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**Key Events This Month:**

- 1/10—Monthly Potluck**
- 1/10—Christmas Undecorating**
- 1/16—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant**
- 1/17—Annual Voters Meeting**
- 1/22—Game Night**
- 1/24—Outreach Team Meeting**
- 1/26—Women's Bible Study**

*Jesus Is the One and Only Savior*

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**- John 1:14**



A common resolution at New Year's is to lose weight and improve fitness. There are various ways people seek to reach that goal. Some strive to improve their diet, either eating smaller portions or switching to healthier foods. Others focus more on exercise, building up their strength or following a cardio workout plan. Picking any or all of those options can help a person reach a weight loss and fitness goal.

There is a certain goal, however, that has only one way to reach it. If the goal that you want to obtain is eternal life in heaven, the one and only way to reach that goal is through Jesus. Jesus is the world's one and only Savior.

Many people disagree with that. The common thought is that there are many ways to reach the goal of heaven and eternal life. Many consider Jesus to be one option of many.

But Jesus didn't come to be a path; he came to be the path. Jesus didn't come to show us how we could obtain heaven by ourselves; he came to show us his glory and to be our Savior.

Consider how many New Year's resolutions will be abandoned. We know how weak we can be. But Jesus is true God who came from heaven. Yes,

he became human like us, yet he was without our weaknesses and he was without our sin. His great love caused him to leave heaven and dwell among us. He came to take away our sins by giving his own life as the payment for our sins. Calling us to be his followers by trusting him as our Savior, he freely gives us the gift of heaven and eternal life.

Following Jesus isn't like so many other resolutions that get discarded after a few months. To follow him is a goal that lasts the entire year. Having seen the true beauty and glory

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*Annual Meeting*

On Sunday, January 17, following our 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 2016. We will also

be voting in 2-3 new members for the Council

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 is available in hardcopy on the table in the back of church. It includes the 2016 budget proposal, the ministry team plans, and our current 5-Year Vision. Please talk to Pastor if you'd like a digital copy.

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of the world's one and only Savior, we can't help but want to learn more and grow in the knowledge of Jesus, the world's one and only Savior.

May God richly bless you as you keep your resolution of following him this year!

Pastor Jason Strong

## *G.L.O.W. Report*

It's a new year, and after our brief hiatus in December (in part to Advent By Candlelight and the holidays), we are ready to start meeting again.

Thank you to all the ladies who either joined us for our Advent By Candlelight or participated in the service. It was an enjoyable and spiritually uplifting experience. Our numbers were a bit lower than in previous years, but it was still a great success.

This month, we'll be starting our Tuesday night Bible Class back up again. We'll be continuing with the series "The Heart of Jesus." It will be held the last Tuesday evening at 6:00pm.

Other than that, we'll be having another meeting in the near future; please check announcement updates for that. And, as we approach February and the start of Lent, we'll be looking to plan out our Lenten suppers.

## *New Bible Class Coming Up*

Beginning in early February, we will be hosting a new 4-lesson Bible Class on our newest outreach movie, *My Son, My Savior*.

Here's an excerpt about the Bible Class, as found at [mysonmysavior.com](http://mysonmysavior.com): "The Bible study will help you dig further into the emotional journey of Mary as she gives birth to the Messiah, witnesses his rise to popularity, and is troubled as the scorn of religious authorities forces him to death on a cross. Discover why she found peace and joy as the truth about her son unfolds."

We hope you'll join us!

## *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...*

### **From the Mouths of Children**

*The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve disciples.*

*The epistles were the wives of the apostles.*

*The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him!*

## *Community Outreach*

This month, we at Light of the World will be holding a drive to benefit the Fairbanks Rescue Mission, a local shelter for homeless families and individual adults. We will have collection boxes set up in the main entry at church for the rest of the month (and through Valentine's Day) to accept donations of **KITCHEN NEEDS** (nonperishable) items such as oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup,

powdered milk; **SHELTER NEEDS** such as diapers (all sizes), laundry detergent, razors, shaving cream; and **OFFICE NEEDS** such as letter-size copy paper, ink pens, scotch tape for dispensers. A list of items is posted with the boxes. Since the staff prepares three meals a day for 100 people, large sizes are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping with this worthy cause!



# JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Elders Meeting	4	5 6:00—Choir	6	7	8	9
10 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 1:00—Christmas Un- decorating 1:30—Council Meeting	11 4:30—6th Grade Con- firmation 6:00—Catechism	12 6:00—Choir	13	14	15	16 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
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31 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Elders Meeting	Pastor @ Conference in Hood River				Church Cleaners for January 1/3-1/9—Austin 1/10-1/16—Carpenter 1/17-1/23—Coleman, Bob & Gail 1/24-1/30—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 1/31-2/6—Davidge, Phillips	

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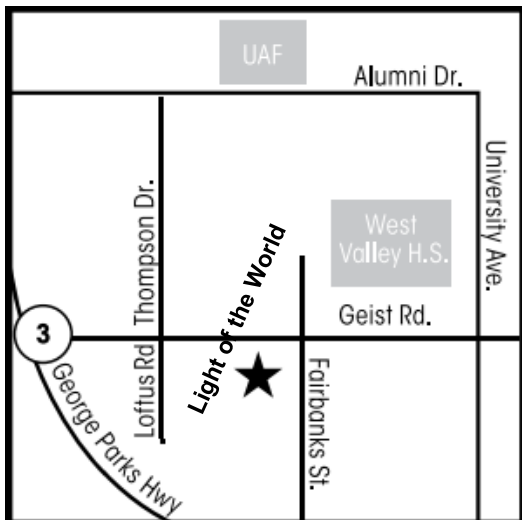
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**Grow in God's Word with us!**

**Sunday Worship 10:30**

**Bible Classes for all ages**

**9:15 am**



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*New Year*

*New Start*

*Same God!*