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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

I Was Dead

Every once in a while, someone will remind me that Easter is a pagan holiday, which it is. I don't celebrate Easter, but I do celebrate Resurrection. Nothing wrong with me taking a day or time of year to celebrate life and spring when a lot of nature comes back to life. I'm reminded of Jesus words in Revelations 1:18 "I was dead and now look, I am alive for ever and ever. He died and resurrected. He also said in John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the Life, the one who believes in me will live, even though they die and whoever lives believing in me will never die". Yes, I was dead in sin and separated from God, but Jesus and His resurrection gives me joy, praise, worship, adoration, victory and life, Let's celebrate that! *Pastor Larry*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 6, Thursday, 6:00 pm** Maundy Service
Seven last words of Christ and His death.
- **April 7, Good Friday, 6:30 am** Men's prayer breakfast hosted at Convenient Church.
Sign up with Jim Sparapani, cost is Adult - \$10, boys under 12 - \$5.
- **April 9, Sunday, 9:00 am** breakfast finger foods and fellowship prior to 10:15 Service.
- **April 16, Church Family Birthday, Anniversary**
Dinner, and Meeting.

BIRTHDAYS

Karen Dunn 4/3
Sharon Rueter 4/14
Pat Neargarth 4/15

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Sanna Henricksen 4/3
Don & Terry Summers 4/5
Dave & Kate Ashbeck 4/30



MEET AND GREET



Congratulations is in order for our sister Margaret Elkins who is engaged to be married to Dennis Mansfield on May 6th, 2023, in Grayling, Michigan. The two of them met online and have been dating for 3 years. After their boys graduated high school and moved on to their careers, they moved out to Sheridan Wyoming for new jobs. A year ago, they made the move to Iron Mountain to take care of elderly parents. They both found jobs within days of looking and Margaret has just been promoted to Pharmacy Technician Supervisor at the VA. She is the oldest of six children who hail from St Louis Missouri and Chicago suburbs. Her son Noah (20) lives and works near his cousins in St Louis. Her favorite Christian song is "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and her favorite Bible verse is John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world." Other than Dennis, her family members are two rescue cats and two rescue dogs. Welcome Margaret.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Contact Jim at 906-282-5119 if you would like to be added to the schedule or need to change dates.

APRIL

| | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Communion</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 4/2 | Jimmy | Jim S | Tim |
| 4/9 | Tim | John | Jim S |
| 4/16 | Dean | Dave | John |
| 4/23 | Jim E | Tim | Dave |
| 4/30 | Randy | Jim S. | Tim |

MAY

| | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Communion</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
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| 5/7 | Jimmy | John | Dave |
| 5/14 | Tim | Dave | Jim S |
| 5/21 | Dean | Tim | John |
| 5/28 | Jim E | Jim S | Dave |



MISSIONARY LETTER FROM GAGNONGS

Happy Spring Friends!

Things here in Wisconsin are really shaping up. Hopefully things with you all are great. Thank you so much for your interest and support. Your partnership is beyond value to us. May God bless each of you and may your Resurrection Sunday celebration fill you with joy and peace. On behalf of Marty & Tina,
In His Love.

Rose

Information provided by Ganong Gazette, posted on Missionary Board in hallway.

DONATIONS: Giving through the PBT website is the preferred method to receive your donations. Please go to Pioneerbible.org/MartyAndTinaGanong Checks can be sent to: PBT c/o Michelle Steinmetz, E 1637 Grandview Rd., Waupaca, WI 54981. Please make checks payable to Pioneer Bible Translators. Please attach a separate note stating what portion of funds are for Ganong's ministry. Send updates to: Rose Martin: roseandjeff89@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.



FRENCH BOOKS

OPPORTUNITY: One of my/Tina's passions is to provide the adults and kids here with French books. Our Baga Team mission is to provide Baga literature and the Baga Bible. But the children here still attend school in French. But, unlike America where Goodwills have really nice kids' books for really cheap, kids' books are nearly non-existent in our host country. Each time I'm

home, I am looking for French books to bring back as gifts. If you come across any to donate, I would love to have them (unless they deal with Santa or US holidays). I have the link for my Amazon wishlist too:

Amazon link for Tina's Beginning French Readers List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HFPY5HGV7UD5?ref_=wl_share

FEED THE NEED



BACKPACK BLESSING

1. Fruit Cups
2. Small boxes of cereal
3. Instant Oatmeal Packets
4. Breakfast Bars
5. Granola Bars
6. Pudding Cups
7. Snack Size Vegetable Cups
8. Single-Serving Pasta Meals
9. Single Serving Soup
10. See Amazon Website

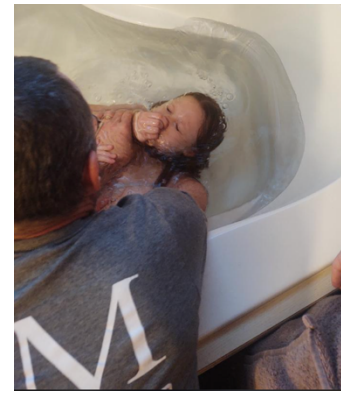
KODAK MOMENTS



March Birthday and Anniversary potluck dinner!

WELCOME

We would like to welcome the newest baptized believers to the church, James, Jacob, and Brianna Erickson.



MESSAGES FROM ELDERS

Temptation

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that which you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1Cor. 10:13).



Now, the temptations that we have are common to man. As I am living in this body, I am going to be subject to certain temptations, the desires of my flesh, the drives of my flesh. That is common to man. But with that temptation, God is faithful to me. He will not allow me to be tempted beyond my limits. He will provide for me the way to escape in order that I will be able to bear it. But it is important that I take that way of escape.



Pursuit of peace and sanctification

Hebrews 12:14 ¹⁴“Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God;” First peace is another kind of fruit produced by the discipline of a loving God to His children mentioned in the preceding verses, but here is something that all Christians should pursue along with sanctification.

Secondly, as I mention before, this comes by intentionally looking into the word of truth with the help of the Holy Spirit applying to one’s life. Submitting one’s life to the Spirit’s guidance. No sanctification, no eternal life with the Father. Pursuit of peace, and pursuit of sanctification are not optional extras in the Christian life. Dave



Our Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3 ³*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” Jesus is our living hope, that the Father has given man for our salvation. Jesus the Father shows us His mercy. Colossians 2:12 “having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.” Through this baptism and Jesus giving His life on the cross, believers are born again, out of our sin. Giving believers the hope of eternal life. The eternal life which we earnestly wait for. Who do you have your hope in? Jim*

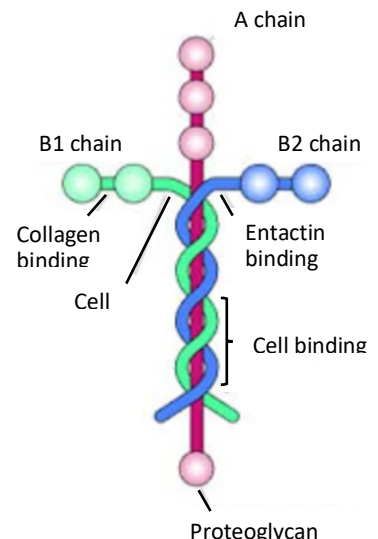


LAMININE - COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

¹⁵“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things **hold together.**”

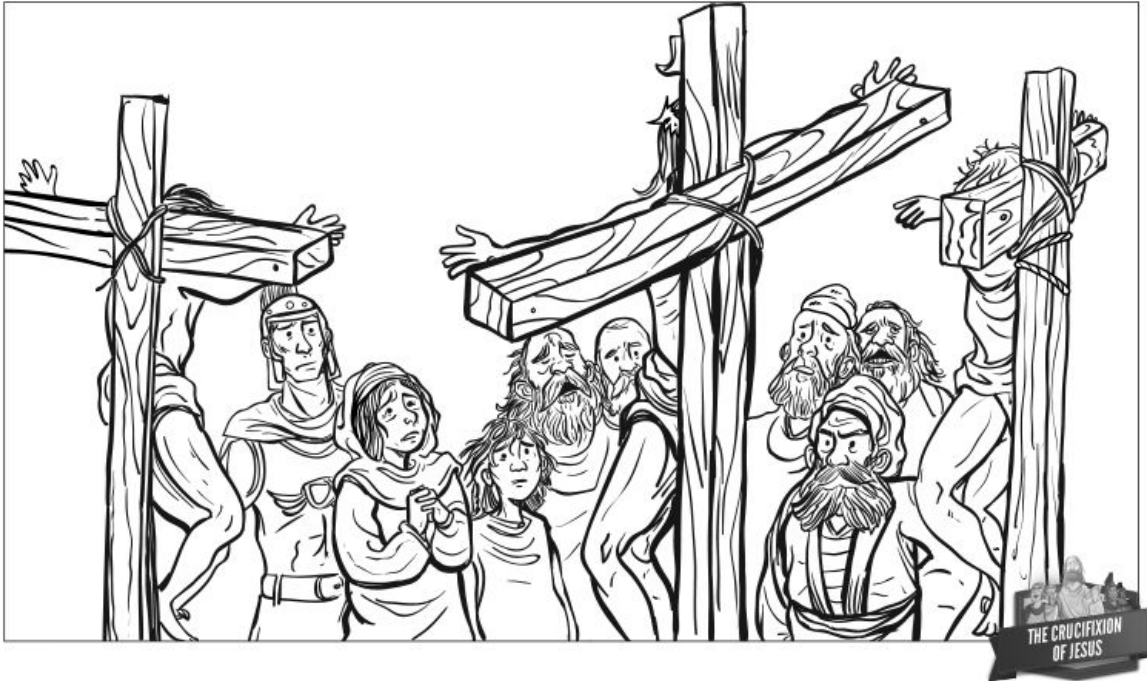
Thousands of years before the world knew about laminin, Paul penned those words. Now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together. . . one cell to another. . . by the cross.

As Wikipedia describes them: “Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue. “You see. . . laminin is what holds us together. . . LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart.



THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning!



YOU SAY... GOD SAYS...

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GOD SAYS...

★ ★
★ SCRIPTURE ★ ★

I can't figure it out.

I will direct your steps.

Proverbs 3:5-6

I'm too tired.

I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:28-30


It's impossible.

All things are possible.

Luke 18:27

Nobody loves me.

I love you.

John 3:16 

I can't forgive myself.

I forgive you.

Romans 8:1

It's not worth it.

It will be worth it.

Romans 8:28

I'm not smart enough.

I will give you wisdom.

I Cor. 1:30

I'm not able.

I am able.

II Cor. 9:8

I can't go on.

My grace is sufficient.

II Cor. 12:9

I can't do it.

You can do all things.

Phil. 4:13

I can't manage.

I will supply all your needs.

Phil. 4:19

I'm afraid.

I have not given you fear.

II Tim. 1:17

I feel all alone.

I will never leave you.

Hebrews 13:5 



**Be fishers of Men . . .
You catch 'em,
He'll clean 'em.**