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**Key Events This Month:**

- 5/11—Mothers' Day Potluck**
- 5/16—VBS Decorating Party #1**
- 5/17—Spring Clean-up Day**
- 5/18—New Member Recognition Day**
- 5/18—Council Meeting**
- 5/21—Canvassing for VBS #1**
- 5/23—VBS Decorating Party #2**
- 5/25—Summer Worship Schedule (9:30am) begins**
- 5/28—Canvassing for VBS #2**

## Is God Up There?

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

**Genesis 1:1**

“God, if you are up there, please show yourself to me.” Have you ever said that to God? Wouldn't it be great if God just came down and showed himself to us?

God does show himself. In the first line of the Bible, God reveals himself to us. He tells us that he made all things. He made the huge galaxies of the universe. He made the tiniest atoms. He made you and me. His creation demonstrates his power, creativity, wisdom, and tender concern for us.

Take time to notice and to marvel at all God made—the colors of the sky, the light of the sun and stars, the mosaic of leaves outside your window, the beauty of the landscape within your view. Consider how God made you. Think of

how your body works—your eyes and ears, your arms, legs, fingers and toes, your brain.

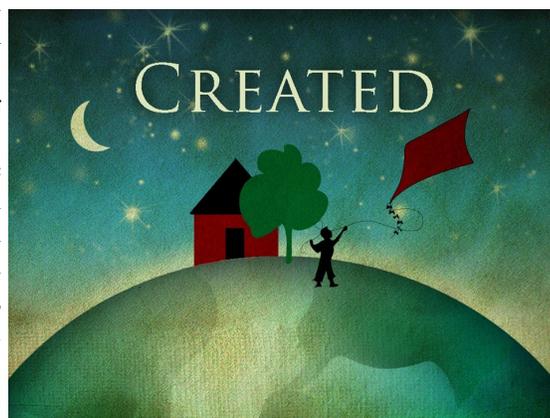
However, God did not make the world and then stand back as a disinterested observer far removed from it all. He is “up there” watching over it all. He continues to care for us by providing for all our needs.

Sadly, we often don't thank him for what he has done for us. We forget him. For that, God has every right to turn his back on us. Amazingly, he still cares for us. More than that, he came down to us and saved us from our wayward ways. He came down in love in the person of his Son, Jesus, and rescued us. Jesus lived

the perfect life of thanks that we should live. On the cross, he died the death we should die for our sins. He promises a new and perfect world where all who believe in him will live forever in perfect joy.

Is God up there? Yes he is! God is not only up there, he is in every inch of his creation. He is closer to you than your own skin. Does God love and care for his creation? Oh, how he cares! He sent his Son,

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## Spring Clean-up Day

On Saturday, May 17, we'll be having our annual Spring Clean-up Day, a day devoted to doing some cleaning and maintaining of our beautiful campus and church building. The Maintenance is currently work-

ing on a project list for that day, but they hope to have a list of specific project ready by the Sunday before our special work day.

Another project the Maintenance team will be doing in late May, early June, will be to com-

plete the beautification of our digital sign by adding a blower bed around the sign.

Please plan on helping out at our day. More info will be made available in coming weeks, and there will be a meal that day as well!

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Jesus, and rescued the world he has made. Look at God’s creation, and above all, look to Jesus and know that God is “up there” loving and caring for you.

God’s 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.*

## *Summer Canvassing*

Do you like walking? Do you like telling other people about Jesus? Do you like inviting people to come and worship with us?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of those questions, we’d like to invite you to come canvassing with us this summer. It’s as simple as walking to people’s houses and asking them to check our church out.

Please consider if you might serve your Lord by going canvassing with us this summer!

## *God’s Lights Of the World*

God is in the Laundry Room: We will be taking a break during the summer for our monthly Women’s study. We will start back up in September.

Our next meeting will be May 13, location to be determined.

The 2014 WELS Women’s Retreat is only 4 months away! Are you registered? This event is taking place on Friday-Saturday, September 19-20, 2014, at Pikes Riverfront Lodge. If you would like more

information about this incredible event being hosted by our very own women, please take a brochure from the back of church. You can also find all the information on our church’s website. Our retreat theme is: God has a plan! In all of our lives, no matter what trials and tribulations we must face, God has the best plan for each of us. We pray you all can join us! ++++2

God bless, Becky Strong

## *On the Lighter Side...*

*This is a new feature for our newsletter where amusing items will be posted from mis-statements in actual church bulletins, children’s comments on church and religion, insurance claim forms where car drivers attempted to summarize the cause of an accident, and other items designed to provide a laugh or two.*

Answers from a second grader...

### **How did God make mothers?**

*“God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.”*

## *Summer Worship Schedule*

At our Voters Meeting in April, the voters decided to keep our two-service schedule for Sunday mornings. They did, however, also approve going back to just one service for our summer worship schedule for a variety of reasons.

So, beginning the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and ending the Sunday of Labor

Day weekend, we will be holding worship services every Sunday at 9:30am. We hope you’ll be able to make that adjustment in your Sunday schedule, and if you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor or the Council!

## *Gangway to Galilee VBS*

VBS plans are in full swing, and now we need you to help make this years “Gangway to Galilee” VBS a success. There are multiple ways you can support this awesome outreach event:

- ⇒ Hand out invitations to your friends with kids
- ⇒ Sign up to donate food

items or decoration supplies

- ⇒ Sign up to volunteer the week of VBS
- ⇒ Provide meals for our MLC students who will be helping out
- ⇒ Pray for God to bless our event.

We hope you’ll partner with our VBS this year!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:00, 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 12:00—VBS Planning	5 4:30—Catechism	6	7	8	9	10
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25 9:30—Summer Wor- ship Schedule Begins 10:45—Elder's Meeting	26	27	28 6:00—Canvassing for VBS #2	29	30	31

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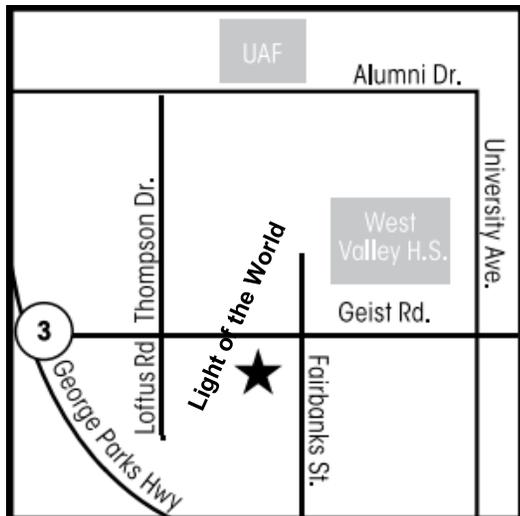
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**Grow in God's Word with us!**  
**Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30**  
**Bible Classes for all ages**  
**9:15 am**



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**Get ready to set sail!**  
**GANGWAY TO**  
**GALILEE VBS**  
**June 2-6, 2014**

