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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



They often embarrassed their mother by the way they acted in public. It seemed to her that her sons were always arguing.

At the supermarket, the brothers would fight about which cereal she should buy. When they were home they could never agree which movie to watch. Sometimes she doubted that her two boys would ever survive their childhood together.

While they often bickered, the brothers were also fiercely loyal to each other. If another child from the neighborhood made fun of one of them, the other was sure to come to his defense. It baffled their mother!

How could they quarrel so, yet a short time later seek to protect their would-be rival? Blood truly must be thicker than water!

This scenario is a reality for many of us. Sibling rivalry, it seems, is universal. And for the most part, defense of one's

own family is equally universal. Playground conversations usually prove this true.

God has another scenario he wants us to follow. He encourages us in the

Bible to treat all people as though they were family.

“Make every effort to add to your faith ... brotherly kindness” (2 Peter 1:5,7).

There are dozens of things that make each of us different from everyone else in the world. They include where we live, the color of our eyes, our talents, the size of our paycheck, and so on.

Even though we enjoy associating with people who are like us, God wants us to treat everyone the way we would treat an idolized brother or sweet sister. After all, God's love prompted him to send his Son, so that everyone who believes in him has life in his name.

Blood is not always thicker than water.

Every person who is made a child of God through his Word and the water of baptism also becomes our brother or sister in Christ. They are family.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Jason Strong

Key Events This Month:

9/4—Men's Bible Study

9/8,9,12—Branches Begins

9/11,25—Women's Bible Study

9/12—Sunday School Begins

9/14—Pioneers

9/18—“Telling Your Friends about Your Best Friend” Workshop

9/19—GLOW Meeting

9/20—Mornings with Mommy

9/26—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.*

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 9:00—Men's Bible Study
5 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Sunday School Teachers Meeting	6	7 6:00—Choir	8 6:30—Branches	9 6:30—Branches	10	11 10:00—Women's Bible Study
12 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship	13 4:30—Catechism	14 6:00—Pioneers	15 6:30—Branches	16 6:30—Branches	17	18 10:00—"Telling Your Friends About Your Best Friend" Workshop
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26 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	27 4:30—Catechism	28 6:00—Choir	29 6:30—Branches	30 6:30—Branches	Church Cleaners for September: 8/29-9/4—Dolgnier/Risse 9/5-9/11—Duncan 9/12-9/18—Halverson 9/19-9/25—Holdsworth/Christianson 9/26-10/2—Strong	