



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

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## Pastor Kent

*"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*

(Matthew 6:5-6 ESV)

Our natural desire is to be seen. Our natural desire is to be recognized. And this desire expresses itself in many ways.

When we serve, we want to be noticed. When we give, we want to be seen. We want others to give us the pat on the back of which we feel deserving.

The desire to be appreciated is perfectly normal. No one wants to be taken for granted. But the attitude I'm discussing goes beyond this. It's the

need to be well thought of. It's the desire to stand out from the crowd. It's the longing to be applauded for our efforts.

This desire even finds its way into our prayer life. When we pray, our concern is not so much what we're saying to God. Our concern is that we be heard. Our concern is how our prayer sounds to others. Our desire is that others come away believing that we are super-spiritual and a person of great faith.

Jesus, in the above passage, warns us against this. In fact, he refers to this attitude as hypocritical. And that's exactly what it is. It's a performance being delivered. It's a mask being worn to present something other than the truth.

If we desire to be seen, that will be our reward. If we desire to be seen, people will see us. They will see us and, perhaps, give us an at-a-boy. But this is all we'll receive.

Our focus, as we pray, is to be upon the Lord. We should long only to be heard by him. This is why Jesus encourages us to pray in secret. We're to do so knowing that God, who hears in secret, will reward us.

This statement of Jesus does not forbid public prayer or group prayer. This practice is both demonstrated and encouraged throughout Scripture. It's an attitude of the heart that's being addressed. We must not waste our time seeking the applause of men. We must, instead, use it to seek God.



**Lenten services will continue at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings through Lent. Easter Sunday is April 1<sup>st</sup> with a 6am Sunrise service, Youth serving breakfast and a 9am Service.**

## **Library news...**

Keep an eye out for overdue or missing Prince of Peace library books & movies while doing your spring cleaning!!! (So others may also enjoy them besides the dust bunnies)



## **Sunday School Corner**

March is here! My how times flies when you are having fun. Sunday school is going great and we are so excited about how much our youth are learning.

Prince of Peace will once again hold an Easter Event on March 31st at 10:30. The event will consists of the Easter Story, cookie decorating, crafts, and of course an egg hunt. Last year the event was attended by 80+ community children and this year we are planning for 125! Cheri Sperry is coordinating this event with the help of Christian Ed. In order for the event to be a success we are looking for donation of Easter candy or small Easter prizes (tops, erasers, stamps, etc.) **individually wrapped** to fill eggs with. We will also need frosting and cookie decorating items. If you are interested in donating, please talk to Cheri or there is a tote in the back of the church for candy donations.

Prince of Peace Sunday school kids have been blessed with the opportunity to go the Knife River Care Center to see and share their faith with the residents. The flu season has closed the nursing home to outside visiting groups of kids and we will reschedule. However, with only two Sundays of Sunday School in March and one of them Palm Sunday we are going to reschedule for April. Please watch the announcements and emails and we will let you know when we plan to go.

### **Here a few dates so mark your calendars!**

March 18th-No Sunday School, Spring Break  
March 31st at 10:30-Easter Egg Event  
April 1st-Easter Sunday, Easter Breakfast and no Sunday School.



### Hearing Assistance Available

We have 6 “over the ear” headphone packs available for those that need hearing assistance during any of our worship services.

For those of you with hearing aids that pick up T-Coil signals – please contact the sound booth person because they can help you get your hearing aids connected with our sound system! No headphones needed. We want you to be able to hear the things that are going on here!!!



### 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](mailto:lee@beu.midco.net) or Darcee at [Churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org](mailto:Churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org)

### Ushers for March

**3-4-2018:** Marvin Bauer, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Garrett Placke, Vern Boehm

**3-11-2018:** Robin Richter, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

**3-18-2018:** Marvin & Janice Sigman, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienies

**3-25-2018:** Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Blake Martin, Rebeca Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer

### Fellowship service for March

**3-4-2018:** Vern & Karla Boehm, Dan & Serena Schmit, Bill & Nancy Swanson

**3-11-2018:** Perry & Deb Saylor, Lynell Renner, Willis & Deb Kasanke

**3-18-2018:** Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis, Eric & Kelsie Timmer

**3-25-2018:** Garrett & Michelle Placke, Scott & Heather Funk, James & Angie Faut



### Community Meal

March Community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, March 10 from 11am to 1pm. Please join us for the meal or stop in to help! It is a great opportunity to serve your community and your church.

### 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 March 11, 18, & 25 and April 1, 8, 15, & 22.

**Radio Broadcast update:** Prince of Peace received an email from a man in Arizona who says that he frequently listens to our broadcast online and appreciates hearing the Word of God! This is a wonderful example of how far our radio broadcast ministry reaches! Please consider sponsoring a radio broadcast today – who knows how many people will hear God’s Word speak to them through the radio broadcast? 😊



### Men’s Breakfast/BibleStudy

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, March 17 @ 7:00am. We are studying the life of Abraham. Join us!

## 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 and on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings.

## Worship Attendance

01-07 - 158  
01-14 - 148  
01-21 - 157  
01-28 - 160  
02-04 - 142  
02-11 - 161  
02-14 - 57 Ash Wednesday  
02-18 - 129



This spot will remain empty for now.

Be in prayer for our new Youth Director!

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at [churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org](mailto: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

## March Birthdays!!!

Bentley Lenzen	3/2
Terry Ochsner	3/2
Austin Babcock	3/6
Chris Palmer	3/7
Darlene Schaper	3/7
Wes Gunsch	3/8
Lakin Boehm-Green	3/9
Marlys Reichenberg	3/10
Esther Fleisher	3/12
Bradley Gunsch	3/12
Macy Bieri	3/13
Miranda Bieri	3/13
Sharon Davis	3/13
Mary Ochsner	3/13
Heidi Zimmerman	3/14
Jordan Langness	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
Ashley Feist	3/22
Cindy Peterson	3/22
Nikki Martin	3/23
Brandi Richter	3/23
Nicole Buchmann	3/24
Kendra Finck	3/24
Ashley Olsen	3/24
Carley Haugen	3/25
Nessa Iverson	3/25
Jared Seibel	3/25
Shelley Giese	3/28
Janet Morast	3/28
Joshua Riegel	3/28
Lawrence Taylor	3/28
Kayla Fandrich	3/30
Hunter Keller	3/30
Kynlie Plienies	3/30
Dawn Reinhardt	3/31



## Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

### It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



I will be glad to help you put the directory app on your smart phone if you are having trouble! 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 ☺

Please check out the directory to see if any of your family information needs to be updated and **you are welcome to send me an updated family photo!** The directory updates every time you open it on your device.

**Hard copies of the directory are available– just let me know in the office!**

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I spent a good amount of time making contacts on behalf of the Youth Director Search Committee.

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

Our Wednesday night Bible study, looking at the Mormon faith, finished last week. We took one Wednesday off before the start of Lent.

Led the study at our January men's breakfast, looking at the fact that Abraham was a man of weakness. Although he had a great promise from

God, he and his wife tried to fulfill that promise on their own. We can often hold the same mindset, trying to fulfill God's promises for him.

Let worship at Senior Suites.

### Upcoming:

Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tom and I will rotate between our congregations on Wednesday nights to share a series of messages, titled: Contrasts of the Cross.

As I announced, we will not be getting an intern in 2018. There were too few students and too many churches asking for an intern. They did guarantee us that we'll get one in 2019.

### Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 41,750.88
Building Fund	\$ 42,461.22
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 426.04
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,061.85
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 87.00
Intern Fund	\$ 36,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 128,962.45

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 154,265.43

### Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Pastor Don Richman, an AFLC pastor who serves on the board of Lutherans for Life, has agreed to lead our spring spiritual life meetings the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday through Wednesday.

Youth Director Search – The search committee has invited a candidate to come up and interview February 24-25. His name is Seth Larson. He is from Morris Illinois and will graduate from AFLBS this spring. The personnel committee has also met to discuss a compensation package as well as a job description.

Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tom will be with us on two Wednesdays during Lent, and Pastor Sperry will be with his congregations on those same dates. We'll be preaching a series titled: The Contradiction of the Cross.

Nursing Mothers Quiet Room. There has been interest expressed in setting up a separate room for nursing mothers that will be quieter and have more privacy than the children's nursery playroom. It

would have several glider rockers, a changing table, and a speaker for listening to the service. This could be accomplished fairly easy in one of the unused smaller Sunday school rooms by the library. This will be brought to the full council for a decision.

The Covenant Eyes Program is up and running on the Church computers. Pastor and Darcee are working to oversee this now. Jordan had been managing it before. Kevin gets weekly reports on the computer usage.

**Trustee’s Report – Randy Schneider**

-Handicap door now works  
 -Still working on furnace quotes, would like to have before summer

**Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt**

**Sunday School:** We are still needing some posters and the Pre & K story book. Brandi is soon due to have her baby and has Cassie Plienis to take over her class when the time comes. Chery Gegelman is teaching the HS class through Feb. Heather Brandt is our back-up teacher if we cannot find another to take over after Chery. Feb 18 we are going to the nursing home. We need to inform parents that if kids are sick they cannot go.

**Christmas program** - We pulled it off!! Shadow play went very well and was well received.

**VBS** - Dates are not confirmed yet. We asked for 1st week or 3rd week of June.

**Easter Event** - We decided on March 31st as long as that works for Cheri Sperry. Michelle will ask Margaret if she would be willing to bake cookies again. Angie will get a Thrivent card to help with costs. We will have Darcee put in the bulletin beginning about mid-February asking for donations of candy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Easter Breakfast** will be handled by Deb Sayler and Jim Wenning

**Church insurance Policy** was reviewed. Building value and medical were raised along with adding sewer and including the shed. New annual premium is \$12,487.

**Valentines Banquet** - Les Buchman reviewed their plans

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Youth Director Interview** – Del Schnaidt emailed salary package information. Title was decided on Youth Director not Youth Worker. Job description was reviewed.

**Nursing Mothers Quiet Room Request** - Del found a speaker online to order for \$121, they will use an unused Sunday School room. They will need some chairs and possibly a changing table.

**Youth Committee** - Personnel Committee recommended the Youth Committee be formed again and suggested Council come up with some names to be suggested to the nominating committee to call.

**Water pipes** - discussed that it is possible they could freeze and a brief discussion was had on the possibility of rerouting them and the amount of insulation around them.

**Tithe** – Our Tithe of \$3,156.06 will be given to the AFLC General Fund.

**2018 Council positions**

<b>President</b>	Delton Schnaidt (2018)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margie Lee (2018)
<b>Secretary</b>	Deb Sayler (2018)
<b>Deacons</b>	Don Buck (2018) Riley Schriefer (2019) Kevin Lee (2020) Garrett Sayler (2020)
<b>Trustees</b>	Bill Keller III (2018) Randy Schneider (2019) Joe Barbot (2019) Les Buchmann (2020)
<b>Christian Education</b>	Rebecah Martin (2018) Michelle Klaudt (2019) Kelsey Timmer (2019) Angie Wanzek (2020)