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The Purpose of the Bible

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

- Romans 15:4

Every book has a purpose. Whether it's a cookbook, music book, history book, novel, science book, biography, or even a comic book, every book has a reason. So what is the purpose of the best-selling book in the world, the Bible?

The Bible imparts wisdom, and has been used in many lands during various ages as a key educational textbook. While this is useful, it is not the real purpose of the Bible.

The Bible proclaims the Creator's natural law for his creatures. Guided by its directives, people can live productive and happy lives, caring about others. While this is very beneficial, it is not the real purpose of the Bible.



Many claim the Bible teaches us how to live according to God's commands so we can gain his favor. This common misunderstanding is certainly not the purpose of the Bible. Rather, the Bible clearly proclaims and demonstrates that we cannot keep God's commands to gain his favor for salvation.

God's answer to this dilemma is the REAL purpose of the Bible. According to his eternal plan God sent his own perfect Son, Jesus, to live in obedience to all of God's commands, and to suffer the punishment for our wrongs against God's commands by his death on the cross. Jesus gained God's favor for all of us!

The apostle Paul wrote, "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Just before this verse, Paul quoted from what was written in the past, about a thousand years before Jesus was born: "The insults of those who insult you fall on me" (Psalm 69:9). Paul described how that Psalm verse speaks of Jesus Christ, who did not come to please himself, but came to do the Father's will. In his suffering and death Jesus voluntarily bore all people's hostility toward God.

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Key Events This Month:

- 7/9—Monthly Potluck**
- 7/23—Quarterly Voters Meeting**
- 7/25—Canvassing**

New Building Project

We're planning on replacing the parsonage roof this month. Thank you to all who given to help fund this project. Now that we've finished funding for that, we're turning our attention toward our next project, putting handicap access to the church building.

As of right now, we have no exact plans or project costs. In the coming months, we'll be looking to put together a sub-committee to work on those plans. Until then, we'll be working on building up our funding to complete that goal so that, Lord-willing, we can continue to work on projects to help our congregation be

able to carry out our mission here at Light of the World..



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This is the amazing purpose of the Bible. It points to Jesus Christ and describes in detail his work of salvation. It is God's word. It is his eternal plan of salvation for sinners. This is what truly teaches us, encourages us, grants us endurance and hope! This is THE purpose of the Bible—to show sinners their salvation in Jesus Christ alone. So great is God's love for us!

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...

A Priest, A Minister, A Rabbi, & A Bear

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So each one goes into the woods, finds ^[1]_[SEP] a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the ^[1]_[SEP]circumcision."

Summer Devotional Materials Available

Summer is the time when many families like to take vacations, enjoy being with relatives, and take in the beautiful weather while we have it. We want to provide you with mobile, devotional options so that you don't have to take a vacation from God.

Sign up to receive Daily Bible Readings emailed to you every day. They also include WELS Daily Devotions and short devotion-videos from Your Time of Grace. Talk to Pastor Strong to get signed

up. Check out the WELS Church Locator @ <https://yearbook.wels.net/unitsearch> to find a congregation to worship at when you're out of town.

Download the WELS Mobile app to get devotional materials and keep up to date with the latest WELS news.



Quarterly Voters Meeting

Our quarterly Voters Meeting is coming up this month. We'll be holding that meeting the 4th Sunday of the month (7/23). 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 highlights
- ⇒ Budget update
- ⇒ Update on our roofing project

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!



JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30—Worship w/Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:30—Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:30—Worship w/Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30—Worship 12:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting	24	25 6:00—Canvassing	26	27	28	29
30 10:30—Worship	31					

Church Cleaners for July:
 6/25-7/1—Austin
 7/2-7/8—Carpenter
 7/9-7/15—Coleman, Bob & Gail
 7/16-7/22—Coleman, Ian & Sheila
 7/23-7/29—Die
 7/30-8/5—Dolgnier/Becker

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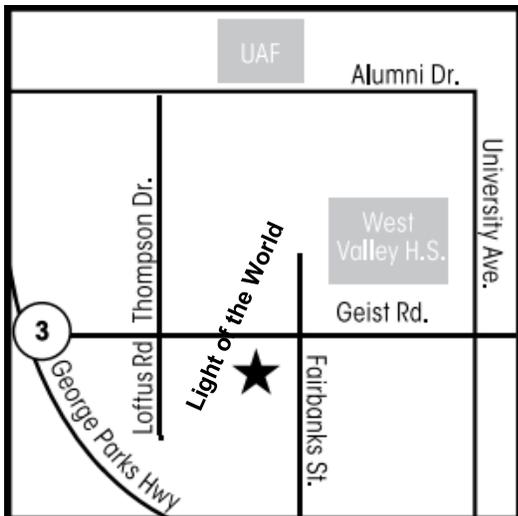
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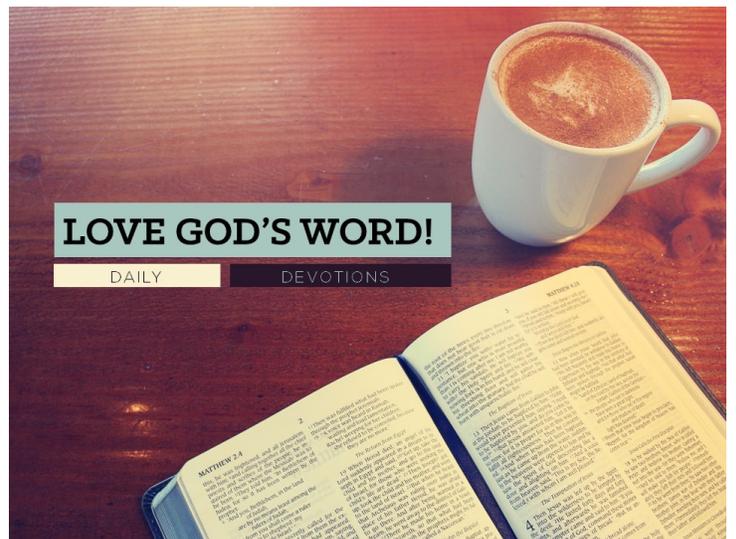
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**VACATION WITH
GOD'S WORD THIS
SUMMER!**