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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



What do washing machines, dish soap, a grizzly bear named “Ben,” and you have in common? You, the bear, and those other items can all be gentle.

St. Paul encouraged the members of one of his churches, **“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:5).**

Too often we associate gentleness with being a wimp. That is not true. Washing machines can rip clothes to shreds. Soaps can irritate the skin. Bears can maul people. And just turn on the news to see what destruction human beings can do.

Nevertheless, we can be gentle. We can learn to be unselfish and considerate in all we do.

Think what the world would be like if everyone showed unselfish consideration for others! There would be no road rage. Children wouldn’t fight over a particular toy. Customers and cashiers wouldn’t stall checkout lines by bicker-

ing over sale prices. Divorce might even come to a halt.

Of course, we will never be able to be perfectly gentle in this life. But, Jesus

was. With a word, Jesus could calm a raging sea or cause a tree to wither. Yet he never failed to heal the sick, preach good news to the poor, and offer forgiveness to the worst of sinners.

Jesus even offers forgiveness for the times we have failed to be gentle, those times when we insisted on getting our way and didn’t care whom we hurt to get it. When we think of Jesus’ willingness to forgive us, it makes us want to be more like him – gentle and caring.

There was a Christian man whose very presence was a visual definition of words like strong, tough, and thoroughly masculine. Yet for twenty-five years he spent nearly every Sunday afternoon leading a worship service for a hundred

mentally retarded women at the state mental hospital.

That man let his gentleness be evident to all. Do you desire that same gentle spirit in your life? See and hear how as you worship and study God’s Word!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

- 11/2—Elder’s Meeting
- 11/14—Fall Congregational Meeting
- 11/16—Pioneers
- 11/20—Nicole Raabe Baby Shower
- 11/21—Thanksgiving Worship
- 11/21—Thanksgiving Potluck
- 11/22—Mornings with Mommy
- 11/26—Christmas Decorating @ Church
- 11/28—All Congregation Bible Class Begins
- 11/28—Council Meeting

Light of the World Mission

*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.*

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:30—Catechism	2 6:00—Choir	3 6:30—Branches	4 6:30—Branches	5	6
7 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship w/Communion	8	9	10 6:30—Branches	11 6:30—Branches	12	13 9:00—Men's Bible Study
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21 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Thanksgiving Potluck & New Member Welcome	22 10:30—Mornings with Mommy 4:30—Catechism	23 6:00—Choir	24	25	26 10:00—Christmas Decorating @ Church	27
28 9:15—Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	29 4:30—Catechism	30 6:00—Choir			Church Cleaners for November: 10/31-11/6—Coleman, Bob & Gail 11/7-11/13—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 11/14-11/20—Dolgnier/Risse 11/21-11/27—Duncan 11/28-12/4—Halverson	