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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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### Key Events This Month:

**7/8—Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic**

**7/14—Church Work Day**

**7/15—Quarterly Congregational Meeting**

**7/22—Branches Band leads worship**

**7/23—Branches Band Free Concert @ Pioneer Park**

## 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

the Bible tells me the wages of my sin is death—and it's your paycheck, too.

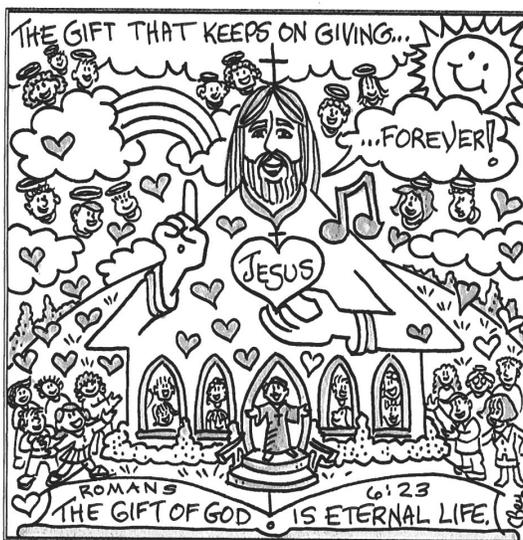
But there is another way, and it doesn't come by earning, but by receiving. It's not a paycheck. It's a gift that has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus, earned by his death on the cross and shared freely with you. The Bible says, "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." 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.

That takes all the pressure off, doesn't

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

it? Instead of the failures of

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### Church Picnic

Sunday, July 8, we'll be having our church picnic. This years picnic will be at Pioneer Park, at the pavilion located next to the line-dancing hall.

Our picnic will begin with an

outdoor worship service, which will be at the same location. Please note that the worship service will be beginning at 11:00am, NOT 10:30. That will allow anyone who goes to church to find their way over to the park.

There will be grills if you would like to bring some meats to grill; otherwise, you are invited to bring a dish to pass. This will be games for the children and the adults alike.

We hope to see you there!



*Branches Band members (from left to right): Rachel Braun, Jeremy Bakken, and Andy Braun.*

## *Free Concert in the Park*

Our outreach team has planned their next big event for end of this month. On Monday, July 23, we will be hosting a free concert at Pioneer Park.

Our headliner for this concert will be Branches Band. Many of you may already be familiar with this group because they came out and visited us a couple of summers ago. Branches Band is made up of WELS members from Milwaukee, WI, who tour around the country,

playing and singing in worship services and helping out with outreach events, like our Music in the Park Concert.

Branches Band will also be leading worship for us on Sunday, July 22, so that will be a great treat you're invited to enjoy. On that Sunday, we'll be taking a door offering to help cover the costs it takes them to make the trip up here. We will also be having a potluck to help feed them.

We will also like to help provide some other meals for the band, so there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church indicating what you can bring to help feed them.

For the concert, we are also looking for donations of hot dogs, buns, chips, and water to feed those guests who will come to the concert. Please consider if you can help support this even through your gifts!

For more info, visit our church's website or [www.branchesband.com](http://www.branchesband.com).

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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.

### ***Church Work Day***

At our last spring clean-up day in May, there were projects that weren't completed. The Council is planning Saturday, July 14, as our next work day. Projects still needing to be completed are: staining the well-house, finishing up work on the parsonage, cutting brush on the side of church, etc. We are planning to start at 9 and be done by 3. We hope you'll be able to come and help us take care of the church and this property, a wonderful gift our God has given to every one of us!

### ***Kitchen Supplies***

G.L.O.W is working on updating our kitchen supplies. If you are willing to donate any items or funds, please contact Fay Mueller.

- ⇒ 2 sets of salt & pepper shakers (clear glass)
- ⇒ 2 soup ladles
- ⇒ 2-3 cookie sheets
- ⇒ Serving cart/kitchen trolley (with wheels)
- ⇒ 4-5 quart soup pot

Thank you for helping to update our kitchen here at Light of the World!

## ***GLOW Update***

Although the women of GLOW have taken a little bit of a break for the summer, we are still going strong. Please feel free to join us this month for our **Thursday evening walks**. July 12 and 26 at 6:00 p.m. we will meet in the church parking lot. This is a great time to exercise, relax, and

have some great conversation. Pets and children welcome!

The **2012 WELS Women's Retreat** is coming up very soon!! The theme is "Stressed out, but standing strong," and will be taking place September 14-15 in Seward, AK. I know that may seem a bit far, but we are hoping to take a van full,

maybe more! The retreat is a great opportunity to meet other WELS women in Alaska and to grow closer to our Savior. It is such a neat event! More information and brochures will be arriving shortly. If you have questions, please ask Becky Strong at anytime. We look forward to bringing as

many of our women as possible!

Thank you for keeping all those loved ones in your prayers. It is great to have so many people praying! If you have any prayer requests, please send them to Becky, and she will forward them out!

God bless!

# JULY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Member Ministry Meeting	2 6:00—Worship	3 6:00—Special Voters Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 11:00—Outdoor Service and Picnic at Pioneer Park	9 6:00—Worship	10 6:00—Canvassing	11 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	12 6:00—GLOW Walking	13	14 9:00—Church Work Day
15 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting	16 6:00—Worship	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:30—Worship led by Branches Band 12:00—Potluck	23 5:00—8:00 - Free Concert in the Park by Branches Band <b>NO MONDAY WORSHIP</b>	24	25 6:00—Canvassing	26 6:00—GLOW Walking	27	28
29 10:30—Worship	30 6:00—Worship	31				

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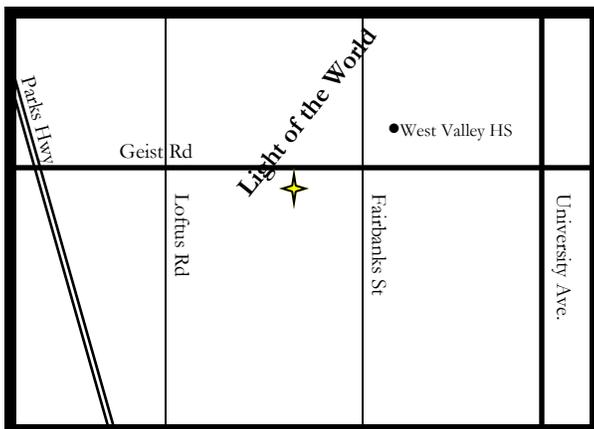
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Gather in God's Word with us this  
summer!

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Monday Evening Worship

6:00 pm



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JOHN 15:5; I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.  
WWW.BRANCHESBAND.COM

**FREE Concert**

**Pioneer Park  
Monday, July 23  
5-8PM**

**MUSIC. FOOD. FUN.**