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Key Events This Month:

- 11/9—Prayer Vigil**
- 11/11—Monthly Potluck**
- 11/11—Quarterly Voters Meeting**
- 11/17—Men’s Bible Class**
- 11/19—Mornings with Mommy**
- 11/21—Thanksgiving Eve Worship**
- 11/23—Christmas Decorating @ Church**
- 11/27—Women’s Bible Class**
- 12/1—Advent by Candlelight**

God’s Encouraging Word... when I’m suffering

Are you familiar with tunnel vision? Someone experiencing tunnel vision can see an object directly ahead, but they often fail to notice what’s around it. Maybe age or injury has robbed them of their peripheral vision. Maybe they grow fatigued during a long drive. Do you know what that’s like?

We’re also prone to tunnel vision when we’re suffering. Face it, we’ve all been there. No one is immune from problems and pain. Everyone experiences hurts or hang-ups. But when we’re hurting, is the bad all we can see? Do we focus on the problem so much that we ignore everything else? We can see no help. No hope. No good. No God. Do you know what that’s like? It’s not a happy place to be.

It can be especially tough as we prepare to enter the holiday season. How can we put on a smile for Thanksgiving and pretend that we are just fine?

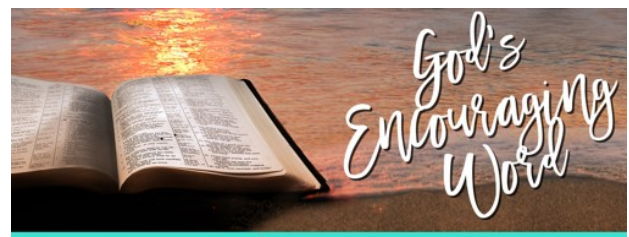
No need to pretend. Listen to the psalmist: **“My comfort in suffering is this: your promise preserves my life” (Psalm 119:50)**. Remember how God worked so wonderfully to solve our greatest problem. The burden of sin we could never carry. The consequence of guilt we could never dodge. The sentence of death we could not avoid. So Jesus stepped in for us and shouldered them all. The cross and the tomb—both empty now—mark Jesus’ great victory.

And his victory is your victory. So resist the urge to give in to those feelings of defeat. Don’t shrink back in fear. Don’t separate yourself from others.

Don’t become bitter. Don’t give up. Otherwise you will miss the help God wants to give you.

All around the problem of suffering, God’s help is ready and waiting. Look up and find confidence: “My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth” (Psalm 121). Look in to God’s word where he promises, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). Look back and recall how God has helped you through past challenges. Look around and find Christian friends eager to give you a hand and fold hands for

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Christ, Our All-Testament Hero

As we near the end of the month, finish Thanksgiving, and move into the Christmas season, we as a church move into a new church year, which begins with the season of Advent. During this time, we wait in eager expectation for the

coming of the Christ-child.

For this year’s Advent season, our theme is “Christ, Our All-Testament Hero.” In our mid-week Advent worship, we’ll see comparisons between Christ and heroes of faith of the Old Testament.

In addition to our Wednesday evening Advent worship, which will be at 6:30pm, starting on December 5, we’ll also have a dinner beforehand at 5:30pm. More details on that will be coming in the next few weeks.

you in prayer. Look ahead and see the open heaven God has in store for you through Jesus.

God promises to bring you safely through the tunnel of trouble. Trust his goodness!

Trusting 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...

Religious Nuts

There were four country churches in a small Texas town: The Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church and the Catholic Church. Each church was overrun with pesky squirrels.

One day, the Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

In the Baptist Church the squirrels had taken up habitation in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a cover on the baptistery and drown the squirrels in it. The squirrels escaped somehow and there were twice as many there the next week.

The Methodist Church got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creation. So, they humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

But -- The Catholic Church came up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Advent By Candlelight

Every Advent, the women of GLOW host a special Advent by Candlelight evening for women of our congregation and community. This is a fun and quiet evening for women to prepare their hearts for the coming of our Savior.

This year's Advent by Candlelight will be on Saturday, December 1st. While there isn't a firm theme yet, ladies of Light of the World are encouraged to think about either attending this great event or host-

ing one of the tables. Ladies, this is an event you won't want to miss this Advent season, so please keep watch over the next few weeks for more information and invitations.

Thanksgiving Worship

Every year, it's a privilege to come before God and spend time thanking him for all the blessings he overwhelms us with in our lives. This year, we'll be holding our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, November 21 at 6:00pm.

We'll also be doing some church decorating for Christmas on Friday, November 23 t 10:00am. We hope you can join us for both of these opportunities to show our thanks to God!



Christmas Dinner

This Christmas season, we're resurrecting a favorite tradition of Light of the World—our Christmas dinner. Right now, we have a reservation for 25 people at the Turtle Club on Sunday, December 2, and you're invited to join us!

If you're interested, please either sign up on the table in the back of church or let Pastor know. We are looking to have our final numbers by Thanksgiving.

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Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

				1 6:30—FPU	2	3
4 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Prayer Group	5 6:00—BBB Class	6 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	7	8 6:30—FPU	Pastor @ ACPaT	
11 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:45—Voters Meeting	12 6:00—BBB Class	13 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	14	15 6:30—FPU	16 6:00—Family Game Night	17 8:00—Men’s Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
18 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW	19 10:30—Mornings with Mommy 6:00—BBB Class	20 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Choir	21 6:00—Thanksgiving Eve Worship	22	23 10:00—Christmas Dec- orating	24
25 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Member Minis- try	26 6:00—BBB Class	27 5:30—Catechism 7:00—Women’s Bible Study	28	29 6:30—FPU	30	Church Cleaners for November : 10/28-11/3—Kuhl/Kukes 11/4-11/10—Phillips/Wallace 11/11-11/17—Risse 11/18-11/24—Strong 11/25-12/1—Taipale/Anderson

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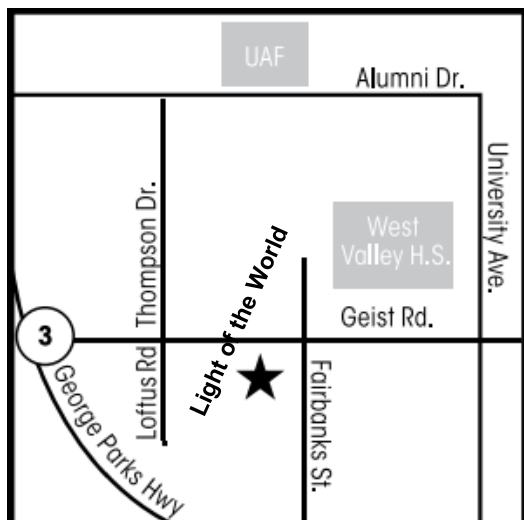
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

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**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 21 @ 6PM**