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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



“How much do you love me?” Brenda asked her two-year-old son. Jonah held out his hands about a foot apart and said, “I love you this much.”

Paul turned to Jonah’s twin sister and asked her, “Hannah, how much do you love me?” Hannah extended her hands as far apart as they would go. “I love you this much,” she said.

Four-year-old Kevin was watching closely. When Brenda and Paul asked him how much he loved them, they expected him to copy the actions of his younger brother and sister. Instead, he spread his arms out in front of him as wide as possible and then curled them down and behind his back until they met. Kevin said, “This is

how much I love you, all the way around.”

Brenda and Paul looked at each other in amazement. Kevin understood that the greatest love is all-encompassing!

If your sweetheart asks you how much you love her on Valentine’s Day, you

probably should not just stretch out your arms. You probably shouldn’t even curl them behind your back, unless you have a gift hidden there!

Yet, it is in the outstretched arms of Jesus that we know the love God has for us—all of us.

Perhaps you have seen pictures of Jesus with his arms spread wide on the cross. **“This is love: not that we loved God,**

**but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:10).**

Valentine’s Day is a good day to express your love for the special people in your life. It is also a good time as Christians to remember that **“We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them” (1 John 4:16).**

Celebrating God’s love with you,

- Pastor Jason Strong

### Key Events This

#### Month:

2/13,27—Women’s Bible Study

2/17—Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins

2/20—Men’s Bible Study

2/23—Midweek Lent Worship

2/28—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.*

# FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor @ District Mission Board Meetings	2 6:00—Choir	3 6:30—Branches	4 6:30—Branches	5	6
7 9:15—Branches 10:30—Worship w/Communion	8 Pastor @ District Mission Board Meetings	9 4:30—Catechism 6:00—Choir	10 6:30—Branches	11 6:30—Branches	12	13 10:00—Women's Bible Study
14 9:15—Branches 10:30—Worship	15	16 4:30—Catechism 6:00—Choir	17 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship	18	19	20 9:00—Men's Word & Work
21 10:30—Worship w/Communion	22 Pastor @ District Mission Board Training	23 4:30—Catechism 6:00—Choir	24 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	25	26	27 10:00—Women's Bible Study
28 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting					Church Cleaners for February: 1/31-2/6—Dolgnier/Risse 2/7-2/13—Halverson 2/14-2/20—Holdsworth/Christianson 2/21-2/27—Strong 2/28-3/6—Wallace/Duncan	