



THE COMPANION



PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2020

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" - John 1:29

Every week it's the same old thing. Every Sunday is like John the Baptist's message on repeat. "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." We literally sing those words over and over again. You've sang them thousands of times in your life.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace! Amen.

And sometimes we sing and hear and we think. "Is that's it? It's easy for us to grow weary hearing the same old words. To tire of learning the same old lesson.

What are we seeking? Something new? Something different? Something more inspiring, motivational, something popular, some new insight, fact, information, a good show?

What are you looking for?

Well, we can be looking for a lot of things. But what is it that Jesus had given us to see?

Consider again those words: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

What sin? All the sinful things you do. All your thoughts and words and actions that are self serving and not in line with God's will. All the guilt you inherit from Adam. All the consequences of your sins. The shame, the resulting effects

All that. Taken away

And this forgiveness is not limited to just "some" people but rather is for all people, everywhere of every time and place, the entire world which is opposed to God; that's works against the purposes of god; deeply despises God.

Christ came to take away all the sin of all the world. The sin of the Worst of the Worst and the Best of the Best. And He even came to take away your sin.

Behold, the lamb. For you.

Thank God that he keeps giving us these same old words. Words that bring life and salvation. Words that remind us forgiven sinners that we have been claimed as God's own children through Christ's word on the cross.

Lord, keep us steadfast in this word.

In the name of Jesus.

*In His Peace,
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*



PRESIDENTS CORNER - FEBRUARY 2020

In last month's Newsletter I reflected with memories of Christmas from my childhood—and specifically memories of how our family shared with great joy the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Linda and I are of the age where we are frequently saddened by some of the Christmas letter we receive, or do not receive, in response to our Christmas letters: My high school buddy now has severe dementia; One of my former Department Chairs who just last year was attending the Adult Day Care in our Community Center is now in a full-time care facility; Another former Department Chair had a stroke during the past year and is now hospitalized with pneumonia; and there was no letter from a faculty colleague who has been in a long-term care facility for several years—what does no letter received this year mean in this case? Then this week Linda received an email from a close friend who detailed the last months and days of her husband of 56 years, which brought both of us to tears. But later in the email her friend also gave us comfort by saying how thankful she was that her husband was now with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will soon be in the Lenten season, which prepares us to reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross for our sins, but then we will rejoice in His resurrection on Easter morning. Thus, we have comfort and confidence that when we leave this life on Earth, we too will be with our Lord and Savior forever with no more pain and suffering.


As our new officer and Directors for 2020 are installed this Sunday, we thank all who have served during 2019, and encourage members to agree to fill some vacancies. As we consider the 2020 budget at the Voters meeting on Sunday, we thank all members and attendees (and some anonymous person for a gift of \$9,000) for their gifts to our church, which have contributed to a financial turn-around for our church. In addition to receipts from a full 12 months of usage of our Community Center for the Adult Day Care program, receipts from seven months of sharing our sanctuary and fellowship room with the Korean Church have certainly been a blessing. The final approval of the Verizon cell tower in December also assures us of their continued support in future years. Progress is being made in starting the English as a Second Language classes with the grant funds received the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The big uncertainty in the budget is when will Pastor Harbaugh begin his service as an Air Force Reserve Chaplain.

*In His Peace,
Russell Elsberry*

February 2020

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FEBRUARY SERVANT LIST

 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY 2ND	FEBRUARY 9TH	FEBRUARY 16TH	FEBRUARY 23RD
ASSISTANT	TIM RUEDIGER	RUTH NUTT	RUSS ELSBERRY	PASTOR
LECTOR	KARL KRUEGER	DON WALLICH	RUSS ELSBERRY	RUTH NUTT
FLOWERS	THE PEARSONS	<i>No One Signed Up</i>		
COFFEE HOUR	THE ZELINSKAS	<i>No One Signed Up</i>	THE CAVINS	<i>No One Signed Up</i>
ALTAR GUILD	JULI REYNOLDS	SARA WILLIAMS	RUTH NUTT	BECKY PEARSON



OFFICE HOURS:
PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:
10 AM - 1 PM*
**OR BY APPOINTMENT*
MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 1 PM



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AROUND FAITH!



*The entire
Hanson Clan!*



**PICTURES OF THE FRONT DOORS
AND
THE BODY OF THE CHURCH!**

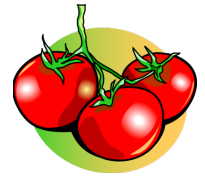
ALL ARE WELCOME!



GRILLED CHEESE & TOMATO SOUP BAKE

This is similar to a savory french toast casserole and combines two favorite dishes-
grilled cheese with tomato soup.

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 25 min. Bake: 25 min. + standing **YIELD:** 6 servings.



INGREDIENTS:

3 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
12 slices Italian, sourdough or rye bread (1/2 inch thick)
6 tablespoons butter, softened
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 large eggs

1-1/2 teaspoons dried basil, divided
6 slices part-skim mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup tomato paste
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-3/4 cups 2% milk
1 cup shredded Italian cheese blend

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a small bowl, mix cream cheese and 1 teaspoon basil until blended; spread onto 6 bread slices. Top with mozzarella cheese and remaining bread. Spread outsides of sandwiches with butter. Arrange in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. **2.** In a small saucepan, combine tomato paste, garlic, salt, pepper and remaining basil; cook and stir over medium heat 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 4-5 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. **3.** Whisk eggs in a large bowl; gradually whisk in a third of the milk mixture. Stir in remaining milk mixture; pour over sandwiches. Sprinkle with Italian cheese blend. **4.** Bake, uncovered, 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and cheese is melted. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.



**The Deadline for the MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER
is: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020 at 10:00 am!**



FEBRUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

Becky Pearson - 02/02/49

Howard Pearson - 02/23/36

**If you want your birthday in the Newsletter,
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