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**Key Events This Month:**

- 12/2—Advent by Candlelight**
- 12/9—Christmas for Kids**
- 12/10—Monthly Potluck**
- 12/10—Christmas Caroling**
- 12/18—Mornings with Mommy**
- 12/24—Children’s Christmas Eve Service**
- 12/25—Christmas Day Celebration**
- 12/31—New Year’s Eve Worship**

## Confession of Faith

***If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.***

**- Romans 10:9**

Did you ever wonder what made the early Christians willing to confess their faith in Jesus even when it brought persecution and death? Some Christians in the first century were stoned to death. Others were crucified. Still others were thrown to the lions. Yet they died praising Jesus, confessing him as their Lord and Savior.

In the centuries that followed, believers in Jesus continued preaching and teaching about him even at the threat of physical harm. One such man was Martin Luther who lived in Germany back in the 1500’s. Luther boldly preached and taught about Jesus and became one of the most prolific writers about the Christian faith who has ever lived. When the authorities pressured him to take

back what he had written, Luther firmly replied, “Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!” As a result, he was labeled an outlaw and it was open season for anyone who wanted to take his life.

How could Luther and many other Christians confess their faith so boldly even at the threat of physical harm and death? Because they knew that something much better was waiting for them after this life. They knew that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the dead. Jesus’ resurrection meant that God accepted his sacrifice for their sins and they too

would rise to live forever in heaven.

Christians still have this hope today. We know this life is temporary. Nothing in this life is going to last. It will all eventually decay and perish. But those who trust in Jesus and confess him as their Lord and Savior will enjoy a perfect life with him that will never end. This changes the perspective and priorities of believers in Jesus. Confident in their eternal salvation through Jesus, Christians confess their faith in the Lord Jesus even to the point of death..

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## Happy Birthday Jesus!

Our Christmas for Kids outreach event is back, and we’re starting it off with a party...a birthday party for Jesus. We have some great crafts, yummy snacks, and fun games this year, and we’re looking to you for some help! If you’d be willing to donate some food or craft items, hand out some

invites, volunteer to help out, and/or keep this program in your prayers, we’d greatly appreciate that!



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Come worship with us and learn more about what confessing Christians throughout the ages have been willing to die for. Jesus is your Savior who came into this world to die and rise again so that you might live with him forever.

Confessing with you,  
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...*

### **Blackmail:**

### **A Funny Christmas Story**

It was coming up to Christmas and Sammy asked his mum if he could have a new bike. She told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Sam, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine.

Sam went to his room and wrote, 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote: 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.'

He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version: 'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.'

He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter.

'Dear Jesus, If you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'

## *Holiday Worship Schedule*

As with other years, as we get into the Christmas season, there are additional worship opportunities here at Light of the World. We hope you'll be able to join us for some/all of these services.

- ⇒ *Midweek Advent Worship—12/6, 12/13 @ 6:30pm*
- ⇒ *Christmas Eve Sunday School Children's Program—12/24 @ 5:10:30 am*
- ⇒ *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—12/24 @ 5:00pm*

- ⇒ *Christmas Day Celebration—12/25 @ 10:30am*
- ⇒ *New Year's Eve Service—12/31—10:30 am*



## *Mornings with Mommy: Christmas Edition*

So far, our first two sessions of Mornings with Mommy have been great fun and a huge success! We've been able to have families outside of our church come and spend some great time at our church.

This Christmas, we're hoping that you'll be able to partner with this great program by donating items (toys, books, craft supplies) that we need throughout the year for

our different sessions. As you might have noticed, there's a Christmas tree in the entrance area. That's our Mornings with Mommy tree. It's filled with a variety of ornaments that have listed the different items we need. If you'd be willing to grab an ornament or two and purchase the items listed there, we'd greatly appreciate that. If you do, you are welcome to put those items under

the tree. We're hoping to fill that tree with some great items to help support a great outreach program! Thanks for your consideration!



# DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Outreach Team	4 6:00—6th Grade Confirmation	5 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	6 5:30—Advent Dinner 6:30—Midweek Advent Worship	7	8	9 1:00—Christmas for Kids
10 9:15—Bible Class 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 1:00—Christmas Caroling	11 6:00—Back to Bible Basics	12 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	13 5:30—Advent Dinner 6:30—Midweek Advent Worship	14	15 6:00—Family Game Night	16 2:00—GLOW Christmas Party
17 9:15—Bible Class 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Council	18 10:00—Mornings with Mommy 6:00—Back to Bible Basics	19 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	20	21	22	23
24 10:30—Sunday School Christmas Eve Program 5:00—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 10:30—Christmas Day Celebration	26	27	28	<b>Church Cleaners for December :</b> 12/3-12/9—Kuhl, Kukes 12/10-12/16—McGough 12/17-12/23—Phillips, Wallace 12/24-12/30—Risse 12/31-1/6—Sinclair, Davidge	
31 10:30—New Year's Eve Worship 6:00—New Year's Party @ Strong's						

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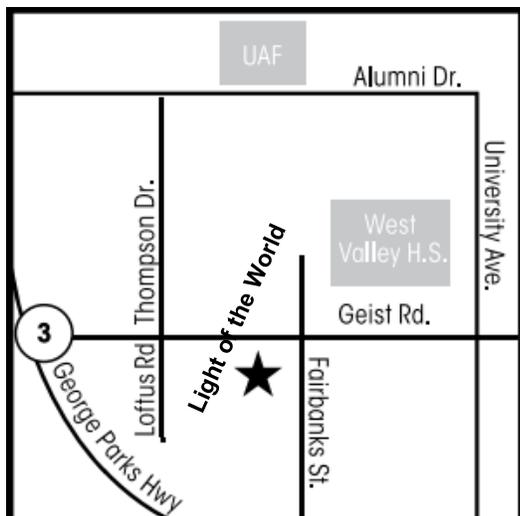
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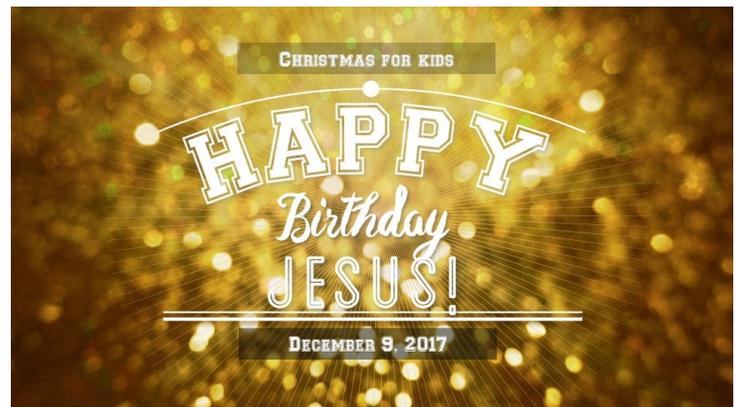
**Grow in God's Word with us!**

**Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am**

**Sunday Worship - 10:30 am**



Located at: 4155 Geist Road



**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 9TH...  
IT'LL BE A  
PARTY!**