

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

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### **Pastor Kent**

"...aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one." (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 ESV)

In this day and age, we all have something to say. We have something to say about absolutely everything. We have something to say about politics. We have something to say about community needs. We have something to say about tragedies that have occurred. We have something to say about others, and the way that they conduct themselves. And we want to be heard.

Not only do we have this desire to be heard, we have the means to make it happen. Not only do we have our family and friends with whom we can share our opinions. We literally plaster our lives, sentiments, and thoughts for everyone to see. We post them on Facebook. We post them on Twitter. We state our position and then argue it with

absolutely everyone. We do so with family, friends, and even complete strangers.

We also have a desire to be a somebody. We want to be known. We want to be seen and recognized for what we do. We want to be admired and viewed as a success. In fact, we want to be celebrated.

We aren't content to live our life in obscurity. We aren't satisfied to remain unknown. We're scared that our life might be viewed as insignificant or inconsequential.

However, in the above passage, Paul calls us to the opposite way of thinking. He calls us to the opposite way of life. He encourages us to live quietly. He calls on us to a peaceful and a restful existence.

It's OK to be anonymous. It's OK if we're unimportant or insignificant in the eyes of the world. In fact, it's quite peaceful when this is true of us. And this is the life to which we are called.

He calls on us, also, to mind our own affairs. Some translations tell us to mind our own business. Instead of focusing on the happenings in the lives of everyone else, we're to tend to our own

concerns and responsibilities. We're to place our focus on that which has been entrusted to us.

This doesn't restrict us from lovingly watching out for others. It doesn't forbid us to lovingly care for others. However, it does prohibit our busybody tendencies. It bars us from the gossip that flows from our nosey, meddlesome ways.

Finally, he calls us to work with our hands. Living a quiet and a peaceful life doesn't mean that we live a lazy life. We are to work hard. We're to be diligent. We're to do so that we might walk properly before others and that we might be dependent on no one.

Let us seek such a life. Let us ask God to show us the value of such a life, and to empower us in it. Let us confess to him our failure to live this life. And let us look to him for the grace and mercy we so desperately need.

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 February 3, 10, 17 & 24 and March 3, 10, 17 & 24. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



Men's Breakfast/BibleStudy

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, February 16 @ 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.

We had a good Coffee House gathering on January 12. Good fellowship and good food and took care of some business as well.

We were happy to welcome our new WMF secretary, Becca Larson. Thanks for joining the team!

Also want to thank Margie and Nancy for serving snacks and Joan for being our barista, and everyone else for pitching in where needed.

Joette Buchmann shared a devotion on "True Fasting" found in Isaiah 58. The Lord was not pleased with the way His people chose to fast. He said"...on the day of your fasting you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife...You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? ...(T)his is the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every voke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked to clothe him, and not to turn away form your own flesh and blood?" Joette said that this caused her to look at how she and her family could do as God was calling His people to do. This led her and Les to start the blessing bags as a ministry they would do to help the homeless, hungry, cold wanderer in our area of ND.

The WMF thought it would be a good idea to make some of these blessing bags. Lynell Renner used her Thrivent action card and purchased items to put in the bags. Others bought gift cards for a meal at Subway, DQ, or McDonalds. Larry Taylor donated socks. I don't know specifics, but others donated

things to put in these blessing bags as well. After Joette's devotion, a second cup of coffee and another muffin or cookie we were able to fill 17 bags with a winter hat, socks and gloves, hand and feet warmers, a bottle of water, a tooth brush, granola bars, gum, chap stick and other small items. We also put in the gift cards and a card with a scripture verse to encourage the receiver.

We had a lively discussion about the soup kitchen down in Bismarck that is very active. We talked about the homeless and hungry near us of whom we aren't even aware. I personally want to thank Joette and Lynell for all the work they did in getting this project together for us. Rereading Isaiah 58 as I am typing this was a blessing to me again. There is a promise to those who fulfill God's command and fast as God chooses: verse 8 says, "Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteous One will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard." Please read the whole chapter yourself. It is only 14 verses long and it's God's word! Be blessed!

The offering we collected will be divided between getting a few more bags together and helping with furnishing the girls dorms at AFLBS.

Our next WMF Coffee House meeting will be in the POP library with Heidi Ulland catching us up on what is new and exciting for us to read or watch. Don't have a specific date for that yet but you will be informed asap.

Other new business that was mentioned was a spring Mission fundraiser and a Mother/daughter event. Anyone interested in planning /hosting these events.

We will be on Lesson 2 of the WMF Bible study: "RUTH--The Romance of Redemption". We meet on Monday February 18 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

We received a couple of thank-you notes. From Cody, Kendra and Thea Ungerer: "Thank you so much for the beautiful baptism picture frame! Thea is blessed to be surrounded by so many loving and

supportive people! Thank you for thinking of us and praying for our little Thea!"; From Amy J. Gross Executive director of Bismarck Cancer Center: Thank you so much for the beautiful hats! What a blessing to so many people!

With love from my Savior and me, Judy Tolosky VP PS We may have someone to coordinate a spring rally!



Brunch

### **Sunday School Corner**

We hope everyone is staying warm with these frigid temperature! Sunday School continues to move forward in our Sunday School year. There are a few dates of importance to bring attention to everyone.

February 20th-No Sunday School March 17th-No Sunday School April 7th-PreK-5th Grade students travel to Knife River Care Center April 21st-No Sunday School, Easter Sunday May 5th-No Sunday School, Confirmation Sunday May 19th-Last day of Sunday School with

Please keep these days in mind as you mark your calendars over the next few months.

The Board of Christian Ed has also begun planning for Vacation Bible School. As always we want all of our young kids signed up to attend, but we also need help. Once again we are looking for help in the classrooms, decorating, crafts, and snack help. If any individual, adult or youth, who would like to please contact Angela Wanzek.



We are looking for someone to be the First choice Clinic West voice for our congregation. Please call the office if you

would like to be that person!

### **Ushers for February**

**02-03-2019:** Marvin Bauer\*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Wanzek family

**02-10-2019:** Robin Richter\*, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei **02-17-2019:** Garrett Placke\*, Seth Larson, Gary &

Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis

**02-24-2019:** Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Rebecah Martin, Blake Martin, Riley & Cheyenne

Schriefer



### Fellowship service for <u>February</u>

**02-03-2019:** Joe & Nancy Wright, Bernard & Judy Tolosky, Kameron and Cassie Plienis

**02-10-2019:** Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Jeremy &

Heather Brandt, Wayne & Shawn Hoffner **02-17-2019:** Kayla Palmer, Jim & Darcee

Wenning, Bill & Kris Keller

**02-24-2019:** Joe & Twyla Barbot, Gary & Susan

Miller, Betty Hausauer

### 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**

12-16 - 221 SS Prog

12-23 - 128

12-24 - 311

12-30 - 113

01-06 - 153

01-13 - 158

01-20 - 145



### 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 <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 873-5650

### **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. We will also send an email and put it on FB. If you want to be on a call only list – contact the office.

Lacey Wenning would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support, prayerfully and financially! If you would like her newsletter, contact the office.



Recently, I have started to notice a pattern in the Church. Many people don't know their job. Now I'm not talking about what occupation someone has or the way that they make money, no I'm talking about what job we have in not only our local congregation but in God's Church as a whole. What's our *vocation* so to speak, what did God give us the gifts to do in our mission field and in our congregations?

I was reading in the book of 1 Corinthians (one of my favorites) and I re-read something in a very different way than I ever had. I was reading verses 4 through 11 of chapter 12. It says, "4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."

When I was re-reading this recently I noticed something that I had never noticed before. This passage mentions a lot about who gets what gift of the spirit and what those gifts are, but almost as much as it talks about that, it mentions repeatedly

that who God is and how He works. Now, why would it repeat this so much? We already know who God is and what He does and that He does it perfectly. I think the bible does this to remind us two things.

- 1. That no gift is better than another because they all come from the same grace of God that made us all equal under Him. So no person or their spiritual gift or how they use it is any better or more Holy than anyone else.
- 2. That we can only use these gifts to do the jobs that God wished us to do through Him. The same Spirit empowers us all with these gifts to do our jobs that will benefit God's kingdom as He wills.

There are many many gifts that God gives us during our time on this earth, it is our job to follow Him and allow Him to show us what is the best way for our God-given gifts to be used for His glory

In God's Mercy, Youth Director Seth Larson

#### Calendar items:

February 14th- Early dismissal Middle School Youth Group starts at 12:45! February 17th-18th - District ski trip at Bottineau Ski Resort February 24th- Youth Worship team performance

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.

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











### February Birthdays!!!

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<b>Edith Fandrich</b>	2/1
<b>Keith Peterson</b>	2/1
<b>Connie Schaper</b>	2/1
<b>Kelly Neuberger</b>	2/3
Beth Zimmerman	$\frac{2}{6}$
<b>Lillian Boeshans</b>	2/7
Janet Iverson	2/7
Noah Bieri	2/8
Mark Schneider	2/8
Hailey Palmer	2/9
<b>Kelsey Timmer</b>	2/9
Marvin Sigman	2/10
Chris Alt	2/11
Jim Schmit	2/12
Nancy Swanson	2/16
Ryker Tolosky	2/16
<b>Stephanie Miller</b>	2/19
Maria Hausauer	2/22
<b>Larry Schramm</b>	2/22
Marie Kemmet	2/25
Gabriel Novak	2/25
Heidi Ulland	2/26
Billie Jo Weltikol	2/26
Leeta Olin	2/27
<b>Eugene Hausauer</b>	2/28
<b>Gordon Hoffner</b>	2/28
<b>Rachel Horning</b>	2/28
<b>Everett Olsen</b>	2/28
Willie Schaper	2/28
Jim Schumaier	2/28

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

I would like to thank you for the generous Christmas gift provided to my family. As always, we appreciate your generosity as we serve both the Lord and you.

Attended our district pastor's meeting in Killdeer.

Our confirmation students took their first quiz over the first and second articles of the Apostles' Creed. It did not go well, as most of them admitted that they did not study. We are the midst of retakes. We have also been discussing the third article of the Creed.

At our Wednesday night Bible study, we just began our look at the Pastoral Epistles, digging into the book of 1 Timothy.

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 crosses of marriage (opportunities to sacrificially serve your spouse) and parenthood.

Our district pastors continue to look at the possibility of a church plant in Killdeer. We will be scheduling a public event to gauge interest on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We've been asked to pray about this, and to consider what we might be willing to contribute if this plant gets going.

At our family camp, this summer, we've been asked to provide Tuesday breakfast and dinner (noon).

I will be attending meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Thief River Falls, MN on February 14-16.

#### Youth Director's Report - Seth Larson

- Prepping for FLY amidst other events in the ALFC
- Continue attendance at School Events (FCA and the Youth Task Force at the High School)
- Sign Up for FLY is the end of this month so signing everyone up/working on transportation/finding Chaperones. Looking at options for transportation.
- Jamestown all-nighter tomorrow night
- Youth Worker Weekend is in two weeks (18th-20th)
- District Ski trip coming up in February (February 17th-18th)
  - Vehicles for ski trip
- Middle school and High School go well as well!

Seth expressed his thanks for the Christmas gifts.

### <u>Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u>

General Fund	\$ 41,810.43
Building Fund	\$ 9,952.98
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 15.63
Intern Fund	\$ 47,297.37

Total Bank Acct 95.315.61

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance \$ 132,669.63

#### Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

Pastor Kris is unable to come for meetings in 2019. Pastor contacted Pastor Carr, from Tioga, and it looks like he can lead our spring spiritual life meetings (probably the last week in February). Jeff and Chrissy Rotondo will be received as members this Sunday. Pastor was contacted by Clancy Bauman and will be meeting with her and Jordan to go over membership next week. Lent begins at the beginning of March. We will invite Pastor Tom to take part in a rotation again this year. Seth will be invited to take part as well. Families with youth will serve meals, prior to worship, for a free will donation. Funds raised will go to their youth accounts for FLY and retreats. We will review the usher duty list at next meeting.

### <u>Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann</u>

Legend Air reported that there is no ducting in the bathrooms across from the nursery. They will connect the duct work. The propane tanks have been filled. We have used a good portion of the contracted propane saving us 10 cents per gallon. For the 2018-19 hearing season we have used 1200 gallons compared to using 6000 gallons for last year's heating season

#### <u>Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt</u>

No meeting in December

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Right Now Media - Darcee Wenning provided a breakdown of the hours it's used. We calculated costs at about \$10 per hour of use right now. We voted that if the usage doesn't increase to 35% by May, we discontinue the subscription. Riley Schreifer will make an announcement in church and put information in the bulletin.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Update list of Church Key Holders – We noted those that should return their keys and Del Schnaidt will collect them.

TV in Fellowship Room -Del Schnaidt, Kevin Lee and Garrett Sayler will work on this project to get it set up to help with overflow broadcasts.

Painting in Sanctuary - Approved Gina Feist and Darcee Wenning painting of "He leadeth me" in the sanctuary on the wall above the chairs where the video camera is located.

**Tithe** –Tithe of \$3,309.50 will be split: \$300 Lacey Wenning Mission Trip, \$1,000 to FLAPS and \$2,009.50 to Home Missions.

#### Correspondence

Thank you notes from WARC for food, Darcee Wenning for Christmas gifts, Samaritan's Purse for donations to Operation Christmas Child, AFLC President for financial gifts and prayers and The Raan family for financially making it possible for them to stay in the mission field.

### **2019 POP Church Council**

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)



#### **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

## Why We Are Who We Are

Our Spiritual Life Meetings, beginning February 24th, will take us back to the basics. We'll look at some of the basic and fundamental truths that make us Christian as well as Lutheran. Our speaker is Pastor Rich Carr, who currently serves in Tioga, ND

Sunday Worship: Who is God?

Adult Sunday School: How has God revealed His nature to us?

**Sunday Evening**: The Best way to Know God **Monday Evening**: The Mystery of the Trinity **Tuesday Evening**: Should Infants be Baptized?

Wednesday Evening: The Body and Blood of Jesus

Our evening meetings will be informal and held in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm with snacks and beverages.

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