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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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God's Encouraging Word... when I am insecure



What is the strongest building in your neighborhood? I'm guessing that many people have never even thought about it, but if you live in a trailer home in tornado alley or near an ocean where hurricanes can strike, you've probably considered that question many times. When a tornado approaches or a hurricane, being in building that you know is constructed to withstand the worst, provides a sense of security in the chaos of a storm.

Where do you go when the threat isn't from the weather? Where do you go when you

and your spouse are having a rough time? Where do you go when the doctor says, "I'm sorry, it's cancer." Where do you go when you did something that really hurt a person you love and you can't change it now? Where do you go when you are troubled with thoughts of what lies beyond this life? The Bible gives us the answer.

In the book of Proverbs, God's Word says, "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

Does that mean if we call on God, he will whisk away whatever trouble or hardship is weighing us down? No, the storms of life will rage on, but like a strong building God will give us what we need to weather the storms. When we connect with him by reading the Bible or hearing his promises as we attend worship services, God gives us strength. There we find the LORD God who loves us no matter how big the messes we have made in life. There we find the LORD God who loves us no matter how much confidence we have in ourselves. There we find the LORD God who doesn't leave us asking, "Have I been good enough?" or "Have I done enough?" Instead we find the LORD God who has freely given us a place in heaven after we die. There we find the

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Key Events This Month:

- 7/8—Friendship Sunday**
- 7/8—LotW Cook-off: Grill Masters**
- 7/12—Ordination/Installation for Pastor Cale Mead @ Christ, Juneau**
- 7/15—Ordination/Installation for Benjamin Phelps @ Grace, Kenai**
- 7/21—Men's Bible Study**
- 7/22—Council Meeting**
- 7/28—Float Trip**
- 7/29—Quarterly Voters Meeting**

LotW Cook-off: Grill Masters Edition

Over the past couple of years, we've had some great success and raving reviews for our cook-off competitions. This year, we're moving from soups in the cold winter months to grilling out in the summer. Our big cook-off challenge this year will be on Sunday, July 8

in connection with our Friendship Sunday. The **TWO** categories this year will be "Grilled Foods" and "Cobbler/Pie." If you're interested in being a part of this competition, you can sign up at church or contact Pastor!



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LORD God who will give us the strength we need to survive the storms of this life until we reach the next.

Have you noticed that many churches have a tower or steeple? What a fitting reminder that in these buildings we find the LORD God who is the strongest tower ever built! This Sunday would be a good time to visit.

Blessings,
Pastor 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...

An Old Bible

A collector of rare books ran into an old friend who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten-somebody-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector.

"Yes, that was it!"

"Do you know what you have done? You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anywhere close to that," replied his friend. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."

Christ Culture Sermon Series

These days, you might be finding that it's becoming increasingly more difficult to be a Christian in modern society. Our faith is being tested daily, and the struggle to remain true to God's Word is challenging. For our Sundays this summer, we'll be taking look at some prevalent issues of the day where our culture and God's Word differ. Through God's Word, you'll be encouraged and equipped

to stand firm in your faith and Jesus and continue to gladly go against the flow of a Christ-less lifestyle.



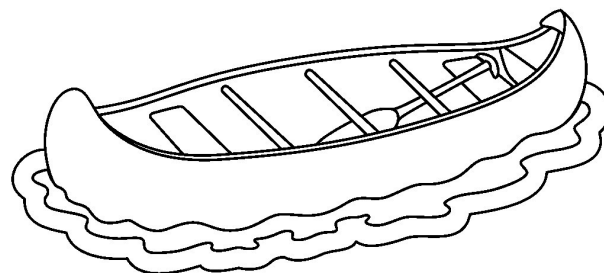
Canoe/Raft/Kayak Trip

With these warmer, summer temperatures, people want to get out and enjoy the weather. This month, we're looking to provide an awesome opportunity for you to enjoy the outdoors while spending some time with other members of Light of the World. On Saturday, July 28th, we'll be floating down the Chena River, finishing up with dinner at Pike's Landing.

For this event, you're invited to join us for both the rafting and the din-

ner, or either one. We'll be looking to take off from Graehl Park (exact time TBD), raft for about 3 hours, and then meet up for dinner at Pike's. You'd be welcome to bring a kayak, canoe, raft, whatever you'd like to float down the Chena.

If you're interested in this event, please talk to either Bob Coleman or Pastor Strong so that we can get an idea of how many people to expect. We hope you'll be able to join us for this fun afternoon!



JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Prayer Group	2	3 6:00—FIT	4	5	6	7
8 10:30—Friendship Sunday 12:00—LotW Cook-off: Grill Masters	9	10 6:00—FIT	11	12 7:00— Ordination/Installation for Cale Mead @ Christ, Juncau	13	14
15 10:30—Worship w/Communion 5:00— Ordination/Installation for Benjamin Phelps @ Grace, Kenai	16	17	18	19	20	21 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
22 10:30—Worship 12:00—Council Meeting	23	24	25 6:00—FIT	26	27	28 TBD—Float Trip down the Chena/Dinner @ Pike's Landing
29 10:30—Worship 12:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting	30	31		<div style="background-color: #006633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for July : 7/1-7/7—Dolgener/Becker 7/8-7/14—Holdsworth/Christianson 7/15-7/21—Kuhl/Kukes 7/22-7/28—MgGough 7/29-8/4—Phillips/Wallace </div>		

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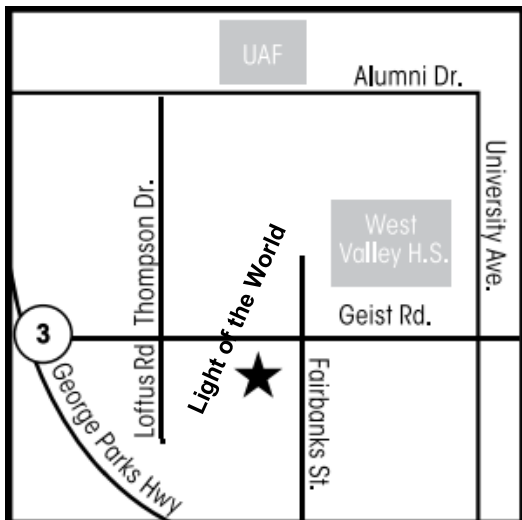
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



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LotW Annual Cook-off

Grill Masters Edition

Sunday, July 8th

Following worship

Prizes for best grilled

entree

&

best pie or cobbler



Sign up today!



**Get Your
Grill On!**

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