

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

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## **Pastor Kent**

"...what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2 ESV)

In Matthew 28, Jesus said to his followers: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is a passage that we refer to as the Great Commission. And, as we think about the Great Commission, we tend to focus on baptism. Yet, even though baptism is immensely important and I'm not trying to downplay it in any way, there's another aspect of this passage that we tend to miss.

In this passage, Jesus is calling us to make disciples. And he's calling us to do so by going, baptizing, and teaching. Baptism, then, is an essential aspect of making disciples, but so too is teaching. We've been called by Jesus to teach others to observe all that he's commanded us.

Paul, in the above passage, says something similar. As he's giving instructions to the young pastor Timothy, he tells him to entrust to others what he had learned from Paul. And he was to do so that they, in turn, might pass it along to others.

In the same way, as disciples of Jesus, we are always learning and growing. We are continually receiving instruction from the Word of God. And this instruction comes to us in many different ways.

We receive it, primarily, in the church. We receive it as we gather together for worship, where the Word is preached. We also receive it in Bible studies and Sunday School. We receive it in our own devotional time, as we read God's Word for ourselves. We receive it as we read other Christian books or listen to other Christian teachers.

There's no denying that this is a great benefit in our own life. We receive conviction in areas where we're falling short. We're driven to repentance and confession. We receive the grace of God, as we look to the gospel in faith. And it causes us to look to the Lord for the strength we need to live in his calling.

Yet, so often, this is the end all when it comes to our lives. We believe that God's Word is there to benefit us, to provide us with God's blessing, and that's the end of it. We receive God's Word, and we relish his Word. But we fail to do anything more with it. We fail to realize our further calling.

We are called to take what's been entrusted to us and entrust it to others. We are to receive the blessing God's Word offers us, and extend that to others. And there are so many natural relationships where we are able to do this.

We're able to do so, first and foremost, among our own family. We are able to do so among our friends and acquaintances. We're able to do so among our coworkers. We're able to do so among our neighbors.

I realize that many of us feel odd trying to pass along the blessings of God's Word. We don't feel called or equipped to be teachers. And we envision this as a formal Bible study that we're conducting with others.

It certainly could be a formal Bible study. It could be an intentional time of mentoring someone else. But it doesn't have to be as formal as we envision it to be.

We can share encouragement from God's Word as we interact with one another, or as we share our struggles with one another. We can send a card or a note of encouragement to someone who is struggling or facing a new phase of life. We can share as we engage in natural conversation with those who surround us on a day to day basis.

This is what it means to make disciples. We take the Word, which has been given to us, and share it with others. We do so that they might receive it, and share it with still more. We entrust to others what we've received that they might teach others also.

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 May 19 & 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!

#### Men's Breakfast/BibleStudy

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, May 18 @ 7:00am!



**Confirmation** is May 5. Please be in prayer for our 2019 Confirmands as they work on their statements of Faith: Isaak Barbot. Trey Brandt, Taylor Funk, Shaylyn Gunsch, Caleb Sperry, Emma Wanzek and Anna Wenning.



#### 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.

Christ Is Risen! We are blessed to know this is most certainly true! We have the whole story. Alleluia!

And then we have May. And Christ is risen still. Our WMF Bible Study will meet on Monday, May 20th at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm at the church. We will be on Lesson 5: HANNAH...A Godly Mother. What life lessons will we learn from this faithful servant of God?

It is hard to believe it has only been a month since the last Newsletter came out. So much has happened. Our lives can change in an instant. I'm so grateful God never changes. He holds us in the palm of his hand.

Easter Holy Week went by quickly. The Spring Rally has happened. Now we are getting the final things together for our Spring fundraiser: Lacey's Mission Market & Café which will take place on Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM. Lot's of work is going on behind the scenes. Items are coming in for the Market part. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary for baking pies and other goodies for the Café/Bake sale. There are sign-up sheets for working the event as well. Contact Gina or myself if you have any questions or need to be signed up for anything. Thank you in advance.

We had a WMF Coffee House Gathering in the POP Library on Monday March 25. Thank you Heidi Ulland for bringing us up to speed on the POP Library and some of the changes happening to make it more user friendly and Deb Creel for her work, too. Heidi and Deb are our POP librarians. Those present shared about books, movies and DVDS that they would recommend OR NOT recommend. It was a good gathering. Of course we must always read the best book first, The Holy Bible.

Be in prayer for our confirmation students as they prepare to be confirmed. Also pray for those that are graduating from high school and college. Keep our missionaries in your prayers, especially our own: Hunter Keller and Lacey Wenning. May God watch over them and keep them safe and may they bring glory to our Lord in there lives.

#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Sincerely, Judy Tolosky 870-2131



Lacey's Mission Market
Saturday, May 11 9-2pm
Up-scaled, Recycled, and Fun stuff
And Coffee/Café' too!
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

#### From Hunter Keller:

Dear Prince of Peace AFLC, thank you so much for supporting my ministry at Jersey shore this summer. Your prayers and finances are greatly appreciate and will have far reaching results as I help reach people for Christ! Thank you to those who donated & purchased baked goods during my fundraiser on April 14 and to everyone else who has supported me both financially and prayerfully for this mission trip. Fundraising for this trip has been very humbling as I have seen God provide for me tremendously, especially through Prince of Peace. I am so grateful to have grown up in a such a Christ centered church full of loving generous people which has set a great example for me as I have gone off to college. I ask that you would all continue to pray for me this summer while I am on mission in seaside heights, MJ. Please pray that God would continually deepen my commitment to His cause as well as to Himself. Thank you again for all of your help and support! Love, Hunter Keller

# Keep our 2019 POP Graduates in your prayers:

Jacob Barbot Ethan Johnson Blake Martin



#### 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.



## **Sunday School Corner**

Our Sunday School year is just about over. Due to KRCC being closed to children 12 and under on April 7th, we have tentatively rescheduled to sing and do a craft April 28th with the residents. If the 29th doesn't work we will try to go Sunday in May.

Here is how we will close out the last month of Sunday School:

- \*May 5th-Confirmation Sunday. Alternative Sunday School. We will be playing Bible Trivia.
- \*May 12- Review lesson 6 and 13
- \*May 19th-Last day of Sunday School with Brunch; Graduation and teacher recognition Sunday
- \*Vacation Bible School is just around the corner June 9th through the 13th. We will be hosting the Covenant team. We are sharing a team with the Trinity Parish again and our VBS will be in the evening. We will be requesting help with the classrooms, decorating, crafts and snacks. If you are interested in helping 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....

The Dust bunnies have been removed from the library © Come and check out what is available!



is May 12!



MONDAKADA District Family Camp is July 21 – 25, 2019 at Mt Carmel camp near Towner, ND. Contact Pastor Kent for more information.

## **Ushers for May**

**05-05-2019:** Mark Gerde \*, Kenny Klein, don & Teresa Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner **05-12-2019:** Brad \* & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

**05-19-2019:** Marvin\* & Janice Sigman, Keller

amily, Horning family

**05-26-2019:** Jerry \* & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt

family



# Fellowship service for May

(I am not always aware of switching/changes) **05-05-2019:** Mike & Kendra Finck, Jim & Joan Schumaier, Seth & Becca Larson

**05-12-2019:** Joe & Twyla Barbot, Dave & Steph

Hottman, Magaret Rosaan

**05-19-2019:** Christian Ed Committee & Youth **05-26-2019:** Jay & Ashley Olson, Randy & Beth

Zimmerman, Jason & Heidi Ulland



### The Youth Easter

<u>Breakfast</u> was not well attended unfortunately. Hopefully next year's numbers will be up <sup>☺</sup>



Kevin and Amy met ages ago through 4-H and have been married since 2009. They have three children: Liam, age 7, Margret age 6 and Jonah age 2. Amy grew up in Cavalier, ND and graduated from UND. Before starting our family she worked in Economic Development. Now Amy stays home and homeschools the two oldest. Liam enjoys riding his bike, drawing and reading mysteries. Margret likes to help Mom in the kitchen, create art, listen to audiobooks and explore nature. Jonah is a sweet, active little boy who keeps us all on our toes and smiling.

Kevin is 35 and grew up in Hoople, North Dakota. He went to NDSU for Ag. Economics and then farmed for a decade with his family before wrestling with a call to seminary. In 2011 we all joined the AFLC, becoming members of Bethel Free Lutheran. This move was part of a time of significant spiritual growth in Kevin's life, which eventually led to him to wonder about pastoral ministry. In 2015 it seemed right to pursue an M.Div at AFLTS and the Holy Spirit has been taking care of the details ever since. We've been repeatedly blessed with provision, big and small, as Kevin has gone through school.

We're all excited for this new adventure, and deeply appreciative of the opportunity you are giving Kevin. Kevin enjoys his seminary classes, but he's also excited to stop talking about ministering the Word and actually start ministering the Word. Its our prayer that we can be a blessing and encouragement to you throughout our year together.

#### **Worship Attendance**

03-06 - 69 Ash Wed

03-10 - 135

03-13 - 50 Lent

03-17 - 125

03-20 - 48 Lent

03-24 - 161

03-27 - 45 Lent

03-31 - 165

04-03 - 45 Lent

04-07 - 171

04-10 - 63 Lent

04-14 - 165

04-18 - 57 Maundy Thursday

04-19 - 95 Good Friday

04-21 - 38 Sunrise Service

04-21 - 225 Easter Sunday Service



We are looking for people to lead our hymns on third Sundays. If you would be willing to share your gifts with the congregation and lead the hymns – please let me know in the office and we will get you signed up!



#### **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

## May Birthdays!!!

Jake Sperry	5/1
<b>Heather Funk</b>	5/2
Lisa Lenzen	5/2
<b>Kameron Plienis</b>	5/2
Maiya Gerde	5/3
Kayla Palmer	5/5
Rita Larson	5/6
<b>Emily Wenning</b>	5/6
Ross Lenzen	5/7
<b>Eden Barbot</b>	5/8
Elaine Schumaier	5/8
Dara Hausauer	5/11
<b>Kermit Wiest</b>	5/11
<b>Betty Hausauer</b>	5/12
Scott Funk	5/14
Karen Knell	5/14
<b>Rachel Sperry</b>	5/15
Joette Buchmann	5/16
Wade Murray	5/16
McKenna Duppong	5/17
Teresa Klipfel	5/18
Hannah Zimmerman	5/18
Liam Gerde	5/19
Mariah Richter	5/19
Anna Iverson	5/20
Jason Mohl	5/20
Eric Timmer	5/20
<b>Heather Brandt</b>	5/22
David Hottman	5/22
Joyce Bauer	5/23
Gary Renner	5/24
Sierra Wenning	5/27
Marlene Goetz	5/28
Tom Doe	5/29
Karingtyn Reinhardt	5/30
Garner Sailer	5/30
Violet Schnaidt	5/30
Bryan Aalund	5/31
Dan Martin	5/31



#### Responding to Our World

It's no secret that our world around us isn't always what we'd like it to be. There are times where I feel like I am unnecessary receiving hardships that I definitely don't deserve. And then there are times where I am receiving nothing and I feel as though I deserve much more than what I am getting. Very seldom do I look at my life and think, I feel like the world is giving me exactly what I should be getting from it. Instead, we find ourselves thinking, "why am I never getting a break? Why can't I get what I deserve?!"

It's important for us to realize that we need to take a hard look at what we actually deserve from this Earth. The first part of Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death." So in this we see that all we (sinners) deserve is death and nothing more. But then why too often when the world around us gives us nothing but contempt, do we complain and whine and believe that we are not getting our fair shake in this world? It is because we (sinners) will always tend to think that we are better than we are. We cannot understand how sinful and imperfect we are until we understand just how holy and perfect God is. When Moses' hair turned grey and he was never the same again after just looking at God's back! That's how holy God is, he is perfect and we are unworthy to even gaze upon his perfection. Also, for us to know just how sinful we are, we have to know what complete withdraw from God looks like. If we were to ever be able to take a look at hell and what awaits those who do not come to Christ by the end of their life. That would paint a good picture of what we "deserve" on this earth. And Left to our own devices, we would choose that

over God. It is only the work of the Holy Spirit that even tells us that we need an escape from hell.

However, there is a second part to this verse (thank goodness). Romans 6:23 says "for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." If is wasn't for the second part, this would be a very depressing letter indeed. We know that we are imperfect and that we deserve hell, but we also know that Jesus stepped in and saved us from ourselves.

So when we think that we are receiving things from this world that we didn't want or we feel like we don't deserve, we look at ourselves and realize that without Jesus and what He did for us, all we deserve is death and sin, and it is with Jesus and following Him and realizing what we did for us that we can see that we deserve nothing but are going to be given everything thanks to the mercy and grace of God.

In God's Grace Prince of Peace Youth Director Seth Larson

Calendar items

May 9th- FCA at the High School at 7:45 in Coach Fillabeck's room

May 16th- Last day of Middle School Youth Group

May 22nd- Last day of High School Youth Group

#### 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

### 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)

#### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### President's Report - Del Schnaidt

To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8 vs. 31,32)

Wow! I can't say how many times I've heard this phrase misquoted, but it's been quite a few. When I've heard the phrase misquoted, it always left out the first words from scripture, which are the "qualifying words" to the second part of the phrase. The most important words in this phrase is "If you hold to my teaching" ....... "Then you will know the truth." The passage is simply stating that for us to begin to know the truth, we need to hold to the teaching of Jesus. No other way — Period. One powerful 2 letter word precedes the entire message. The word - - "IF". That is the qualifier for the rest of the message. The next most important 4 letter word is "THEN".

I think you get the point. As Christians, we seem to think we're doing okay when we think back about all the good, we've done and all the good we are doing. Yet, gets us every time, when we realize it or not, that we fall short of holding to Jesus' teaching from time to time. If we're honest with ourselves, we must admit that we probably fail in this more often than not when our circumstances are challenged.

If I was a ministry doctor with a cure to the epidemic of failing to hold to Jesus' teaching, I would prescribe to my patient...... repent regularly, be in prayer regularly for forgiveness, for understanding, for obedience, and for strength to overcome the devil's temptations when we are tempted to not hold to the teachings of Jesus. Jesus has proven that He is more powerful than the devil when He defeated death and rose from the dead.

As we approach and celebrate Holy week this year, may we be mindful of the sacrifice that Jesus made in our behalf for the forgiveness of our sins, and a life of salvation everlasting. I pray that He gives each one of us the strength to hold to His teaching, and that we can claim without a doubt, to be His disciples who know the truth which sets each one of us free.

3Nails + 1Cross = 4Given Del

#### Pastor's Report - Kent Sperry

Met with Pastor Jason Holt, as he was here to evaluate Seth in his role as youth director.

I've been coordinating between POP and our intern, Kevin Hall, as he prepares for his move to Beulah and his time of service with us. As most of you know, he was here yesterday with his family as they brought up a load of their belongings. They were able to have supper here at the church last night as well as attend worship.

Served communion at KRCC.

Conducted a worship service at Senior Suites.

We finished our Wednesday night Lent services yesterday. The meals also had a decent attendance and were appreciated by those who were there. I'd like to see this continue in the years ahead. We have Holy Week services next week.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients. I've made a few visits for them this month as well. I will likely continue in this role for some time, as Pastor Sapp experienced severe seizures and is unable to work at present.

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

The Beulah ministerial is sponsoring the movie Unplanned at the Hazen Theater for both of Sunday's showings (4:00 and 7:00). Free admission will be given to anyone attending these showings. I also heard yesterday that the Catholic Parish in Hazen and Beulah is sponsoring showings on Friday night and Saturday night.

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

- We went to campus days and met with various people
- Guys and Girls All-nighter
- Preached for Dodge once and here twice
- ALFC Youth Director Jason Holt came for 2 days
- Attending Youth Task force meetings @ High School
- Movie at Hazen this Sunday put on by Ministerial
- HSYG Easter egg hunt
- Youth Easter Breakfast
- MSYG half-nighter
- Youth Worship team playing at church @ end of month and Baccalaureate
- District Pastor's retreat in May

#### **Treasurers Report – Margie Lee**

General Fund	\$ 18,384.28
Building Fund	\$ 12,760.68
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 160.72
Intern Fund	\$ 51,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 57,962.82

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance \$ 129,385.33

#### Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

The students finished confirmation instruction for the year as of yesterday. They will be taking their final quiz over the sacraments next week. They are all finishing up other required work as well. The ninth graders are working on their statements of faith. We'll be running through them on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Over the summer, we'll look intently at switching to the new AFLC curriculum, which we've already purchased.

With Pastor Frank in the hospital, the Beulah ministerial is supplying the Congregational Church for the next two months. They've moved their service to 8:00 AM to make this possible. Pastor Kent will be filling in one Sunday (a Sunday on which he is not leading worship so that, if Pastor is a few minutes late getting here, things can go on and he can still preach).

#### Trustee's Report - Les Buchmann

The furnace project is complete. Les invited Legend Air to come to our next council meeting to answer any questions that we have of them. The Legend Air bill has been paid.

The handicap door breaker was switched off so it was reset.

We will need a congregational meeting for approval for the pending ceiling project.

Les will take care of getting Weed n feed to fertilize the grass. The Trustees will purchase a gaspowered weed eater.

#### **Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt**

Youth Committee:

The Committee met and filled Seth in on Easter breakfast.

Seth is having a lock-in on Friday. The guys will be staying at the church and having nerf guns and lessons. The Girls will be staying with Becca at her house.

Campus days went well. Seth met with Jordan and discussed his transition period. Illness and weather hindered our attendance and no youth from POP was able to attend.

#### Old Business:

VBS Dates are June 8-14

#### Easter Event:

New Life is at 10:00 so we planned ours for 11:30 to whenever we are done. Serving Hotdogs, chips and lemonade. We will have a photo booth where there will be a suggested donation of \$5. Participants in the photo booth will get to take home

a magnetic photo. Wennings will be doing the photo booth and all proceeds will go to Lacey Wenning's Mission. Margret will be making sugar cookies again for this year's event.

#### New Business:

Confirmation cake, flowers, gifts:
Michelle will be ordering the cake and flowers.
Donna is working through DaySpring for the gifts.
Destinee Jensen will take the confirmation pictures.

#### Nursing home:

We will be going to the nursing home for Sunday School on April 7. "What a friend we have in Jesus" craft will be ordered by Donna.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Repair north exit walkway – The cement will need to jack hammered out. Talked about installing a composite walkway instead. Discussed waiting till after it warms up to see if the cracks come together. Trustees will research the costs.

**Church van** – We are looking at purchasing a 15-passenger van for church use.

**Tithe** –Tithe: \$2,786.76 AFLC Youth Ministry and \$300 for Lacey Wenning's Mission trip

#### **Correspondence**

Received thank you notes from WARC for food, AFLC Schools and AFLC ministries for prayer and financial support.