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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

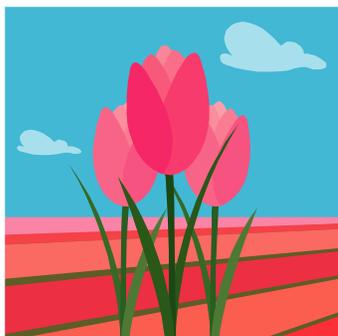
### “God’s Showers Bring Faithful Flowers”

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*“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so is the word that goes out of my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

*Isaiah 55:10,11*



Where I grew up in the Midwest, we had this saying for right about this time of year, “April showers bring May flowers.” For a typical spring in the Midwest, that’s how it goes. The snow melts in March, it rains in April, and the beautiful flowers blossom in

May. The rain is so important because that’s what produces the results, the flowers. In fact, I can’t think of a time when the raining season didn’t produce plants and vegetation.

You know, looking at that passage from Isaiah, you could say, “God’s showers bring faithful flowers.” In the Bible, God compares the rain, the snow, precipitation to his Word. When God speaks, there are results. When God’s Word is preached, when you and I share the message of his Word, it never returns empty. Just like the April showers bring forth May flowers, so the showers of God’s Word bring forth faithful followers.

Wow! How neat is that! You and I merely tell others the good news about Jesus, and God works the results. But yet, we don’t always see that happening. Well, you know where the disconnect is, don’t you? It’s in you and me. We

set the obstacles to God’s Word going out. We have the excuses not to go, like “I’m too busy,” “I’m too scared,” “I don’t want to make friends angry or have doors shut in my face.”

Why would we not want to share that message? It’s the greatest news there is, of a God who loves us so dearly he sent Jesus to live, die, and rise not only so all of our sins would be forgiven, but also so that in a joyful response, we would share that same news with others, to be the rain God works through to grow faithful followers.

As summer approaches (and despite the snow, I’m fully confident it will!), we have some neat opportunities coming up to shower God’s Word...VBS, canvassing, even just the way you live your life, talking about Jesus with people

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#### Key Events This Month:

- 5/11—Spring Tea
- 5/12—Mother’s Day Potluck
- 5/13—BBB Class Starts up
- 5/15,29—Canvassing
- 5/23—Decorating Party for VBS

#### *New Sign Approved*

At our voters meeting in April, we approved to use \$11,000 of the \$15,000 outreach gift we received in December for the purchase of a sign for the front of church. The sign will cost approximately \$15,000.

Now, with an additional \$2000 committed to the sign, we have about \$2000 remaining to raise for the sign.

The voters approved to seek that remaining \$2000 through gifts and donations from the members. If you would be

willing to donate a gift above and beyond your weekly offerings to the Lord, you may indicate your intentions on your offering envelopes. We hope to have the sign installed by the end of the summer!

### *New BBB Class*

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you come across. As you make the most of those chances, remember God's promise. His Word never returns empty. We share it, he produces results. And what a beautiful harvest it will be!

Keep raining!

Pastor Jason Strong

We're looking forward to starting up a new round of BBB (Back to the Basics of the Bible) class on Monday, May 13th at 7pm!

If you know of anyone (inside our church or outside) who is interested in learning about what the Bible teaches or what our church believes, or if you would like to delve into God's Word yourself, please let Pastor know and he will send a personalized invitation!

### *Church Cleaners Wanted!*

Over the past number of years, we've been blessed here to have two main volunteers do a weekly cleaning here at church, Conrad and Fay Christianson. We thank them for their service.

They have indicated, however, that they would like to step down from their position. If you'd be willing to help out with the cleaning at church, please contact our Maintenance Team leader, Ian Coleman. Thank you!

### *Spring Clean-Up Day*

At our last voters meeting, a date for the spring clean-up at our campus was discussed. Because of the slow thaw, the city has moved its spring clean-up day a week back to May 11.

Because of that, we've schedule our spring clean-up day at Light of the World for Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9. The Maintenance Team is currently putting together a list of tasks to be completed. We hope you'll be able to come and help your church stay clean and beautiful!

### *Tell It on the Mountain!*

You might recognize those words from the famous Christmas hymn, but that phrase is also the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School.

Every child needs to hear the Good News that Jesus their Savior is by their side, forgiving them and strengthening them no matter what mountains they face. At *Tell It on the Mountain* VBS, we'll connect children with the most important mes-

sage of their lifetime: the miraculous story of what Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves.

*Tell It on the Mountain* VBS will take us on an expedition to the top of five mountains and teach you more about God's might and grace and His Son, Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Please join us in inviting children from throughout the community to join us! Thanks!

### *VBS Volunteers Needed*

We're still a month away, but it's not too early to start thinking about how you might be a part of this year's VBS, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

We'll be hosting it the first week of June (3-7), and it will be in the evening from 6-8:30, with a dinner at 5:30pm. We were blessed with 24 children last summer, and with 27 children at our Easter for Kids in March, we're hoping to at least

double the amount for VBS.

We need you. Please consider volunteering the whole week or even one of those days. If you are interested, you can sign up on the sheet in the back of church. It's an incredible blessing to share Jesus with these precious souls, and we hope you'll be able to be a part of it this summer!

### *God's Lights Of the World*

Come to our Spring Tea on May 11 at 2:00 in the church basement. Just bring your favorite tea cup and come enjoy different teas, small sandwiches, cookies, and fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 over at the parsonage. We will be making a decision about whether or not we will host the 2014 Women's Retreat. Please

come and join in this discussion as well as the discussion of other events coming up. Can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,

GLOW President,

Becky Strong

### *Canvassing*

As the snow melts and the temperatures begin to warm up, it's time to start hitting the pavement, ringing some doorbells, and sharing the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World!

Our Outreach Team would like to invite you to join us throughout the summer as we go canvassing in some

neighborhoods around our church. Anyone can do it! Our main objective is to inform the people of Fairbanks that we are here and we would like to invite them to check us out. We're planning to go out May 15th and May 29th. Please consider joining us as we share Jesus with precious souls!

# MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Maintenance	6	7 6:30—Council Meeting	8	9 4:30—Choir 6:30—Confirmation	10	11 2:00—Spring Tea
12 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:45—Member Ministry Team Meeting	13 7:00—BBB Class	14 6:00—GLOW Meeting	15 6:00—Canvassing	16 4:30—Choir 6:00—Outreach Team Meeting	17	18 9:00—Church Clean Up Day 3:30—Piano Recital @ Pioneer Home
19 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	20 7:00—BBB Class	21	22	23 4:30—Choir 6:00—VBS Decorating Party	24	25
26 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship	27 NO BBB Class—Memorial Day	28 6:00—Women's Bible Class	29 6:00—Canvassing	30 4:30—Choir	31	

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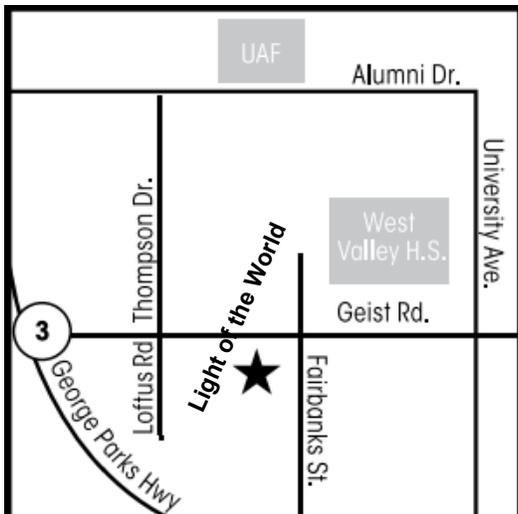
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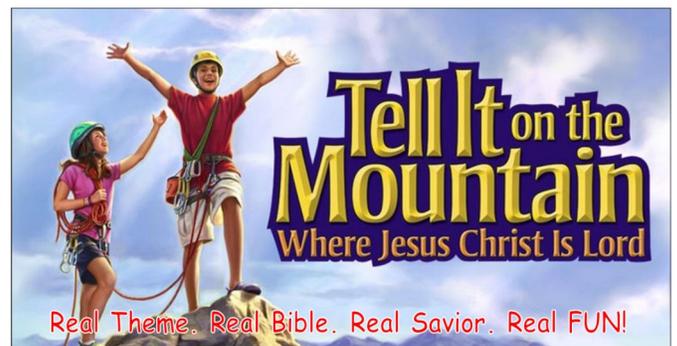
**Grow in God's Word with us!**  
**Sunday Worship 10:30 am**  
**Bible Classes for all ages**  
**9:15 am**



Located at: **4155 Geist Road**

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD LUTHERAN**  
**VBS 2013**  
**JUNE 3-7**  
**6:00-8:30PM**

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**HURRY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**