



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

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Pastor Kent

"As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to

devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith."

(1 Timothy 1:3-4 ESV)

Although we confess the gospel of Christ, and although we claim that our task is to spread this message, we often get side-tracked. We get caught up in things that do nothing to instill God's Word within us or others. If anything, they distract us from the Lord.

We get caught up in works of fiction, penned by believers, which we believe illustrate the truth of God's Word. In fact, we get more excited about them than we do the gospel. We get caught up in speculation about politics, world events, and the end times. We invent theories about how things

will play out. And these become the things into which we invest our time and energy.

Books are written to promote these theories. "Bible studies" are taught, which focus on this speculation rather than Scripture. Classes are taught that attempt to force these ideas onto the Bible.

This is the very thing Paul was warning Timothy about in the above passage. Timothy was to allow no other doctrine to be taught, other than the one Paul had proclaimed to them. He was to ensure that the Word of God was rightly taught. And he was to command that the people not devote themselves to myths and speculation.

We can't be exactly sure what Paul is referring to. It seems, however, that they may have been looking at the genealogies in Scripture and speculating about them. Perhaps they were even inventing allegorical tales that were replacing the gospel in the minds of some.

Whatever the case, Paul was telling them that, instead of investing into these things, they were to invest their time and energy into the proclamation of the gospel. They were to invest their time and energy into the teaching of sound doctrine. They were to ensure that nothing else became the focus of their instruction.

May this also be the case with us. Let's not get caught up with every fad that takes over the Church. Let's not get swept away by the speculation offered by some. Let's keep our focus where it belongs. Let's keep our focus on the Word of God. Let's keep our focus upon Christ. As the mission statement of Prince of Peace says, let us continue to proclaim God's never-changing Word to an ever-changing world.



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!)



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 January 6, 13, 20 & 27 and February 3, 10, 17 & 24. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, January 19 @ 7:00am!



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.*

No article submitted.

Sunday School Corner

We had a wonderful Christmas Program and we are so thankful for all those who participated. Our children did a great job and were adorable while they performed. We are so glad to have so many wonderful youth who attend our church and wonderful teachers to teach them!

In November, Donna Bieri was elected to the Board of Christian Education Boards. Donna will begin slowly taking over the duties associated with Sunday School. Angie Wanzek will transition to special events associated with the board including Vacation Bible School and Operation Christmas Child. This transition will be a slow one with Angie and Donna sharing many duties between now and the end of the Sunday School Year. We are thankful for Donna's willingness to join the board.

January and February will be quiet months with no Sunday School February 17th. Please keep watching the corner for more Sunday School news to come!

Angie



Ushers for January

01-06-2019: Marvin Bauer*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Wanzek Family

01-13-2019: Robin Richter*, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

01-20-2019: Garrett Placke*, Seth Larson, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plenis

01-27-2019: Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Rebecah Martin, Blake Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer



Fellowship service for January

01-06-2019: Sodie Peabody, Shane & Amy Haugen, Bill & Nancy Swanson

01-13-2019: Eric & Kelsey Timmer, Les & Joette Buchmann, Wes & Jane Gunsch

01-20-2019: Ella Fandrich, Jay & Karen Seibel, Willis & Deb Kasanke

01-27-2019: Kenny & Michele Klein, Jim & Chris Alt, Ron & Milda Frei

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

11-21 - 57 Thx Eve

11-25 - 184

12-02 - 165

12-09 - 192

12-16 - 221 SS Prog

12-23 - 128

12-24 - 311



Library news...

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

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



Heaven's Helpers Soup Cafe

In December, a group of people, including some confirmation students, went to Bismarck to volunteer for a few shifts at the soup kitchen in Bismarck. What a fantastic experience that was! I encourage everyone to look into this and see if this is something you could do with 2 hours of your time—yourself or with a group. Check it out online or call the church office for more information.

www.soupcafe.org or call [\(701\) 751-7687](tel:7017517687)



Youth

A Clear Conscience

It's hard to find the "sweet spot" when it comes to our conscience. What I mean by that is, either we seem to find ourselves with our conscience more heavy than we think it should be and we can't seem to do anything about it, or we see that we maybe don't care enough about something we feel should really bother us and that also should be taken note of.

When I think of this problem that we seem to find ourselves in quite often, a certain passage comes to my mind (one of my favorites!). This passage is, 1 Corinthians 10:27-33. It says, *27 "If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. 28 But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice,' then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— 29 I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? 30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? 31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved."*

This passage is a two edged sword to us, as Christians. It means both that we are to respect and keep others needs before our own so that they may be pointed to Christ by our example, but it also means that we should not let "our liberties be determined by someone else's conscience" as Paul says above. It means that if we are doing something that is not a problem for us but we have been made aware that it **might** cause another to stumble, then it is our given obligation by God to go out of our way

to make sure our actions cause no one to falter. But we need to be aware to not let the conscience of others to control our behavior when they are not concerned. Paul cared for others and he cared for their souls, but there were many people whose "consciences" told Paul that his ministry was a waste of time and an abomination, but that never kept Paul from what God had given Him. Moral of the story, Love and follow God first, then care for and about His people.

In God's Grace, Youth Director Seth Larson

Calendar items:

1. The month of January- for the cheapest rate, sign up for FLY by the end of January. Remember to pay with Check and then I will take out the necessary funds from your respective account.
2. There is a all-nighter in Jamestown on the 11th-12th. For more information contact Seth Larson

January Birthdays!!!

Nancy Hafner	1/1
Blair Wiedrich	1/1
Alec Babcock	1/4
Trytin Helfrich	1/4
Kendra Ungerer	1/4
Anna Faut	1/5
Alyson Wiedrich	1/7
Kacey Klaudt	1/8
Lynn Flemmer	1/10
Delton Schnaidt	1/13
Robert Hafner	1/14
Travis Horning	1/14
Mark Gerde	1/16
Alison Schaper	1/18
Taisha Bauer	1/19
Emily Alt	1/21
Nancy Felch	1/21
Erika Ochsner	1/23
Lona Moos	1/24
William Wanzek	1/24
Joan Schumaier	1/25
Gina Feist	1/27
Gary Miller	1/30

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

As we all know it's easy to get caught up in all the activities leading up to Christmas. Most often, from my experience over the years, in many of the non-church Christmas activities, there is little or no mention of the birth of Jesus, or His life on earth. Certainly not a common subject of discussion in our culture. Have you ever had a conversation with someone or co-worker at a business or company Christmas gathering (party) where the name of Jesus was even mentioned? There was one time at a company Christmas party, I think around 2006, when I was asked to share the table prayer before our meal. I took this opportunity, empowered with microphone in front of well over 150 party people, to paraphrase some of the words from the song "Mary Did You Know," in a presentation format to try to set the Christmas mood to include Jesus in our time together that evening. There were some at the Christmas Party that thanked me for the message included with the prayer, and I felt they appreciated what I had unconventionally shared. Keep in mind this was a company Christmas party. I think I gained some appreciation from some of my coworkers, as well as some supervision, in what I shared in a short story format, from the lyrics of the song, "Mary Did You Know." In subsequent company Christmas parties following that year, I was never asked to share the opening prayer again. Can't say why, but I'm glad I took the opportunity to share what I did at that party. No regrets! The lyrics of the song share a great message filled with truth from the Holy Bible. Here is the introduction and prayer that I shared with my coworkers that evening. Feel free to use, some or all it, if you're given a similar opportunity at a Christmas party.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings & business meeting.

Participated in the Community Thanksgiving service held at New Life.

Attended our district pastor's meeting in Minot.

Conducted a worship service at KRCC.

Communed members of POP and the Trinity Parish at KRCC.

Confirmation continues to go well. The students have been well-behaved and have been participating well in our discussions. We just completed our look at the second article of the Apostles' Creed and took our first quiz.

At our Wednesday night Bible study, we just finished our study of Hebrews. We'll resume on January 9th looking at the Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus).

Sunday School is also going well. The lessons have been tying in nicely with the Advent season, preparing for our Christmas celebration.

I again led the study for our men's breakfast. We're looking at the book *Family Vocation*, by Gene Veith. This past month, we looked at the vocation of wife in marriage, as well as the vocation of sex.

I've done a fair amount of chaplain work for hospice this past month. Sadly, quite a few people were received into hospice care right around Thanksgiving.

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

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis from November 29-December 1st.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

The All-Nighter went awesome! Definitely want to do that again in the spring

Extra-long day with the middle school this past week went well

Yesterday was the high school bible studies Christmas party, had a lot of fun!

As always Middle school and high school bible studies go well. I have deviated off the map a little with both and that has born some fruit, but otherwise all is business as usual

Another youth "task force" meeting is next week on Tuesday and I am getting more involved with that

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 38,038.74
Building Fund	\$ 8,554.03

Coffee Hour Fund	\$	110.82
Community Meal Fund	\$	90.91
Intern Fund	\$	45,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$	85,119.44

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$	250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$	133,739.91

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spring Spiritual Life meetings. We will approach Pastor Kris 1st to see if he would consider this spring or next fall. If Pastor Kris doesn't opt for this spring, Pastor Kent will check with Pastor Carr from Tioga. We are interested in meetings about basics of the Christian faith, similar to what confirmation students learn.

Membership classes – Pastor has met with Jeff and Chrissy Rotondo, who would like to join our church. So far no one else has approached Pastor other than Jordan and Clancy Bauman, we will check with them to see if they would like to become members when the Rotondo's join.

A member once again gave Pastor \$500, and would like to give it anonymously to someone who could use it this holiday season. The Deacons had two families to consider. Pastor will investigate to see if a need exists.

2019 Deacon responsibilities: Usher list, Sound booth, Service leader, Technical person, and secretary. We decided to stay with our same responsibilities from last year. Riley will handle the usher list. If Don agrees, he will do the Service leader schedule again. Kevin will do secretary duties and help with the sound booth. Garrett will handle the computer and other tech savvy duties.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

Legend Air is finishing the last two furnaces. They still need to bury the ductwork in the attic. The new propane line is in place of the galvanized line. Protective Y strainers will be put on the old furnaces to protect them from the galvanized pipe. If the strainers plug up, the furnaces won't fire. Legend Air will check on these during regular maintenance. Ongoing service is included in Legend Air's price.

Discussed hoping to have regular meetings now that there are four trustees.

Marvin Sigman and Marvin Bauer insulated the attic access area in the closet where the pipes broke when frozen.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School: Going well. Brandi will cover for Anna Sayler when she has her baby. Donna brought up having memory verses for the kids. Rebecah will start teaching the 10 Commandments during the opening in Jan.

Youth Committee: Lock-in had 31 kids. Seth had Bible lessons during the beginning and a question and answer time later on. Seth would like to do this again in the spring, to have it twice yearly. We talked about previous District events and what might be a good time. Thought of possibly during off FLY years. Seth wants to put some sort of Christmas party together.

Old Business:

Christmas program - Program will be held on Dec 16. Pre & K will sing songs and do a finger play. 1&2 gr. will do a nativity scene, 3-5 gr. will read a narration from the Bible. Youth praise team will perform during the service. Dec 9 will be a full practice during the SS hour. Will announce that any SS students can perform during prelude music.

New Business:

Assign duties - Michelle (2019) - Chairman/Council, Angie (2020) - VBS, OCC, Easter event, Kelsey (2019) - Secretary, keep list of who organizes busy bags, Donna (2021) - Sunday School, write SS corner for Newsletter.

Need to work on coordinate the Bible references with the confirmation question sheets.

NEW BUSINESS

Fellowship hall/Library/Council Room ceiling – Del Schnaidt had a handout detailing the costs according to his measurements to these areas. Discussion on tearing out some of the false ceilings to repair the fallen installation. We discussed the lack of contractors that we could hire to do this job. We may do the job with volunteer help. We also discussed whether to install new lights or conversion kit. The trustees will look at these options.

We will purchase two boxes of bulbs for the kitchen lights from Border States Electric.

Staff Christmas gifts – Pastor Sperry, Seth Larson and Darcee Wenning received gift cards to Bronson's 2K Meats. Amy Haugen and Gina Feist received a gift card to Bronson's. Emily Wenning and Michael Feist received gift cards to Dairy Queen

Tithe – Tithe of \$2,559.44 was split:
 \$879.72 to AFLC Youth Ministries
 \$879.72 to AFLC Parish Education
 regular \$300 to Lacey Wenning's Asia mission trip
 \$500 special donation to Lacey Wenning.

Correspondence

Thank you notes from AFLC Evangelism and AFLC President Korhonen for financial gifts and prayers. Also received thank you note from WARC for food donated during the Northland Region Thrivent Member Network November food shelf challenge. More than 500 food items were donated so WARC received a \$500 check for their food pantry.

2019 POP Church Council

President	Delton Schnaidt (2019)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2019)
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2019)
Deacons	Riley Schrieffer (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 cell number on that list. The message actually comes from "Popfly" – just so you are aware.

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.

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.



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