

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

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# **Pastor Kent**

"... I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we

proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough." (2Corinthians 11:3 ESV)

Paul expresses to the church at Corinth that he feels a divine jealousy for them. What he meant by this is that he's jealous for God. He desired that the people would belong to Christ, and to Christ alone. And, for this reason, he says that he betrothed them to one husband...to Christ.

He feared for the people that they would be led astray from a sincere devotion to Christ. Just as Eve was deceived by the serpent, Paul feared that they too would be deceived. And, when we see what was going on, his fear was not unfounded.

He tells them that, if someone proclaimed to them another Jesus, if they received or accepted a different spirit or gospel, they put up with it. So

we find that, even though Paul had brought to them the message of Jesus, even though he'd brought to them the true gospel, the people were open to other teachings to which they were introduced. Even if they contradicted the truth, the people received it without question.

This is a danger that's clearly seen in the American Church today. We have the Word of God readily available to us. Yet, even if we profess faith in Jesus, and even if we are regular at worship, we are open to other teachings. We are open to messages that directly contradict the message of Christ.

We encounter the stories of those who've had a near-death experience. They tell us of seeing God and talking with him. However, the message is one that contradicts Scripture. They present to us a message of universalism. They tell us that all people, regardless of their faith, will be saved.

When this happens, so many of us are quick to jump on the bandwagon. Our excitement about something that seems to confirm the reality of heaven trumps the fact that the message is wrong.

And, in this way, we open ourselves to false teaching.

Many of us latch onto the thoughts of prominent personalities, simply because they profess a faith in God. We listen to people like Oprah, who speaks so passionately on these matters. We listen to the Dalai Lama, because he seems to spiritual. And, again, even though their message contradicts Scripture, we accept it. We accept it because it appeals to us emotionally.

Many of us love to listen to television evangelists. And, because they talk of Christ, because they talk of the gospel, we blindly accept everything they say. However, we never seem to notice that the message brought by some of them is very different from the one we find in the Word of God.

Just as Paul was jealous for the church, so must we be jealous for one another. We must desire one another for Christ and for him alone. We must desire that no one in the body of Christ would be drawn away from the true faith to a generic substitute.

Let us, then, be careful and discerning as we listen to talk of God. Let us hold firmly to Scripture as our source of truth. And, when something or someone contradicts the truth, let's recognize it for what it is.

Let us also encourage one another in this way. Let's faithfully share with one another the true gospel. Let's faithfully share with one another the true Word of God. And let us lovingly address the false teachings and beliefs that we encounter in the body of Christ.



March community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, March 12 from 11am to 2pm.

# RADIO BROADCAST (((C)))

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 March 6, 13, 20, & 27 and April 3, 10, 17, & 24. 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 <a href="lee@beu.midco.net">lee@beu.midco.net</a> or text Darcee @ 870-2122.

# **Sunday School Corner**

On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> our Sunday School kids had the opportunity to go to the Knife River Care Center. This is not the first time, but I found it to be very special. In the front row was a resident who was over joyed to see our kids. The smile on her face was infectious! She remembered us from our visit in October and even remembered the craft that we did. She loved the songs and our Psalm 23 memory verse and actions. As we did our craft she told me that even though the songs, verse and the craft was great, she said our children is what made it special. Once again thank you for letting us teach your children and allow them to touch the members of this community.

As we look forward to the Easter Season there are a couple of dates to remember. On March 20<sup>th</sup> there will be an Easter craft and special activities during the Sunday School hour and there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. April 24<sup>th</sup> will be our Sole Hope mission project and would love all parents to plan on helping that day.



Sole Hope

What is Sole Hope you ask? Sole Hope is non-profit organization that is striving to prevent foot-borne illnesses in Uganda. The culprit is jiggers, small fleas that bore into the soles of feet causing infection, paralysis and in severe cases, amputation. So how does Sole Hope help?

They accomplish this in two way. First they educate the local population on how to prevent infection and contact with cause. Second they teach and encourage the local population to learn the trade of shoe making through sustainable practices.

So how is Prince of Peace going to help? We are once again holding a church wide, intergenerational mission project Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and will be helping Sole Hope in two way. The first way is to have a cutting party. The shoes that the local tradesmen make are made out of recycled denim. On April 24<sup>th</sup> we will use patterns to cut sets from 100% heavy weight cotton denim donated by us, the members of Prince of Peace. For every pattern set cut, \$10 is needed to get that pattern set to Uganda and those shoes made by local tradesmen. To sponsor a pair of shoes, please grab a "pair" from the table in the back of the church and send it on its way to Uganda by placing it on the map and the donation in the jar. So even if you don't have denim to donate or can't help cut you can still support a pair of shoes' journey to Uganda.

The second way we can help is through a list of needs. These items are used to help treat the problem. A collection box will be placed next to the map in the back of the Church. They included:

- large safety pins
- medical gloves
- Band-Aids
- alcohol wipes
- gauze wrap
- triple antibiotic/Neosporin cream
- child strength pain medication
- medical tape
- stickers for children
- coloring books & crayons
- donations for basins, soap, & other supplies to be bought in country

If you would like to find out more about Sole Hope and the impact that this has on the people of Uganda please check out their website at www.SoleHope.org.



# Communion Preparation for

March \_\_Gary & Susan Miller



**03-02-2016 7:00pm** Lenten Service **03-09-2016 7:00pm** Lenten Service **03-16-2016 7:00pm** Lenten Service **03-24-2016 7:00pm** Maundy Thursday

Service

**03-25-2016 7:00pm** Good Friday Service **03-27-2016 6:00am** Sunrise Easter Service **03-27-2016 9:00am** Resurrection Service



# 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.

On Saturday, February 20th we had a fun and busy day working on projects for **The Patio Event** that is scheduled for Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was sanding, stapling, modge- podge, painting, hot-gluing and lots of pondering going on from 9:00 – 3:00. It was a fun day! Another **crafting day** is scheduled for **March 5.** Mark you calendar! Put on your work clothes for an adventure in the world of repurposing, or hand-crafting, or putting a rustic touch on something outdated or flawed; and join us in the fellowship hall.

The Patio Event is our spring fundraiser for missions. Instead of the Boutique/Rummage sale that we had in the past we are hosting this event. There will still be a coffee shop serving specialty coffees and Italian sodas and pie. The youth will be serving a lunch of soup and sandwiches. The atmosphere will be new and fun.

WMF Bible Study will be held on the March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will be going through the third lesson in our study of Colossians. You are welcome to come at either time.

I was looking at March and I see that Daylight Savings starts on March 13<sup>th</sup> (ugh). Then we have Palm Sunday on the 20<sup>th</sup> celebrating Jesus's royal entrance into Jerusalem. And then we go through the week remembering all Christ our Savior went through for our sakes to conquer sin and death and rise again on Easter Sunday (March 27<sup>th</sup>). Thank you, Jesus!

Have a blessed and holy Easter. Remember what Job said with hope which we have seen fulfilled, 'I know that my Redeemer lives'.

In Jesus's service, Judy Tolosky 701-870-2131

## **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at <a href="mailto:churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org">churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org</a> 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.

# **Ushers for March**

03-06-2016 Marvin Bauer\*, Fred Bieri, Dean Fandrich, Perry Sayler, Todd Seibel, Vern Boehm 03-16-2016 Robin Richter\*, Robert Hafner, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei 03-20-2016 Kevin \* & Margie Lee, Gary & Marj Murray, and Marvin & Janice Sigman 03-27-2016 Jim Wenning\*, Emily Wenning, Rebecah Martin, Blake Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer

\*denotes Head Usher

# Fellowship service for March

**03-06-2016** Perry & Deb Sayler, Lynell Renner, Willis & Deb Kasanke

**03-16-2016** Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis & boys, Bill & Kris Keller

**03-20-2016** Lillian Boeshans, Mildred Hanks, Scott & Heather Funk, James & Angie Faut **03-27-2016** NO fellowship due to Easter Sunday



# Threads of Love

Please join us quilting on Wednesdays from 9am to 2pm. No experience necessary!



Revealed with Power By Jordan Langness

"Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 1:3-4

I recently came across this verse in my devotions and was really struck by what it has to say about Jesus. But before I delve into this too deeply, it is important to note that this verse is tucked nicely away in the introduction Paul gives to the church of Rome as found in Romans 1:1-7. This is often parts of the Epistles that I tend to skim over honestly....especially when Paul writes. He tends to go on and on and I feel like just getting to the meat already. So, my first reminder for us all is to remember to read all of Scripture because it is all important.

Anyways, tucked in this introduction, Paul begins first by describing the humanity of Christ. This is important to note. Some people, even then, wondered about the humanity of Christ. Could God really make Himself a man after all? Could God die? But here in Romans, Paul assures us that Jesus was indeed fully man.

Immediately following this point, Paul moves into how Jesus was fully man, but also fully God. Skip back up to the verses at the beginning of the article and look what Paul has to say about Jesus being divine. There is extra emphasis here when Paul writes that [Jesus] was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. I find it interesting that Paul first simply describes Jesus' humanity but then emphasizes His divinity.

When I consider the words "with power" there are two thoughts I have. The first interpretation is to connect the two words with the word declared...meaning then that Jesus was declared with power, with force, to be the Son of God. And, when you consider the resurrection itself, it is indeed a statement of significant force. It isn't every day, every decade, nor every millennium that someone raises themselves from the dead.

Secondly, we could read this passage to say that the words "with power" were connected to Jesus Himself as the One who wields this power. We know from Scripture that Jesus indeed has the power attributed to God alone since He is a part of the Trinity. So, in this case too, the interpretation is fitting.

Whatever the case may be, we know that Jesus is both human and divine; we know that Jesus was both declared the Son of God in a powerful way and that Jesus Himself has the power of resurrection. But the biggest point of all is that this is the One who calls me to Himself and who also is calling you. What an amazing and graceful God we serve!

#### Upcoming events

March 11-13: Spring Campus Days at AFLBS

March 23: Glow in the Dark egg hunt for 5<sup>th</sup> – 12th

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Easter Breakfast

April 1-2<sup>nd</sup>: District Spring Retreat

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Confirmation

# Missed a Sunday church service?



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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!

# March Birthdays!!!

March Dir	mady
<b>Bernard Tolosky</b>	3/1
<b>Bentley Lenzen</b>	3/2
Terry Ochsner	3/2
Ron Jorgenson	3/3
Jada Helfrich	3/4
<b>Austin Babcock</b>	3/6
Darlene Schaper	3/7
Wes Gunsch	3/8
Lakin Boehm-Green	3/9
Marlys Reichenberg	3/10
<b>Esther Fleisher</b>	3/12
<b>Bradley Gunsch</b>	3/12
Macy Bieri	3/13
Miranda Bieri	3/13
<b>Sharon Davis</b>	3/13
Mary Ochsner	3/13
Heidi Zimmerman	3/14
Jordan Langness	3/16
Jennifer Zastawniak	3/16
Terry Davis	3/18
Adam Novak	3/19
Heidi Horning	3/20
Paige Schaper	3/20
LaRue Schwarz	3/20
Dalton Zeiszler	3/20
Kash Klipfel	3/21
Ashley Feist	3/22
Nikki Martin	3/23
Brandi Richter	3/23
Nicole Buchmann	3/24
Kendra Finck	3/24
Carley Haugen	3/25
Nessa Iverson	3/25
Jared Seibel	3/25
Soren Wiest	3/27
Shelley Giese	3/28
Janet Morast	3/28
Gunner Oyen	3/28
Joshua Riegel	3/28
Lawrence Taylor	3/28
Kayla Fandrich	3/30
Hunter Keller	3/30
Dawn Reinhardt	3/31



Is Saturday March 19 @ 7:00am



Do you have any suggestions for our church library? If so, write it down and drop in one of the library baskets.

Thank you, Bonnie & Deb

# **Worship Attendance**

01-24 - 225

01-31 - 196

02-07 - 161

**02-10 - 45** Ash Wednesday

02-14 - 135

**02-17 - 56** Lenten Service

02-21 - 160

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Correspondence

Deb Sayler read thank you notes from Chris Alt and Rebecca Alt thanking us for our donations for their mission trip to Ecuador, a thank you note from WARC for food and bags and thank yous from AFLC Ministries for our donations and prayers. She also read and pass around a letter regarding "Fortify FLY" which is asking for donations that would go directly to the FLY Convention.

## Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Communed residents at KRCC

Participated in prayer at the altar each week.

Confirmation classes – We are currently looking at the Lord's Prayer after everyone successfully



passed our last quiz. We're also ensuring that, especially for the ninth graders, all of their work is up to date.

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

Counseling – I've had several sessions this month.

Wednesday evening Lent services – A series titled "A Journey of Stones" will be presented by myself, Pastor Tom Olson, and Jordan.

Youth Director's Report – Jordan Langness

**Sunday School:** Sunday school continues to be going pretty well over the past month. I have begun to incorporate a tradition that I enjoyed growing up in high school Sunday school of telling a bad joke or two to begin the class. The jokes, sometimes referred to as "dad jokes", have been received fairly well. The students have been engaging well with the content of the lessons too.

Middle School: MSBS has been well attended these past weeks averaging 24 students. They do very well considering that they are coming off of full days at school. With that many students though, we would love to have another caring adult or two coming to connect. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment, so if you find yourself with an opening on a Thursday afternoon, come and join us.

**Youth Group:** Youth group has also gone well over the past weeks. Now that we are in the season of Lent, we will be taking a break for a while, but overall it has been a good year.

#### **Treasurers Report – Margie Lee**

General Fund	\$ 57,135.86
Building Fund	\$ 14,823.35
Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 175.00
Intern Fund	\$ 13,297.37
New Altar Fund	\$ 9,331.02
Total Bank Acct	\$ 106,232.58

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance 2/2016 \$ 218,779.13

#### **Deacon's Report - Del Schnaidt**

Worship Services on the Community TV Channel
It seems there is a problem with the broadcast of
Prince of Peace Sunday Worship service recorded
messages on the community channel. Checking on
solutions.

#### Lenten Services

Pastor Kent, Pastor Tom, and Youth Pastor Jordan will share the messages and will rotate between the Prince of Peace and Golden Valley/Dodge churches.

#### Maundy Thursday

We discussed a possibility of serving communion at our Maundy Thursday worship service, (March 24), similar to the re-enactment of the Last Supper when Jesus served His 12 disciples. The idea was suggested by one of the Prince of Peace parishioners.

#### War Room Movie

Pastor Kent will check on licensing the movie, "War Room", to show at the church. The movie is created by the same people who created the inspirational movies "Fireproof", "Facing the Giants", and "Courageous."

#### Trustee's Report – Jason Mohl

The Railing is in and is close to being finished. Handicap door closers need to be installed and hand rail for second level behind altar.

Outdoor Bell Ringing System has been ordered.

All furnaces have been checked out and put into service with some issues with the older rooftop units. The new furnace above the fellowship hall seems to not kick in properly all the time and sometimes needs to be re-started to produce heat. We are looking for names of H & C professionals in the area that can help us with these kinds of issues.

The trustees recommend that we remove the rest of the west access wooden stairs as soon as weather permits.

#### **Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt**

Christmas program - went very well, several comments that congregation liked it during the church service.

Quiet bags and Nursery toy cleaning - Jan -Rebech; Feb - Angie; March - Michelle; April -Stephanie; May - Margaret; June - Rebecah; July -Angie; Aug - Michelle; Sept - Stephanie; Oct -Margaret; Nov - Rebecah; Dec - Angie.

Sole Hope mission - Mission project for entire church on April 24. They make shoes for people in

Uganda. Angie will write up info for a newsletter and what supplies will be collected.

Alaska mission group would like to use last Sunday brunch as a fundraiser.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

**Building Project Update** – Marvin Aberle has been hired to build the altar railing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jordan Langness Paternity Leave – Approved giving Jordan two weeks of paid paternity leave after his and Sarah's baby is born.

**Tithe** – Our Tithe will be split: \$2,000.00 to the AFLC General Fund and \$954.01 to the Community Meal Fund.

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