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Living with Real Purpose

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Your life matters. You are living for a reason. Your life has purpose. Without purpose, life is boring and meaningless; there is little sense of life's significance and value. Having a life filled with purpose is not just for the super-successful and highly important. God doesn't just look after

famous people who have accomplished great feats or individuals who have been placed in high positions of leadership. He cares for everyone. From the macro to the micro level, he declared his love for the world. There is no doubt, he loves you and gives your life

real purpose. He does all this, not because you are deserving, but purely by his grace.

God demonstrated his grace when he saved you through your Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus' perfect life counts for you. He suffered and died as your substitute. His rising from the grave means that you will also rise from the dead. And since he has saved you for all eterni-

There is purpose in the mother who cares for her newborn and the father who teaches his son to double-knot his shoelaces. There is purpose in children who obey, just as there is purpose for the soldier who follows orders, the citizen who respects leaders, and the employee who goes to work.

Even your average day has purpose, for God has equipped and called you for each task of life. He does not intend life to be mundane mediocrity. Life is not meant to be compartmentalized into significant and insignificant pieces. Instead, God wants you to see his purpose for you as the fiber seamlessly woven through fabric of every facet of your life.

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Key Events This Month:

- 9/3—Volunteer Sunday
- 9/5—Choir Begins
- 9/10—Christian Education Sunday
- 9/10—Monthly Potluck
- 9/15—Game Night
- 9/15-17—WELS Alaska Women's Retreat
- 9/18—Opening Session of Mornings with Mommy
- 9/23—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
- 9/26—Women's Bible Study

Boost Your Spiritual Wellness!

On Sunday, September 10th, we'll be beginning our new "school" year here at Light of the World, with Bible Class and Sunday School both starting back up. This year's theme is "Boost Your Spiritual Wellness," depicting this year's focus on encouraging you to find and utilize ways to maintain

and increase your spiritual health. Of course, God's Word tells us that happens the more that we're in contact with his Word, so we're hoping that you'll be eager to make one of our varied Bible Study option a part of your spiritual "healthcare" plan.

In connection with our new school year, Pastor is looking to visit all of our families throughout the year for a "Spiritual Wellness Check-up" (a.k.a. member visits). More info on those will be available in the coming weeks.

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You have important purpose in life. Primarily, it is to know God's love for you through Jesus. Motivated by his grace, you can willingly follow his lead through life and lovingly serve the people he brings into your life. That's living with real purpose!

God's blessings as you live with real purpose for Jesus each day!

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...

Oops!

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, making lewd gestures to the guy in front of you and, cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally . . . I assumed you had stolen the car."



Mornings with Mommy

Mornings with Mommy isn't preschool, and it isn't childcare, it's something different. Mornings with Mommy is a fun and easy way for you to enjoy activities with your children and meet other Moms. There will be age appropriate activities for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. And the best part is, we do all the planning, you just sign up! Moms can mingle with each other and enjoy activities with their children including: arts and crafts, sensory table, flannel stories and story time,

music, educational toys, and a snack.

We're excited to start this new outreach effort this month (our first session will be Monday, September 18th), and we're hoping you will partner with us, notably by handing out info to anyone you think might be interested. More info (including a link to register) can be found on our website.

Food Bank Outreach

Another outreach effort we're looking at starting this month is getting a team together each month to go and help out at our local food bank. The details, as well as dates, are still be worked out, but we're looking forward to getting out into the community

more and showing the love of Jesus as we can serve the needs of others. More info will be coming, so be on the look out for that!

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
3 9:15—Volunteer Thank You' Meal 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Elders	4	5 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	6	7	8	9	
10 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:30—Outreach Team Meeting	11 6:00—6th Grade Con- firmation	12 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	13	14	15 6:00—Game Night	16	
17 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW Meet- ing	18 10:00—Opening Ses- sion of Mornings with Mommy	19 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	20	21	22	23 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant	
24 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Member Minis- try Team Meeting	25	26 4:45—Catechism 6:00—Women's Bible STudy	27	Church Cleaners for September: 9/3—9/9—Risse 9/10-9/16—Strong 9/17-9/23— Sinclair/Davidge 9/24-9/30—Taipale/Anderson			30
					Women's Retreat in Talkeetna		

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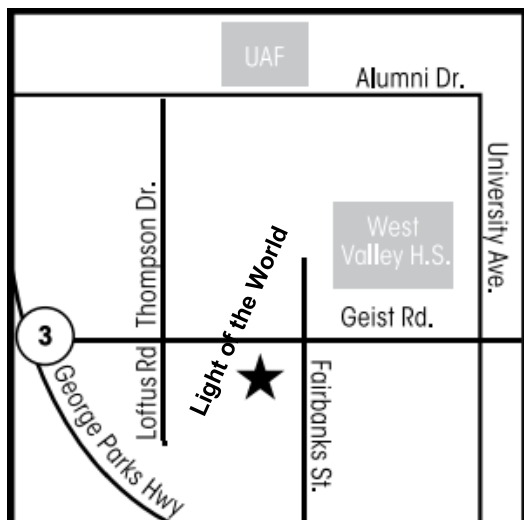
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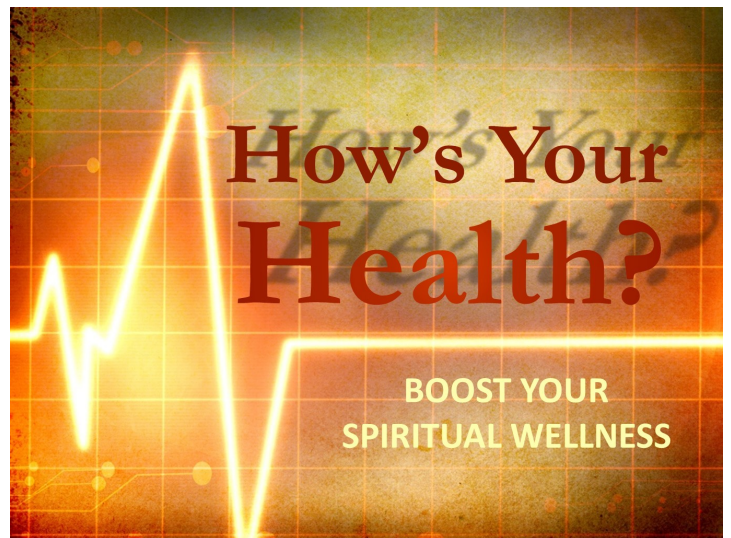
Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



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