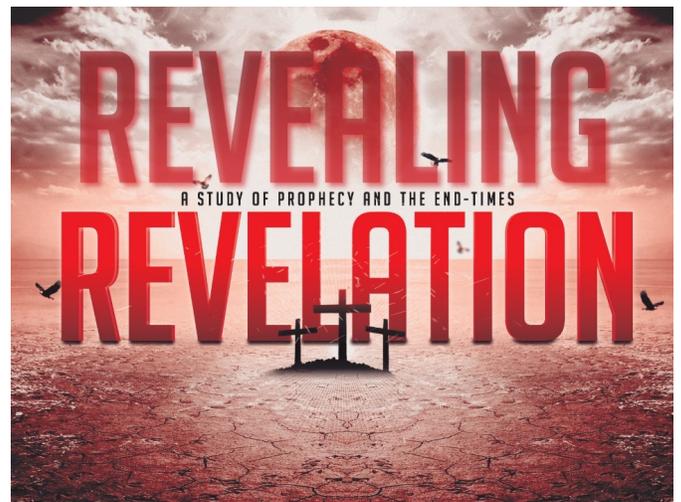
Sunday Worship 10:30

Bible Classes for all ages

9:15 am



Located at: 4155 Geist Road



NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THIS APRIL!

4/23 @ 8AM

COUNTRY CAFÉ IN NORTH POLE