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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

Short Stories that Speak Volumes for Our Lives

WELS — Christ's Love, Our Calling.

Cancelled Debts

Jesus said, "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" (Luke 7:41,42)

One day Jesus was invited to dinner at the home of a religious leader named Simon. He was a member of the group called the Pharisees that believed their good works made them worthy before God; they didn't believe that they needed to be saved from their sins. There was an unexpected guest at the gathering—a sinful woman, a prostitute. She had come to honor Jesus by pouring expensive perfume and even her own tears on his feet. Simon was upset that Jesus was welcoming the praise of this sinful woman. He thought that if Jesus really knew who she

was, he would not even let her touch him. The truth is Jesus knew that she had lived a sinful life. He also knew that her joyful tears were born of his forgiving love for her.

So Jesus told a story to teach Simon and us a lesson about forgiveness. There were two men who were in debt. One of them owed a moneylender about three years' worth of wages. The other owed the same moneylender about 50 days of wages. Neither was able to repay, so the moneylender graciously canceled both debts. Jesus posed a question: "Now which one of them will love him more?" Simon answered correctly that the one who had the larger debt canceled would have loved the moneylender more.

Jesus' short story speaks volumes for our lives. We all have a huge debt that we cannot pay. We cannot make up for all the sinful

things we do, not by doing more good things or by doing less bad things. We can't cancel the debt of sin by anything we think, do, or say.

But God saw our desperate need and loves us so much that he canceled our debt of sin. He did that by having his Son, Jesus, pay it completely for everyone. The price he paid was his death. As the sinless Son of God, he was able to take all of our sins on himself and suffer their punishment for us. By his death, he canceled the debt of our sin. Three days after he died, he rose from the dead to prove that his sacrifice counted for all of us.

It's springtime, and Christians are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. What a great time of the year to be reminded that Jesus has canceled our debt of sin and given us new life with him!

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.*

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 2:30—6th Grade Confirmation	4	5	6 10:30—Women's Bible Study
7 9:15—Sunday School & BBB 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council Rock Reset	8 5:30—Catechism	9 6:00—Choir	10 6:30—Branches	11	12	13 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant 10:30—Sewing
14 9:15—Sunday School, Branches, & BBB 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:00—Golden Days Planning Meeting	15 10:30—Little Lights 5:30—Catechism	16 6:00—Choir 8:00—Elders	17 10:30—Little Lights 6:30—Branches	18	19	20 9:30—Women's Retreat Meeting 10:30—Women's Bible Study
21 9:15—Sunday School, Branches, & BBB 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—GLOW	22 5:30—Catechism	23 6:00—Choir	24 6:30—Branches	25	26	27
28 9:15—Sunday School, Branches, & BBB 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	29 5:30—Catechism	30 6:00—Choir				

Church Cleaners for April:

3/31-4/6—Sachen

4/7-4/13—Wyatt/Teens

4/14-4/20—Strong

4/21-4/27—Blobaum

4/28-5/4—Wyatt/Teens