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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

Sure and Certain of the Unseen

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

- Hebrews 11:1

It is amazing that with only a few clicks on a computer, we can dramatically alter photos. Such capabilities have led us to be a bit more wary. We find ourselves saying, “Unless I see it with my own eyes, how can I believe that it hasn’t been touched up? I’ll believe it when I see it.”

Often this cynical attitude can touch our spiritual life. How can I believe that God loves me and knows what is going on in my life considering all troubles and disappointments I have to deal with?

The Bible tells us, “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do

not see.” How can we be sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see?

Think of a father and child playing the game where the father stands behind the child and tells him to fall backwards. The child, unable to see his father, still trusts that he is there and is certain that his father won’t let him hit the ground. The child leans back and falls, fully convinced that his father will keep his word and catch him, because his father has always proved trustworthy.

This is the kind of trust we can have in our heavenly Father. Though we did not see the creation or the crucifixion, though we were not present to witness Jesus rising from the Easter tomb, though we have not heard his actual voice for-

giving our sins and promising his return, we believe.

How can we be so sure and certain? Because God’s Word is true and trustworthy. Our forgiveness is certain because Jesus did die and rise from the dead. God’s love for us today and every day is sure. Every promise our Father has made about our eternal future, he will keep.

Faith is sure and certain of unseen things because it takes God at his word.

Trusting God with you,

Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

9/5,—Women’s Bible Study

9/9—Sunday School Parents Meeting

9/18,19—WELS Alaska Women’s Retreat

9/19—Men’s Bible Study

9/20—Christian Education Sunday

9/21,24—BBB Class Begins

9/23,24,27—Branches Fall Session Begins

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	2	3	4	5 9:30—Women's Bible Study
6 10:30—Worship	7	8	9 6:00—Sunday School Parents Meeting	10	11	12
13 10:30—Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19 8:00—Men's Bible Study
20 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	21 3:00—Virtual BBB Class 6:00—In-Person BBB Class	22 4:30—Catechism	23 6:30—Branches	24 6:30—Branches 7:00—Virtual Branches	25	26
27 9:15—Branches 10:30—Worship	28 3:00—Virtual BBB Class 6:00—In-Person BBB Class	29 4:30—Catechism	30 2:00—Virtual Mornings with Mommy 6:30—Branches	<div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for September: 8/30-9/5—Die 9/6-9/12—Dolgnier, Risse 9/13-9/19—Halverson 9/20-0/26—Holdsworth 9/27-10/3—Matherly </div>		