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A Gift to Enjoy!



The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

My first paycheck. \$100! A ONE with two zeroes behind it! It didn't matter that I spent a week pulling weeds with thistles in a 45-acre field. It didn't matter that I sweltered under a hot July sun. It didn't matter that I earned minimum wage. It had my name on it. I earned it. Some people put the first

dollar they earned in a frame and hang it on the wall, but mine, mine was going straight into the bank.

There is another paycheck that I'm not so excited to take to the bank or to see hanging over my head. It comes in the form of guilt pricking my conscience far deeper than a thistle could ever penetrate my skin. Sometimes I see it when my temper flares hotter than the summer sun. I feel it when I

know I should be more considerate, more caring and more loving toward others around me. So I work harder to do what's right and try harder to do better than before, but still it never seems to be enough. And it isn't enough, because the Bible tells me the wages of my sin is death—and it's your paycheck, too.

But there is another way, and it doesn't come by earning, but by receiving. It's not a paycheck. It's a gift that has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus, earned by his death on the cross and shared freely with you. The Bible says, "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." In Jesus, we are given what we don't deserve: eternal life. We have something that will last forever. It will never run out, be used up or be taken away.

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Key Events This Month:

7/6—Maintenance Team Meeting

7/13—Outdoor Worship Service @ Pioneer Park

7/13—Church Picnic

7/20—Quarterly Voters Meeting

Voters Meeting

On Sunday, July 20th, we'll be holding our Quarterly Voters Meeting following our worship service.

These meetings are the best way for you, as a member and

as a vital part of this congregation, to be apprised of projects and other goings-on here at Light of the World.

Topics for the upcoming meeting will include:

⇒ Replacing doors

⇒ Church maintenance projects

⇒ Updates on August outreach event

⇒ Church discipline action

Please mark this date on your calendars and plan on attending. Thanks!

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That takes all the pressure off, doesn't it? Instead of the failures of our past, we can look to Jesus' perfect life of love. Instead of the pressures of tomorrow, we can look to the promise of eternal life that is already won for us by Jesus' dying and rising from the dead. As a result, life is not a burden, but a gift to enjoy always.

Blessings,
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.*

Summer Canvassing

Do you like walking? Do you like telling other people about Jesus? Do you like inviting people to come and worship with us?

If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, we'd like to invite you to come canvassing with us this summer. It's as simple as walking to people's houses and asking them to check our church out or inviting them to one of our outreach events.

Please consider if you might serve your Lord by going canvassing with us this summer!

God's Lights Of the World

Summer is here! We are keeping busy with planning for the 2014 WELS Women's Retreat. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements about upcoming meetings, ways you can be involved, and how to register for this event.

The 2014 WELS Women's Retreat is only 2 months away! REGISTER TODAY! This event is taking place on Friday-Saturday, September 19-20, 2014, at Pikes Riverfront Lodge. Go to

www.lightoftheworldlutheran.com and click on the retreat tab (2014 Women's Retreat) at the upper right of the page.

Want to get involved in the last minute preparations? Talk to Becky Strong or Faye Ethridge to find out how your talents may be used.

We pray you are all able to attend this event in September.

God bless, 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.

In the announcement section of a church's bulletin:

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

Back to School Community Picnic

Join us as we prepare for another awesome outreach event—our Back to School Community Picnic. We'll be celebrating the end of summer with our community with music, food, a bouncy house, games, prizes, and more!

Please consider how you can help with this event because we need you!

- ⇒ Date: August 16th
- ⇒ Time: 11am-4pm
- ⇒ For: Everyone
- ⇒ Cost: FREE



Men's Bible Study

Here at Light of the World, we want to provide as many opportunities for you to get into God's Word as we can so that you can continue to grow in your faith in Jesus.

Over the past year, our women's group (GLOW) has started a monthly Bible Study. Starting this fall, we'd like to start a men's Bible study.

What we're looking for is feedback from you, things like:

- ⇒ Would early morning work best?
- ⇒ Should it be during the weekend or a weekday?
- ⇒ Should it include food?

Of course it will! Please direct your feedback to Pastor! Thanks!

JULY 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 9:30—Worship w/Communion 11:00—Maintenance Team Meeting | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 10:00—Outdoor Wor- ship @ Pioneer Park 11:30—Church Picnic | 14 | 15 | 16 6:00—Canvassing | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:30—Worship w/Communion 11:00—Quarterly Vot- ers Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:30—Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 6:00—Canvassing | | |

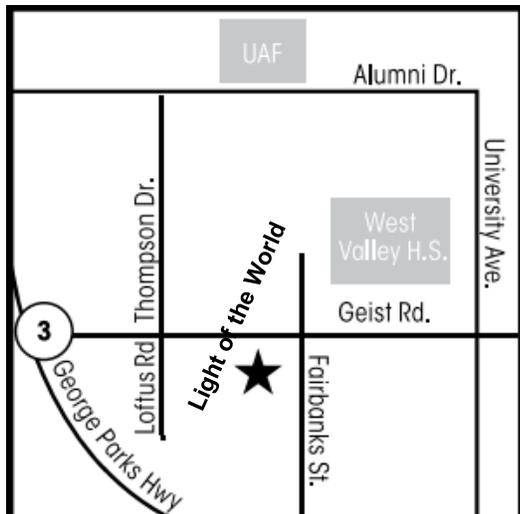
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Grow in God's Word with us!
Summer Worship Schedule:
Sunday @ 9:30am



Located at: **4155 Geist Road**

**BACK TO SCHOOL
COMMUNITY PICNIC**
August 16, 2014.....11am-4pm
HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS!!!

