

Syndoulos Monthly Newsletter

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What More Could We Want?

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Key Events This Month:
5/12—Spring Clean-Up
5/13—Mother's Day Potluck
5/20—Re-Dedication Sunday/New Member Recognition

*The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.*

Psalm 23:1

John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. An interviewer once asked him, "How much money is enough?" Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more."

How many times have we told ourselves that if we had "just a little bit more" we would be happy? A higher paying job. A larger home. An earlier retirement. Better health. Successful children.

But what happens when those wants are met? Are people truly happy? And what happens when those wants aren't met? When you find yourself unemployed. When in rough times your savings are depleted. When plans for better housing or earlier retirement have to be put on hold. When your health takes a turn for the worse or your children struggle in school. Where do you turn? Turn to Jesus and remember, "The LORD is my shepherd, I



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shall not be in want."

We might not have everything we want in life, but Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has truly given us everything we need. He's given us his word. He's given us his promises. He assures us that our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is ours through his death and resurrection.

He promises to provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs richly and abundantly

here on earth until he takes us to the glorious home that he has prepared for us in heaven. There through our Savior, you and I will experience the fulfillment of his promise, "You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:11).

Not long after his death, someone came up to the accountant of John D. Rockefeller and said, "We know Rockefeller

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Spring Clean-Up

It's time to pull those rakes out of storage. The sun is shining, the snow is melting, and the plants are coming back to life!

On Saturday, May 12, we'll be having our church spring clean-up, beginning at 10am.

There is plenty of work to be done cleaning up the grounds, as well as cleaning the church. We are looking for as many people to come and help as are able.

There is also a military parade that same morning at 10am, so those who are planning on

attending the parade are certainly welcome to come and help out after the parade. Lunch will be provided!

Please make the effort to come and help beautify our facility and our grounds. It's a great way to show your love for your Lord and care for his church!

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was a very wealthy man. How much did he leave?" Without a moment's hesitation, the accountant answered, "Everything!" A man who seemed to have it all was forced to leave it all behind in the end. The only things that will go with us from this life to the next are the spiritual treasures that belong to us through faith in Jesus.

What do we want out of life? What we need the most has already been fully and freely supplied by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. So, what more could we want? What more could we need?

Re-Dedication Sunday

On May 20, we will be making the transition to our new name, Light of the World Lutheran Church, official with a special service re-dedicating ourselves and our congregation to the work of the Lord. We hope to have all our legal paperwork taken care of by that time, so the change would be complete by then.

Also, on that Sunday, we will be a special recognition for those new members who have joined our congregation in the

past year. This will be an opportunity for them to be recognized and for you to begin to get to know them.

After the service, there will be a special reception in the church basement in the place of our usual after worship snacks. We hope you can make it to this joyous day as we rejoice in the blessings our God has bestowed on us!

Volunteering at Stone Soup Cafe

There is a volunteer opportunity for our members to serve the community of Fairbanks. Stone Soup Café is an organization which provides breakfast and sack lunches for the less fortunate in Fairbanks on Mondays through Fridays. They need help serving, cooking, and cleaning (usually all in the morning). If you would be interested in helping, please contact Pastor or indicate your willingness on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Monday Evening Services

Do you have plans on being out of town during some weekends of the summer but would still like to attend church? We'll be having a Monday evening service throughout the summer to accommodate those who won't be able to attend services on Sunday mornings. These Monday evening services will closely follow the Sunday service with the probable exception of the full array of music our Sunday services have. The first Monday evening service will be June 11 at 6:00pm, and the subsequent weeks will be at the same time.

Northern GLOW (God's Lights Of the World)

Northern GLOW met and had a terrific meeting and Bible study this month. For our Bible study, we watched "Road to Emmaus". If anyone is interested in watching this, please contact Becky Strong. For May, June, and July, we will not be having our meetings or Bible study. We are still going to meet the second Tuesday of each month to "Walk"! We are going to enjoy the beautiful summer weather and walk around Fairbanks. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on May 10, June 14, and July 12. Feel free to bring a friend, dogs, etc.

Kitchen Supplies

During the cleaning and organization of the kitchen, the GLOW ladies also completed an inventory of supplies. The following kitchen tools are needed. If you are willing to donate any of these items, please contact Fay Mueller.

- ⇒ 2 sets of salt & pepper shakers (clear glass)
- ⇒ 2 soup ladles
- ⇒ Hot pads/pot holders
- ⇒ Sponges
- ⇒ Dish towels
- ⇒ Coffee
- ⇒ Coffee filters (10-12 cup size)

Back to the Bible Basics (BBB)

BBB Class will continue to be held on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. This class is the perfect opportunity to brush up on your Bible knowledge. Here's a look at our schedule for March:

- ⇒ 5/7—THE WORLD
- ⇒ 5/14—EVANGELISM
- ⇒ 5/21—STEWARDSHIP
- ⇒ 5/28—NO CLASS—
Memorial Day

Amazing Desert Journey

On June 4-8, we will be having our Vacation Bible School, themed the "Amazing Desert Journey!" Our Outreach Team has been hard at work, preparing for this huge event, but we NEED you. About 15 volunteers are needed each night to help out with story-telling, crafts, music, games, snacks,

and more. Please consider how you might be able to help with the fun event!

If you can't volunteer those days, but would still like to help, please take some invitations and hand them out to families around Fairbanks.



Thanks for helping make our "Amazing Desert Journey" a success!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:15—Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Member Minis- try Team Meeting	7 6:00—BBB Class	8 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	9 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	10 6:00—GLOW Walking	11 10:00—Church Spring Clean-Up	12 10:00—Church Spring Clean-Up
13 9:15—Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 10:30—Worship 12:00—Mother's Day Potluck	14 6:00—BBB Class	15 6:00—Council Meeting	16 6:00—Canvassing	17 4:30—Choir	18 10:00—Canvassing	19 10:00—Canvassing
20 RE-DEDICATION SUNDAY 9:15—Sunday School, Adult Bible Class 10:30—Worship w/Communion	21 6:00—BBB Class	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:30—Worship	28 No BBB Class (Memorial Day)	29	30	31		

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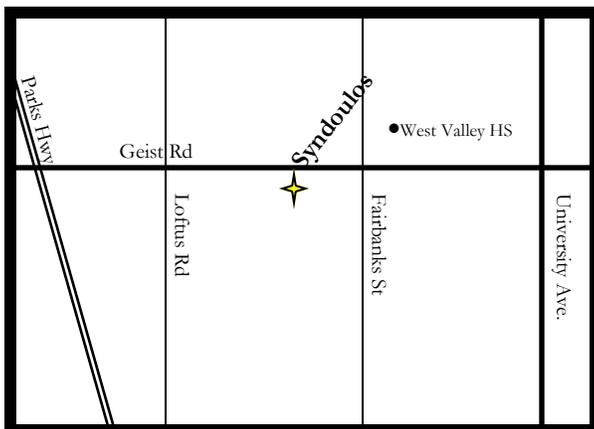
Gather in God's Word with us!

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Lenten Worship: 7:00 pm

Sunday School and

Adult Bible Study - 9:15 am



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JOHN 8:12