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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

I Need More...GOOD NEWS

Indeed, we live in frazzled and frustrated times. Just turn on the nightly news. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives; are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order; and hear of other stories that dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news, and a depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television.

Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV to know that. We don't even need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have had a devastating impact. As a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the "news" we know by nature. That's God's Law on sinful hearts, and that's why stricken hearts crave more good news.

The calm to the craving is not attained by turning off; we get it by tuning in. The answer is not in blocking out God's Word or dulling our consciences by making poor excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual—even to you. The calm, promise, and solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ for us! And it's in that message the apostle Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:15).

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune in to the Savior who carried your every sin! See him in his Word! Redeemed believer, tune in to the

gospel—God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible and let your heart sigh with thanksgiving. Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the good news! Crave it. Enjoy it. And stay tuned in!

In Christ,
Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

- 3/3—Prayer Group Meeting
- 3/4—Elders Meeting
- 3/6—Ash Wednesday Worship
- 3/10—Irish Themed Monthly Potluck
- 3/11—Back to the Basics of the Bible Class begins
- 3/13,20,27—Midweek Lenten Worship
- 3/16—Men's Bible Study
- 3/18—Mornings with Mommy
- 3/22—Family Game Night @ Parsonage
- 3/26—Women's Bible Study

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 Christ in our lives.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:15—Sunday School for all ages resumes 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Prayer Group	4 6:00—Elders	5 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	6 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship	7	8	9
10 9:15—Sunday School for all ages resumes 10:30—Worship 12:00—Monthly Pot- luck	11 6:00—BBB Class	12 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	13 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	14	15	16 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
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24 9:15—Sunday School for all ages resumes 10:30—Worship 12:00—Ministry Team Meeting	25 6:00—BBB Class	26 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Women's Bible Study	27 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	28	Church Cleaners for March : 2/24-3/2—Strong 3/3-3/9—Young 3/10-3/16—Ziesmer 3/17-3/23—Anderson/Taipale 3/24-3/30—Austin 3/31-4/6—Coleman, Bob & Gail	
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