

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

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Pastor Kent

"...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."
(1Pe 3:15 ESV)

As a church, and as believers, we understand our mission. We're called to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). But, as we look at the above passage, we can identify two mistakes that we often make when it comes to this task.

The first mistake is simply that we fail to share our faith. When we have opportunities to share the gospel or to teach a younger believer, we often fail to make use of that opportunity. Even when the chance to reach out falls into our lap, our tendency is to drop the ball.

We often do so out of fear. We assume that others will react negatively to what we have to

share. And, for this reason, we keep our mouth shut.

Peter encourages us to always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks us for a reason for the hope that is in us. In other words, when people ask us about our faith, when they ask us why we believe the way we do, when they ask us why we live as we do, we should be prepared to share with them.

The word "defense" doesn't imply that we're to be defensive. It carries the sense of apologetics. It means that we're to provide a positive testimony to the truth of the gospel.

So, again, we're to make use of the opportunities that present themselves. We're to be prepared to share with others as they see that we're different and ask about it. We must not let these occasions pass us by.

The second mistake that we make when it comes to carrying out this call is that we come off as rude. Perhaps we are defensive or simply come off too strong. But the second principle for us is this: Don't be a jerk.

Peter tells us make our defense or our testimony with gentleness and respect. And this is something we rarely see today. I often cringe, especially on social media, when believers are attempting to share their faith.

We often come across as argumentative. We come across as mean-spirited. We come across as insulting to those who believe differently than we do. And this only reinforces what much of society believes about us already, that we're hateful and intolerant. The ones we're trying to reach, then, shut down and no longer listen to us.

We're often afraid that, if we're too gentle or respectful, people will think we're affirming their beliefs. While it's true that we don't want to encourage people to remain in their current belief system, we must realize that beating them up won't make our faith seem all that appealing. We must simply present it as lovingly as possible and allow God's Word and Spirit to work in their heart.

As the people of God, let us strive to carry out this calling he's entrusted to us. But let's also evaluate our methods and search our heart. Let's ensure that, as we faithfully share the gospel, we don't allow ourselves to get in the way.



Community Meal

July Community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, July 8 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event, contact Bev Sorensen.



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.

Ushers for July

7-2-2017 Marvin Bauer*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Todd Seibel, and Vern Boehm

7-9-2017 Robin Richter*, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

7-16-2017 Marvin & Jan Sigman, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plenis

7-23-2017 Wennings, Martins, & Schriefers

7-30-2017 Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemmer, Marlene Buehner, Dean Fandrich, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel

Fellowship service for July

7-2-2017 Willis & Deb Kasanke, Lynell Renner, Jim & Chris Alt

7-9-2017 LaRue Schwarz, David & Steph Hottman, Joe & Nancy Wright

7-16-2017 No Service/fellowship due to Community Worship Service at BHS!

7-23-2017 Dan & Rebecah Martin, Jason & Heidi Ulland, Bob & Amy Ferebe

7-30-2017 Les & Joette Buchmann, Sodie Peabody, Elsie Wiedenmeyer, Kc & Michelle Klaut

SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JULY 26 AS SOON AS IT IS DARK ENOUGH! PERHAPS 9:30 OR 10:00PM!
IN THE NORTHWEST GRASS AT POP!
BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET.

Sunday School Corner

As always, Vacation Bible School was huge success. Attendance averaged around 60 children per night. The kids enjoyed Bible lessons, crafts, games and snack. Every child who attended VBS this year received their very own Bible. Some the kids who received them did not have one at home. It was amazing to place the word of God in the hands of His children. The Board of Christian Ed is always amazed at how God provides and makes VBS a success. Thank you to all the families who brought their kids and the many helpers who gave time! Check out some pics from the week!



Library news...



Library news for summer months: If reading is one of your summer time entertainment stop in our library & see what we have to offer. Enjoy the sunshine-☀
Thank you, Bonnie & Deb

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 873-560.

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 July 2, 9, 23, & 30 and August 6, 13, 20, & 27. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

Worship Attendance

05-21 - 202
05-28 - 126
06-04 - 139
06-11 - 138
06-18 - 144



Please be in prayer for our youth attending the National AFLC FLY Convention in Colorado July 2-8.



Mon-Dak-Ada AFLC

District Family Bible Camp

Family camp is at Mt. Carmel, Towner ND July 23-27. There are brochures in the POP entry way. Contact Jordan for questions.

Missed a Sunday church service?

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.



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.

Where did June go?

We did have a wonderful WMF Bible Study this month: JOYFUL ACTS. "The early church was a Spirit-filled community and scripture tells us that one the fruits of the Spirit is joy (Gal. 5:22-23). Their joy came from a right understanding and complete trust in Jesus and what He had done for them (Romans 5:9-11. Joy, fueled by the gospel message, transformed them into a powerful force that spread Christianity throughout their world." This was the opening paragraph.

We looked up several Bible verses and saw that through trial, persecution, and stoning, etc the apostles and other believers couldn't stop rejoicing. They couldn't stop preaching, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, praising God in song, praying for others. People who witnessed the joyfulness of Christ's followers and heard what Jesus had done

believed and were baptized. The Gospel spread and the number of believers increased. It sounds like an exciting time to be a Christian.

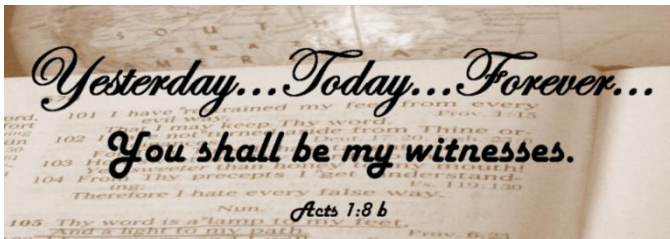
The last paragraph of the lesson was this: "Can Christians today experience the same joy described in Acts? See Hebrews 13:7-8. What would be the result?" When I looked up these verses I also read verses 5 and 6. The writer of Hebrews is encouraging Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. In the closing chapter he says, in 5b-8 "...be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' (Deut. 31:6) So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper: I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?' (Psalm 118:6, 7) Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever." Isn't this an amazing truth to be reminded of today. I love that he quotes Old Testament Scripture. The Word of God is so relevant! I rejoice in this truth. Now I need to be bold in my joy in the Lord with others who don't have this knowledge. How about you?

July is the month we don't meet for WMF Bible Study. We will resume in August with Chapter 7. If you would like to join us we meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 and 6:30. It doesn't matter if you haven't attended before. And you don't have to do the lesson in advance. We go through it together. But if you would like, get a Bible Study book and look at the previous lessons. They are quick studies and really enjoyable and enlightening. Get to know God on a more personal level.

We don't have to provide food for Family Camp in July. Yippee! I would say if you get a chance to attend, go on up to Mount Carmel Bible Camp alone or with your family. It is an amazing place with something for everyone!

That's all for now. Enjoy your summer. Keep cool and remember to rejoice in all circumstances!

In His love, Judy Tolosky 870-2131



I am excited to share about our recent WMF Day, held on June 13th at our AFLC headquarters in Plymouth, MN. Our theme was "Yesterday... Today... Forever... You shall be my witnesses. Acts 1:8b

Our opening devotions were by Joan Culler, a pastor's wife from Maryland. She was the author of our WMF Bible Study that we have been using on the book of ACTS. It is always nice to meet the author and learn a little more about her perspective and background.

Our next speaker was Hope Unverzagt from Wisconsin. She is a pastor's wife who homeschools their 11 children. She shared about a health crisis that she faced and lessons that she learned from it. She was very entertaining and her story has been printed out and featured in many heart health articles.

Marsha Johnson, a pastor's wife from Minnesota shared a great workshop on ideas to help Sunday School teacher's be effective in sharing bible stories and the gospel with their students.

Our next workshop leader was Sarka Klusova. She is from the Czech Republic and her husband went to our seminary in Minneapolis. Their 2 oldest children were born during their seminary years and are dual citizens. Their 2 youngest children were born back in the Czech Republic where they serve. She shared a practical message about lifestyle evangelism and discipleship.

National WMF President Lynn Wellumson from Williston also shared about the time and life of Katarina von Bora, a nun who escaped from the convent and later married Martin Luther. This is the 500th year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation of 1517 when Martin Luther nailed

the 95 theses on the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg. The AFLC general conference theme was "here I stand" as we were reminded about Martin Luther refusing to recant his position but instead chose to stand on the teachings of the bible.

The following morning we had a WMF breakfast and our speaker was Barbara Long, a pastor's wife from Washington. She has a passion for sharing the gospel with strangers using a variety of tracts and handouts.

Wednesday evening was our Mission Festival featuring Gracia Burnham. Gracia and her husband Martin served as missionaries in the Philippines with New Tribes Mission. In 2001, they were taken hostage by militant Muslims and they were held for over a year. Martin was killed during a rescue attempt. Gracia shared some of their difficulties, which were terrible, but her emphasis was on God's grace, and Martin's encouragement that they be faithful to God's call to witness and serve joyfully, regardless of their circumstances. Gracia stays in touch with several of her captors who are now in prison and some of them have come to know the truth of Jesus and the Gospel.

The prayer time, the music, and the fellowship are also wonderful and something I look forward to each year! It was fun to see some of the missionaries and visiting pastors that have been to our church, and also some of our previous church members that have moved. It is good to see some of the district ladies that we know from the local rallies, and it is fun to meet new people each year too!

I believe the next WMF Day will be on June 12th, 2018, in Dickinson ND. That is as close as the conference has been to us so I would encourage everyone to plan on attending WMF Day and also the annual conference! In 2019 the conference will be held in Maryland!

Margie Lee - Local WMF Vice President



Moses and Me
Jordan Langness

Last month my article pertained to the area of service and how each one of us is called to be serving God's kingdom by serving in and with the church. This month's article is aimed at questioning our reasons why we don't serve by looking at God's call on Moses. The following excerpt pertains specifically to age, but I don't want us to limit our inquiry to that category. After reading through the following text, pause and reflect for a moment on the excuses you have used to not be involved. I know that I myself have many. It is a good exercise to examine where our hearts are as well as showing us areas where we may need to repent and change our mindset.

"Why Moses? Or, more specifically, why eighty -year-old Moses? The Forty year-old version was more appealing. The Moses we saw in Egypt was brash and confident. But the Moses we find four decades later is reluctant and weather-beaten.

Had you or I looked at Moses back in Egypt, we would have said, 'This man is ready for battle.' Educated in the finest system in the world. Trained by the ablest soldiers. Instant access to the inner circle of the Pharaoh. Moses spoke their language and knew their habits. He was the perfect man for the job. Moses at forty we like. But Moses at eighty? No way. Too old. Too tired. Smells like a shepherd. Speaks like a foreigner. What impact would he have on Pharaoh? He's the wrong man for the job.

And Moses would have agreed. 'Tried that once before,' he would say. 'Those people don't want to be helped. Just leave me here to tend my sheep. They're easier to lead.' Moses wouldn't have gone. You wouldn't have sent him. I wouldn't have sent him. But God did. God says Moses is ready. And to convince him, God speaks through a bush. (Had to do something dramatic to get Moses' attention.)

'School's out,' God tells him. 'Now it's time to get to work.' Poor Moses. He didn't even know he was enrolled.

God puts us back in service to remind us He cares for us. When we make mistakes, He does not banish us to a spiritual junkyard. No, He salvages our mistakes because He cares for us. He removes the rust and grime, buffs out the scratches, and hammers out the dents in our frame until we are in working condition again." – Max Lucado

"Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" Pg. 20

Is God calling me and you? Have we said that we are too old, that we are too young, that we have already done our time, that we don't have any experience, that we are too busy? The excuses are many, but the work remains. What is God calling and leading you to do? What has He equipped and gifted you for? How can those gifts and abilities be used for His glory and the expanding of His Kingdom through the power of the Gospel?

Upcoming youth activities:

July 2-8: FLY Convention

July 23-27: District Family Camp

July 23rd: The Gathering community Youth Group

August 9th: Middle School Lake Day

August 11-12: High School Lake Days

August 25-26: Mobile Pack

July Birthdays!!!

Sherwin Raile	7/1
Della Schaper	7/1
DeEtta Hetzler	7/2
Jacob Klaudt	7/3
Beverly Sorensen	7/3
Chelsie Babcock	7/4
Kynleigh Richter	7/5
Rebecah Martin	7/6
Todd Seibel	7/6
James Faut	7/7
Camey Gunsch	7/7
Paris Green	7/8
Cody Hetzler	7/8
Cavin Hottman	7/8
Shelby Goetz	7/9
Betty Unruh	7/9
Garrett Sayler	7/10
Hilary Zimmerman	7/10
Jaxon Baker	7/12
Don Buck	7/12
Lynnette Flemmer	7/13
Robert Buck	7/14
Randy Richter	7/14
Grady Fandrich	7/15
Steve Bauer	7/16
Tristen Bauer	7/16
Vance Giese	7/16
Regan Hoffner	7/16
Stephanie Hottman	7/16
Jerry Reichenberg	7/16
Jared Klaudt	7/17
Cory Alt	7/18
Grace Sperry	7/19
Hanah Brandt	7/20
Dale Reinhardt	7/20
Serena Schmit	7/21
Annelise Klein	7/22
Jennifer Seibel	7/22
Jacob Barbot	7/25
Hella Menge	7/25
Ellen Renner	7/25
Broderick Mohl	7/27
Jason Ulland	7/28
Trey Brandt	7/29
Bob Ferebee	7/29
Ron Gunsch	7/31
Kim Pacht	7/31



Beulah Community

Worship Service

Sunday, July 16 @ 10:00 at Beulah High School. There will be NO Worship service at POP that day!



At Prince of Peace on August 26. Get your packing teams ready and your fundraising rolling!!!!



Remember to keep our POP mission teams in your prayers – India (Pastor Kent, Rachel Sperry, Dalton Zeiszler, Marvin Sigman and Torie Hafner) and – Alaska (Lacey Wenning)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

Our summer lifestyles, for most of us, take on a change from the things we typically do during the rest of the year. It seems our structure is more relaxed as we enjoy the freedoms that are offered during the season of summer. One thing we should not neglect is our weekly worship. I know some vacationers, and some of the weekend lake people go to church in other areas and are involved with small group bible study on Sunday morning in their cabin areas. I also believe the Sunday campground small group bible study is a good way to be a resource for outreach to others who may not come to church.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

On vacation

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: Our four volunteer leaders did an excellent job finishing up the years lessons! It was sad to say goodbye to some of our students who moved away and to Hunter who is going off to college, but we had a wonderful year.

Youth Group: Our final weeks of youth group were fruitful as we discussed the areas of labor and community. We had lots of good discussions, questions, and interaction on these topics.

Relational Ministry: This past month included attending the state track meet, baccalaureate, graduations, graduation parties, youth suppers, and attending a senior career presentation at the school.

Other Ministry: I have been involved with local ministerial things, FLY Beyond planning meeting, FLY preparations, Sermon prep, community youth group planning, website updating, and promoting the mobilepack.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 41,891.25
Building Fund	\$ 32,880.83
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 344.52
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,139.14
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ -13.00
Intern Fund	\$ 29,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 112,270.14

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance \$ 184,940.02

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Didn't meet this month but want to consider that Pastor Sperry will be gone July 23 and 30. Justo Pillman will be here on July 30 and will preach. The Deacons are looking for someone to preach July 23.

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

Talk to electrician about wiring the bell remote. The Church office would be the first choice for the bell remote. The church entrance way foyer would be the second choice for the remote location.

Money counter still needed to replace Jim Schumaier. We need 2 people and it will be put into the bulletin.

Church items brought back from Jim Schumaier garage – need to decide what to do with them. Some wood and shelving still remains.

New janitor hired - Renae Mozga

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

End of year SS brunch - Rebekah will set out rolls in pans on Sat night. 9 per pan. Angie and Rebekah will come to church at 6 am to bake rolls. Jordan will send out reminder for parents of FLY kids to bring an egg bake. FLY kids and Board of Ed will be serving.

VBS - Bronson's kiosk will not put up VBS ads. We will give suggested amount to AFLBS of \$1,100 donation. We will buy tickets to Medora Musical and fondue with one night stay for a hotel. Kelsey will put together a letter to parents about the offering going to FMSC mobile pack. Same schedule as past years - 6-8:30. Jordan made on-line registration this year. Erika Ochsner will take pictures. Kelsey putting together snack donation list. Angie taking care of decorations. Angie is doing the meal for the team on Sunday evening. We will be encouraging kids to bring a friend with them. They will receive a candy bar if they bring a friend. Rebekah taking care of crafts. We will be using a Bible for each kid with one of the crafts. We have a Thrivent Card for this.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Medical Equipment – Still looking into this.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Church Service – Will be held on Sunday, July 16. We will not have our regular services at POP and encourage everyone to participate in the Community Service.

Tithe – Our Tithe was split: \$1,753.56 to AFLC World Missions and \$1,173.55 to Rachel & Pastor Sperry for the India Mission Trip.

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ALSO – if you have not submitted a family photo, or would like to update your family photo – Please just email the photo to me. It is so ez to take care of. I just need your help in getting the photo ☺