

## The Lights are On - Is Anyone Home?

Have you ever driven by someone's house or farm and looked to see if any lights were on? Lights on usually indicates someone's home. Or does it?

When we lived in Illinois, we traveled back to Minnesota often to visit family for 19 years. Living in both Chicago and Rockford taught us it was important to leave one or two lamps on timers to "fake" that we were home. Police officers assured us that lights would deter burglars - those with evil in

mind, who seek out the darkest areas first in order to effectively carry out their evil deeds. So we attempted to deter evil by leaving lights in our home.

Similarly, Christians need Light. We don't have to look very far to see there is evil lurking around our families and sneaking into our churches through disagreement and conflict. We need, and already have, the Light of the world - Jesus - who fills us and deters evil. So, what are we doing with His Light? Is the light in our soul the true light of Jesus, or is it a "fake light"? Does our light point to self, as the Pharisees, or does it point to THE Savior? Do I use my light to defer conflict so I can have a life of comfort, so everyone will "like" me? Or do I let the True Light of the Almighty Prince of Peace shine His Truth, grace and mercy to others so they will get to know Him, even when it's uncomfortable? Everyone reading this has been called to be the vessel of His Light of love and salvation. This calling requires love, practice, and constant study of Jesus.

Our youth are in school between 7-9 hours a day, a place and time that could be crucial to learn about Christ and how to shine His Light. We have the Calling in our area Lutheran schools to distribute and model this very valuable education for God's children! Praise the Lord for that opportunity in Martin County. Let's be strong and courageous to receive His Light, study Him, and provide for His Light to shine for the next 100 years and more. Continue to pray for, support, and surround our students in communities where the Light of Christ shines. Our precious students are too valuable to lose to the darkness of this world.

"And Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world, Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." -John 8:12

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## Mission Statement Preparing students for discipleship until Christ's return





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