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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



Every so often our news will carry a story about a school struggling with the question of going to mandatory uniforms. It's easy to understand the logic. Some of the most respected people in our society are those who wear uniforms.

Proponents of school uniforms could probably produce studies that show that students are more likely to respect themselves and each other when wearing uniforms, too.

On the other hand, we also hear stories about people bringing disgrace to the uniforms they wear: criminal charges against professional ballplayers, corruption in police departments, and sexual abuse by clergy. Examples such as these indicate that just putting on a uniform does not make a person better.

Listen to the apostle Paul describe a different kind of clothing: ***“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,***

kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (Colossians 3:12).

Notice that Paul isn’t just describing a change in outward appearances. Nor is he suggesting that we can somehow will ourselves into better behavior.

We don’t earn the right to wear the clothes Paul describes. They come from being loved by God.

It all starts with the compassion Jesus had that moved him to lay down his life for the world.

Believing that Jesus loved us enough to die for us is what makes us one of his people. It also is what produces a change in our attitude.

As God’s dearly loved people, we want to reflect the kind of compassion Jesus showed. That is something that will be as plain to see as any uniform.

Real changes in our lives won’t happen just because we put on a district-mandated or color-coordinated outfit. That cloth-

ing just changes us on the outside. The inner change begins when we are clothed with God’s love. Let that love change you more and more each day!

Lord’s blessings,
Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

- 8/7—Men’s Word & Work
- 8/11—Worship Team Meeting
- 8/14,28—Women’s Bible Study
- 8/15—GLOW Meeting
- 8/15—Quarterly Voters Meeting
- 8/17—Mornings with Mommy Summer Session
- 8/28—Church Clean-up
- 8/29—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.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Playground Planning Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00—Men's Word & Work
8 10:30—Worship 12:00—Pioneer Plan- ning Meeting	9	10	11 4:30—Worship Team Meeting	12	13	14 10:00—Women's Bible Study
15 9:15—GLOW Meeting 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:30—Quarterly Vot- ers Meeting	16	17 10:30—Mornings with Mommy Summer Ses- sion @ the Park	18	19	20	21
22 10:30—Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28 9:00—Church Clean- up 10:00—Women's Bible Study
29 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meet- ing	30	31	Church Cleaners for August: 8/1-8/7—Anderson/Taipaille/Cooper-Scott 8/8-8/14—Becker 8/15-8/21—Coleman, Bob & Gail 8/22-8/28—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 8/29-9/4—Dolgner/Risse			