



Sonlight

Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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I Need More... TIME

As you reflect upon previous events in your life—gatherings, graduations, weddings, birthdays, business, kids, careers, vacations, and visits. Do you wishfully think: “If only I had a little more time? More time with my kids. More time with my elderly parents. More time to relax and enjoy life.” With a slight sense of regret and quick glance at what may seem like a schedule fuller than ever, you may feel like throwing up your hands and shouting, “I need more time!”

Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10). You might be thinking that your life is full enough. You do not need more things to do. You need more time! But Jesus is not talking about doing more things. Jesus is talking about a fulfilling life that has a purpose from

beginning to end and into eternity.

Jesus entered our world 2000 years ago. Jesus’ purpose in life was simple. He came to earth so that when our time on earth comes to an end, we can spend eternity with him in heaven. In order to make that happen, Jesus lived every moment of every day in perfect obedience to his heavenly Father. His life temporarily ended at the cross when he suffered the punishment of sin for all people of all time. Just three days after his death, Jesus came back to life in order to proclaim his victory

over death and his gift of life with God.

What a full life Jesus gives to us! We do not need to be weighed down by the guilt of our past—things we have regretfully done or left undone. Jesus came to live a perfect life in our place. We have confidence for the future because Jesus is already at the finish line, waiting to welcome us into heaven. Life is no longer about cramming as much as possible into every day. Rather, life is about living each moment of every day in gratefulness to our Savior Jesus.

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Key Events This Month:

- 1/6—Sunday School and Bible Class Resume**
- 1/8—Worship Team Meeting**
- 1/13—Monthly Potluck**
- 1/13—Taking down Christmas Decorations**
- 1/20—Council Meeting**
- 1/19—Volunteering at Fairbanks Food Bank**
- 1/26—Men’s Bible Class—Hard Teachings of Jesus**
- 1/27—Annual Voters Meeting**



End of Sonlight

One of the main concerns in the congregation a number of years ago was a lack of communication. Members wanted to know what was going, and understandably so. One of the ways to make improvements on that front was the creation

of Sonlight, this monthly newsletter.

As communication mediums have changed over the years, the desire to find more ways to reach our membership have changed as well. So, starting next month, Sonlight will be

giving way to two new forms of communication: Son-burst & Son-rise. With this changeover, the communication of information won’t be lost; the goal will be to improve communication and to provide ways for you to grow as a member here and to grow in your faith in Jesus. More info on the Son-burst and Son-rise can be found on the next page!

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Need more time? Spend time with Jesus. Get to know him through his Word. Discover the fullness of his love and purpose for you. While he may not give you the additional hour(s) you were hoping for each day, Jesus will help you to make the most of the time he gives to you.

God's blessings,

Pastor 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...

Church Bulletins

Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm.-prayer and medication to follow.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Marriage is a profound mystery. In Ephesians 5:32 Paul calls marriage literally, a "mega-mystery." The word mystery seems to imply it can't be solved but there is an answer and it's entirely possible to know it. It's entirely possible for you to know, feel and act on the secret to a great marriage.

On March 1-3, 2019, you have the opportunity to join other WELS couples from around Alaska for our 2nd Marriage Enrichment

Weekend down at the Dimond Center Hotel in Anchorage. The theme for this weekend is "Mysterious Marriage," and the intent of the weekend is encourage and enable married couples to rejoice in the mysteries of marriage so they can continue to grow. The cost will be \$325 and will cover registration costs, two nights at the hotel, and couple of meals that will be provided.

Please chat with Pastor if you are interested.

Son-rise

What's a better way to start your week out than to stay connected to the Light? Starting in February, weekly emails will be sent to all the members every Monday morning. Here's what you can expect to find in Son-rise:

⇒ A link to Sunday's sermon, if you missed worship or would like a refresher

⇒ A prayer list to guide your prayers for the week

⇒ A short devotion to help you start your week

⇒ A list of activities for the week

⇒ Special announcements and reports from our groups, like GLOW

Please keep an eye out for Son-rise starting in February!

Son-burst

One of the most valuable forms of communication that we have is our monthly calendar of events at Light of the World. Starting in February, that won't change. At the beginning of every month, we'll have a shorter "newsletter" for our members that will include only a couple of items from Sonlight...

⇒ A monthly devotion

⇒ Our mission statement (a great reminder)

⇒ The monthly calendar of events.

Please watch for Son-burst, starting next month.

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:15—Sunday School for all ages resumes 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Prayer Group	7 6:00—BBB Class	8 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Worship Team Meeting	9	10	11 6:00—Family Game Night	12
13 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:45—Christmas Un- decorating	14 6:00—BBB Class	15 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	16	17	18	19 9:00—Volunteer at Fairbanks Food Bank
20 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW	21 6:00—BBB Class	22 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	23	24	25	26 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
27 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Voters Meeting	28	29	30	Church Cleaners for January : 12/30-1/5—Coleman, Bob & Gail 1/6-1/12—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 1/13-1/19—Die 1/20-1/26—Dolgner, Becker 1/27-2/5—Holdsworth, Christianson		
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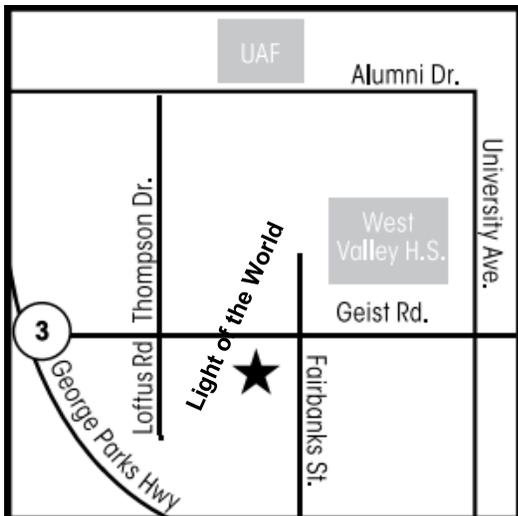
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



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