

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

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Pastor Kent

*"He who testifies to these things says,
"Surely I am coming soon." Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus!"
(Revelation 22:20 ESV)*

The season of Advent is now upon us. And, as most of you know, it's a season of anticipation, as we look forward to our celebration of Christ's birth. But, at the same time, it's a season of expectation as we await his return.

Throughout the Old Testament, God had spoken to his people of the coming Savior. And these promises caused them to live in anticipation. They lived from day to day, watching and hoping for the Savior's arrival.

We see this with the ministry of John the Baptist, and also as the ministry of Jesus took shape. We see that the people were questioning if this was it. They wondered, initially, if John was the Christ (something that he dismissed). They also

wondered, rightfully so, if Jesus was the promised Savior.

For us, the coming of the Savior is something that happened in the past. It's this that we celebrate at Christmas. We remember the Son of God, conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, who was born into the world.

We remember that he was born into this world that he might save us from our sin. He came that he might give his life on the cross on our behalf. He came that, through faith in him, we might receive the blessing of life everlasting.

And here's where our season of anticipation comes in. Although Jesus has come, we know that he's coming again. We see this in the above verse. So, like the Israelites of the past, we live lives of watchful anticipation, longing for his arrival.

We long for his arrival because, even though the end will be a dreadful time, it means deliverance from this world of sin and death. It means the final judgment, when the people of God will be

separated from those who are condemned. And it means that we'll be transformed so that sin and its consequences will become a thing of the past.

Even though most of us like our lives in this world, for the most part, and are reluctant to leave them behind, this is something worth anticipating. It's worth our hopeful expectation. As the old spiritual declares: "Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!"



December 24 @ 4:30PM!!!



A polite reminder - those who use the kitchen are responsible for washing the dishcloths and towels and returning them to the drawers! (this includes fellowship!)



The food packed at our August 2018 FMSC event was delivered to one or all four of the following: Tanzania, Honduras, Nicaragua or Kenya!



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.

The WMF Coffee House will meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 1st. We will have a short business meeting. We will finish up our 2018 WMF Bible Study, "On Him We Set Our Hope" by Joyce Erickson. We are on lesson 11, **Hope Realized: When Hope Becomes Sight**. We will have copies of the lesson for you if you do not have a book. And we will be serving our specialty coffees and Italian sodas with the Christmas treats that our brought to share. You are invited to bring a sample of your Christmas baking if you like. (**Not required!**) There will **NOT be Bible Study on December 17** at 10:30 and 6:30.

1. The business meeting will consist of the selection/election of a couple of officers: President and Secretary, and we also are with out a Vice President.
2. We are ordering the books for the new 2019 WMF Bible Study, **GOD'S SERVANTS TEACH US LIFE LESSONS**, Beverly Enderlein. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary under the cry room window. They are \$12.00. We order extra so you won't be without a book if you don't get signed up.
3. We will look at the outreach project we are hoping to put together in January.
4. We will enjoy good fellowship and food and finding out more about the **hope we have in Jesus**.

Merry Christmas, Judy Tolosky



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 December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 and January 6, 13, 20, & 27. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



Youth

Seeing past the flame

Some of the best advice that I got when I came here was from a friend that is a pastor and had gotten his start in ministry in youth ministry. He told me, "Just take it one day at a time, because any more than that and your brain will implode right after your calendar does." I have no doubt that he was speaking from experience, and I now know what he means. It's times that I feel like this that I turn (or God turns me) to scripture for life and encouragement.

Lately I have been looking at 1 Corinthians and how Paul talked to and mentored the people from Corinth. Gently but firmly holding their hand through their infancy with Christ. I find a particularly high amount of encouragement in 1 Corinthians 3:13. Paul writes, *"13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."*

Now I know what you might be thinking, "...that was the most un-encouraging verse ever, I can't see anything let alone encouragement through all that "Fire". I know you may be saying that because that's exactly what Darcee said :). But that's now how I look at it.

In this life, we all have our own "fires". Whether that is a rough job, a hard homelife,

hurtful family, or just too much going on at once, it all can seem like a fire when walking through it. However, if we look at the passage quoted above, yes, the fire is hard, but it is necessary. If there was no fire, how could we know the efficiency of our work? It is the fire that lets us know if we are doing what we should be for God. If my job was never long, hard, or difficult, I would just be doing the same thing every day thinking I was doing the best I could be, until something bad happened then I would have no idea what to do because I had never had to deal with "fire" before. Likewise, if I never disagreed with my wife or I never had hard times in my marriage, then we would never grow. I wouldn't know how I could better bless her as her husband or how she can be a blessing to me because there would be nothing to test us. And if anything bad or hard came along in our marriage I wouldn't know how to deal with it because I never tried or had to before.

God allows hard things to happen not only to draw us back to Him, but to let us know how we are doing, as his disciples and let the world see how he has affected and blessed us when we walk through the fire, maybe a little out of breath, but unsinged.

In his Grace,
Seth Larson



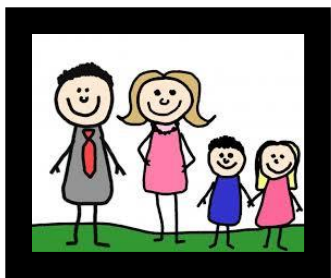
Library news...

It is getting colder – which is a fantastic time to snuggle up with a good book from our library!



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be
Saturday, December 15 @ 7:00am!



I will be updating the Prince of Peace Directory in January. Please send any updated information or current family photo to churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org

Sunday School Corner

December and the Christmas season is upon us! Glory be! The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16th at 9:00 AM, during our regular worship service. We are so excited and are beginning to prepare for our annual program. Students will need to arrive 15 minutes early Sunday the 16th in order to dress for the program. Please watch for more emails and note that may be sent home in regards to extra practices.

There will be no Sunday School December 23rd and 30th due to the Christmas season. Sunday School will resume January 6th. We are excited to finish our the school year!

Church members and our Sunday School students packed and shipped 93 OCC boxes. It is wonderful to have all of our members participate in this event. We are looking forward to shipping 94 next year!



Sunday School Christmas program is during the worship service on Sunday, December 16th!!!!

Ushers for December

12-2-2018: Mark Gerde, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

12-9-2018: Brad & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

12-16-2018: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Horning Family

12-23-2018: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Kameron Plienis, Klaudt family

12-30-2018: Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemmer, Marlene Buehner, Dean Fandrich, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel



Fellowship service for December

12-2-2018: Wenning family, Alts, Kayla Palmer

12-9-2018: Jim & Joan Schumaier, Wes & Jane Gunsch, Feist family

12-16-2018: Kevin & Margie Lee, Jason & Heidi Ulland, Wayne & Shawn Hoffner

12-23-2018: Carl & Bev Sorensen, Bernard & Judy Tolosky, Lillian Boeshans

12-30-2018: Mildred Hanks, Scott & Heather Funk, Garrett & Michelle Placke



The service lists for 2019 (Ushers, fellowship, communion prep, sound booth, worship leader etc...) will be generated during the month of December 2018. Please contact the office if you need to make changes, additions or removals ASAP!

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, on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings and live on our facebook page.

Worship

Attendance

10-21 - 154
10-28 - 177
11-04 - 142
11-11 - 134
11-18 - 164
11-11 - 42 Annual Meeting



Youth Coffee House

Sunday, December 16 during fellowship (after the Christmas Program/worship service) These funds are used to help send the youth to the FLY convention in July.



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

December Birthdays!!!

Arlo Sailer	12/3
Jacey Duttenhefner	12/4
Angie Faut	12/5
Briella Schmit	12/5
Chris Iverson	12/6
Logan Behm	12/7
Sharon Schneider	12/9
Savannah Johnson	12/11
Nick Kasanke	12/12
Brooklyn Keller	12/12
Judah Novak	12/13
Morgan Lenzen	12/15
Linda Schnaidt	12/15
Nicole Behm	12/16
Charlie Wanzek	12/16
Shane Goetz	12/17
Shaylyn Gunsch	12/17
Zachary Neuberger	12/17
Morgan Mattheis	12/18
Lynell Renner	12/19
Lisa Pederson	12/20
Aiden Green	12/22
Coleton Littig	12/22
Jeff Gemmill	12/23
Simon Novak	12/25
Holly Doe	12/26
Sandy Weigel	12/27
Haven Weltikol	12/29
Ivy Schmit	12/30
Cheri Sperry	12/30
Rebecca Alt	12/31
Deb Kasanke	12/31
Willis Kasanke	12/31

You are welcome to bring Poinsettia plants to decorate the altar during the month of December.





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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

One constant in our lives that we can count on each and every day of every season is that Jesus died for our sins....., and THAT will never change. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, He gave us a guide to live by in the Words of the Holy Bible. He serves us - that we might serve others. He serves us today, by providing for us our needs, and blesses us with gifts to share and serve others. Whether we are a new believer or a seasoned believer, He has already paid the price for us to be with Him in Heaven someday after we take our last breath in this world

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

First of all, allow me to extend my thanks for your pastor's appreciation gift. Your encouragement and support are always a blessing.

Attended staff meetings, Christian Ed meeting, & deacon's meeting.

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings, as well as our business meeting.

I had a counseling session.

Communed members of POP and the Trinity Parish at KRCC.

I've done some chaplain work for hospice.

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

I attended the district men's retreat in Epping, ND.

I will be attending meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis on November 29-December 1.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

Seth thanked us for the ministry appreciation gift given to him.

Attended AFLBS Up Close with Becca and myself Rachel Sperry and Blake and Rebecca Martin.

Started "Stump the Youth Director" on the third Sunday

Attended the Men's retreat

Upcoming Events

- All-nighter this weekend from 8-6.
- Getting all things ready for annual meeting
- Preparing for Bake sale

He is planning to attend the AFLC youth worker weekend on January 18, 2019. We will also pay for Rebecca to go along since she is helping with youth events.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 38,933.39
Building Fund	\$ 5,680.44
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 289.54
Community Meal Fund	\$ 90.91
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 87.00
Intern Fund	\$ 46,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 82,729.27

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 134,822.67

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Thoughts for spring Spiritual Life meetings continued with Pastor Nyman or Pastor Carr from Tioga brought up as possible speakers. Possible topic of Reinforcing the basics of the Christian faith, such as is taught in confirmation, and then seemingly not addressed specifically again.

Sunday School has also been going well. Last lesson was an overview of the life of Jesus from the gospel of Luke.

Our Wednesday night Bible study has worked through seven chapters of Hebrews. We are progressing quickly. When we complete Hebrews, Pastor is thinking about doing a study over the

Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus). The Deacons approved this.

The Community Thanksgiving Worship service will be held at New Life on Sunday, Nov. 18th. Our Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Wednesday, November 21st. Pastor was asked about serving communion for our Thanksgiving service. A pie social normally follows the service. The Deacons thought this would be a good idea.

Pastor Tom and Pastor Kent sent a renewed request for an intern for 2019. Pastor was told by the dean, this summer, that he would guarantee us an intern. So, Pastor is fully expecting one to be assigned to us.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

By the end of Friday, the warehouse furnace will be functioning on propane. Legend Air changed the setting on the Fellowship Hall furnace. The pedestals on the roof have been covered with flashing and sealed instead of being removed. Settings/programming for the furnaces will be given to key people. The furnaces will have Wi-Fi capabilities. We will need to do something with the insulation of the Fellowship Hall ceiling. We may need to put foamboard up to keep eventually insulation up and seal it up. We will need to check on the cost of that.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School: Off to a great start. For the upcoming Christmas program Pre & K will do a segment of their own, grades 3-5 may do a narration, and 1 & 2 we are not sure yet.

Youth Committee: Movie night at Seth's apt went well. Talking about a possible lock-in before Christmas. Went to Up Close campus days at AFLBS with Seth, Becca, Rachel Sperry, Blake Martin, and Rebecah Martin.

OLD BUSINESS

Church keyboard – we have been trying out a new keyboard and several pianists have said they liked it. We will pay the bill and keep the one that we are trying out.

NEW BUSINESS

Use of Fellowship Hall for FMSC – We decided to not have our fellowship hall available for the 2019 Mobile Pack to give our members a break

2019 budget – Approved the proposed budget.

Fellowship hall ceiling – we will need to do work to hold insulation up into the ceiling. Discussed replacing the ceiling panels, grid and new LED lights. Les Buchmann will work on some prices before the annual meeting.

Tithe –Tithe: \$1,135.34 to AFLC Evangelism, \$1,135.34 to AFLC Home Missions and \$300 to Lacey Wenning's Asia mission trip.

Correspondence

Thank you notes from AFLC Home Missions, Youth Ministries and from WARC for 20 pounds of food

2018 POP Annual meeting booklets are available in the church office!

2018 Annual meeting Highlights

Statistics Report:

Membership 11-19-2017	490
Members Received	15
Members Removed	9
Membership 11-18-2018	496
Baptisms	11
Adult Class or Transfer	4
Deaths	4
Removed by Transfer/Other	5
Members Confirmed	4

Elections:

President – 1 year term: Delton Schnaidt

Treasurer – 1 year term: Margie Lee

Secretary - 1 year term: Deb Saylor

Deacon – 3 year term: Kevin Lee

Trustee - 3 year term: Keith Peterson; 1 year term: Ryan Tolosky

Christian Ed –3 year term: Donna Bieri

Auditing Committee - 2 positions for 1 year term: Wayne Hoffner and Kim Pachl

Personnel Committee - 1 position for 1 year term: Carl Sorenson

Nominating Committee 3 positions for 1 year term: Jan Sigman, Marj Murry and Marvin Bauer

Fellowship hall insulation, LED lights, ceiling tile/grid replacement

– Del Schnaidt gave an overview of project. Cost would be approximately

\$12,000 which does not include a labor. Discussion included to have us hire someone to do the work. Discussed doing spray foam insulation as it may last longer. Need to look at all areas that need to be done including Sunday school rooms and bathrooms, so everything could be done at once. *Approved investigating further the insulation problem and come back to the congregation with more information*

President	Delton Schnaidt (2019)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2019)
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2019)
Deacons	Riley Schriefer (2019)
	Garrett Sayler (2019)
	Kevin Lee (2020)
	Don Buck (2021)
Trustees	Randy Schneider (2019)
	Les Buchmann (2020)
	Keith Peterson (2021)
	Ryan Tolosky (2021)
Christian Education	Michelle Klaudt (2019)
	Kelsey Timmer (2019)
	Angie Wanzek (2020)
	Donna Bieri (2021)

CHURCH CANCELLATION????

We have a mass texting program that we can send out an alert on your phone about church cancellations. Please send me an email or call if you want your number on that list. I did a test text on Sunday Nov 18 @ 10:40. If you did not receive that text then you are NOT on my list. In order to activate that text you must respond with a “yes” on the initial text. If you messed up and deleted that – call me and I will get you set up!

Do you have the online church directory on your smart phone? It is very EZ. Just get in touch with me in the office and I will get you set up.

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