



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

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Pastor Kent

"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

(Acts 2:37-38 ESV)

The season of Lent, in the church, begins on Ash Wednesday. However, for some, it is preceded by another celebration. It's preceded by Fat Tuesday.

Fat Tuesday is also known as Mardis Gras Day, or Shrove Day. The idea is that, on Fat Tuesday, you can eat as much as you want of anything that you want before you begin your Lenten fast.

The biggest celebration of Fat Tuesday is in New Orleans on Bourbon Street. And it's a day of more than just eating whatever you want. It's a big

drunken party where sin and decadence are enjoyed and celebrated.

I find this interesting. In short, the mentality is that we can enjoy our sin today before we give it up tomorrow. We can enjoy our sin now because God will forgive us tomorrow.

Most of us don't go to this extreme. However, a similar attitude is often found in our heart. We often give in to sin, knowingly and willingly. And we excuse our behavior with the fact that God will forgive us.

While it's true that God will forgive us of our sin, this attitude, this mindset, completely contradicts the gospel. When we come to faith in Christ, we are called to repentance. We are called to turn from our sin and to seek God's mercy.

We see this in the above passage. After hearing Peter proclaim the Word to them, the people asked what they should do. He, then, told them to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sin.

We are called to repent, we are called to turn from our sin, because God is saving us from sin. And, if he's saving us from sin, we cannot remain in it. We cannot continue to be willfully enslaved to sin and, at the same time, be saved from it.

I'm not suggesting that we can live a life free of sin. However, from our repentance flows a hatred of our sin. From our repentance flows a desire to turn from our sin and to live for the Lord.

A repentant spirit is not something that we can turn off for a moment of "fun." We must not gladly sin, reassuring ourselves that we'll repent tomorrow. Repentance is a crucial aspect of our faith and salvation.

REQUEST TO CONGREGATIONS FROM THE AFLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The AFLC home office Nominating Committee has a request from the area AFLC congregations, including Prince of Peace. Please note, the request is made for **LAY** people and also for **PASTORS**. The request is primarily made for LAY people who are willing to be involved on various committees. We have 2 people from our congregation who are already involved. Pastor Kent is active on the World Missions Committee and Kevin Lee is the Director of the AFLC FLAPS committee. The FLAPS committee provides aviation services to the various AFLC ministries in the USA. Ron Jorgenson, whom we all know, is active on the Home Missions Committee.

Nancy Rice, who is a member of the AFLC Nominating Board has included her contact information below if there are questions you may have.

***We are in need of Nominees for the following **LAY** positions:

- 1) 5 year term Lay Member for the World Missions Committee;
- 2) 5 year term Lay Member for the Home Missions Committee;
- 3) 5 year term Lay Member for the ARC Board.

***We are in need of Nominees for the following **PASTOR** positions:

- 1) 3 year term Pastor for Bay Broadcasting Corporation;

- 2) 5 year term Pastor for Coordinating Committee;
- 3) 5 year term Pastor for Board of Publication & Parish Ed.

Corporation Members and Resolution Committee nominees are also needed. Would you please prayerfully consider the people in your congregation(s) and see if any would be willing to serve in these positions? I would appreciate if you could reply to me as soon as possible.

Thank you. In Christ,
Nancy Rice, Nominating committee member
Emmanuel Free Lutheran Church - Williston
701-580-9135 nkrice09@gmail.com



Ash Wednesday is March 6 with our evening service at 7:00!

Lent Series

During our Wednesday night Lenten services, we'll hear a series of messages titled: The Passion. We'll be looking at some of the events that took place surrounding the last week of Jesus' life, particularly his arrest, suffering, and crucifixion, and what it means for us. Pastor Tom will be with us, and bring the message, for one of the services. Seth will bring the message for two of our services. Pastor Kent will share for three of the services. Please plan to join us as we remember Jesus, and what he's done for us.



Lent Meals

Our youth have signed up to

serve meals before our Lenten services. Dinner is at 6 and it is a free will donation. Please join us for good food and fellowship each Wednesday of the Lenten season.

First Choice/Women's Care Clinic is hosting its annual Largest Baby shower. POP is participating during the entire month of March. There will be a playpen set up at the back of the Sanctuary!



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.

Here we are into March already. I still haven't made any New Year Resolutions. I want to be spending more time in God's word than I did last year. Maybe that's a good thing to resolve to do. I missed that in 2018.



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 March 3, 10, 17 & 24 and April 7, 14, 21 & 28. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, March 16 @ 7:00am!

I've been attending the adult SS class. It is so interesting and convicting. Makes me think about my relationship with the Lord. Going through 1st Timothy verse by verse in the Wednesday night Bible study is really eye-opening for me. Our WMF Bible Study, *God's Servants Teach Us Life Lessons*, is looking at old familiar stories of some of God's most faithful servants, and God's perfect example of faithfulness. When I go over these lessons, I am amazed at how this faithfulness is displayed in these individuals' day to day lives. We looked at the story of Ruth again. Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi suffered losses and hardships, but Ruth's dedication to Naomi and Naomi's God in these hard times is inspiring. Naomi was bitter, but that didn't discourage Ruth. She just did everything she needed to do to care for her. In spite of the losses and struggles just to eat, Ruth maintained a gentle, caring, kind, and obedient spirit. She was redeemed and rewarded.

Our WMF Bible Study in March will be lesson 3, *The Woman at the Well///Jesus Satisfies Completely and Forever*. We will

meet on Monday March 18 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Come join us. We have extra books.

Very excited to announce our Spring Missionary fundraiser: **LACEY'S MISSION MARKET** which will be held on **MAY 11!!!** We will be having a "flea type" market with items for sale. We want things that can be touched up or up-cycled. We are asking for volunteers to get these items ready to sell. We are also taking donations such as books, purses, jewelry, scarves, toys and newly crocheted or knitted items. **(no clothing, TVs, sofas, and such)** We will have a Café and Bake shop. Work days have been scheduled: Tuesdays 1pm-4 in March on the 5,12,19, 23. Saturdays 9am-4 in March on the 9, 23; Tuesdays 1pm-4 in April on the 2, 9,16, 23,30. Saturday 9am-4 in April on the 13. **For more info please contact Gina at 701-891-9006 or Judy at 701-870-2131.**

The upcoming WMF Spring Rally will be April 27, in New Leipzig.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Tolosky (vp)

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.



Sunday School Corner

We have 13 weeks until the last day of Sunday School and Graduation recognition. It doesn't seem possible that it is that close already esp. when we look out the window.

Here is the March schedule

March 3- Sunday School

March 10- Sunday School

March 17-No Sunday School, spring break

March 24- Sunday School

Here are some upcoming dates..

April 7th-PreK-5th Grade students are singing and doing a craft with the residents at 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 Brunch

We are looking for a volunteer or two to help with the PreK-K once or twice a month depending on how many volunteer.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We don't have an exact date yet but we requested to have a VBS team the first or second week of June. We will keep you posted as we will be requesting help with the classrooms, decorating, crafts and snacks. If you are are interested please contact Angela Wanzek.

If you have any questions or suggestions for Sunday School please let me know because it won't be long and we will be planning for 2019-20. Donna Bieri

Library news...

It is so cold! It is a fantastic time to snuggle up with a good book from our library! We also have lots of great kids and family movies.



Ushers for March

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

03-10-2019: Robin Richter*, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

03-17-2019: Garrett Placke*, Seth Larson, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis

03-24-2019: Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Rebecah Martin, Blake Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer

03-31-2019: Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemmer, Vern & Karla Boehm, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel



Fellowship service for March

03-03-2019: Willis & Deb Kasanke, Lynda Doe, Holly Doe, Lynell Renner

03-10-2019: Sodie Peabody, Vern & Karla Boehm, Jason & Heidi Ulland

03-17-2019: Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis, Dan & Rebecah Martin

03-24-2019: Garrett & Michelle Placke, James & Angie Faut, Bernard & Judy Tolosky

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

01-27 - 133

02-03 - 151

02-10 - 157

02-17 - 132



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

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.

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 synching.





Youth

Avoiding Sticky Situations

Matthew 26:41 tells us, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” If this is the case, why do we as Christians put ourselves in situations where we may compromise our spirit? Why do we go out of our way to test ourselves to see how close we can get to sinning without actually crossing the threshold?

If you are a middle school girl and you spend time with people that only gossip and break down other people to build themselves up, you tell yourself, “It’s ok, I don’t take part in all that is said, I just listen. And if I make a good enough impression maybe I can change the hearts of the people in that group from the inside.”

Or maybe you are a male sophomore in college looking at things you know you shouldn’t be on your laptop after everyone else is asleep. You might tell yourself, “It’s ok, this is healthy. Everyone around me is doing this and they all seem to be doing just fine, no one else is affected by this.”

Or a 37 year old mom meeting other wives for coffee and talking about their husbands in ways that if, their husbands heard them, their pride would be chopped down for years to come because no matter what, a good husband’s pride comes straight from his better half. And you think, “Well, maybe I shouldn’t say these things about my

husband, but he’s not here and everyone else has dirt on their husband so I add something so I don’t come off as too ‘goody-goody’.”

And lastly, maybe you’re a happily married husband with two children but no matter what, you can’t stop wishing you were single again. It’s not often, but when you go on facebook and see that your college buddies are out having fun and tearing up the town, you’d be lying if you said you didn’t wish that was you. But this is the road you chose, and you tell yourself, “I’m happy, and I’ll never leave my family, so I’ll just fantasize about what I could be doing with those that don’t have the ‘baggage’ that I do.”

We all have temptations in this world that the enemy would love us to fall into and worse, justify to ourselves and God. So how do we avoid these situations that cause us to fall spiritually and grow further away from where God wants us? The answer is simple, yet seemingly impossible. This solution is, “preparation”. 1 Peter 1:13 says, “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” The only way to avoid the sinful things that we struggle with in this world is to prepare for them beforehand. This is what we mean when we say that serving God is a battle. You prepare for battle in the same way, thoughtfully.

Before the middle school girl goes to recess, she must think, “Maybe I shouldn’t surround myself with those that bring others down.”

The young man in college must think, “Perhaps these actions not only are hurting my relationship with God now, but they also will devastate all of my future relationships if not stopped.” The mom and wife must realize, “I am my husband’s cornerstone on

this Earth and my first devotion is to God and directly after that it is to the one that I vowed for better or worse until I see my Father in Heaven.” Lastly the Father and husband must come to the conclusion that he is blessed, and this is the life not only the he has chosen, but this is the life that God has gifted him is God’s unending Grace. How could he want for anything else with all that he has been blessed.

If we decide to avoid these situations while they are happening, we will always find that we are not strong enough to say no. We must learn to say ‘no’ before the situation even happens. All of these characters must find ways to prepare, defend against, or avoid situations that would hurt themselves, the ones they love, or their Father in Heaven, just as we must with our temptations.

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)



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

March Birthdays!!!

Bentley Lenzen	3/2
Terry Ochsner	3/2
Kynlie Plenis	3/3
Liliya Reinhardt	3/4
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
Mary Ochsner	3/13
Heidi Zimmerman	3/14
Jennifer Zastawniak	3/16
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
Jared Seibel	3/25
Shelley Giese	3/28
Janet Morast	3/28
Lawrence Taylor	3/28
Kayla Fandrich	3/30
Hunter Keller	3/30
Dawn Reinhardt	3/31

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Del Schnaidt

Del went to a church in St. Cloud this weekend and they had a really good message about when you're new in the faith, it's exciting and it's all about you. But there comes a time when we need to let that go and start serving others.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

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

Conducted a worship service at KRCC, and another at Senior Suites in Hazen.

Served communion to members of POP and the Trinity Parish at KRCC.

Our confirmation students have all now passed the quiz covering the first and second articles of the Apostles' Creed. We will be finishing our discussion of the third article of the Creed tomorrow, and will be taking our second quiz next week. We will then begin discussing the sacraments.

For Sunday School, we finally got into our next book, which is looking at the life and ministry of Jesus. We've worked through two lessons in that study, discussing Jesus' purpose in coming and his power over nature.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients. I've also made a couple of visits for the purpose of doing a spiritual assessment of new patients.

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

As most of you have heard, we did receive our intern assignment. Kevin Hall, his wife Amy, and their three children will be joining us in late May, with a start date of June 1st.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

Attended the Lock-in at Jamestown ND to network and help with youth at that event

Attended Youth Worker Weekends with Becca

Ski trip this upcoming weekend (vehicles and chaperones) – have 13 people signed up

Getting ready for FLY (Transportation and Chaperones) – have 11 kids, Seth and Becca signed up so far. Dickinson is looking at chartering a bus and we will go with them

Middle School and High School and Sunday School go well as always (both are growing)

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$	38,696.49
Building Fund	\$	10,092.98
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	34.01
Intern Fund	\$	49,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$	131,595.26

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$	250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$	131,595.26

Deacon's Report-Don Buck

Spiritual life meetings are all set for Feb. 24th-27th with Pastor Rich Carr. Evening sessions will all be in the fellowship hall with snacks and coffee available throughout. Should we hold Sunday School in there as well? Also ordered in 20 of the books *Why I'm Joyfully Lutheran* (the Small Catechism in devotional form) and 20 of the *Small Catechism with Explanation* that are used for confirmation. They will be for sale during our meetings

Lent begins at the beginning of March. Pastor Tom will share one of our messages here, and Seth will be bringing two. 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.

Worship/singing – Talked about having a leader for singing the hymns on Sundays when the Worship leader isn't comfortable singing into the microphone.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

We haven't received a final bill on the furnace project and the electrical project. We have used 2,400 gallons of fuel compared to 6,000 gallon as of this time last year.

Snow removal has included a lot of men helping out ☺

Temperature issue in men's bathroom has been fixed. Les picked up a new motion sensor light switch for the men's bathroom.

The next major project will be the ceiling project. Discussed doing 10 or so feet at a time. Del will email the price information about it out to the council again.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Confirmation: Discussion regarding confirmation and testimonies. Decided to allow the same as last year but if the student is doing a video, they have to introduce themselves.

Puppets: Don't know when it will happen.

Confirmation photographer? Michelle will talk to Darcee regarding setting up the photographer.

VBS (summer team and dates) Requested first and second week in June. Talked about sharing a team with Dodge again where we house the team and serve dinner and Dodge provides lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

TV in Fellowship Room – is available for real-time service viewing

NEW BUSINESS

Seminary Intern – The AFLC Seminary recommends a stipend amount per month depending on family size. We will need to cover housing costs and utilities, medical insurance, moving expenses and ministry travel expenses like mileage. Trinity Parish will contribute funds to help pay for the Intern and he will spend time working there also.

United Blood Services – Approved United Blood Services using our fellowship hall on Monday, February 18 as the Civic Center is undergoing some repairs.

Tithe - \$2,346.46 to the AFLC General Fund and \$300 to Lacey Wenning for her mission trip to Asia

Correspondence

Thank you notes from Jane Reeves of Unfolding Word for contribution to ministry of Ben Jore, WARC for donation of gift cards to Shopko and Dairy Queen, Free Lutheran Association of Pilot Supporters (FLAPS), ARC and AFLC Youth Ministries for financial gifts and prayers,