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*Know the Truth*

**“Your word is truth.” -  
John 17:17**

Human beings have never stopped desiring to search for the truth. And who can blame us?

As we swim our way through life, so often we find ourselves in deep water over our heads, water that has a muddy bottom which is sometimes slimy and threatens to trap our feet. What could feel better than to finally touch a smooth, solid, rock bottom where we can plant our feet and rest, keep our heads above water, catch our breath?

God’s word is rock-solid truth. That’s how Jesus described it. He was speaking to his heavenly Father in prayer when he said, “Your word is truth.” Though such a simple statement, it is a profound reality. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, testifies that the word of God the heavenly Father is truth!

It’s hard sometimes to hear the truth. It can cause us to hang our head in shame and even cringe with fear. Truth that God tells us is every bit as difficult to hear. He tells us the truth that we are sinful. The sin that swirls around in our heads and floods our hearts is devas-

tating. Sin brings death—every kind of isolating, slimy, feet-trapping death, including the eternal kind.

God tells us the truth about sin so that we are willing to listen to a more important truth. The truth that his Son, Jesus Christ, came and lived the perfect life required of those who want God to care about them in this life and save them for the life to come. The truth that he died the perfect death on the cross that completely paid for sin. The truth that he rose again to prove he had done everything

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**Key Events This Month:**

- 5/13—Church Clean-up day
- 5/14—Mother’s Day Brunch
- 5/20—Bowling Outing
- 5/21—Confirmation
- 5/23—Women’s Bible Study
- 5/27—Men’s Bible Study
- 5/30-6/2—“Mighty Fortress” VBS



*Church Clean-up Day*

Every year, as Break-up comes to a close, we have a chance to clean up our campus and get it ready for spring. This year, we are scheduling our clean-up day for Saturday, May 13th, beginning at 9:00am.

As with previous years, there

will be plenty of work to be done, both inside the church and on the grounds. We appreciate any time and help you might be able to provide.

There will be lunch (and maybe some morning treats) for those who are able to come and help us!



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that is necessary for our salvation. The truth that he did this for every sinful human being. He did it to give us a firm foundation for life—a blessed life with God now and forever.

And do you know how God gives us everything Jesus earned for us by his life, death, and resurrection? Through his rock-solid word.

And that's the truth!

God's Blessings,  
Pastor 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...*

### **Woman with Strong Faith**

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

## *A Mighty Fortress VBS*

May means...the final stretch for VBS preparations. We're gearing up for another awesome Vacation Bible School this year. This year's program will be Reformation—themed VBS, with the theme "Mighty Fortress."

As in previous years, these VBS programs entail quite a bit of work and preparation, and as we get closer to the date (May 30-June 2), we need more and more help to make this another great success and blessing to many kids through-

out our community.

We currently have wide variety of ways you can help with our program:

- ⇒ Hand out invites
- ⇒ Sign up to volunteer
- ⇒ Sign up for food donations
- ⇒ Help construct decorations (our next day is Friday, May 12th)
- ⇒ Pray for God to bless our VBS!

## *Bowling Outing*

On May 20, we will be having a bowling outing in place of our regular game night. We are looking at going to Arctic Bowl again, as we've done in past years. There is a sign-up sheet to indicate your interest so we can get an idea of how many people are planning on coming. You can find prices on the sheet!



## *Confirmation Sunday*

On Sunday, May 21, we'll be having our Confirmation Sunday. This year, we have one confirmand, Kristen Holdsworth. Kristen's family, as well as our Member Ministry team, would like to invite you to a reception in our fellowship area following our worship service.

We understand what a special day it is, when a member of God's family will be joining our church family, so we hope you can join us for this celebration!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30—Catechism	2 6:00—Choir	3	4	5	6
7 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Outreach Team	8 5:30—Catechism	9 6:00—Choir	10 6:00—VBS Canvassing	11 5:30—6th Grade Confirmation	12 6:00—VBS Decoration Construction Night #2 (if needed)	13 9:00—Church Clean-up
14 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:00—Mother's Day Brunch	15 5:30—Catechism	16 6:00—Choir	17	18 5:30—6th Grade Confirmation	19	20 3:00—Bowling Outing
21 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Confirmation Worship w/Communion 12:30—Council 12:30—GLOW	22	23 6:00—Women's Bible Study	24 6:00—VBS Canvassing	25 6:00—VBS Tent Set-up	26 6:00—Family Fun Night	27 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Country Café
28 10:30—Worship 12:00—Set-up for VBS	29	30	31			
<b>Church Cleaners for May:</b> 4/30-5/6—McGough 5/7-5/13—Phillips/Wallace 5/14-5/20—Risse 5/21-5/27—Sinclair/Davidge 5/28-6/3—Strong						
<b>Mighty Fortress VBS (May 30-June 2)</b>						

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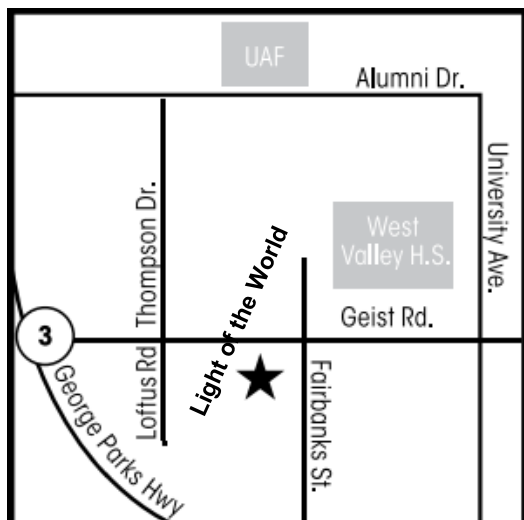
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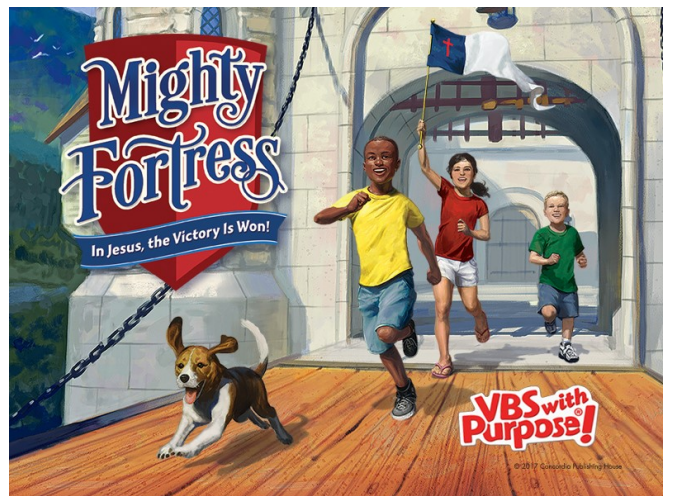
**Grow in God's Word with us!**

**Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am**

**Sunday Worship - 10:30 am**



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*Jesus is our  
trusty shield!*

**MAY 30-JUNE 2**