

# Good News in the Forest January / February 2020

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## From the Pastor's Desk

What's new with you? What is new about 2020?

Our first thoughts might be that it is the "same old - same old" and yes our lives probably have not changed that much overnight. We may have leftovers for our dinner. We may see a rerun on TV. Our neighbor may say his joke that you have heard hundreds of times. Yes - we may have security in our past - but new is interesting.

St. John says in Revelation 21:5: "And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."" Notice I didn't say "wrote in Revelation 21:5".

God's Word is new and fresh for us each day.

All we have to do is look. We can see the "new" because we have the Holy Spirit fresh in us each day - a fresh infusion of faith. Our prayers can seem "old" to us but they are "new" to our ever-loving God. We can always come up with new thanks and petitions because every day brings us new blessings and challenges. Our prayers can even be exciting as we look at what needs to be accomplished in our lives and in the world around us. We still have our old sin, but we have new forgiveness constantly. Yes - our sin is gone and we have a new opportunity to live a new life. The sins return, however, that is the curse of being human, but our Savior, Jesus the Christ, died for all our new sin too. That is what is exciting about the Lord's Supper. We receive Christ's Body and Blood "in and with" the bread and the wine fresh and new each time we approach the altar looking for forgiveness. We have a new home waiting for us. We won't be moving our old habits with us, but we will have everything new - except that everything will be familiar - familiar faces, voices, characteristics, memories and we will have no trouble recognizing our Savior who has been with us our entire lives. New and fresh each day.

From the Gospel according to St. Mark: "And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when drink it new in the kingdom of God.""

What a promise of newness we are blessed to have in our Christian lives.

So what is new?

For Christians, everything is new each day - in Christ.

Pastor Larry



**Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30**

**Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:30**



Every Tuesday,  
Bible Class 10:30-11:30

January 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday -  
Quilting 10 a.m.-2p.m.



Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 p.m.



Join us for a **Community Meal** in our Fellowship Hall.

On the menu: Chicken & Dumplings

We celebrate **Sanctity of Life**  
on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

