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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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**Key Events This Month:**

- 1/11—Monthly Potluck—Italian Theme**
- 1/11—Christmas Un-Decorating**
- 1/17—Men’s Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant**
- 1/18—Annual Voters Meeting**
- 1/23—Family Fun Night**
- 1/27—Women’s Bible Study**

### *I’m Not Perfect; I Make Mistakes. So What?*

**“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

In 2013, the Florida State Seminoles were celebrated as college football’s BCS Champions after completing a perfect 14-0 season. In the 135 year history of Major League Baseball, only 23 pitchers have tossed a perfect game. Each of those 23 pitchers is widely celebrated for accomplishing one of baseball’s rarest individual feats. In 2009, USA Today reported that a Michigan teen got a perfect score on her ACT—and her SAT—and her PSAT! She was rewarded with a full-ride scholarship to Princeton University.

If perfection is so celebrated because of its rarity, should the opposite be true as well? Should imperfection be con-

demned? I mean, if perfection is considered the rarest of all feats, shouldn’t it be considered acceptable if the rest of us don’t achieve such a vaunted status? Nobody’s perfect at life! We all make mistakes. Who cares?



God cares. While imperfections are an accepted part of life for us, they are not acceptable to our God. Imperfections run contrary to the way God intended this world to function. When he finished his work of creation, God was pleased to know that every-

thing worked in harmony. There were no imperfections; “God saw all that he made and it was very good” (Genesis 1:31).

Our imperfections are therefore an offense to our perfect creator God. They are not excused; they are not overlooked. They are punished for the offense that they are.

Sure, nobody’s perfect. That’s why we need someone to be perfect for us.

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians

5:21). Yes, Jesus Christ who had no sin or imperfection became our imperfection so that he might receive all of the punishment that we deserved, paying for it all by his death on the cross. In return, he grants

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### *Annual Meeting*

On Sunday, January 18, following our late service, we will be having our annual voters meeting. This is the meeting where we’re able to see our congregation’s ministry plans for the new year and to approve a

budget for 2015.

As always, your attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged because not only does it give you an opportunity to have a voice in what kind of ministry work our congregation says, but it also serves to strengthen the ownership we

all have as members of Light of the World.

The annual report should be available sometime during the first couple of weeks of this month.

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us the perfection that we could not achieve on our own. In Christ we become “the righteousness of God.”

As much as we celebrate individual accomplishments of perfection—the perfect season, the perfect game, or the perfect test score—how much greater can we celebrate the perfection that is ours by faith in Jesus Christ! In Christ you are perfect; believe it! Celebrate it! Live it!

**God's richest blessings this new year!**

**Pastor Jason Strong**

## *Bible Study Opportunities*

Sunday mornings

⇒ Philippians

⇒ Study on Lodges

⇒ Habakkuk

Men's Bible Study

⇒ Being a Man in the Church

Women's Bible Study

⇒ God Is in the Laundry Room

## *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.*

## *GLOW Update*

The GLOW ladies will be conducting a 2015 Planning meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm in the church basement. All ladies are invited to attend this exciting and informative meeting to preview the year ahead and plan for activities and projects for the new year.

We are looking forward to another successful year of serving our Lord in our church and community. Please join us.

## *On the Lighter Side...*

*Besides boys and girls drawing misinterpretations of the Bible, they also rewrite the Bible's history. Here is what happened to one of the Bible stories when retold by a young scholar":*

*"St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony. The natives of Macedonia did not believe in Paul, so he got stoned."*

## *ACPaT 2015 @ LotW*

In February, our congregation will have the opportunity to host our fellow WELS Alaska congregations and their called workers. The Alaska Conference of Pastors and Teachers will be meeting at Light of the World on Thursday and Friday, February 12th and 13th.

You will have the opportunity to help with conference by donating food items. Our Member Ministry Team has planned out the meals during

these couple of days, but we will need your support to make this conference a success.

Please keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks for a sign-up sheet for specific food donations. We certainly appreciate any help you can give as we host this great event!



# JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—Council Meeting	5 4:30—Catechism	6	7	8 6:00—6th Grade Confirmation	9	10
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25 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages	26	27 6:00—Women's Bible Study	28	29	<b>Church Cleaners for January</b> 12/28-1/3—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 1/4-1/10—Davidge and Philips 1/11-1/17—Dolgner and Mueller 1/18-1/24—Dunst and Taipale 1/25-1/31—Kuhl and Sinclair	

**Pastor @ Conference in Hood River, OR**

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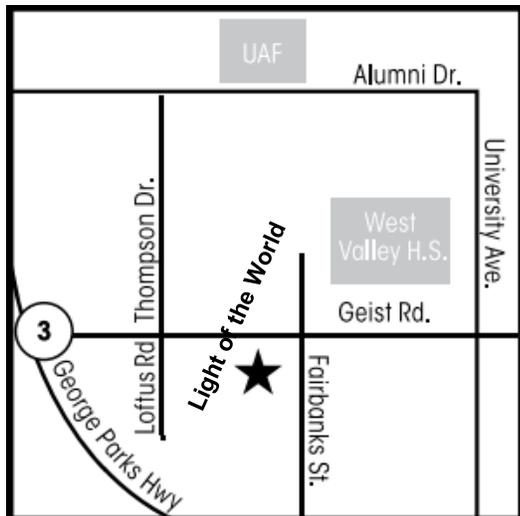
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9:15 am



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***"My times are in your hands."***

***- Psalm 31:15***

