



## **Light of the World Monthly Newsletter**

### I Need More...CONFIDENCE!

Meet Doug. As he toes the line for the final game of his senior year basketball season, he wonders if his scholarship dream is going to happen.

Meet Kristin. As she graduates from college, she wonders if she's adequate for her new job.

Meet Samantha. As she faces her second round of chemotherapy, she wonders if she's going to live.

Meet Scott. As he says his vows to his wife, he silently wonders if his second marriage is going to last.

Have you been there? Doug, Kristin, Samantha, Scott, you and I all have one thing in common: we need confidence. Let's face it; there are times in life that it's easy to be filled with doubt. Doug doubted his future. Kristin doubted her abilities. Samantha doubted her treatment. Scott doubted his love.

But there's One whose future, abilities, treatment, and love never fail. That's the true God revealed to us in the Bible. Our confidence to face whatever life throws our way comes from the promises God gives us in his Word. God kept his promise of sending a Savior for everyone. As our Savior, Jesus lived perfectly to give us confidence that his life counts for everyone. He died to make the payment necessary for our sins to be forgiven, no matter what we've done. He rose again to give us the confidence that one day we will be with him in heaven. And all this is God's free gift by faith in Jesus.

Because of Jesus, when we doubt our future, God reminds us, "I know the plans that I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11). When we doubt our abilities, he assures us, "I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you" (Isaiah 41:10). When we doubt our treatment plan, he promises, "I amwithyoual-ways"(Matthew28:20).When we doubt love, his Wordhelps us "grasp how wideand long and high and deepistheloveistheloveofChrist"(Ephesians3:18).That's the difference only Jesusmakes.

Need more confidence? Jesus has what you need.

#### In Christ,

Pastor Jason Strong

### Key Events This Month:

5/3—Prayer Vigil

5/5—Confirmation Sunday

5/12—Mother's Day Brunch

5/17,22—VBS Decoration Work Night

5/18—Church Clean-up Day

5/19,31—New Member Orientation, Session #1

5/25—Men's Bible Study

5/28—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
				5	3 6:00—Prayer Vigil	4
5 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Confirmation w/Communion 12:00—Confirmation Reception	6 6:00—BBB Class	7 5:30—Catechism	×	6	10	11
12 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Mother's Day Brunch	13 10:30—Mornings with Mommy 6:00—BBB Class	14 5:30—Catechism	15	16	17 6:00—VBS Decoration Work Night #1	18 10:00—Spring Campus Clean Up
19 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council Meet- ing 12:00—GLOW 3:00—New Member Orientation #1	20	21	22 6:00—VBS Decoration Work Night #2	<ul> <li><sup>22</sup> Church Cleaners for May :</li> <li>4/28-5/4—Dolgner, Austin</li> <li>5/5-5/11—Holdsworth, Chr</li> <li>5/12-5/18—Jackson</li> <li>5/19-5/25—Kuhl, Kukes</li> <li>5/26-6/1—Matherly</li> </ul>	Church Cleaners for May : 4/28-5/4—Dolgner, Austin 5/5-5/11—Holdsworth, Christianson 5/12-5/18—Jackson 5/19-5/25—Kuhl, Kukes 5/26-6/1—Matherly	25 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
26 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Ministry Team	27 6:00—BBB Class 7:15—Elders	28 7:00—Women's Bible Study	29	30	31 6:00—New Member Orientation #1	