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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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**Key Events This Month:**  
**2/2—Council Meeting**  
**2/11—GLOW Meeting**  
**2/18—Outreach Planning Meeting**  
**2/21—Family Fun Night**  
**2/25—Women’s Bible Study**

### Do It Well!

**1 Corinthians 10:31 – So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.**

During the pastors’ conference I was blessed to be able to attend this past week, one of the speakers gave a presentation entitled, “Getting Things Done.” As he talked about methods for planning and achieving ministry work, he made a polarizing observation, “In the WELS, it seems that sometimes we think it’s ok to suck a little.”

As hard as it is to hear a statement like that, wouldn’t you have to admit that sometimes, it’s true? In a world where slogans like “Do your best, and forget the rest,” “Try your hardest, that’s all we can ask,” and “Just give it the ol’ college try” have gained traction, hasn’t that kind of thinking trickled into the church as well, where

sometimes we think our second-best is good enough?

“Well, we know that worship isn’t about so much about the beauty of the church as it is focusing on God, so it’s no big deal if there are a few cobwebs hanging around or if the toilets go un-cleaned for a week or two or if the grass gets too long.” When I’m at my job, I’ll work my hardest for the 40+ hours I’m there each week, but if I let my mind wander during Pastor’s sermon or just stagger my way through the one-hour worship service because I’m tired, that’s fine because at

least I’m there.”

Doesn’t God deserve something from each of us that’s not just done, but something that’s done well? After all, he always concerns himself about giving his best for us. Have you seen how God has taken his time to knit you together in your mother’s womb, carefully crafting every one of us to be uniquely different? Have you seen how he doesn’t withhold any of his rich blessings from us? Have you seen how he didn’t withhold his own Son from us, but gave Jesus up for us all, to save us?

To God, we were, we are worth his best. And he’s worth our best, too. The instrumentalist who spends hours and hours practicing to accompany in worship and to give praise to God through song, that’s giving the best for the glory of

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### New Church Council

At our annual meeting, three positions on the Council were up for election., as Mark Ziesmer and Ken Risse completed their first term and Jake Rettig will be vacating his position in March. Moved by the Holy

Spirit, Kevin Austin, Mark Ziesmer, and Lynn Kulh were elected to serve on the Council. Lord-willing, they will be installed as Council Members in February.

These men represent you! They are entrusted with over-

seeing the affairs and ministries of our congregation. Please keep these men in your prayers as they begin their terms on the Council!

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God. The person who sits in the pew and works throughout the service, to pay attention to the connection of the readings and the hymns and the prayers to the theme of the service, to see Jesus in the service, that's giving the best for the glory of God. When you gladly take a couple of hours out of your week to serve the church, and to really give it your all, that's giving the best for the glory of God.

What amazing grace, that God gives us nothing but the best, and so we, too, can strive to do everything to God's glory!

## *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.*

## *Family Fun Night: Bowling Edition*

In February, our Family Fun Night will be on the 3rd Friday of the month, as has been our usual practice. The date for our game night will be February 21st.

In March, we are planning on having a bowling outing in place of our regular game night. We are looking at going to Arctic Bowl again this year. 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!

## *God's Lights Of the World*

Thank you to all those who joined us for our first Bible Study of the year; we had a great discussion. Our next Bible Study will be held on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined. If you are still interested in joining, please talk to Becky Strong.

Our next meeting will be February 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

One of the activities that we are discussing are possibly be-

ginning a knitting/crocheting/crafting night. If this interest you, please speak to Becky Strong.

A few other items coming up: Lenten meals, Easter brunch, Easter for Kids, summer activities for women, and our 2014 Retreat. If you would like to join us, we will continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at church.

Sincerely, Becky Strong

## *On the Lighter Side...*

*This is a new feature for our newsletter where amusing items will be posted from mis-statements in actual church bulletins, children's comments on church and religion, insurance claim forms where car drivers attempted to summarize the cause of an accident, and other items designed to provide a laugh or two.*

"Great News! Doctors have performed a CAT scan on Pastor McLaren's head and report that they have found nothing!"

## *Come, Follow Me*

For Lent this year, which begins in March, our theme for our Sunday services will be: *Come, Follow Me*. Throughout Lent, we'll heed Jesus' invitation and walk with him to the cross.

Our theme is based around our synod's newest outreach video, *Come, Follow Me*. You'll have a chance to view that video in March.

You also have the opportunity to purchase copies of this video for yourself and to hand out to friends, family, worship guests, and anyone else you can think of. As we did with *Road to Emmaus*, we'll have a **Come, Follow Me to Jesus** drive, where we'll hope to raise \$200 so we can purchase 100 dvds. Please keep an eye out for more info!



# FEBRUARY 2014

**Sunday**      **Monday**      **Tuesday**      **Wednesday**      **Thursday**      **Friday**      **Saturday**

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2 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages	3 4:30—Catechism	4	5	6	7	8
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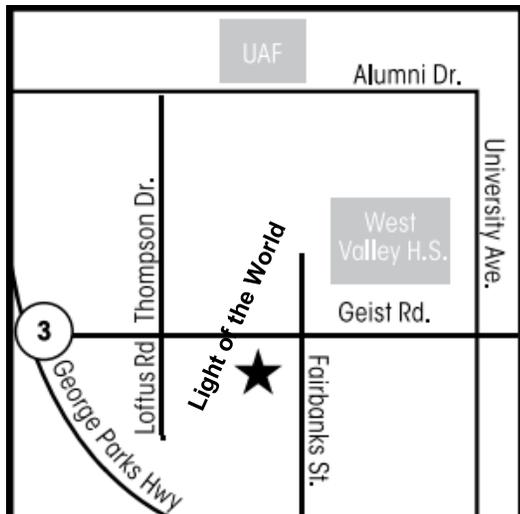
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**Grow in God's Word with us!**  
**Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30**

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**9:15 am**



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*1 John 4:16 — God is love.*



It doesn't get simpler than that!