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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



*I get depressed sometimes.*

### Can God help me deal with discouragement?

Do you ever feel that things you do really don't make a difference?

Is it sometimes difficult to see the results of your hard work?

There are many times when we may ask ourselves, "What's the point? Why do I keep trying?"

I know a man who, by no fault of his own, can't seem to keep a job for more than a year or two. He's to the point where he expects to be laid off whenever cut-backs happen. Discouraging? Yes, definitely.

When events in our lives lead us to be depressed or discouraged, two reactions come rather easily to us. The first is blaming God for the problems. The second is thinking that somehow God is punishing us for something we have done. However, neither of these reactions is correct.

The problem lies not with God; it lies with sin. All of life's problems come as a result of living in a world filled with sin. These problems include layoffs at work, health problems, family issues, and others. We'd have to get rid of sin to remove the troubles and problems that discourage us. But that's something we could spend the rest of our lives trying to accomplish and never complete the task. Thankfully, God accomplished what we are unable to.

We deserve to be sentenced under the judgment of God for everything we do or say or think that violates God's will for us to live perfect lives. But the Bible gives us the good news from God that **"as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us"** (Psalm 103:12). In tremendous love for us, God took away all of

our sins and laid them on Jesus. He charged his Son with our guilt. Jesus, our Savior, suffered the punishment that we deserved. He died to free us from eternal death.

Even though we experience discouragements in our life, nothing can take away the peace we have in Jesus, who took away our sins. Through faith in our Savior, we are children of God. Every day God is at our side, helping us through difficult times. Confidently trusting in him, our discouragements melt into the calm assurance that our loving God is always leading us.

### Key Events This Month:

11/4,18—Women's Bible Study

11/12—Family Advent Calendar Kit

11/13,15—Little Lights

11/19—Friendship Sunday/Thanksgiving Worship

11/19—LotW Family Thanksgiving Potluck

11/24—Christmas Decorating

11/25—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant

## Light of the World Mission

*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.*

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:30—6th Grade Confirmation 6:30—Branches	2	3	4 10:30—Women's Bible Study
5 9:15—Sunday School, Branches, & BBB Class 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Ushers Meeting	6 5:30—Catechism	7	8 6:30—Branches	9	10	11
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26 9:15—Sunday School, BBB Class 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	27 5:30—Catechism	28	29	Church Cleaners for November: 10/29-11/4—Wyatt/Teens 11/5-11/11—Coleman, Bob & Gail 11/12-11/18—Dolgnier/Risse 11/19-11/25—Wyatt/Teens 11/26-12/2—Duncan		