

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—



Month of

February 2020



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**Faith United Methodist
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(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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Greetings,

We are now in a period of readjustment that football season is over. It was really over in San Francisco on January 19th. But the Super Bowl now makes it complete. Last year during this time, the month of February was very very wet and snowy. Hopefully there will not be a repeat.

However, in thinking about February, a friendly reminder that Ash Wednesday is February 26th and the season of Lent begins. I say this because by that time we will have completed our series on Counterfeit Gods or the idols in our life. We all have them in one form or another. But the Good News is that because of Jesus Christ we can be freed from those idols that control us. The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. What would it look to experience the peace, grace and assurance that only Jesus can give in a new way because the tomb was, and still is empty?

In preparation for the Lenten season it is my hope to offer two Lenten study groups again this year. The evening group will meet on Tuesday evening this year. The afternoon group day will be either Tuesday or Wednesday. (I still have to iron that one out yet.)

See you in church!

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR
WORSHIP
SERMON TITLES



Continued: Sermon series entitled:

Counterfeit Gods,

The Empty Promises of money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope That Matters, by Timothy Keller

February 2, 2020

The Seduction of Success

Psalm 135:15-18

Ezekiel 36:22-36

February 9, 2020

The Power and The Glory

Daniel 2:1-3

February 16, 2020

The Hidden Idols In Our Lives

Jonah 1:1-3

February 23, 2020

The End of Counterfeit Gods

Genesis 32:24-31

February 26, 2020 6:00 P.M.

Ash Wednesday

Epilogue: Finding and Replacing Your idols

Colossians 3:1-5



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Sunday School

children, youth & adults

10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday School Classes

2-3 year old - Nursery

Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K/Kindergarten—1st grade

Bev Pezewski

2nd-5th grade

Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt

Senior High 6th-12th grades

Dan Duff

2 adult classes

ADULT CLASSES

The Beginning of the Battle by:

John MacArthur

Hugh Davies

A Life God Rewards (Bruce Wilkenson)

Mary Muthig

Bible Studies—

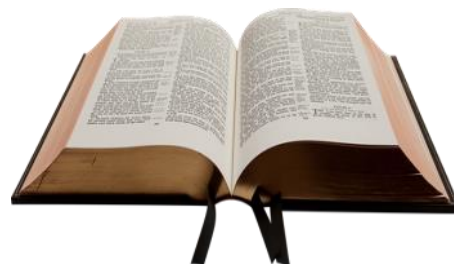
Agape Bible Study Thursday evenings

at 6:30 P.M.

Lenten Bible Studies

1. *Tuesday PM—Evenings*

2. *To Be determined*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Elden Ball
2/6 Marlene Desing
2/7 Jim Hoyman
2/8 Julie Beck
2/9 Ruth Brusewitz
2/11 Sally Steffens
2/14 Jack Oakley
2/15 Marilyn Nyberg
2/15 Lydia Siegel
2/17 Mackenzie Fairchild
2/20 Charlotte Lachey
2/24 Mark Williams
2/24 Watson Whiteside



Wedding Anniversaries

During the month of

February

6th Loree & Steve LaChey

10th Hugh & Mary Davies

Congratulations to Micah & Clairellyn on the birth of your daughter and sister Lydia born on January 9th.

Congratulations to T.J. & Liz Severson on the birth of their son T.J. born on January 24th.

Prayers for Your
New Baby



Chosen and illustrated by Chris Coe

2019 NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the 25th of each month. An email will be sent out to the Ministry team leaders prior to the 25th. The church office will be sure to advise of any changes to this schedule. You can either email your information to Bev Pezewski or you can drop the information in the mailbox in the church office. Thank you.

Please let the office know if there is anything else you would like to see added to the monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, please contact

REMINDER: If you are currently receiving the newsletter either via email or through the U.S. postal service and no longer wish to receive it, please contact the church office and let us know and we will remove your name from our distribution list. If you would like to change how you are receiving the newsletter please let the church office know.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Have you changed your **address, telephone number or e-mail address**? Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes or contact the church office. This will help us keep the directory up to date. If you have any questions, please let the church office know.

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed, please let the office know so we can be sure our database is correct.

GREETERS SCHEDULE MONTH OF: February 2020

Narthex/Sanctuary Entrance

2nd Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire

9th Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan

16th Dick & MaryAnn Wylie

23rd John & Beth Hall



Education Wing Entrance

Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel

Jay & Robin Hull

Vern & Ruth Brusewitz

Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh

POTLUCK

"Food, fun, and fellowship on February 23rd"

To celebrate winter's on the way out, and the season of Lent is beginning, the potluck committee chairman has made the executive order that we need to have a potluck! On 2/23 we'll be having a potluck in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. Here's the tricky part; The dish that you bring should begin with the first letter of your mothers' first name. Hmmm...now, that has you thinking doesn't it? This is a potluck which means you can bring anything you want. If you don't cook or bake that's not a problem, all are welcome with

or without food in your hand! 😊 Get your cookbooks out and we'll see you on the 23rd in the fellowship hall!

COUNTERS NEEDED

The finance committee is looking for additional counters to count the church offerings on Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. It takes about an hour and a half for counting the offerings each Monday. Do you have a few hours that you could help do this important volunteer project? If you have an interest please contact John Johnson or other members of the finance team.

IN NEED OF A RIDE — CAN YOU HELP

Joe VanHaaster has asked if someone would be able to pick him up for church on Sunday mornings. If you would be able to help him, please call him at 920-727-4646 or contact the church office.

SENIORS OF FAITH

We will gather in Fellowship hall for a pizza lunch, \$5.00 per person. After lunch we will be discussing plans for our group for this year. Please bring your ideas to share & discuss. Date Feb. 20th. Time 11:30A.M. If you are going to attend, or have questions or concerns, please let Ginny Shepard know by the 17th of February.

DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL ITEMS

Are you willing to help with purchasing special items, such as Coffee, garbage bags, cups, plates, a can of paint, or if you have another idea for a special item that is purchased. The cards have been set up with envelopes so if you have an interest in donating money towards these special items that you would like to help please grab "a card of the "item that you would like to help out on, and an envelope and after you have added your card/and any amount in the envelope, drop it off in the "basket" that can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or stop a member of the Finance or trustee committees.

Thank you to all who have donated to one of our special items, especially the snowplowing.

We will continue to have our "donation envelopes" available and maybe some different items we will need your help on.

The Trustee and Finance Ministries

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Ursula Scharrschmidt, Bob Fritz, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Sharon LeMaire, Liz Roberts, Joe VanHaaster, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, Vic Guenther, Dick Wylie, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.



FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." - Psalm 95:1. The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, meet weekly 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in the choir room, Room 201.

Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email at msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.

Technology Ministry

If anyone is interested and enjoys working with computers, we will be looking for helpers to work with our audio-visual equipment on Sundays and for special worship services. We have a new digital sound board and are in need of additional people to learn how to work with the new board and projection. Would you like to be part of the team—please contact Dave Jannusch.

Family/YOUTH Adventures for the month of February

The month of February family/youth adventure we are going to try to have 2 adventures. One will be an outside and one will be an inside adventure. We will be tubing, sledding and possibly ice skating. Hopefully, this can be done by both younger children, their parents and the youth. We are working on a location. The date we are looking at so far is February 16th. Something else we are looking at possibly (as part of the) potluck on the 23rd, we would have something set up in the gym so that the children after they eat can go to the gym for an adventure. The parents can have some time to fellowship after lunch either downstairs or around the gym area. So watch the midweek and newsletter for details as we continue to gather information.. Miss Bev is looking for help on these adventures, so if you have some ideas, please stop and see Miss Bev.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS

On March 13th, Life Line Screening will be at the church.

“Join the Community Circle” And have 5 screenings completed. On the table in the Narthex and by the church office are information sheets that provide you with information if you want to have the testing completed. This is the third time, the company has used our church for these tests It is painless, non-invasive. This goes beyond your regular checkups.

FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday - CLOSED

If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church

or you can email him at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and His will for the church.

Save the Date! “Help for the Homeless” hygiene drive Feb. 16 – March 8, 2020

Last spring 278 Fox Cities area businesses, churches and schools placed collection boxes with posters in their high traffic areas and encouraged their staff, members, students, and friends to donate hygiene supplies to local shelters for The Family Radio’s annual “Help for the Homeless” hygiene drive. **Their donations totaled \$163,000 worth of supplies for local Fox Cities crisis programs – thank you! The boxes will be set up on the 12th of February with a listing of items that can be donated.**

The communities “get” this! Most of us CAN afford to buy an extra bottle of shampoo or package of toilet tissue. In 2019, \$406,000 worth of supplies were donated in Northeast and Central Wisconsin, stocking the shelves of 83 local crisis agencies. **This donation allows our crisis agencies to concentrate their limited resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve.**

Please visit with your decision makers to participate in 2020. \$1.3 Million dollars’ worth of supplies have been donated to Fox Cities crisis programs since 2008!

In the Fox Cities, we’ll be collecting for:

1. Appleton Area School District Homeless Children & Youth Program
2. ADVOCAP Homeless Program
3. Apricity (Formerly STEP Industries & Mooring Prgms.) B.A.B.E.S. Child Abuse Prevention, Appleton
4. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, Runaway Program
5. COTS Transitional Shelters for Men & Women
6. Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs
7. LEAVEN
8. Menasha Joint School District Homeless Children & Youth Program
9. Mother & Unborn Baby Care
10. Partnership Community Health Center
11. Pillars: • Pillars Adult Shelter (formerly Fox Valley Warming Shelter)
 - Pillars Adult & Family Shelter (formerly Homeless Connections)
 - Pillars Day Resource Center
 - Pillars Housing Solutions (formerly Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities)
12. Riverview Gardens, Service Works Job Training Prgm
13. Ryan Community Transitional Housing
14. Salvation Army, Fox Cities
15. Salvation Army, New London
16. SOAR Fox Cities

When: February 16 – March 8, 2020

Why: Hygiene and cleaning items are expensive and are not covered by Wisconsin Food Share (formerly Food Stamps). This donation helps BOTH the crisis programs and those they serve.

Where: The Family’s Help for the Homeless hygiene drive takes place in 15 communities in our listening areas; Appleton/Fox Cities, Antigo, Chilton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay/Brown County, Manitowoc, Marshfield, Marathon County/Wausau, Oconto/Marinette, Oshkosh, Seymour, Sheboygan, Stevens Point, Waupaca and Wisconsin Rapids. **Donations remain in communities where collected.**

How: Local employers, churches, and schools place collection boxes in their high traffic areas and encourage their staff, members, students and friends to donate hygiene/cleaning products to help local crisis programs. The Family’s Help for the Homeless web page website offers helpful promotional materials, flyers, and blurbs to copy into newsletters, memos etc. *Customized materials available upon request.* Your box and poster will be delivered to you before Feb.16 and picked up again by March 13.

Who: YOU - we hope! Please include The Family’s “Help for the Homeless” hygiene drive in your 2020 spring activity schedule and plan to help us fill the shelves of your local crisis agencies with a year’s worth of personal hygiene and cleaning products. The agencies need and appreciate your help!



Scripture: Jonah 1:1-17,3:3

You can run, but you can't hide from God.....

Have any of you heard about a man named Jonah? (Let children respond.) Jonah was a prophet of God; he would listen to God and tell the people what God said. One day, God said to Jonah, "Go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people who live there that they are a very wicked people and that they need to change their ways." Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. He didn't like the people in that city, and maybe he was afraid of them. So Jonah decided to run away and hide from God. He caught the first ship out of town and headed in the opposite direction from where God told him to go.

Well, Jonah learned a very important lesson that day. He learned that you might run from God, but you cannot hide. Jonah got on that ship and hid way down deep inside. "Surely God won't find me here," Jonah thought. But God sent a big storm and tossed that boat around so much that the other sailors thought they were going to drown. They found Jonah in the bottom of the ship and asked him, "Who are you and what are you doing here?"

Jonah answered, "I am a worshiper of the God of heaven, who made the land and the sea." Jonah went on to explain to the sailors that he was running from God because he didn't want to go to Nineveh as God had told him to do.

When the sailors learned that Jonah was running from God, they were even more afraid. "What should we do to stop this terrible storm?" the sailors asked.

"Throw me overboard into the sea," Jonah answered, "and the sea will become calm."

The sailors picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea and the storm stopped at once.

Did Jonah drown in the sea? No! God sent a great fish to swallow Jonah, and he was inside the fish for three days and three nights. Spending all that time inside the great fish gave Jonah plenty of time to think. He prayed to the Lord from inside the fish. He confessed that he had been wrong to run from the Lord and promised to fulfill his promises to God.

I think you know what happened next. God caused the fish to spit Jonah out onto the shore. Then the Lord spoke to Jonah again and said, "Get up and go to Nineveh and deliver the message that I have given you."

This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh.

Just as God had something for Jonah to do, he has a plan for you and me. I hope we will learn a lesson from the story of Jonah. When it comes to doing what God wants us to do, we might run, but we cannot hide!

Our Father in heaven, we can't hide from you. You know what we do and what we think. Give us the strength and courage to do all the things that you want us to do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Fill In The Blanks

A word has been removed from each sentence and is listed below the sentences. Use the listed words to fill the blanks in the sentence.

God spoke to Jonah and told him to go preach in the city of _____.

Jonah got on a _____ heading in the opposite direction from where God told him to go.

God caused a great _____ to come upon the sea.

The sailors tossed Jonah into the sea to _____ the storm.

God sent a great _____ to swallow Jonah.

Jonah was in the fish for _____ days.

While in the fish, Jonah repented and promised to go _____ in Nineveh.

God caused the fish to spit Jonah out onto the _____.

God spoke to Jonah a _____ time and told him to go to Nineveh.

This time, Jonah _____ God and went to Nineveh.

Nineveh
fish

calm
shore

obeyed
second

ship
storm

three
preach



Word Search Puzzle

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to
reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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19-20-15-18-13 _____

19-16-9-20 _____

2-5-12-12-25 _____

20-8-18-5-5 _____

14-9-7-8-20-19 _____

6-9-19-8 _____

4-1-25-19 _____

19-23-1-12-12-15-23 _____

19-8-9-16 _____

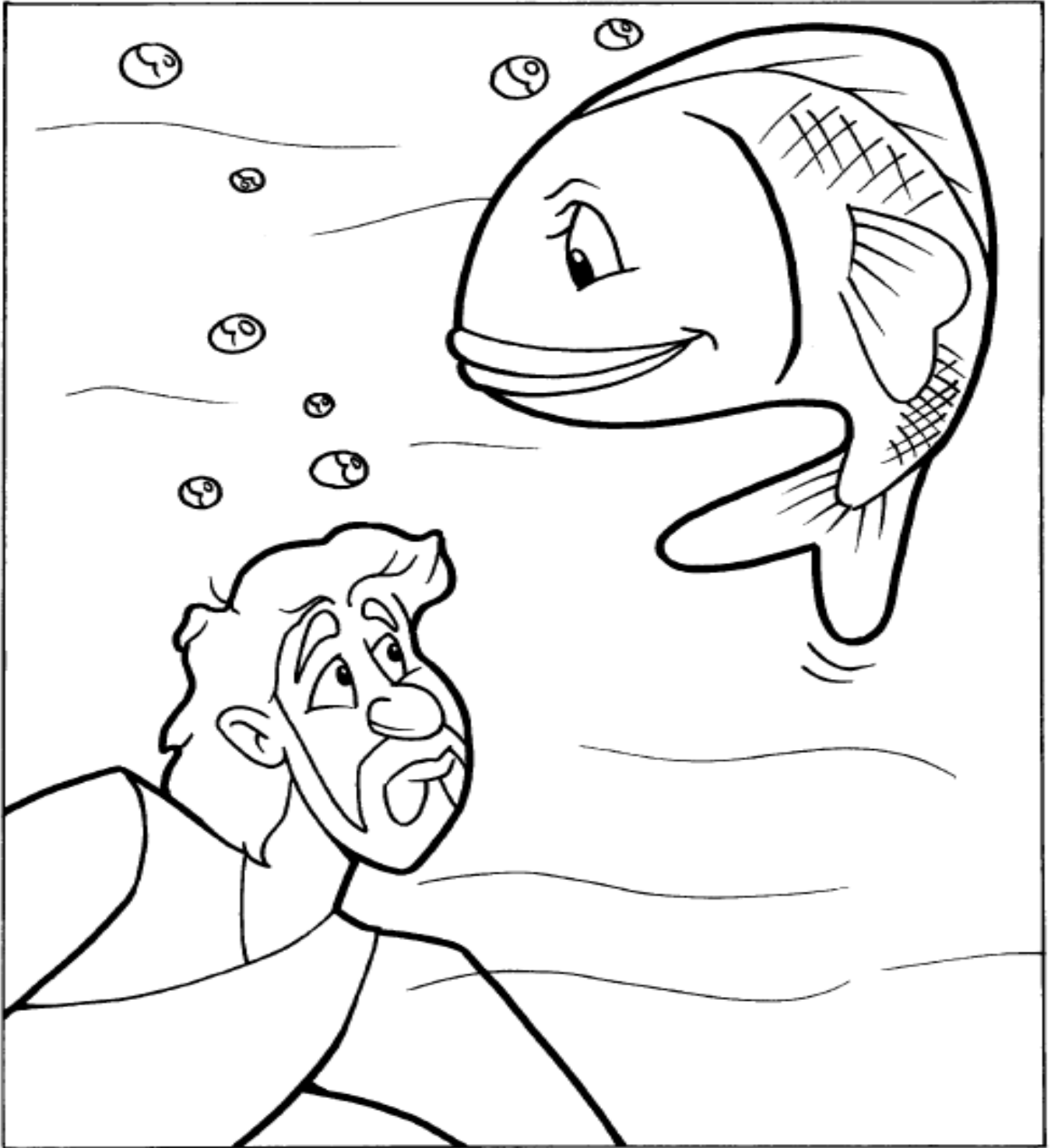
19-1-9-12-15-18-19 _____

STORM	SPIT	BELLY	THREE	NIGHTS
FISH	DAYS	SWALLOW	SHIP	SAILORS



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Coloring Page



Word Search Puzzle



T Y I S N I N E V E H S N I Y
 Y X Y L Z K H T H R E E U E R
 L A M O Q I H V I S O K G Z F
 D C S N N S R S W A L L O W O
 H A A Y I I Z U O I P C N Y N
 E J I F P W O B E Y L C C R K
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 P D L R M T L X R T B O L K C
 C K Y D B K J U M D C M S R B

SWALLOW	SAILORS	THREE	NINEVEH	SHIP
OBEY	CALM	DAYS	STORM	JONAH
OVERBOARD	NIGHTS	BELLY	FISH	SPIT

Jonah Runs from God

The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are." Jonah 1:1 The puzzle is based on Jonah 1:1 through 3:3.

A number of words have been removed from each sentence and listed below the sentence. Use the listed words to fill the blanks in the sentence.

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Nineveh calm obeyed ship three

Fish shore second storm preach

Complete the blanks using the words above.

February 2020

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