

Reaching an Ever-Changing World With God's Never-Changing Word

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Pastor Kent

Although Christmas is a wonderful celebration, and although most of us greatly enjoy it, it's a difficult season for others. It's difficult for a variety of reasons. However, the difficulty usually results from a hardship in their life.

Perhaps they've suffered a recent loss. Perhaps they find themselves separated from family and friends. Perhaps they're dealing with an illness that keeps them homebound. Perhaps, in a season of gift-giving, they find themselves experiencing financial hardship.

These hardships cause us emotional struggles not only during the holidays. They can pose a problem for our faith all year long. They often cause us to question God. They cause us to question the character of God.

The question that naturally enters our mind as we deal with our difficulties is "Why?" We ask God why he would allow us to suffer in this way. We ask how he could allow it in our life.

In times like this, we begin to question the love of God. After all, if God truly loves us, it doesn't make sense that he would allow sufferings in our life. If he's all-powerful, as the Bible teaches, then he's certainly able to protect us from harm. And a loving God would do just that.

If he is loving, then the other conclusion we can draw is that he's not as powerful as we've believed him to be. Again, if he loves us, he should protect us. And since we're not protected from the evils of this life, perhaps he's unable to help.

The only other conclusion we can make is that there is no God. We think that all of the suffering and evil in the world proves that he doesn't exist. And, because of this, we stop worshipping him altogether.

The Bible is clear that God does exist. It's clear that God is loving. And it's clear that he's all-powerful. So why does he allow suffering in our life?

The answer to this question is multi-faceted. And that's what we're going to look at over the course of several weeks following

Christmas. I'll deliver a series of messages looking at why God allows evil in our life, and why he allows us to suffer.

It's my prayer that, as we consider this difficult question, your faith in the Lord will be renewed. I pray that it will remove this struggle from your heart and mind. And I pray that you'll be better equipped to share Christ with those who are hurting.



Fundraiser Breakfast

Our Ecuador and Alaska Mission teams are putting on a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, January 3 from 10:30 – 12:00noon. It will be a free will offering for egg bake, caramel rolls, and juice/coffee. Please come to support those that have committed to serve in missions.



Community Meal

January's community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, January 9 from 11am to 2pm.



RADIO BROADCAST

Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. The cost is \$35. The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 and February 7,14,21, and 28. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.



Prayer Request

Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the email prayer chain or would like to receive the prayer emails – please email the church office. If it is after office hours, please email Margie Lee at lee@beu.midco.net or text Darcee @ 870-2122.



Sunday School Corner

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Christmas has come and gone. As I look back at the month of December and what the Sunday School Program has accomplished so far I am very proud. Our church packed over 145 Operation Christmas Child boxes, share our faith at the Care Center and put on a great Christmas Program. We are truly blessed as a body of Christ for all our willing hands and voices. If you have helped with any of the above know that you are greatly appreciated and it would not be accomplished without you. Thanks to all! Sunday School will resume on January 10th. A new calendar for the rest of the year will be sent home that day with our students. We be started a new quarter of ABC in Genesis in late January. Please watch for upcoming event-I know there is another congregational mission project that will take place this spring.

OCC Kit Idea-

First Aid Kit Items to Include:

Bandages, Antibiotic Ointment, Disinfecting Wipes, Small Gauze Roll, Q-tips, *NO MEDICATION Items can be placed in a small zip lock bag or soap container.



Prince of Peace
Women's Missionary
Federation (WMF)

The Mission of the WMF of Prince of Peace is to study and share the Good News of Jesus, through word and deed, at home, in our community and throughout the world.

WMF January 2016 Newsletter Article

The officers for the 2016 year are as follows: Starting new terms are Margie Lee –Vice President; Elsie Wiedenmeyer –Treasurer; and Darcee Wenning-Mission Secretary. Thank you for being willing to serve in this capacity for another term. Our other officers are Judy Tolosky-President; Joan Schumaier-Secretary; and Beverly Sorensen-Cradle Roll. It is not early to think and pray about being an officer in our WMF. I can do it with God's help, so can you.

Our January Coffee House will take place in our church library. We're calling it Book Night but we also talk about DVDs, movies and other entertainment besides books. Deb Creel and Bonnie Bauer, our librarians, will be there to share with us what is new and interesting in our library. If you have read a good book over the Christmas break or some time that struck a chord with you, this would be a time to share with others. It may have been a beautiful chord, but it may be one you wish to warn others to avoid. Margie will be serving popcorn and beverages that evening.

The upcoming Boutique and Coffee shop will be discussed as well. Ideas that have been floating around include these: Having the whole area being a coffee shop with a patio theme; lunch prepared and served by youth; featuring hand crafted/repurposed items for sale; doing a Chinese auction; and/or silent auction. There will be no rummage sale items this year. Get your thinking caps on and bring along your ideas.

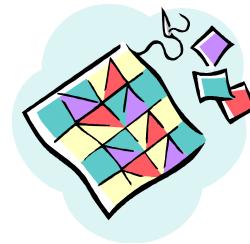
The new 2016 Bible Study books have been ordered. These studies will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month: a 10:30 am one and another at 6:30 pm. We will be studying the

book of Colossians. Extra books have been ordered so it's not too late to join us, and we can always order more. They are \$11.00.

2016 Service Group booklets are available. Thank you so much Jan Sigman, Sylvia Zeiszler and Darcee. And those of you who were willing to be the top of your work group and make calls: Hats off to you!

And I just want to personally thank Darcee for being so patient with me. I am sometimes the last to get my newsletter sent to her and she is always there to listen and talk things out. Love you Darcee.

Wishing you all a God Blessed New Year!
And may you be a Blessing to Him!
Judy Tolosky, WMF President



Threads of Love

Quilting will resume in January 2016.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org with your email address. The newsletter is printed and ready by the fourth Sunday of the month. The newsletter is also available on our website. If you have anything you would like put in the newsletter, please email or call the office at 873-5650.



Chairman's Thoughts...

No Article submitted.

Ushers for January

1/3/16 Marvin Bauer*, Fred Bieri, Dean Fandrich,
Perry Saylor, Todd Seibel, and Vern Boehm

1/10/16 Robin Richter*, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler,
Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

1/24/16 Kevin* & Margie Lee, Gary & Marj
Murray, Marvin & Jan Sigman

1/31/16 Jim Wenning*, Emily Wenning, Rebecah
Martin, Blake Martin, Riley and Cheyenne
Schriefer

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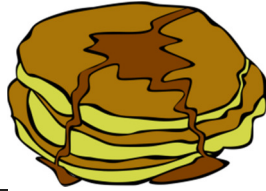
Fellowship service for Jan.

1/3/16 No fellowship servers due to mission
breakfast

1/10/16 Marlene Buehner, Dan & Rebecah Martin,
Linda Doe, Holly Doe

1/24/16 Lillian Boeshans, Mildred Hanks, Scott &
Heather Funk

1/31/16 Gina Feist, Judy Tolosky, Heidi Ulland



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Is Saturday January 16 @ 7:00am

Missed a Sunday church service?



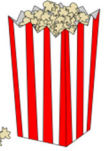
or



Did you know that each Sunday's Sermons are recorded? If you would like a CD copy, the cost is \$1.00. You may have the entire service or just sermon recorded onto the CD. You can get up to 2 sermons on one CD. Please call or email the office and we will get one to you! The sermon is also available on our website by the following Monday!



Library news...



Check out all the new movies in our library!
Don't forget the popcorn!

Worship Attendance

11-22 - 191

11-25 - 65 Thanksg. Eve

11-29 - 148

12-06 - 190

12-13 - 273 SS prog.

12-20 - 177



January Birthdays!!!

Nancy Hafner	1/1
Blair Wiedrich	1/1
Alec Babcock	1/4
Trytin Helfrich	1/4
Kendra Ungerer	1/4
Anna Faut	1/5
Alyson Wiedrich	1/7
Kacey Klaudt	1/8
Lynn Flemmer	1/10
Delton Schnaidt	1/13
Robert Hafner	1/14
Travis Horning	1/14
Angie Jorgenson	1/15
Mark Gerde	1/16
Alison Schaper	1/18
Taisha Bauer	1/19
Emily Alt	1/21
Erika Ochsner	1/23
Lona Moos	1/24
William Wanzek	1/24
Joan Schumaier	1/25
Katie Klipfel	1/26
Gina Feist	1/27
Gary Miller	1/30



Youth

Reason to Sing

By Jordan Langness

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.” Psalm 95:1-3

I have been a fan of music ever since I was a youngster. I enjoy listening to it, playing it, singing it, feeling it; there are so many ways to experience music. My taste is pretty varied, listening to the occasional Gregorian chant, Classical-techno mix, rap, contemporary...pretty much everything besides that country stuff. (I know, I just made my friend list shorter there.) But one aspect about music that comes to mind at this time of year is the motivation behind it.

Music has the ability to express what we feel even though we don't have words to describe that feeling. It can capture a moment or help us relive a cherished memory. There is a reason that movies have music to them in the background. Horror movies would be much less suspenseful without that creepy music that builds anticipation and prepares your body for the inevitable jump coming around the corner. In more sappy movies, music can elevate the sad situation and bring you to tears. As we are in the middle of the holiday season of the 12 days of Christmas and New Years, we experience another connection to music...that being an expression of praise and gratitude.

For many people, the holidays are the time to break out those cheery classics and carols that are apparently only socially acceptable to play for about a month (and then non-stop in that month). We love those tunes. One aspect that I particularly appreciate is the celebratory nature of those songs.

While this is good of us to praise Jesus for coming to earth, our praise shouldn't stop there. As people who have been forgiven of our sin and bought back through the cross, we have so much to be grateful for. We of all people should be bursting at the seams with praise and adoration. Why is it then that sometimes singing songs of worship seems to be such a chore, or even a bore? I would suggest that it is because we have turned our focus on ourselves. Instead of joyfully proclaiming (in tune or out of tune) the richness of our reality in Christ, we think about ourselves and how we like other songs better or other styles better. It is healthy to remember that these times of worship are never about us...they are always about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

So, as we continue celebrating this season, and indeed as we find ourselves singing all year long, remember why we sing. Let our songs be songs of Joy to the Lord. May our voices rise to shouts of adoration to the Rock of our salvation. We have been given a great gift in life; let's use it to glorify the great Giver of that gift.

Upcoming events

February: Mission trip to Ecuador

February 14-15: District Ski trip to Bottineau

March 11-13: Spring Campus Days at AFLBS

March 27th: Easter Breakfast

April 1-2nd: District Spring Retreat

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Kent Sperry

Confirmation classes – Going well. We are nearing the end of our look at the Ten Commandments.

Visiting and keeping up with members who are ill and shut-in.

Communed members of POP and the Trinity Parish at KRCC.

Men's Breakfast – We're engaging in a study titled: "Becoming a Man of Valor" which looks at lessons learned by Joshua as he served under Moses

Counseling – I've had several sessions this month.

Wednesday Bible study – We're continuing in our look at the book of 1 Corinthians.

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Sunday School: These past weeks have been enjoyable to teach as we talk through the life of Abraham. One of the things I have enjoyed is when the students make connections on a personal level about what we see in Scripture's account.

Middle School: MSBS has been fun as we have enjoyed extra time together this past month. Our numbers are still high, which is a blessing. My invitation to join us is still open.

Youth Group: Youth group seems to have leveled out a bit in the past weeks. We have had much better participation in the last few weeks with decent engagement as well. Our study through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount has been beneficial to at least me if nobody else, but I think they are getting some good brain and heart exercise out of them. The topics have not been easy, but they have been good.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 62,293.65
Building Fund	\$ 7,556.35
Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 380.00
Intern Fund	\$ 11,297.37
New Altar Fund	\$ 7,264.02
Total Bank Acct	\$ 98,276.75

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance 10/2015 \$ 230,460.8

Deacon's Report – Del Schnaidt

Alaska Mission Trip

Will need someone to head up the meal planning.

We talked about tools and materials needed.

A possible fund raiser will be held in January.

Worship Services on the Community TV Channel

Still working on the logistics of getting the video recorded services to the community channel.

Christmas Eve Service

We talked about the Christmas Eve service. Darcee has ordered (50) battery operated candles for the younger kids. They can keep them. Traditional candles will again be handed out to the older kids and adults. We are also in need of ushers who can

help with the service as there are none scheduled. We talked a little bit about special music for the service.

Trustee's Report – Marvin Sigman

OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Bell Ringing System - Marvin will get bell ringer system ordered.

All furnaces have been checked out and put into service with some issues with the older rooftop units. The new furnace by the library kicks out repeatedly during high winds. We have asked Hammerschmidt – Beulah Electric to look at this. John has spoken with Beulah Electric and they will make some modifications to the furnace.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow removal list update. Trustees will ask for volunteers and publish a list as soon as possible.

Baseboards for the room behind altar. Some baseboards are on hand but more need to be purchased, stained and varnished to complete the project.

Hand rails are needed going up to loft area.

Update – Council voted to tear down the wooden steps on the west side of the church. Area will be blocked off after it is torn down so people don't fall down the hill. Dirt will need to be brought in to smooth out the hill.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Christmas program - Dec 6 entire SS time for practice, Angie sent out flyer about program practice Dec 12 from 9-12. Program will be Dec 13 - kids to be here by 8:40 am. 7th and 8th graders to usher. One bell song. Michelle will ask Judy Tolosky to order cake. Angie Faut, Anna Novak and one other mom will help with practice. No CD of the music will be necessary.

Trunk or Treat - Went fantastic! Next year times may be changed to 4:30-7:00. Same menu - chili, hot dogs, pie. Ran out of food this year. Puppets will need to be louder. Had 11 cars handing out candy. Maybe have a Bible hand out for kids.

Board of Ed. duties - Michelle - Chairman and VBS; Angie - SS and OCC; Margaret - SS supplies; Rebecah - secretary and attend youth committee meeting; Stephanie - will help out where needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update - Brad Klipfel met with Jim Alt and John Mohl regarding the installation of the rocks on the altar. Brad is intending to design the altar railing and we will find someone to build the railing.

NEW BUSINESS

Alaska Mission Trip – Pastor Sperry’s remaining 2015 Continuing Education budget will be used for his Alaska Mission trip.

Christmas Gifts for Staff – Staff Christmas gifts will be given out during a December church service.

Tithe – Our Tithe will be split with \$1,000 going to the Alaska Mission Trip for supplies and \$2,043.03 to AFLC All Ministries.