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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



*I Struggle with Loneliness*

### Can God help me find companionship?

“Hi-ho Silver, away!”

Those are feel-good words. The bad guys are in jail. The good guys win. The sun sets. Everyone’s happy. Well, almost everyone. At the end of the day, the hero is still the LONE Ranger.

Ever felt like the LONE Ranger? You saved the office from certain peril. You arrived with your son’s glove just moments before he took the field. You made everyone happy. You should feel like a hero but so often when the sun sets, the feelings of loneliness rise. Like the Lone Ranger, at times our days end only with the companionship of a faithful, four-legged friend. Can God help me find real companionship?

Imagine how Adam must have felt when he was the only human on the planet. Talk about lonely! But God saw Adam’s deep need for companionship. Then by

the power of God’s creative hand, Eve walked into his life. She was perfect for him.

If only God had a silver bullet like that for us!

Without sin, our loneliness would vanish as quickly as Adam’s companionship appeared! But sin is real. We see it in everyone else. We see it in ourselves. And when we see sin, loneliness sets in.

Listen to these words from a man who was no stranger to loneliness. While unfairly sitting in prison, the apostle Paul said: **“I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Philippians 3:12).**

More than a friend who tells you to “get out there” and find someone, these words tell you that Jesus got down here and found you. He took hold of you so you

could **“press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called you heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).**

The silver bullet of companionship is seeing yourself as a companion of Christ. His love forgives your sin and creates a relationship with you unlike any other. Through faith in Jesus, you are never alone.

Have you been hiding your feelings of loneliness behind the mask of heroism? It’s time to take off the mask. Look at Jesus. See who you really are—a forgiven, grand-prize recipient of eternal life in heaven. Then, come and see us. Let’s take off our masks together and learn more about Jesus, our true hero, who alone saves us.

#### Key Events This Month:

- 2/5—Winter Congregation Meeting
- 2/11—Crafting Event
- 2/12—Monthly Pot-luck
- 2/18—Men’s Bible Study
- 2/18—Women’s Bible Study
- 2/19—GLOW Meeting
- 2/22—Ash Wednesday Worship
- 2/25 —Everyone Outreach
- 2/26—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.*

# FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Winter Congregational Meeting	6	7	8 6:30—Branches	9	10	11 10:30—Crafting Event
12 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship 12:00—Monthly Potluck	13 5:00—6th Grade Confirmation	14 6:00—Choir	15 6:30—Branches	16	17	18 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown 10:30—Women's Bible Study
19 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—GLOW Meeting	20 10:30—Little Lights	21 6:00—Choir	22 10:30—Little Lights 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship	23	24	25 10:00—Everyone Outreach
26 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	27	28 6:00—Choir		Church Cleaners for February: 1/29-2/4—Coleman, Bob & Gail 2/5-2/11—Doigner/Risse 2/12-2/18—Duncan 2/19-2/25—Halverson 2/6-3/5—Short		