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I am the Light of the World

At the beginning of John 8, the Pharisees bring a woman before Jesus and say, "This woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law commands us to stone such a woman. Now what do you say?" Jesus will proceed to write something on the ground with His finger, and then in John 8:7, He says, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." It then says, Jesus wrote on the ground again. After this, they started to walk away, one by one. Not one of us can throw a stone at anyone because we are all guilty. Romans 3:23 says, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." It is because of our sin that we are in the dark spiritually. Our sin separates us from our Holy Father in Heaven. On our own, we are lost in our sin. We cannot save ourselves from the dark state we are in. However, Jesus will say later in this passage, He has the answer to our problem. In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In Jesus coming to this earth (God in the flesh), who was without sin, perfect in every way. He exposed our sin and shined a light on our dark lives. The World doesn't know what is right or what is wrong. Fifty years ago, one way of living was considered wrong or unacceptable by society. And today, the same way of living is considered okay and completely acceptable by society. 2 Corinthians 4:4 says, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Paul is telling us that Satan has used sin to blind us from seeing the truth. We get caught up in greed, lusts, pride, lies, and materialism, so much that we find ourselves stumbling along through life (lost). And to that, Jesus says, "I am the light." He wants us to follow Him because He will illuminate the path of salvation for us. He will provide a light that is not dependent on fresh batteries in the flashlight or a paid-up electric bill. He is the eternal source of God's love, forgiveness, and grace.

Christ so wants to turn a light on in our hearts and show us a better way. One, so we can see the error of our ways and see His love for us. And two, so we can be a reflector of His divine light to the world. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world... In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Just as the moon reflects the light of the Sun, we can become the reflective light of Christ! We can be light in our neighborhoods, in our work places, in our homes, on social media, and wherever we go. We can be a light by helping someone in need or telling them what Jesus has done for us. Are you lost? Are you in the dark? Have you found yourself stumbling along through life? Jesus says, "I am the light of the world."

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES				
Nov. 11-Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Nov. 14- 6:30 pm Ron & Lisa will be hosting Young Adults- dinner, devo, game night Nov.15 10-12 -Saturday Ladies Bible Study	Nov. 23 Young Adult community service event right after church service.	Young adults will be collecting items through November for those affected by the hurricane in Jamaica.	Welcome visitors-please share a record of you visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,	

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for **Greg Cerminara** who will have knee surgery Dec. 5th
- *Pray for positive results from **Mike Ross**'s endoscopy.
- *Pray for Anthony Katz who will have eye surgery Nov. 15th
- *Pray for **Audrey Parks** (Nadine's mother) who is dealing with intense back pain. Also for her cousin, **Oliver**, whose wife passed away and for his 3 children and family. Also for Kimberly's friend **Tia**, who had a seizure.
- *Pray for **Nuris** who is in a lot of pain.
- *Pray for those in Jamaica and all affected by the recent hurricane.
- *Pray for **Bob Rieger** (Nancy Melson's friend) who's father recently passed away.
- *Pray for Randy Springer recovering from surgery.
- *Pray for **Rod Stanley and family**, his son , Julius passed away. Pray for **Raymond's mother** who recently had foot surgery.
- *Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, **Kia Marsha** recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- *Pray for **Pamela Pimpton** who has been dizzy and not feeling well.
- *Pray for **Sam Walkup** who has been struggling with fevers and infection.
- *Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo, post bone marrow transplant.** Prayers for the whole family also,
- *Pray for **Mary Lou** as she is dealing with back problems and for **Ron Sr**. for his procedure
- *Pray for **Michael DiRienzo** (friend of John & Tracy Robertson), being treated for stage 4 bladder cancer.

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments-Judith Gomez,Cohen (Ron's friend), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past
- *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.
- *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders.

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

*Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you,

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11am Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

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Song Leader:Bruce Pancoast Lord's Table:Steve Froehlich

Closing Prayer/Announcements: Willie Mullins

Usher:TBD Week of 11/2-11/8/25

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