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Key Events This Month:

- 2/10—Ash Wednesday, Lent begins**
- 2/13—Men's Bible Study**
- 2/14—Potluck**
- 2/19—Game Night**
- 2/21—Council Meeting**
- 2/21—GLOW Meeting**
- 2/23—Women's Bible Study**

Jesus Is the Suffering Savior

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. ... He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

— Isaiah 53:3,5

Valentine's Day cards contain words that are chosen very carefully. They are meaningful words of love and affection. Sometimes when we are sending a valentine to someone, we might even agonize over which words to use.

We want to choose the right words that express the deep love we have.

How about the words printed above by the prophet Isaiah? Would you include any of his words in a card to your loved one? At first thought you would say, "Absolutely not!"

Words like "despised... rejected... sorrows... suffering... punishment" would be the last choice for a Valentine's Day card! But the Bible surprises us. These words from God are really a wonderful expression of his true love for people.

The first thing to understand is that Isaiah was writing about Jesus. Jesus, God's Son, was

a cross, so that people wouldn't suffer eternally.

The second thing to remember is that we are talking about something very personal to all of us. We were the ones Jesus came to suffer for. We were the ones who were headed to the punishment of eternal separation from God. Our sinful thoughts, words, and actions condemned us. But as the prophet wrote, "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."



sent to earth to be the world's Savior. The Bible tells us that because of sin there was punishment looming for all people. But Jesus took that punishment on himself. Jesus is our Savior who suffered for sinners. He took all this suffering on himself, including death on

Jesus' love for us is deep and long-lasting. It's not a shallow love that we might receive from others, or a love that is here today and gone tomorrow. Jesus' love is eternal. He promises that since he suffered

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Lent 2016

In just a couple of weeks, our church year shifts rather quickly into the season of Lent. We'll begin our journey with Jesus to the cross on February 10th, with our Ash Wednesday service. For the following 5 Wednesday evenings, we'll

spend some time meditating on God's Word and joining Jesus in his Passion with our Lenten series, "I Tell You the Truth." Like in past years, we'll also have a dinner before the service, beginning at 5:30 pm, with the service starting at 6:30 pm.

On Sundays in Lent, we'll also

be working through Isaiah's prophecies, as God, through Isaiah, gives the Israelites (and us) hope of a brighter future because of his Servant and what he would do for the whole world. We invite you to join us for our "Singing with the Exiles" Sunday sermon series this Lent!

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and gave up his life for us, he will continue to love us each and every day.

Every time you open the Bible it's like Valentine's Day. These are God's words of love for you.

Enjoy that love today and everyday!

In Christ,
Pastor Strong

G.L.O.W. Report

Thanks to all the ladies who have been attending our Tuesday night Women's Bible Class. It has been a joy and blessing to grow together in our faith in Jesus and in our relationships with each other through these lessons. We invite any ladies to join us for this refreshing and uplifting night once a month.

With Lent coming up, we will once again be hosting meals before each Wednesday evening service. We'll be posting sign-up sheets on the

table in the back of church, so please make sure to check them out.

We are continually looking for service projects, both inside and outside of church. If any of you have a project you would like us to consider, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Finally, we'll be starting our monthly GLOW meetings back up this month. Our meeting will be Sunday, February 21st after worship. We hope you will be able to join us!

Jerusalem Experience 2016

With Lent coming up so quickly this year, it's time to start thinking and planning ahead for our annual Easter for Kids outreach event. This year's theme, "The Jerusalem Experience," will take the kids on a journey through Jerusalem as they follow Jesus through Holy Week. We'll walk with him through palm branches and cloaks, stand at the foot of his cross, and rejoice in the empty tomb. This event will be an experience for the senses.

There will be more info in the coming weeks, but please keep an eye out for sign up sheets and invitations!

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...

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$25."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$200."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight men to collect all the money!"



Chili Cook-off

Has the cold weather been getting you down? Looking for a little something to spice up your life? Then our next church event is just for you!

On Saturday, March 5th, we'll be holding a Chili Cook-off at church. The details are still being fleshed out, but you'll have the opportunity to make your best chili recipe, taste other people's chili and judge it, or do both!

There will be some small prizes for the winners, but we hope this event will be a great opportunity for you to get out of the cold and spend some time with fellow members eating some great food!

Keep on the lookout for more info in coming announcements!

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:00—Catechism	2 6:00—Choir	3	4	5	6	
7 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Member Ministry Meeting	8 4:30—6th Grade Confirmation 6:00—Catechism	9 6:00—Choir	10 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	11	12	13 8:00—Men's Bible Class @ Country Café in North Pole
14 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:30—Elders Meeting	15 6:00—Catechism	16 6:00—Choir	17 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	18	19 6:00—Game Night @ Parsonage	20
21 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Council Meeting 12:00—GLOW Meeting	22 6:00—Catechism	23 6:00—Women's Bible Class	24 5:30—Lenten Dinner 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	25	26	27
28 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship	29 6:00—Catechism				<div style="background-color: #006633; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for February 1/31-2/6—Davidge, Phillips 2/7-2/13—Holdsworth, Christianson 2/14-2/20—Kuhl, Kukes 2/21-2/27—McGough 2/28-3/5—Risse </div>	

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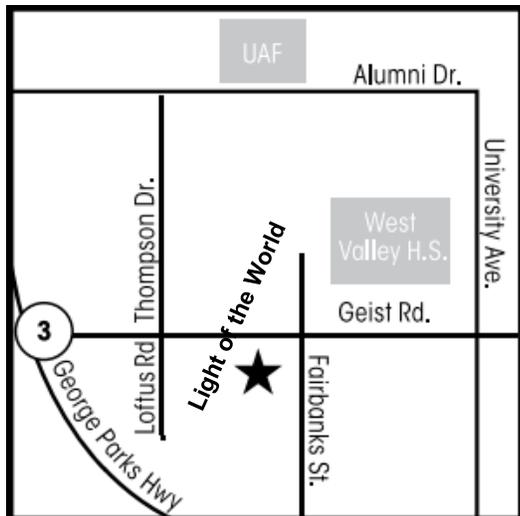
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday Worship 10:30

Bible Classes for all ages

9:15 am



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- John 3:16