



Mighty Fortress Evangelical Lutheran Church

The LORD has become my fortress... Psalm 94:22

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Join us for Sunday worship at

**4425 Macland Rd.
Hiram, Georgia
30141**

**Service time:
10:00 a.m. with
Bible class and
Sunday school at
11:15 a.m.**

**Upcoming Special
Events:**

**Sunday, July 4
Independence Day
worship service**

**Sunday, July 27
One-year
anniversary of
being in our new
facility — Charles
Bono will conduct
the service.**

**For weekly
sermons, visit our
website and click
on "Sermons."**

The Light of the World

With the summer days upon us many will find their way to the great outdoor to enjoy the summer sun. The daylight hours are long and the sunbathers will be out in droves to catch those precious rays that bring warmth, beauty, and if we are careful, a gentle tan. But light has a greater purpose.

The very first words of God recorded in the Bible are found in Genesis 1:3. "God said, 'Let there be light, and there was light.'" Light was the first thing God created. And perhaps he created it first because it was first in importance.

Without light there could be no life. If all of a sudden the sun stopped shining we would all be in a lot of

trouble. The first thing that would happen would be that all plants would die. Soon after that all animals would die, and eventually all people would starve to death. Those are the facts of life. Man has to have light to live.

I suppose God could have created this world so that living things would not be so totally dependent on light for their existence. But instead he wanted man to be totally dependent on light to have him realize that he is totally dependent on God who gives that light.

Because of our dependence on light it is no wonder that Jesus is often compared to light. Jesus himself said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in dark-



ness, but will have the light of life."

When Jesus called himself the Light of the world he meant that he is the one who drives out the darkness of unbelief. He is the one who enlightens us with the gift of faith and all the glorious truths that come with that faith. He is the one who is the very source of our spiritual life that leads to heaven.

So enjoy the light of summer, but don't fail to also spend time worshipping the Light of the world.

Vacation Bible School



Our first vacation Bible school is planned for June 28 to July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The four-day program will feature songs, devotions, puppets, a Bible story connected to a western theme, crafts, and recreation. The program will end with a Thursday evening social

gathering of all participants at 6:30 p.m. Registration is available on our website. We are hoping that many from the neighborhood will join us. Be sure to bring a friend to our Circle J Ranch. Can anyone guess what the "J" stands for?

The News in Brief

On Sunday, July 27, we will celebrate our first anniversary of being in our new facility. As an added blessing Pastor Charles Bonow will conduct the service through music and song. Charles Bonow was born in Winona, Minnesota, and was raised with his three brothers and two sisters on his parents' farm near Lewiston, Minnesota. Having parents who were intent on providing their children with a Christian education, he attended and graduated from St. John Lutheran School, Dr. Martin Luther High School, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. From 1975-1979 he served as Pastor of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Michigan.

From his website we read this mission statement: Charles Bonow has as his full-time ministry the presentation each week of his service concerts in our churches in all parts of the country. He with the help of his wife, pursues this extensive work with the prayer that through such a ministry of God's Word and song the name of our saving Lord will truly be hallowed and his Kingdom continue to come.



On Monday, June 21, six children and one counselor from Mighty Fortress left for Camp-South in Helen, Georgia to begin a

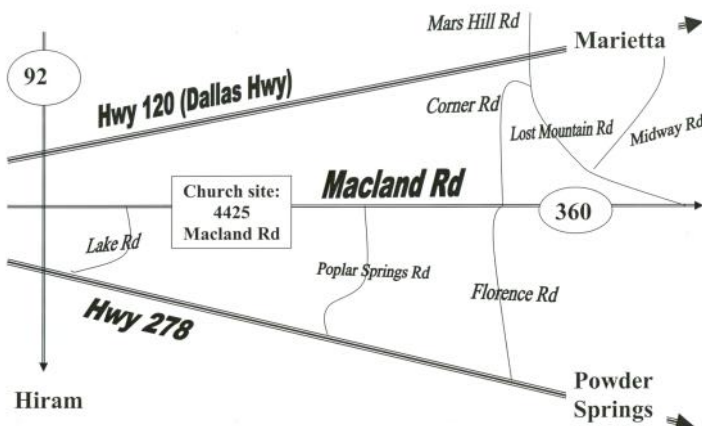
four-day camp outing with Bible stories and activities. The happy participants are Mrs. Victoria Owens (counselor), Sydney Bechtel, Madison Glover, Cydney Owens, Becky Granemann, Kelsey Mercadel, and Crystal Amadi.



Welcome new members:
Max & Margaret Schram and Jeremy



Welcome new members by way of adult confirmation:
: Doug & Krista Pierce, Sydney and Spencer



The new permanent home for Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church is at 4425 Macland Road, one mile east of Highway 92 and four-tenths mile west of Poplar Springs Road. We invite the community to join us for worship and Bible study for adults and children alike. Come to a place where you will meet Jesus and those who love him.