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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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Key Events This Month:

- 4/8—"Animals of Easter" Easter for Kids**
- 4/16—Easter Breakfast Potluck**
- 4/16—Easter Celebration**
- 4/16—Easter Egg Hunt**
- 4/21—Family Fun Night**
- 4/25—Women's Bible Study**
- 4/28—1st VBS Decoration Building Night**
- 4/29—Men's Bible Study**
- 4/30—Quarterly Voters Meeting**

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. -

Titus 3:4-5

What can happen if you forgot to close the gate in your backyard and you let the dog out? You were 99% sure you closed it. What might happen if you are 99% sure you turned the stove off before you left the house? We don't like to be less than 100% sure of something; it makes us uncomfortable that something bad can happen.

That's why we really like the word GRACE. For the past 500 years the Lutheran church has focused on the fact that the Bible tells us very plainly that we are saved by grace. God tells us that he has done everything for our salvation and he gives eternal life to us as a free gift—there is nothing we have to do for it. This is an amazing message of good news!

Saved by Grace



However, the proclamation of God's Word wasn't always clear. For many years the message of the Bible was not made available to everyone. People went to church, they confessed their sins, they heard the priest tell them to go and do certain things and then maybe, hopefully they might make it into heaven. How would people ever know if they did enough, or if they were good enough? They were led to believe that Jesus' life and death were not enough; they still had to contribute in some way for their salvation. Even after they died, someone still might need to do something to help them finally reach heaven. Imagine the doubt.

The Word of God removes all doubt about our salvation. The Bible teaches us: "When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." Salvation does not depend on what we do, but entirely on what Jesus Christ came to do for us.

Jesus had great mercy on us. In his love he died the death we deserved and rescued us from our sins. By faith in him as our Savior, we have complete confidence of eternal life in heaven.

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Voters Meeting

On Sunday, April, 30th, 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 is TBD (due in large part to all the snow we

still have). We'll also be choosing a new, "fun" project to look at growing funding for, as we have met our funding goal for replacing the parsonage roof. God be praised for blessings us with that!

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!

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This is the main message of the Bible that we preach and teach in the Lutheran church. We are saved by grace through Jesus. Please come and hear it for yourself.

Blessed to be in his grace,

Pastor 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.*

A Mighty Fortress VBS

April means...Easter for Kids. And, we're gearing up for another awesome event at the beginning of April. So, then, why a blurb about Vacation Bible School already? Simply, it's because as soon as Easter for Kids is over, we're quickly shifting our focus to our next big church-sponsored event, a Reformation—themed VBS, with the theme "Mighty Fortress."

As in previous years, these VBS programs entail quite a bit of work and preparation, so we're hoping

to put the bug in your ear right now that we need you and your help to make this year's event (which will be Tuesday, May 30th–Friday, June 2) another great success and blessing to many kids throughout our community.

In the coming weeks, expect to hear more about VBS, the various opportunities you have to serve, as well as the different donations we'll need. We'll also be starting decoration-building at the end of the month. We look forward to partnering with you this year!

Bowling Outing

On May 20, we are tentatively planning on having a bowling outing in place of our regular game night. We are looking at going to Arctic Bowl again, as we've done in past years. There will be a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks, so we can get an idea of how many people are planning on coming. Stay tuned for more info!



On the Lighter Side...

Story of the Miracle Easter Bunny

Jimmy came home on the last day of the Easter term, and to his horror he found his German Shepherd, Rex, with next door neighbors bunny rabbit in its mouth. The rabbit was obviously dead.

Greatly upset, Jimmy panicked thinking, 'If my neighbors find out that Rex killed their bunny, they'll hate me forever.' Jimmy quickly took the rather large bunny, and, placing it in a paper bag deposited in the local incinerator tip. On his way home, Jimmy looked into Pets 'R Us and bought a rabbit which he gauged was just like the deceased. Back home, Jimmy took the 'new' rabbit and placed it in the open hutch in his neighbors garden.

Later that evening, Jimmy heard a knock on his front door and opening it he found his next door neighbors bearing the 'new' rabbit in their arms.

'Look,' squeaked his neighbor, 'Yesterday Billy was dead and we buried him 4 feet down in the garden. Today we come home and find that not only is he alive and well but he has grown several more teeth but also he has shrunk. It's a miracle.'

Easter Means...

What does Easter mean? It's more than egg dishes and bunny cartoons. It's more than spring's arrival and snow melting. It's more than one day of new dresses and a big brunch. Just as Lent is 6 weeks long as we focus on our Savior's suffering for us, so too, Easter is not a day, but a season. And for 6 weeks we focus on our Savior's victory for us. Easter is not just one day to celebrate, but changes the way we live every day of our lives. Easter means so much for us every day. This is what Easter means...

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Outreach Team	3 5:30—Catechism	4 6:00—Choir	5 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Midweek Lenten Meditation	6	7	8 1:00—Easter for Kids
9 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:00—Elders	10 5:30—Catechism	11 6:00—Choir	12	13 6:00—Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion	14 6:00—Good Friday Worship	15
16 9:15—Easter Breakfast Potluck 10:30—Easter Celebration w/Communion 12:00—Easter Egg Hunt	17 5:30—Catechism	18 6:00—Choir	19	20	21 6:00—Family Fun Night	22
23 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW Meeting	24 5:30—Catechism	25 6:00—Women's Bible Study	26	27	28 6:00—VBS Decoration Building Night #1	29 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
30 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting	<p>Church Cleaners for March: 4/2-4/8—Die 4/9-4/15—Dolgnier, Becker 4/16-4/22—Kuhl, Kukes 4/23-4/29—Hodlsworth, Christianson 4/30-5/6—McGough</p>					

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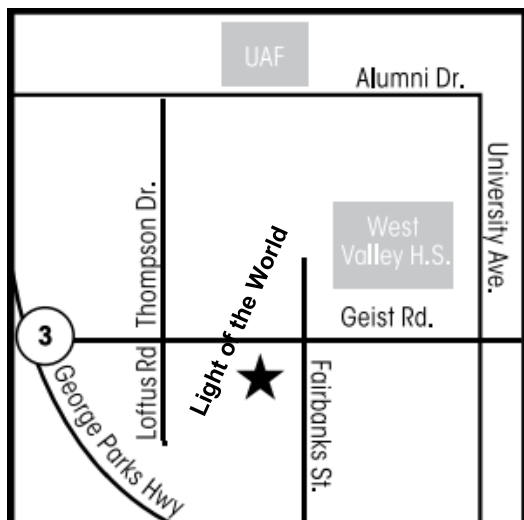
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



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***It'll be a ZOO at LotW
this Easter!***

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

1:00-3:00PM