



Be God's Valentine!

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Key Events This Month:
2/7—Council Meeting
2/10—Monthly Potluck
2/13—Midweek Lenten Services Begin
2/15—Family Fun Night
2/26—Women's Bible Study

1 John 3:1 – *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*

Your hands are sweaty. Your heart is racing. You just can't get those butterflies out of your stomach. And the lump in your throat grows larger as you walk tentatively towards your object of affection, only one question burning in your mind. "Will you be my Valentine?"

That's the question asked every Valentine's Day by so many people, sometimes accompanied with candies, flowers, a dinner reservation, whatever it will take to win the heart of their beloved.

What a privilege, what an honor, what a wonderful thing to be the object of someone else's love on a holiday which celebrates the love two people have for each other!

This year, on the day before Valentine's Day, we're going to be celebrating the beginning of 40 days of someone else's love...for you, for me, for every person who has, who is, and who will live. Do you know I'm talking about? On the day before Valentine's Day, we'll be celebrating Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. During that time, we'll join Jesus on his journey to the cross, a path filled with joy, with sadness, with pain, with anguish, with love. A road he's walking for you and me.

Do you know why Jesus went to the cross? Well, in a way, it's because we're his Valentine. We are the objects of his affection. He loves us, even though we have never been deserving of it. We have done everything we could to try to break up our relationship with him. We have not given love to God.



But God's mind is made up. He loves us. He wants us, and so he was willing to do whatever it took to make us his own, even if it meant giving up what was dearest to him, his only Son, Jesus to live, die, and rise for you and me.

There is no greater example of love than that. Because of Jesus, we are more than God's Valentine. We are his children, the dearest objects of his love. He pours his love out on us, not just in the form of salva-

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Outreach News

With the new year underway, the Outreach Team is planning for some exciting outreach events. The first of these events will be our "Easter 4 Kids," which will be held the Saturday before Palm Sunday

from 12:30-300pm. A list will be available in the coming weeks if you'd like to volunteer to help or bring some items for the event.

The first week in June, we'll be hosting our VBS. If you are interested in helping plan the

week, we invite you to join us for our next few Outreach Team meetings.

Finally, we're still planning how to use the generous gift given to us in December, so if you have any input, we'd love to hear it. Thanks!

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tion, but also with everything we need and could want in this life. Those gifts are far greater than any chocolate or flowers or stuffed animals or romantic dinner reservation. So, as you walk the road of Jesus' Passion this Lent, rejoice in the love God lavishes on you!

*In Christ,
Pastor Strong*



Logo-Wear

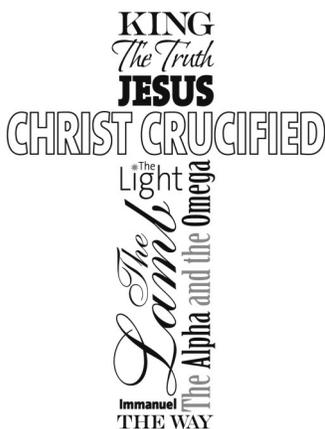
Would you like to look nice AND be a light to the world? If so, Light of the World logo-wear is for you.

This month, you will have the opportunity to purchase merchandise with our church's logo imprinted or embroidered on it. Items will include polo's, fleece jackets, caps, tote bags, coffee mugs, and much

more!

Starting Wednesday, February

13, there will be a display in the church basement of sample items, as well as a list of other items available for order. We plan on having all the orders collected and placed by the end of the month. You won't want to miss out on this awesome opportunity to be a witness for Christ, but if you do, there will be more times throughout the year to order logo-wear.



Names of Wondrous Love

God's Lights Of the World

Our January meeting and Bible Study both went very well. We are looking ahead to making children's "Quiet Bags" for church. These are small bags filled with books, coloring sheets, crayons, and even an Eye Spy game. If you are interested in helping with these, contact Becky Strong. We are also going to be having a Craft Night coming up on March. For more information contact

Linda Pappenfuss. Our Bible Study focused on "Forgiving Those We Love", and led to some wonderful conversation. Our upcoming meeting will be on February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Our next Bible Study will be February 27 at 6:00 p.m. If you would be interested in leading this, talk with Becky Strong.

God bless,
GLOW

Lenten Services

Beginning Wednesday, February 13, we will begin our observance of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Jesus' death on the cross.

As with last year, Light of the World will be holding midweek Lenten services every Wednesday in Lent. This year's theme is "Names of Wondrous Love. We'll be taking a look at the

different names given to Jesus in Scripture, seeing how they describe Jesus and what he would do to save us from sin.

Our service times will change slightly from what has been done in the past. The Wednesday services will begin at **6:30pm**, and thee soup and sandwich dinner will start at 5:30pm.

BBB Class Schedule

Our BBB (Back to the Basics of the Bible) Class has started up and is cruising right along.

Here's the topics we'll be studying in November:

- ⇒ The Church (Feb. 4)
- ⇒ Marriage and the Family (Feb. 11)

- ⇒ New Member Information (Feb. 18)
- ⇒ Worship (Feb. 25)

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about our BBB Class, you may contact Pastor Strong via email or by calling his office.

FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Member Minis-	4 7:00—BBB Class	5 6:30—Council Meeting	6	7 4:30—Choir 6:30—Confirmation Parent's Meeting	8	9
10 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck	11 7:00—BBB Class	12 6:00—Northern GLOW	13 5:30—Soup & Sandwich Dinner 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship	14	15 6:30—Family Fun Night	16
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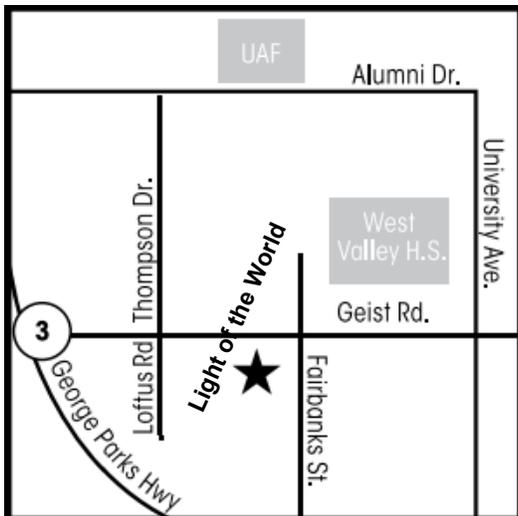
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9:15 am



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*“This is how we know what love is: Jesus
Christ laid down his life for us.”*

-1 John 3:16