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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

I Need More...FAITH!

“I need more faith.” I can’t imagine any honest Christian who wouldn’t say a hearty “Amen” to that statement. Because of the common weakness of our sinful, human nature, the fervent request that a greatly distressed father made to Jesus regarding his son’s great need and his own weakness of faith has often struck a chord: **“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)**

Notice how that statement is punctuated with only a semicolon regarding his faith, but an exclamation point with regard to his unbelief. Unfortunately, that’s the reality of the faith-life of God’s people. We wish our own faith was punctuated with an exclamation mark or at least a simple period. But we know a question mark suggesting uncertainty or doubt gets in the way too often.

Just about every Sunday the worshipers in our churches make a confession of faith with

the Apostles’ or Nicene Creed. The key truths of the Christian faith are very briefly and yet adequately summarized in those statements. There are no exclamation points in either of those great, ancient creeds—just commas and periods that acknowledge the basic scriptural facts. That’s an important aspect about saving faith: knowing the truth about the true God and the Savior he has given us.

Since this faith is totally a gift, we need to keep going to the Lord with this request, “Lord, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” We keep having a problem with unbelief because it’s such a natural part of us. Faith is a supernatural thing, and it is kept alive and strong only with the supernatural Word of our supernatural God.

The most important thing to remember about faith is that it derives all its strength from its object, that on which it rests.

As a famous preacher once said, “It is not your hold on Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not your joy in Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not even your faith in Christ that saves you, though that be the instrument. It is Christ’s blood and merit.” There might indeed be many instances where our trusting faith is shaky, but the Savior and his promises are rock solid. With this subject of faith, it’s most important to hear him speak with exclamation points, “I love you! I have saved you! I will never let you go!”

Your brother in faith,

Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

- 10/9,10—Branches Groups Begin
- 10/13—Commitment Sunday
- 10/13—Octoberfest Potluck
- 10/19—Men’s Bible Class @ Hometown Restaurant
- 10/21—Mornings with Mommy
- 10/21—Sunday School Teachers Meeting

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*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	2	3	4	5
6 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class Begins 10:30—Worship 12:00—Prayer Group	7	8 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	9 6:30—Branches Group	10 6:30—Branches Group	11	12
13 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class 10:30—”10 for 10” Commitment Sunday Worship w/Communion 12:00—Octoberfest Potluck	14	15 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	16 6:30—Branches Group	17 6:30—Branches Group	18	19 8:00—Men’s Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
20 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council Meet-	21 10:30—Mornings with Mommy 6:00—Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting	22 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	23 6:30—Branches Group	24 6:30—Branches Group	25	26
27 9:15—Sunday School/BBB Class 10:30—Worship 12:00—Ministry Team Meeting	28 <div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Alaska Conference of Pastors and Teachers</div>	29 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	30 6:30—Branches Group	31 6:30—Branches Group	Church Cleaners for October : 9/29-10/5—Wallace, Duncan 10/6-10/12—Ziesmer 10/13-10/19—Amundson/Kuhl 10/20-10/26—Becker 10/27-11/2—Coleman, Bob & Gail	