

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

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# **April**, 2016



# **Pastor Kent**

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

When I was in college, I was encouraged by a friend to take a class on Christianity. Being a public university, what was being taught in that class was anything but Christian. Eternal life was not understood to be our living forever in the presence of God. It was understood as preserving this present world. The aim of Christianity was described as not the forgiveness of sin, but the love of others. Salvation had nothing to do with our deliverance from sin, death, and the devil, but justice being brought to all mankind.

The professor was open enough that he allowed me to speak. I shared with him that, if this is all there is, man has no real motivation to love

others. If the only hope we have is to fertilize the grass and feed the worms when we die, man will simply live for the day. He will do what he can to enjoy his short life before he dies and is forgotten.

You see, if there is no eternal life, then all of our efforts are in vain. Even if they are good and well-intentioned, they are meaningless.

Ultimately, it makes no difference if we ever lived. It makes no difference if anyone ever lived. It makes no difference if we have a good life, or if we suffer. It makes no difference if people experience justice or injustice. It makes no difference if we destroy the earth in one hundred years, or if the earth continues on for a thousand. In that case, we all face the same destiny, which is nothingness.

This is the point Paul was making in the above verse. In chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians, he talks at length about the resurrection. And he tells us that if Christ didn't rise from the dead, our faith is futile and we're still in our sins.

He goes on to describe our own resurrection. He talks about our resurrection bodies, and how they'll be transformed. They'll be

changed from weak bodies that are subject to death and decay into bodies that are no longer subject to the consequences of sin.

This is our hope. This is our motivation. Because of the resurrection, we know that our labors in the Lord are not in vain.

Because our death doesn't mark the end of our existence, we know that our labors for the Lord make a real difference. And they make a difference not only in this world, but in eternity. As we love and serve mankind, we're seeking not only their blessing in the here and now. We're seeking their eternal blessing. We're seeking that they too will forever enjoy the blessings of God.

And not only is this true. Because death doesn't mark the end of our existence, we can remain steadfast and immovable. We need not waver as we face the opposition of the world and even the enemy. We know that, whatever harm they may do to us in this life, they can't take from us the life that has been granted us by God.



# **Community Meal**

March community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, April 9 from 11am to 2pm.



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 April 3, 10, 17, & 24 and May 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.



Communion Preparation for

**April** Wes & Jane Gunsch



### **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 <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

# **Ushers for April**

04-03-2016 Mark Gerde, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman and Walter Wagner
04-10-2016 Brad & Teresa Klipfel, Eugene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl
04-17-2016 Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller family, Karen Knell, Tia Horning
04-24-2016 Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Stan Miller, Kacey Klaudt family

# Fellowship service for April

04-03-2016 Ella Fandrich, Jay & Karen Seibel,
Cody & Kendra Ungerer
04-10-2016 LaRue Schwarz, Dan & Rebecah
Martin, Jim & Chris Alt
04-17-2016 Gina Feist, Heidi Ulland, Bill & Kris
Keller

**04-24-2016** Sodie Peabody, Elsie Wiedenmeyer, Shane & Amy Haugen

# **Sunday School Corner**

Welcome Spring! We cannot believe how fast the year has gone. Before we know it school will be out and VBS will be upon us! The dates for Vacation Bible School have been set and we are so excited. VBS will be June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> during the evening. Specific times will be set in the next month so watch for that in the bulletin or here.

Sole Hope is going! We have approximately 25 pairs of shoes sponsored to send to Uganda. We had set a very lofty goal of 175 pairs so we are a long way off. Please, if you are being led, sponsor a pair of shoes. It is something we take for granted that will change the lives of those they touch. We have received our kit and will be making toddler sized shoes. Adults please plan on helping on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The students cannot accomplish our goal with your help.

As the last day of Sunday School is drawing closer there are a few dates to remember. April 17th is the new day for Sole Hope so check those calendars. There is no Sunday School of May 1<sup>st</sup> due to confirmation. Our last regular day of Sunday School is May 15<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will recognize our graduates and Sunday School staff in church and with an end of year breakfast brunch. The brunch will also serve as a free will offering the Alaskan Mission Trip.



### **APRIL 17**

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 <a href="https://www.SoleHope.org">www.SoleHope.org</a>.



### 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.

We are gearing up for The Patio/Boutique event which will be held on April 2, 10:00-2:00. It has involved a lot of work and we will be very busy the last week of March as we get the Patio set up. Thank you so much to you women and men for stepping up and helping.

All the profits from the Patio and Coffee Shop will be going to **Brent and Emily Raan who have** recently gone to spread the Gospel in India. Our desire is to give them not only a financial gift, but to send them our love, concern and support in every aspect of their stepping out in obedience to God's call.

The Coffee Shop will be offering regular and specialty coffees such as cappuccinos and lattes, Italian sodas, and pie by the slice. We will need pies to sell that day. The youth will be serving soup and sandwiches.

The Patio itself will be hosting a Silent Auction, Chinese Auction; and cash and carry items will be available as well. Come check out the **Rustic**, **Repurposed and Handcrafted Items!!** If you can help set up you can get a preview of what will be available.

Looking ahead to May: **Mother's Day.** Last year we had a lovely Brunch a week before Mother's Day. If you are led to take on this project the date and specifics are in your hands. Call me or text me at <u>701-870-2131</u> or at home 873-2121.

The Spring WMF District Rally is scheduled for April 16 at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church in Ray, ND.

I have been reading **Secure in the Everlasting Arms** by Elisabeth Elliot. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27The blurb on the back of the book says: God's all-encompassing love has become the theme of Elisabeth Elliot's long life. For thirteen years she opened her daily radio program, Gateway to Joy, with her signature words, "underneath are the everlasting arms," and now she offers this new collection of her reflections about the security we can find in God's love." Have you ever read something or heard something that speaks just to you in a way that is totally personal? And encouraging? And it makes me want to get into God's word to get the rest of the picture? This is it for me. I don't know where I got this book but I found it in my own bookcase. I can only give God the glory. I may let you borrow it when I finish.

Sincerely, Judy Tolosky



### Threads of Love

We would appreciate used blankets and sheets size twin to King; cotton and flannel works best and fabric to make quilt tops. Thank you for your donations!

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Is Saturday April 16 @ 7:00am



Camping in Romans By Jordan Langness

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law' indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you..." Romans 8:5-9

I have been spending a lot of time lately just reading over the beginning of Romans 8. I don't know about you, but as I read these words, pause and reflect upon how I picture them being lived out in life, and then examine the life that I am living on a daily basis, I find them to be quite convicting. I know some have joked in the past month about conviction and how it would be nice to be encouraged now and then, but conviction is an important process in the life of believers. It is the conviction of our fleshy ways that leads us to repentance and helps channel our focus on things of the Spirit.

And yet, while this seems nicely packaged and fairly simple, the reality of this passage is difficult for me. I find myself asking how does one consistently set their mind on things of the Spirit when all of the pressures of the world keep forcing themselves upon oneself. How can I live with a proper perspective that sees this world for what it is...a temporary shelter on a launching pad to an eternity somewhere else?

To be perfectly honest, I don't see too much hope for myself in those first verses which is why I am so grateful for how the passage continues by pointing the reader to Jesus and the promise of His Spirit living inside of us. And yet, with the promise of Christ's Spirit, forgiveness, and redemption fully in play, it is still a worthwhile endeavor to examine our lives to see how we are living; just what is our mind set on as we live day to day. Paul's confession was that he lived with eternity on his mind...that he pressed on to the goal to win the prize. His life revolved around the significance of the Gospel and the reality of Christ. Too often, when I look at what my attention and pursuits are focused on, Jesus seems to be just a portion of what my focus is rather than the sum of it.

As we move into the full blossom of spring, may our spirits be revived into a fresh start as well. I pray that each one of us will pause for a moment, consider where the focus of our life and the origin of our drive and passions are at, and may we intentionally allow ourselves to be redirected to the Lord of eternity.

**Upcoming** events

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

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

June 26-30<sup>th</sup>: District Family Camp

July 18-22<sup>nd</sup>: FLY Beyond

# 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..

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

# April Birthdays!!!

TIPI III	777447
Braelyn Hottman	4/1
Elijah Barbot	4/2
Amanda Riegel	4/4
Bien Lananee	4/5
Judy Tolosky	4/6
Bonnie Bauer	4/7
Kelsey Haugen	4/8
Larry Behm	4/9
Viola Martin	4/11
Fred Bieri	4/12
Marge Murray	4/13
Sophia Sayler	4/13
Peyton Funk	4/14
Jane Gunsch	4/15
Kelsey Renner	4/15
Jennifer Neuberger	4/16
Randy Zimmerman	4/16
Lynda Doe	4/18
Kenneth Foth	4/18
Samantha Ritter	4/18
Glenn Sasse	4/18
Dustin Buchmann	4/19
Jyzelle Mohl	4/19
Denise Meier	4/20
Micaiah Langness	4/21
Gerald Felch	4/22
Joseph Barbot	4/25
Michael Feist	4/26
Vern Pederson	4/26
Marvin Bauer	4/27
Pamela Raile	4/27
Aneica Behm	4/28
Michael Schmit	4/28
Lillian Hamby	4/29
Tia Horning	4/29
Deb Creel	4/30
Danielle Renner	4/30
Elsie Wiedenmeyer	4/30

# **Worship Attendance**

**02-10 - 45** Ash Wed.

02-14 - 135

**02-17 - 56** Lenten Service

02-21 - 160

**02-24** - **58** Lenten Service

02-28 - 161

**03-02 - 40** Lenten Service

03-06 - 182

**03-09 - 43** Lenten Service

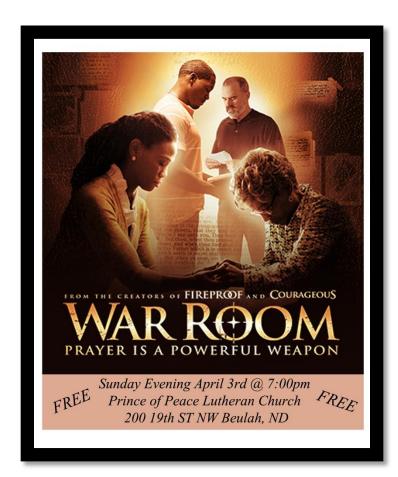
03-13 - 157

**03-16** - **43** Lenten Service

**03-20 - 209** Palm Sunday

# **Spring Spiritual Life Messages**

POP spring SLM will be Sunday April 24 (sermon, SS and evening) and Monday April 25-Wednesday April 27 @ 7:00pm . Jason Holt, Directory of Youth AFLC will be our speaker.



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Chairman's Report - Joe Barbot

My family has had the new directory app on our smart phones and found it to be very handy.

### Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Led worship for residents of KRCC

Confirmation classes – We are half way through our look at the Lord's prayer. The students will be taking their third quiz this week. We're also trying



to ensure that everyone is caught up with required work.

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

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.

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis.

After Easter, our Wednesday evening Bible study will resume. We will be going through a 5 week study: *The Challenge of Islam - What Is Islam?* 

### Youth Director's Report - Jordan Langness

**Sunday School:** Sunday School has been going well. We had fairly low attendance the two Sundays I was gone for the mission trip, but since then it has picked up again. If my assessment of the students is accurate, they are finding our current studies enjoyable. Some were pretty excited to finally be out of the book of Genesis and are happy that the pace is picking up a bit. We thought the study on the chronology of Egypt and Biblical chronology was very interesting. The dad jokes are going well.

**Middle School:** MSBS has been doing very well. This past week we had a new record of students coming...29! With a group that size, it can be a little hard to handle with just one or two of us present. Otherwise it has been going very well. I even had a student initiated meeting with another 5<sup>th</sup> grader as a way to try to convince them to check out Bible study.

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

General Fund	\$ 58,543.50
Building Fund	\$ 18,072.46
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,179.56
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 2,692.13
Intern Fund	\$ 13,297.37
New Altar Fund	\$ 9,444.02
Total Bank Acct	\$ 112,251.90

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance 10/2015 \$ 218,779.13

### Trustee's Report – John Mohl

Handicap door closers need to be installed, hand rail for second level behind alter. The trim is being installed in the lower rooms behind the altar.

Outdoor Bell Ringing System has been shipped and should be here soon.

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. Also the North new furnace is not functioning properly. Beulah Electric has been contacted.

A tentative work day is being planned for April 07, 2016 at 9:00am to remove the stairway frame outside and other yard work.

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

**Sunday School:** Kids went to KRCC on the 14th. Within the next month Angie will hand out surveys to teachers. The video for Sole Hope will be shown in the next couple of weeks to the congregation. Ideas for this include making a goal chart as a visual aid, make competition between classes to raise money and items needed.

VBS - AFLBS assigned "Cave Quest" theme. Instead of crafts it will be science experiments.

3rd Sunday offering - Offerings from Feb - May will be sent to the Schierkolk's in Mexico.

Program for boys - Angie would like to see a program for boys similar to Daughters of the King. Would be nice to have some men from the congregation involved with this. This is something we can discuss more and possibly aim for next fall.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Building Project Update - The carpet for council room will be done in the next two weeks. Marvin Abele had a sample of the altar railing and they had a few suggestions. There will be two proto types for the congregation to vote on. Marvin Sigman and Dalton Zeiszler did the sheetrock in the upstairs behind the altar.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jordan has put an application in to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Minneapolis for a mobile pack here in Beulah. We approved hosting FMSC at Prince of Peace. The fellowship hall is large enough. We are waiting for dates either in August or September. We will be pulling people

from the communities around us, Minot, Bismarck, Dickinson.

**Tithe** – Our Tithe will be split: \$2,000.37 to the ARC and \$580 to Parish Ed for printing materials.

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