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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



I'm afraid sometimes.

Can God help me be safe and sound?

One summer night during a severe thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small daughter into bed. She was about to turn the light off when the little girl asked in a trembling voice, "Mommy, will you stay with me all night?" Smiling, the mother gave her a warm, reassuring hug and said tenderly, "I can't, dear. I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence followed. At last, it was broken by a shaky voice saying, "The big sissy!"

All of us have fears. And they don't always end with a chuckle. Our fears may be rational or completely irrational, but when we experience them, they are definitely real. At times we are afraid and may wonder, "Can God help me?"

On another night, Jesus Christ's disciples were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Their fear was

very real, too. Jesus came to them and said, "**Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid**" (Mark 6:50). Jesus was there, and they didn't need to be afraid any longer. He displayed his almighty power by calming the wind and waves.

Jesus can help us with our fears, as well. He controls all things and promises to use his power to help those who trust in him. When Jesus is in our lives, we can take courage and not be afraid.

While his promises are true for all kinds of fears, they are especially true for our spiritual concerns. Many are afraid of dying and having to stand before a perfect God and answer for their imperfect lives. Jesus encourages us even in these great fears. He said, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives**

and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25,26).

Life on this earth will end for all people, but Jesus promises that those who believe in him will live with him in heaven eternally. Jesus died on the cross to take our sins away so that God will not condemn believers in judgment but will give them eternal life in heaven. This is the comfort and courage that God gives to those who trust him.

The Bible is filled with examples of God's power and his many promises to help us with our fears. Our church exists to share the comforting promises of God with all those who are afraid. We'd love to have you come and hear more about how God can help you with your big fears and your little ones, too. Take courage, and don't be afraid; God can help you when you're afraid.

Key Events This Month:

9/9,23—Women's Bible Study

9/10—Sunday School begins

9/10—New Member Welcome Reception

9/13,17—Branches Fall Session Begins

9/16—Neighborhood Cleanup Community Service Project

9/18,20—Council Meeting

9/24—Back to the Bible Basics Class Begins

9/30—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.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	4	5	6 5:30—6th Grade Con- firmation	7	8 6:00—GLOW Meeting	9 10:30—Women’s Bible Study
10 9:15—Sunday School Begins 10:30—Worship 12:00—New Member Welcome Reception	11 5:30—Catechism	12 6:00—Choir	13 6:30—Branches Begins	14	15	16 1:00—Community Service: Neighborhood Cleanup
17 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Branches Begins 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	18 5:30—Catechism 10:30—Little Lights	19 6:00—Choir	20 10:30—Little Lights 6:30—Branches	21	22	23 10:30—Women’s Bible Study
24 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 9:15—Back to Bible Basics Begins 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council	25 5:30—Catechism	26 6:00—Choir	27 6:30—Branches	28 29 30	<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for September: 8/27-9/2—Halverson 9/3-9/9—Wyatt/Teens 9/10-9/16—Klemm 9/17-9/23—9/24-9/30—McMillan 10/1-10/7—Short </div>	