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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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God's Encouraging Word... when I deal with death

Everyday tragedy bombards you. The world news scene is constantly flooded with horrible stories. Another bombing, another mass shooting, and another natural disaster fill your newsfeed. This sad and frustrating news isn't just out there. It's personal. A co-worker is diagnosed with a terminal illness. A close friend dies. You're attending the funeral of a family member.

No matter how many happy days we enjoy, these sad days come too. When faced with death, our hearts may cry out, "It shouldn't be this way!" And we're right. It shouldn't be like this. Death is a jolting end of life. Death is a separation of body and soul. We don't want that. God doesn't want that. God didn't intend it to be like this when he created the first man and woman. Why is it then that death eventually comes to all people?

Quite simply and tragically, death comes because of sin. The first man and woman rebelled against God. When they chose to rebel, they brought death upon themselves. And they have passed both their sin and death on to all their descendants—to you and to me. We see their rebellion in our little rebellions—in our lies, our pride, our arrogance, our hate, our sin. And where there is sin, there is death.

How much does Jesus hate sin and death? Jesus detested sin and death so much he fought and defeated them. Jesus took our sin. In our place, Jesus suffered and died. He endured the punishment we deserved. When Jesus died, his death was not a result of his sin. Jesus' death came as

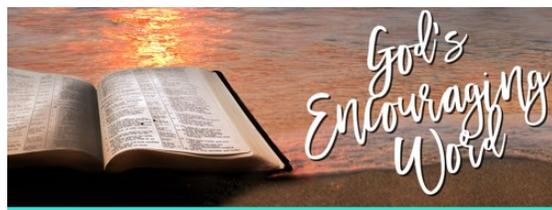
punishment because he shouldered the sins of the whole world—every one of your and my sins. Since Jesus dealt with the cause of death—which is sin, death lost its sting.

Jesus comforted a friend who was grieving the death of her brother by proclaiming: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus promised that because he is "the resurrection and the life," all believers will be raised to eternal life too. Jesus gives eternal life to all who believe in him.

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Key Events This Month:

- 4/1—Easter Victory Celebration
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- 4/8—VBS Planning Meeting
- 4/14—Men's Bible Class
- 4/15—GLOW Meeting
- 4/16—Mornings with Mommy
- 4/21—Volunteering at the Food Bank
- 4/22—Quarterly Voters Meeting
- 4/24—Women's Bible Class
- 4/28—Murder Mystery Party



Alive in Christ

Christ is risen! Every Easter we rejoice in the truth—the miracle—that Jesus is alive. This Easter season, we'll have a special sermon series in which we walk through the book of Romans, where we'll see Christ alive and what that means for eternity someday and for each day of our lives right now.

Here are some themes you can look forward to:

- ⇒ 4/8—Alive by Grace!
- ⇒ 4/15—Alive through Baptism!
- ⇒ 4/22—Alive and Free!
- ⇒ 4/29—Alive to Proclaim!

- ⇒ 5/6—Alive Together!
- ⇒ 5/13—Alive No Matter What!
- ⇒ 5/20—Alive through the Spirit!

We hope you'll enjoy hearing how you are alive in Christ, who lives now and forever!

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You will face death over and over again—in the relentless stream of world news and in the sad news that death is striking those you love. Listen to Jesus' words. Trust Jesus. He is the resurrection and the life. One day death will come to you. And even though you die, because you believe in Jesus you will live eternally with him in heaven.

Sharing eternal confidence with you,

Pastor Jason Strong

Light of the World Mission Statement

*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.*

On the Lighter Side...

Sunday School Humor

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Another Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Lot again... A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Community Outreach

On April 21st, from 11:30-2:30, we'll be sending a team of about 15 people to go and help out at our local food bank. This time, we'll be helping during their client pickup time, meaning that we'll be helping to carry and load boxes for families who show up. If you'd be interested in helping out, or if you have questions, you are welcome to chat either with Pastor or our Outreach Team Leader, Tim Harting.

In connection with that, we'll be switching over our collection at church. Over the past few months, we've been collecting items to support The Door, an organization to help teens in need. We'll be looking to start up a collection for the women's shelter in town, so please keep an eye out for that and for the new donation "needs" list.

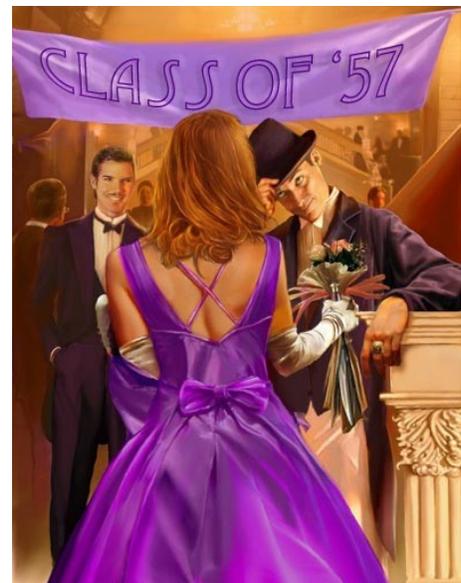
Class of '57 Murder Mystery

There has been a murder! You're needed to help find the culprit!

This month, in place of our usual family game night, we'll be hosting a murder mystery party. If you've never heard of this, a *murder mystery* party is a themed event or party where attendees dress up to match a theme or assigned characters, and then work together to solve a fictitious *murder* which occurs during the party.

For this theme, we're being transported back to the 50's as we attend a high school reunion. Guests will be encouraged to dress "with the times."

This murder mystery party will be Saturday, April 28th, starting at 6pm. We'll be having a themed potluck/dinner beforehand. If you're interested in participating, please sign up by Sunday, April 15th so we can get characters and our meal squared away!



APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15—Easter Potluck 10:30—Easter Victory Celebration 11:30—Easter Egg Hunt	2	3 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	4	5	6	7
8 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—VBS Planning	9 5:45—6th Grade Con- firmation	10 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	11	12	13	14 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
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Church Cleaners for April :
 4/1-4/7—McGough
 4/8-4/14—Phillips/Wallace
 4/15-4/21—Risse
 4/22-4/28—Sinclair/Davidge
 4/29-5/5—Strong

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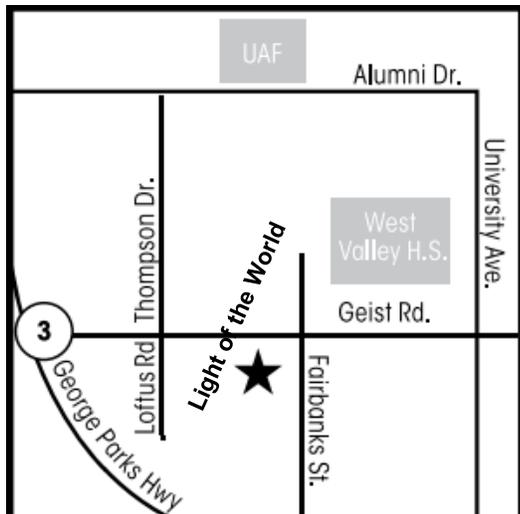
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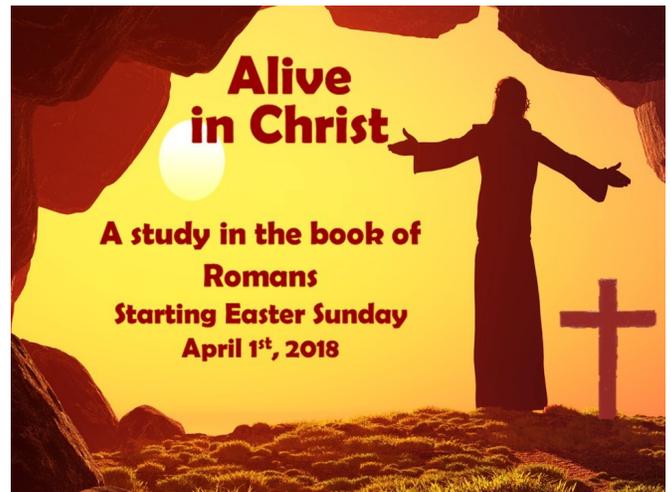
Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



Located at: **4155 Geist Road**



***Christ is alive...
so am I!***