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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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God's Encouraging Word... when I am frightened

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

- Isaiah 41:10

Soon, students and teachers will be headed back to the classroom. Some students will be getting on a bus for the first time, some will be away from Mom and Dad for the first time, or they are headed to a new school and a new classroom. Many of those children will be very anxious. The other side of that classroom door is

completely unknown. The worst could possibly happen. They will wonder if they can even do it!

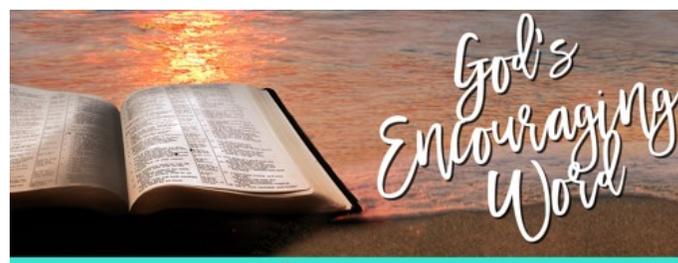
Likely, the same can be said every time we have an opportunity to talk about Jesus. We're afraid. More than that, terrified. What if the worst happens? We could look so foolish. We could stammer and trip over our words. We could say things all wrong, or run into a question to which we don't have an answer. We could lose a friend or come off as "weird." What if people find out that we believe Jesus

with all our heart but still sin against him? What if they call us hypocrites?

It is to such terror-stricken, spiritually terrified people that God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: "Do not fear, because I am with you."

Picture a new kindergartener walking onto the school grounds and confronted by a couple of students intent on taking his lunch? Just in time, the youngster's older brother in sixth grade walks up to ward off the bullies.

God is with us, just like the big brother was with his little brother. Except our God is infinitely more powerful, infinitely more wise, infinitely more caring. He is not just our big brother, he is our God. The creator-of-all-things has our back! The courage we



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Key Events This Month:

- 8/9—August Potluck**
- 8/14—Canvassing**
- 8/16—New Member Welcome**
- 8/20—Sunday School Teachers Meeting**
- 8/21—Worship Team Meeting**
- 8/28—Farewell to McGoughs**
- 9/2—Volunteer Sunday**

Volunteer Sunday

How do you say "Thank You"?

The leadership at Light of the World wants to do that very thing, recognizing how essential volunteers are to carrying out our mission as a congregation. Often times, though, a lot of others' service either goes unnoticed or un-

appreciated. We want to change that.

Before worship on Sunday, **September 2nd**, the Council will be hosting a breakfast for all the members as a way to say "Thank You" all you who have volunteered their time (no matter the duration, no matter the extent of service) and to encourage you to keep serving

the Lord and his church with joy and eagerness.

Our service will also focus on God's gifts of volunteers as well. Again, we are so thankful for those who freely give of their time to serve here, and we hope you'll be able to join us so we can thank you!

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need to speak up about our faith rests in the one in whom we believe—the one who came to be with us to rescue us from sin and death. In his great love for us, he strengthens and helps us, and keeps us safe.

So, do not be afraid. Don't be afraid this fall or at any time to talk about the Savior who has come to rescue all humanity. Do not be afraid. He is with you.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Jason 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.*

On the Lighter Side...

A Funny, Thought-Provoking Story Not Found in The Bible

Menachim, a Jewish father was troubled by the way his son, Benjamin, had turned out, and went to see Rabbi Goldberg about it.

'I brought Benjamin up in the faith, gave him a very expensive bar mitzvah; it cost me a fortune to educate him, then he tells me last week he has decided to be a Christian. Rabbi, where did I go wrong?' pleaded Menachim.

'Funny, Menachim, that you should come to me,' commented Rabbi Goldberg. 'Like you I, too, brought my boy up in the faith, put him through University; that cost me a fortune, then one day he, too, tells me he has decided to become a Christian.'

'What did you do?' inquired Menachim

'I turned to God for the answer,' replied the Rabbi.

'And what did He say?' pressed Menachim.

'God said, 'Funny you should come to me...

WELS Alaska Women's Retreat

Ladies, it's time to start thinking about the next AK WELS Women's Retreat, which is being hosted this year by King of Kings in Wasilla. It will be held on September 21 & 22 at the Grand View Inn & Suites in Wasilla. This year's speaker will be Jenni Klas Schubring. The registration cost for the retreat is \$65 if registered before September 1; it's \$75 if registered after. Rooms at the Grand View can also be reserved for a reduced rate.

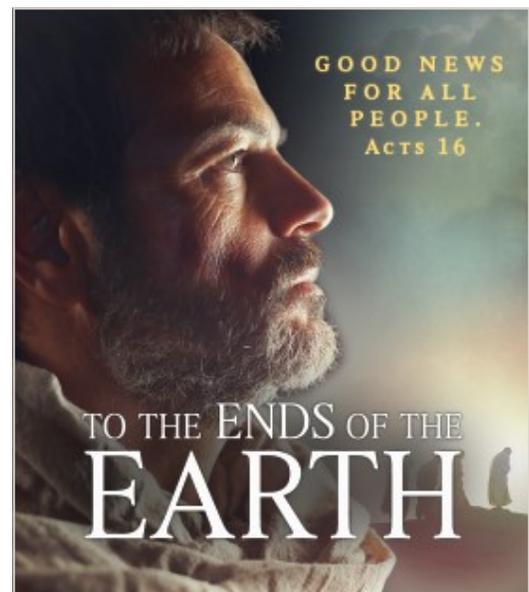
We often have a contingent of women who go down, so if you're interested, please let Becky Strong know. There is information on the table in back of church, and you can register for the retreat through the AK WELS Women's website, <https://tinyurl.com/y937zvzt>.

Community Outreach

In the sequence of Road to Emmaus, Come Follow Me, and My Son My Savior is the fourth and final movie from WELS, titled To the Ends of the Earth. The movie follows Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi, recorded in Acts 16. It shows how Paul connected with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth. Release date for the movie is Sep-

tember 1, 2018.

As has been done in the past, we have the opportunity to pre-order the movie at a huge discount—we can order the movie in quantities of 100 for \$200—only \$2/DVD. If you'd like to help with this pre-order (such as giving \$20 to help purchase 10 DVDs) in order to gift some to those in your life or even for our church to hand out to guests and people in the community, please let Pastor know.



AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00—FIT	2	3	4
5 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Elders	6	7	8 6:00—FIT	9	10	11
12 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck	13	14 6:00—Canvassing	15 6:00—FIT	16	17	18 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
19 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—New Member Welcome	20 6:00—Sunday School Teachers Meeting	21 6:00—Worship Team Meeting	22 6:00—FIT	23	24	25
26 10:30—Worship 12:00—Farewell to McGoughs	27	28	29	30	<div style="background-color: #4F8127; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for August : 7/29-8/4—Phillips/Wallace 8/5-8/11—Risse 8/12-8/18—Strong 8/19-8/25—Taipale/Anderson 8/26-9/1—Young </div>	

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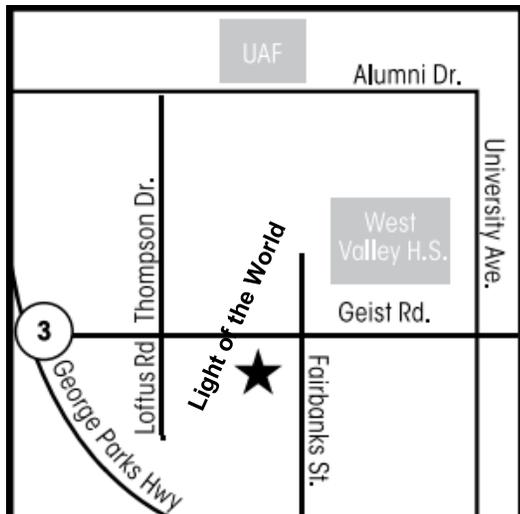
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Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



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