

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

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Pastor Kent

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house."

(Matthew 5:14-15 ESV)

I've never had a desire to stand out. I've never desired to be the focus of attention. I prefer, instead, to blend in. I desire to go unnoticed. And this desire has reflected itself in many ways.

It's reflected in the way that I dress. I've never cared for bright colors. I've never cared for flashy clothing or accessories. I don't like wearing things that will make me stand out or draw attention to myself.

Even though I'm a pastor, I tend to be more quiet and soft-spoken. I don't like to speak loudly,

drawing attention to myself. And I certainly don't like to shout. I tend to speak few words and, when I do speak, to say them in a normal tone of voice.

Even though my position requires me to be up front in the church, this isn't the position I normally choose. If attending a worship service that I'm not leading, or when attending a conference, I tend to sit somewhere in the middle. I prefer to simply blend in with the crowd.

And even though I do what I can to fulfill my calling, I have no desire to be a well-known figure. I have no desire for fame. I prefer to live the quiet life.

I'm not alone in this preference to go unnoticed. Many people feel the same way. And, so often, this mindset finds its way into our life of faith.

We know that Jesus has called us to be his witnesses. We know that he's called us to proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. And, quite frankly, we're hesitant to do this. We're hesitant because we don't want to be the focus of everyone's attention. We prefer, instead, to keep

our mouth shut and blend in with the world around us.

In the past, this is something that's hindered my witness. It's kept me from reaching out to those around me. My desire to blend in caused me to shove any concern for the lost to the back of my mind as a desire for conformity took hold.

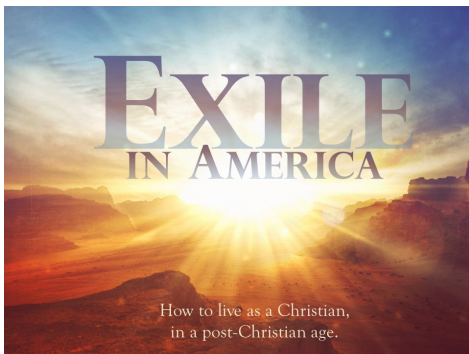
However, as we see in the above passage, we're called to stand out. We are the light of the world. And a light is not something that is hidden.

As the people of God, we're distinct from the world around us. But we're distinct not to draw attention to ourselves. We shine forth to draw the world's attention to Christ. We're called to be distinct as a testimony to those in our midst. We're called to let our light shine that God might be glorified. We're called to be his witnesses that others might receive the salvation Jesus provided for all men.

This doesn't mean we have to be a loud mouth. It doesn't mean that we must be obnoxious. But we must not hide our light in order to fit in. Doing so means abandoning a lost world to sin and eternal condemnation.

POP Fall Spiritual Life Meetings

Jesse Kneeland has accepted our invitation to lead our Fall Spiritual Life meetings. SLM dates are October 25-28.



Community Meal

October's community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, October 11 from 11am to 2pm. Puppets of Praise will be hosting/serving this meal.

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 October 4, 11, 18, & 25 and November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. 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.

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.

Annual meeting and Potluck will be November 15, 2015!!!!



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 Coffee House met on Monday, September 21. Chris Alt gave a presentation on the First Choice Clinic West. She shared some of the services available for expectant mothers and fathers along with some of the statistics regarding the usage of these services. She also showed a video of testimonials from men and women who have made use of the clinic and discussed some of the needs right now. Size 3 diapers were almost gone.

During the evening Italian sodas, coffee and slushes were served as well as snacks brought by Margie, Judy and Darcee.

We set up a tentative schedule for the rest of 2015:

The WMF is going to furnish bottled water and granola bars for the LifeWalk for FirstChoice Clinic that is taking place on October 3 at Riverside Park in Beulah. Funds for the purchase of these items will come out of the WMF Mission Fund.

The WMF District Fall Rally will be in Williston on October 10th in Williston. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary if anyone is interested in car-pooling.

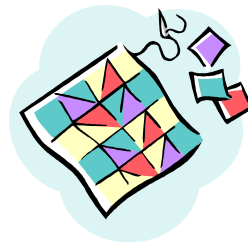
WMF will be preparing and serving the November Community Meal on the 14th with any advanced preparation taking place on the Friday the 13th. More details to come.

Our Coffee House will meet again on November 2nd for business and fellowship. We will find out more about the OCC, too, and maybe help get things ready to pack on Nov. 9th.

December 7 will be the WMF Coffee House group Bible Study with a potluck offering of Christmas goodies.

Please remember that all women who worship at Prince of Peace are part of the Women's Missionary Federation (WMF) from those just confirmed and beyond. Events for the new year to be considered include packing a Missionary box or two. That is always so much fun! Think about the Boutique that happens in March and maybe coming at it from a different approach. We will be ordering our WMF Bible study books in Nov. ... We want you.

God bless you all,
Judy Tolosky



Threads of Love

Quilting happens Wednesdays beginning at 9am. Please bring a lunch or come & go as you like. No experience necessary. All hands are welcome.

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!

New Member classes for those are coming from a Lutheran background will be October 4 @ 7:00pm. New Member Sunday will be October 11.

Sunday School Corner

Welcome to the Sunday School Corner! The newsletter is a great place to find tidbits of news, so why not hear about Sunday School! In this section of the newsletter you will find important dates and happenings. We will also highlight all the great things going on at POP Sunday School. So here we go!

Sunday School is off and running and we are so excited that it is. We are blessed to have a wonderful group of kids. Our classes are full and we have teachers! However we are always in need of substitutes so if you are willing please let Angie Wanzek know.

October is a busy month. On the 18th the Sunday School kids will visit the Knife River Care Center during the Sunday School hour. If you are a parent of a preschooler please be aware that your child's teacher will transport them without car seats. If you are uncomfortable with this please transport your child yourself or make other arrangements. Also, October 25th there will be no Sunday School due to Teachers Convention.

Operation Christmas Child packing day will take place during Sunday School on November 8th. We strongly encourage all families to participate by bringing items weekly and plan on helping as a family on the 8th. There is no greatly gift that giving! The items for October are: 4th-hair care items, 11th-stuffed animals and dolls, and the 18th-toys (balls, cars, play-dough, harmonicas, etc.).

Thank you for allowing us to teach your children. They are a gift a God and we love to share the good news with them!

Angie Wanzek and Christian Ed committee



Library news...

Come check out our library at Prince of Peace. We have so many great books, movies and other resources!



Sunday School will be coordinating with the OCC program at POP. Each week SS students (preschool through ADULTS) will be encouraged to bring items for the OCC. We will be packing the boxes TOGETHER during the November 8th SS hour!!! So excited 😊

October 4 – hair care items (brushes, combs, clips, pony tail holders, barettes, caps for boys, etc) socks, sunglasses,

October 11 – small stuffed animals, dolls

October 18 – toys (balls, yoyo, harmonica, cars, slinkies, flashlights with extra batteries, etc)

October 25 – no SS due to teacher convention

November 1 – hard candies,

November 8 – shoe boxes, clear totes – **PACKING DAY**

November 15 – Monetary donations for shipping (each box cost \$7 to ship) and we will be praying over the boxes before they get shipped out this week.

Do not include these items: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Worship Attendance

8-09	-	115
8-16	-	178
8-23	-	160
8-30	-	172
9-06	-	149
9-13	-	197 (SS started)
9-20	-	174





Youth

A New Gospel

By Jordan Langness

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. –Galatians 1:6-10

Throughout a study of ‘secular’ history as well as the history recorded in the pages of Scripture, we see several instances of people gathering behind false teachings and distortions of the Word of God. The impact and notoriety of these groups differs according to how history remembers the cumulative effect of this false teaching, but there is always a cost. Where history maybe fails us is in determining what cost is greater. For example, consider the tragedy of the 1978 cult suicide of 913 people who literally followed Jim Jones to death. Now maybe that reference doesn’t mean too much on its own, but its impact may be more noted as the impetus behind the phrase “Don’t drink the Kool-aid”. On a different spectrum, we have the ‘mainline’ cults of today that deny the deity of Jesus, the existence of the Trinity, or other key tenants of Christian dogma. Sources for potentially hearing a different gospel in this day and age are near endless.

While it is true that we should be alert and informed about the groups that are indeed peddling

false gospels out there (i.e. the Jehova’s Witnesses, Mormons, and Jesus Only groups which are all locally active in Beulah), my main thrust for us today is really to take a look a little deeper at ourselves. Please don’t get offended by this statement, but I believe we are becoming largely an undiscerning people. In our fanaticism for all things simple and easy, we no longer do the hard work of checking things out before we spread them as truth. Allow me to share a personal story as an example. One day while I was on facebook, I stumbled across a post that an acquaintance shared regarding scientists discovering that dna actually contained code that could be interpreted as language and included a little section stating that when translated, the decoded DNA message mirrored biblical text proclaiming God as Creator. I thought that was really neat and shared that on my wall as well...which some other friends also then posted on their wall. There were a few people who raised the question of how DNA could contain a coded language, to which I responded that we have examples of language and code using less than four “letters”: Morse code and binary code for example. Well, eventually I decided to look a little deeper into it and discovered that the group that posted this article was a satirical website that was totally fake. There were no credentials, no real evidence....it was a hoax; and I fell for it.

The thing that saddens me more than my gullibility on facebook is what I see happening in the church....especially amongst the younger generations. Instead of indiscriminately reposting facebook links, we instead indiscriminately accept what people say about or teach regarding the Bible, and the truths inside. How else could you explain the rampant acceptance and celebration of “big name” preachers who miss so many of the basics of Christianity like repentance, forgiveness, sin, hell, etc. How else can you explain the church’s shifting understanding of significant moral issues that society and media are forcing upon us? These words of Paul are a healthy exhortation for us today just as they were for the church in Galatia. Have you accepted a gospel other than the gospel of Christ? How would you know? Think about it.

Upcoming Youth Events

October 3: First Choice Clinic Lifewalk

October 16-18: AFLBS Fall Campus Days

October Birthdays!!!

Rayney Klipfel	10/1
Dara Reinhardt	10/1
Steve Goetz	10/3
Jan Gunsch	10/3
Heather Schmit	10/4
Ethan Johnson	10/5
Michael Finck	10/7
Taylor Funk	10/7
Shane Haugen	10/8
Brittney Seibel	10/9
Art Flemmer	10/10
Duane Huss	10/11
Charles Mattheis	10/11
Gertie Retzer	10/11
Mason Mattheis	10/12
Ava Oyen	10/13
Cheyenne Pederson	10/13
Michelle Schmit	10/15
Jessica Schmit	10/16
Noah Iverson	10/17
Eva Murphy	10/17
Donna Bieri	10/19
DeVane Webster	10/19
Wayne Hoffner	10/21
Ella Fandrich	10/23
Michele Klein	10/24
Zachary Pederson	10/24
Aria Doe	10/25
McCoy Mohl	10/29
Nancy Wright	10/29
David Schumaier	10/30
Sue Bauer	10/31
Marlene Sasse	10/31

Ushers for October

10-04-15 Mark Gerde*, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

10-11-15 Brad* & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

10-18-15 Marvin* & Janice Sigman, Bill Keller family, Karen Knell

10-25-15 Jerry* & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey Klaudt family, Stan Miller

*denotes Head Usher

Fellowship service for Oct.

10-04-15 Jim and Darcee Wenning, Jim and Chris Alt

10-11-15 Ron & Milda Frei, Kacey and Michelle Klaudt

10-18-15 Dan & Rebecah martin, Jeremy & Heather Brandt, LaRue Schwarz

10-25-15 Wayne & Shawn Hoffner, Jim & Joan Schumaier

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Ken Sperry

- Confirmation orientation & first classes
- Attended town hall meeting on Iran nuclear treaty
- Communed & led devotion with members of POP and Trinity Parish at KRCC
- Led worship at KRCC
- Visiting and keeping up with members who are ill and shut-in
- I've begun leading the Bible study at the jail (ministerial pastors take turns with this)

Upcoming:

- I'll be attending meetings with the World Missions Committee at AFLC headquarters on Sept. 14-15. I'll be leaving on the 13th, after Sunday School, to drive to the Twin Cities.
- I'll be attending the AFLC pastor's retreat at the ARC on Sept. 15-17.
- Wednesday evening Bible studies will begin on Sept. 23rd. We'll be looking at the book of 1 Corinthians.
- New member's classes begin on Sept. 20th

Youth Director's Report – Jordan Langness

Sunday School: Since the last report, I have expanded our opening times to include missions presentations, and a segment I will call cultural connection where we dissect a current event for its spiritual implications.

Middle School: We have had our first week so far last Thursday. Our group was a bit smaller than usual, but it is still a good group. There were a good amount of new student lasts week. Again, very grateful to have Gina's partnership in this class.

Relational Ministry: With the school year starting out, I have been enjoying attending our student's

sporting events. In addition to those events and the regular contact during programming, I was also involved in two memorial services for the 8th grade student that passed away in Valley City who had local connections as she lived here for several previous years. I have had the opportunity to meet with local youth leaders, and encourage some parents enduring challenging situations at home as well.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 50,646.36
Building Fund	\$ 8,157.63
Intern Fund	\$ 8,297.37
New Altar Fund	\$ 7,214.02
Total Bank Acct	\$ 83,247.63

Deacon's Report – Del Schnaidt

Fall 2015 Spiritual Life Meetings

- Pastor Jesse Kneeland will be our guest speaker at our fall spiritual life meetings this October 25-28. The theme Pastor Jesse will be speaking about is: "Exile in America – How to Live as a Christian in a Post Christian World.

Children's Sermon

- Heather Brandt has offered to share the children's sermon this week.

Alaska Mission Trip 2016

- The deacons talked a little bit more about the possible mission trip to Alaska, Dates are not confirmed. Pastor Kent has had some communication in regard to the type of work the mission needs help with.

Men's Retreat - October 2015

- Prince of Peace has been asked if we could take care of the noon meal at the Men's Retreat in Epping on October 30 and 31. We will have some men to help. The retreat is a Friday and Saturday event.

Worship Service Recording and the Community Channel

- Pastor contacted city hall about this and was told that we'd need a DVD delivered to them each week. Darcee inquired about the length of time for a broadcast (would we do just the sermon or the whole service). She also inquired about time slots. We were told they would check into this and get back to us.

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

OLD BUSINESS

1. Crack sealing project. Belzona crack sealing project will be worked on Saturday Sep 12 at 9 AM. Crack cleanout will be done on Friday Sep 11 in preparation for Saturday work.
2. Handicap door closers up are here and need installation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Base boards for classroom behind the altar need to be purchased, stained varnished and installed.
2. Robert has purchased two sets of movable shelving for upstairs storage to see if they will fill the requirement for storage needs.
3. Stained glass altar decoration needs to be raised up a few inches so the altar fits underneath it.

Update – The stainless steel fridge stopped working a few weeks ago. Think the compressor went out of the fridge. A repairman is supposed to stop to check on it.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klautt

Old Business:

1. Sunday School – Children's sermon will be given two Sundays a month by Heather Brandt. Ring bell at 10:40, opening at 10:45-11:00. Classes start at 11:00 for all ages. At 11:45-noon PreK - gr 6 will have hand bells with Twyla Barbot. Rebecah will lead Opening. Rebecah will make a list of songs for anyone who subs. Angie suggested putting up song lyrics for kids to read.

New Business:

1. SS Teacher meeting - First meeting will be Sept 9th at 7:30. Rebecah will inform Darcee for the calendar and bulletin.
2. Prayer Partners for confirmation students - Michelle will take picture at the end of informational meeting on Aug 26th. She will display pics on Labor Day weekend and have out for at least 2 weeks.
3. 3rd week Mission offering - During opening Rebecah will remind kids who offering is going to as it is being collected.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update

The council room carpet wasn't ordered so it wasn't replaced during the time the carpet was installed in

the room in back of the altar. Stair treads may need to be replaced in the area in back of the altar.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Date – Scheduled for November 15 at 1:00 pm. We will have a potluck meal before.

Locking church – We had discussion on locking up the church after the last staff person leaves for the day. There was a break in at the elementary school and most churches are locked if a staff person is not working. We decided to continue locking up as usual since we have so many people coming to the church at various hours throughout the day and evening.

Janitor – Offered Alec Babcock the job as a part-time janitor.

Statement on Biblical Marriages – Jordan discussed that the church leadership in Minot felt like it had to come together in light of the gay marriage ruling from the Supreme Court. They have a statement prepared stating what marriage is and scriptural basis for it. This is not a petition, but a statement that we can sign and affirm what we believe. The statement would be put in the newspapers, with the Pastor's signatures – it would not have the signatures of individual members but possibly have how many members of the church signed it.

We will put an announcement in the bulletin and have the statement out so our members can sign it.

Tithe – Our tithe of \$2758.41 will be given to AFLC Home Missions.