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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

I Need More...KNOWLEDGE!

The Church of Scientology teaches that people are basically good, that their capabilities are unlimited, and those capabilities can be realized. People can also achieve new, higher states of awareness and ability. Scientology claims that the secrets to this higher knowledge can only be found in their church through a process they call “auditing.”

Seems strange? But honestly, a cultic religion that encourages you to look within yourself for more knowledge can really satisfy an itch. Who doesn't feel they need more knowledge? And how about being able to pat yourself on the back for pursuing it and supposedly finding that knowledge within yourself? That's pretty appealing to the human heart.

But God's Word sounds much different than L. Ron Hubbard, who authored the book that has become Scientology's bible. God says people are not

basically good, that people's natural capabilities are limited to sinning and rebelling against God. As a result, God says all people are the same: **“There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God...The way of peace they do not know” (Romans 3:11,17).**

God is right! Not L. Ron Hubbard! Need proof? Think about Adam and Eve when they pursued more knowledge on their own apart from God. They rejected God's Word and sinned. Look at what their own inner pursuit of knowledge got them and us! A world infected by sin so badly that everyone eventually dies.

Jesus knows we all lack knowledge, and he wants to fill that void. He does so not by telling us to find it inside ourselves, but by telling us to look outside ourselves. We find knowledge in the Bible. Through his Word, God makes us wise; he gives us insight and understanding. (See Psalm

119:98-100.) That's because God's Word gives us knowledge that we can't find or discover anywhere else.

The Bible tells about Jesus. It tells how wide, long, high, and deep Jesus' love is for people. That love drove Jesus to come to this world, bear the sin of every person, die on a cross, and suffer the eternal punishment for all sins. That's love—love so amazing that God declares that your sins are forgiven because of Jesus. That's love—love so beyond understanding that Jesus, the righteous one, should die for the unrighteous. But he did! That's why the apostle Paul says that **“this love surpasses knowledge” (Ephesians 3:19).** In Jesus' love for you, you have everything you truly need to know, both now and forever.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

- 9/1—Volunteer Sunday
- 9/8—Sunday School Begins
- 9/10—Catechism Begins
- 9/10—Choir Begins
- 9/12—Donuts with Directors
- 9/15—“10 for 10” Stewardship Program Begins
- 9/16—Mornings with Mommy: “At the Farm”
- 9/22—Council Meeting
- 9/27-9/29—WELS Alaska Women's Retreat

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 9:15—Volunteer “Thank You” Brunch 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Prayer Group	2	3	4	5 6:00—Women’s Retreat Meeting	6	7
8 9:15—Sunday School Begins, Branches Groups Information Presentation 10:30—Christian Education Sunday Worship	9	10 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	11	12 10:30—Donuts with Directors 6:00—Women’s Retreat Meeting	13	14
15 9:15—Sunday School, Branches Groups Information Presentation 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Ministry Team	16 10:30—Mornings with Mommy	17 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	18	19 6:00—Women’s Retreat Meeting	20	21 8:00—Men’s Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
22 9:15—Sunday School, Branches Groups Information Presentation 10:30—Worship 12:00—Council	23	24 5:00—Catechism 6:30—Choir	25	26 6:00—Women’s Retreat Meeting	27	28
29 9:15—Sunday School, Branches Groups Information Presentation 10:30—Worship 12:00—Elders	30					

WELS Alaska Women’s Retreat

Church Cleaners for September :

- 9/1-9/7—Matherly
- 9/8-9/14—McMillan
- 9/15-9/21—Strong
- 9/22-9/28—Taipale, Phillips
- 9/29-10/5—Wallace, Duncan