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Key Events This Month:

7/8-7/30—Pastor on vacation
7/12—Monthly Potluck
7/19—Quarterly Voters Meeting

Do we have guardian angels?

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:11

Swim at Your Own Risk. No Lifeguard on Duty.

Those words might sound a bit perilous to a parent whose teenager is spending a lazy summer day at a lesser known beach. But to the teenager, the words call out, "Freedom!" No authorities within sight to spoil the fun. Now that's a good time! Until help is needed.

Like lifeguards, God's angels watch over us. Angels are spirit beings, without the earthly limitations of physical form, created by God as his agents for earthly missions. "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).

Angels have been, and will continue to be, sent by God to battle

evil and frustrate the ways of the wicked. For example, angels appeared in the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to announce their doom (Genesis 19). This mission of justice, though, falls in line with a greater purpose for which angels are created and called. "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14)?

Just like we believe in a God whom we cannot see, we believe in angels whom we cannot see because the Bible con-

vinces us so. Just like God cares for all people, but shows special attention to his children who love and believe in him, angels show the same special attention to believers. Every believer. Every minute. "Sent to serve."

Is there a specific angel, a guardian angel, assigned to each believer? Jesus once taught about the care of God for children when he said that "their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). That doesn't necessarily mean that

one, specific angel is assigned to a believer for life, but it does mean that there are plenty of angels around and assigned to help. Also, those angels are holy, they are heavenly, and cannot lead us astray.



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Voters Meeting

On Sunday, July 19, we'll be having our quarterly voters meeting following our worship service. While a large chunk of the meeting will be devoted to hearing updates from the Council on specific areas of

ministry here, meetings like this one provide a great venue to gain feedback from you on our ministry work here. Here are some topics you can expect to be covered in our July meeting:

⇒ Update on summer maintenance projects

⇒ Financial report

⇒ "State of the Congregation" report

⇒ Updates from individual ministry teams

We hope you'll be able to join us for this meeting!

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So put your faith in God to forgive you, bless you, and to take care of you not only with normal circumstances like life-guards or a job, but also in his invisible, miraculous ways like sending angels. He remains superior to angels, by the way, so only God deserves your praise and prayers.

The Bible says that even angels praise him (Psalm 148:2)! And so do we!

God's blessings!

Pastor Jason Strong

Church Activity Ideas Wanted!

Unfortunately, we didn't have very good attendance at our Game Nights and our Glow Putt outing this year. We want to change that. We want to find more activities that will allow members to get together outside of a Sunday morning worship setting. We value those opportunities for members to grow in their relationships with each other. If you have any ideas about events or outings that interest you, please submit them to Pastor or our Member Ministry Team leader, Lynn Kuhl. Thank you!

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.*

WELS Alaska Women's Retreat '15

Taste and see that the Lord is Good! Join the WELS Women of Alaska for a refreshing retreat at beautiful Land's End Resort in Homer, Alaska, Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th. Guest speaker, Valerie Johnson, will help us to celebrate the Martha in each of us as we take Mary's example and listen at our Savior's feet and discover the joy you didn't know you had to turn your

complaints into thankfulness. Cost is \$50 per registrant if paid by September 6th. Price goes up to \$65 if paid after September 6th. For more information or to register online visit www.AKWELSWomensRetreat.com.

Pamphlets with similar information can be found on the table in the back of church.

On the Lighter Side...

Liturgical Gaff

One time, during a particularly difficult time in a church job where one man served as the pastoral assistant, he led the 5:30 evening communion service. Afterwards, an elderly parishioner approached him and said "Do you know what you said tonight?" He looked at her, confused, and said no. She said, "Well, instead of "The Lord be with you" (to which the congregation replies "and also with you") -- you said "The Lord be with me." She said, "We all sort of stood there, looked at each other, and then said, "and with us too!" And the man had totally missed the whole exchange!

Outreach...with a Purpose!

Over the past few summers, a small group of members have joined Pastor in going around neighborhoods in our vicinity to do some canvassing. The main intent of this was to reintroduce the people of our community to Light of the World (needed especially after our official name change). While we haven't had a lot of people come to worship as a result of our canvassing, God has blessed our efforts by giv-

ing our congregation some more notoriety in the community.

This summer, however, we're taking a different approach. Instead of giving our neighbors a chance to find out more about us, we're looking to find out more about them. As we go out canvassing, we are taking short neighborhood questionnaires, inviting our neighbors to fill them out. They ask simple questions mainly fo-

cused on finding out more about their religious background, as well as what programs they think our community could benefit from.

We went on our first round of these visits this past month and received a fairly positive response. We'll look at going out and surveying our neighborhoods a couple more times in August.

Our hope is that through these

questionnaires, we might be able to develop a program at Light of the World that would meet a specific perceived need of our community.

We have a lot of surveys to take, and we hope you'll consider helping us in doing this. The script is extremely simple (it's just the survey), and you'll be paired up with a more experienced canvasser. Thank you for your consideration!

JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 REJOICE IN GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR NATION!
5 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pastor on vacation until July 30th. You can reach him at (262)402-8954.						
12 10:30—Worship 12:00—Monthly Potluck	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:30—Worship	27	28	29	30	Church Cleaners for June 6/28-74—Austin 7/5-7/11—Carpenter 7/12-7/18—Coleman, Bob & Gail 7/19-7/25—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 7/26-8/1—Davidge/Philips	

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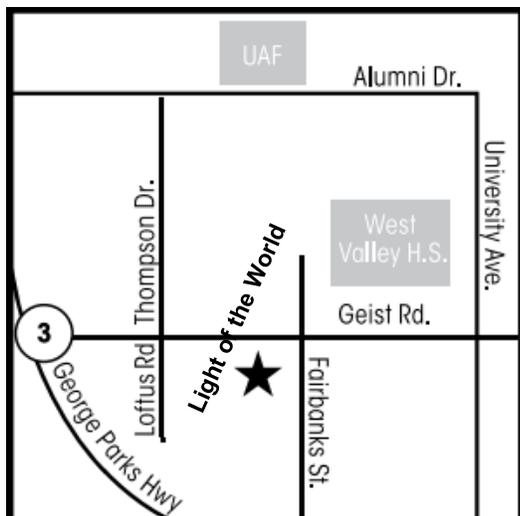
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday Worship 10:30

Bible Classes for all ages

9:15 am



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***“Greater love has no one
than this, that he lay down
his life for his friends.***

John 15:13

