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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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Jesus Is My Savior from Sin

**The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
— 1 John 1:7**

As we celebrate our nation’s Independence Day, we have plenty of reasons to be thankful. Throughout the generations, the Lord has blessed us with peace and protection. He has spared us from many evils.

Yet the world is full of danger. What poses the greatest threat to us today? War? Poverty? Terrorism? Crime? Political discord? Natural disasters? Financial collapse? Actually, there is a threat that is greater than all of these. It is sin.

Sin doesn’t seem so dangerous. It’s all around us. We live with it all our lives. We get used to it. It doesn’t always set off alarms in our minds like so many other threats do. Sin may not be good, but it’s not going to kill us.

Or could it? The Bible says sin is a deadly threat to our souls. It covers us like so much dirt and makes us unworthy to

stand before a perfect God. In fact, it is so dangerous that just one “little” sin is enough to keep us out of heaven!

Who could save us from this great danger? Only the one who had no sin—Jesus Christ. As God’s Son, he came to live as one of us. He never committed even one “little” sin. Yet he suffered for our sin, to take away the punishment we deserved for it. He shed his

perfect blood on the cross for us. “The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

Jesus’ blood washes us clean! It removes every last stain of sin from our souls. Through faith in Jesus, we stand pure and clean before our God. We are spotless in his eyes. We can be sure that our sin will not keep us out of heaven because Jesus took it away!

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Key Events This Month:
7/9—Church Rummage Sale
7/10—Church Picnic
7/17—Council Meeting
7/24—Outreach Team Meeting
7/26—Canvassing
7/30—Men’s Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
7/31—Quarterly Voters Meeting

Voters Meeting

Our quarterly Voters Meeting is coming up this month. We’ll be holding that meeting the last Sunday of the month (7/31). Even in the slower months of the summer, ministry here at Light of the World continues

on, and this is a fine way to stay current on what we’re doing here. Some of the items for our agenda will include:

- ⇒ Voting on membership changes
- ⇒ Ministry team reports
- ⇒ Budget update

⇒ Maintenance plans
We hope you can carve out some time to stay for this meeting and help take ownership of Light of the World and its mission!

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As our country marks another Independence Day, we ask God to continue to protect our land from whatever may threaten us. Most of all, we give him thanks for sending his Son to save us from the deadly danger of our sin. Because of Jesus, we can look forward to a heavenly country, where nothing will threaten us ever again!

Thank God for that freedom!

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.*

On the Lighter Side...

They Died in the Service

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Johnny was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning son."

"Good morning pastor" replied the young man, focused on the plaque.

"Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked.

"Well son, these are all the people who have died in the service," replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Johnny's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly,

"Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30 service?"

Rummage Sale

It's time to start saving up your unused treasures at home! ON July 9th, we'll be hosting a rummage sale from 9-3. We're hoping to get various donations from you to fill our tables, and the proceeds from the sale will go to both the local women's shelter and New Beginnings, a WELS program geared towards supporting single mothers and pregnant women.

While the sale will be taking place over at the parsonage, it's an event being hosted by the entire congrega-

tion. If you are able to help out in any way (with donations, manning the tent, moving the tent after the sale, pouring good ol' "Lutheran" coffee), your help is needed and much appreciated. Please talk to Katie Ziesmer if you are interested in helping!

Heart of Worship Sermon Series

Do you ever wonder why we do what we do in worship? Why we use certain parts of the liturgy, read certain parts of Scripture, sing certain hymns each Sunday?

If that's you, then you're in for a treat this summer. We're well into the heart of our summer sermon series entitled "The Heart of Worship." Throughout this sermon series, we'll touch on different parts

of our worship service, helping you to both understand their place in worship and gain a greater appreciation for the gift our worship is from God.

Some sermon topics will include: music in worship, confessing your faith, the Lord's Supper, prayer, the sermon, and so much more!

Come, find the heart of worship and be enriched in your faith in Jesus this summer!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Elders Meeting	4	5 5:30—Worship Team Meeting	6	7	8	9 9:00-3:00—Church Rummage Sale
10 10:30—Outdoor Wor- ship 12:00—Church Picnic	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council Meet- ing	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:30—Worship 12:00—Outreach Team Meeting	25	26 6:00—Canvassing	27	28	29	30 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
31 10:30—Worship 12:00—Voters Meeting					<div style="background-color: #4F8120; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for July 7/3-7/9—Strong 7/10-7/16—Taipale/Anderson 7/17-7/23—Young 7/24-7/30—Ziesmer 7/31-8/6—Austin </div>	

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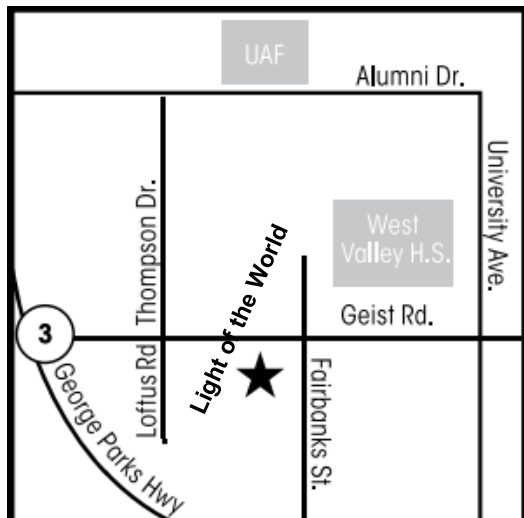
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday Worship 10:30



Located at: **4155 Geist Road**



**Outdoor worship
(weather-permitting) -
10:30am**

Picnic—12:00pm