

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

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Pastor Kent

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

(Acts 1:8 ESV)

As believers in Jesus, as the people of the Church, most of us realize that we've been called to serve. And when I say this, I'm not referring to the pleas of Christian Ed, who need volunteers for VBS or teachers for Sunday School. I'm not referring to the pleas of the Trustees for help with various work projects around the church. And I'm not referring to the pleas of the nominating committee as they seek candidates for the various offices of the church.

I'm referring to the call of God. I'm referring to his call to proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. I'm referring to his call to make disciples of all nations. I'm referring to his call to use the gifts,

entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, to build up the body of Christ.

However, when it comes to this call, many of us are hesitant. And the reason we're hesitant is because we question our own abilities. We question our ability to do what God has called us to do.

To be quite frank, we don't feel qualified for such a task. We don't feel that we know enough about God's Word. We don't feel competent enough to step up to the plate. And we feel too sinful to be of any real use to the Lord or to the church.

I'm sure the disciples felt the same way when Jesus placed this calling upon them. The task assigned to them seems much too big for such a small group of men. It seems much too big considering their background and education.

However, as we look at the above passage, we see how they would be able to carry it out. Jesus told them that, when they Holy Spirit came upon them, they would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The Spirit of God, then, would empower them to do what God had asked of them.

The same thing is true of us. We can question ourselves all day long, and our assessment of our abilities may be quite accurate. Left to ourselves, we are unqualified. Left to ourselves, we do lack the necessary knowledge. Left to ourselves, we don't have the required skill to carry out this work.

We must realize, however, that God has not left us to ourselves. Our ability to carry out this calling isn't dependent upon our wisdom or abilities. It's dependent upon the Holy Spirit.

Instead of holding back because we question ourselves, we must step out in faith. We must step out in faith, trusting the Spirit of God to work in us and through us. We must trust that he can and will work through us, despite our sin and our shortcomings.

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!

Library news..

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

Ushers for June

06-02-2019: Mark Gerde *, Kenny Klein, don & Teresa Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner **06-9-2019:** Brad * & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara

Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

06-16-2019: Marvin* & Janice Sigman, Keller amily, Horning family

06-23-2019: Jerry * & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

06-30-2019: Kevin Lee*, Lynette Flemmer, Vern & Karla Boehm, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel



(I am not always aware of switching/changes) **06-02-2019:** Jeremy & Heather Brandt, Jim & Rusty Plienis, Wanzek family

06-9-2019: Vern & Karla Boehm, Kevin & Margie Lee

06-16-2019: Del & Linda Schnaidt, Garrett & Michelle Placke

06-23-2019: Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer, Perry & Deb Sayler

06-30-2019: James & Angie Faut, Garrett & Anna Sayler

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.



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!



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 are well into 2019. Time goes by so quickly. April had a lot happening: Lent, Holy Week, and Easter; working on things for Lacey's Mission Market that would be held on May 11th; WMF District Spring Rally. And May was busy too. Not just at church but we all have so much going on in our personal lives, too.

The WMF Spring Rally was held on April 27th at Immanuel Lutheran in New Leipzig. The theme of the day was "Who Will Go? Who Will Stay?" It focused on missionaries that are called to go far to serve God. We heard from the mothers of these missionaries that leave the USA to serve in foreign countries, the ones who stay. The verse Psalm 121: 8, "The LORD shall preserve you going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore" seems to address both those who go and those who stay. The WMF Fall Rally which will be held on October 10 at Beaver Creek Lutheran, Rural Ray.

You can't go wrong attending these rallies. You make new friends and meet up with old acquaintances. You are fed spiritually and physically. You sing and praise the Lord! You find out what the AFLC is doing in the churches in the district. And these gatherings are just a good time.

Lacey's Mission Market, our Spring mission fundraiser was a huge success. Well over \$3000.00 was made to help support Lacey Wenning in her second year of missionary work in Asia. We will let you know how much actually was raised when everything is figured out. Thank you everyone who pitched in with each item that was needed to accomplish this: materials, furniture, money, time, skill, prayer, items to sell, baked goods, etc. We couldn't have done it without you. God really did provide!

It was so much fun to work on this fundraiser. There are so many behind the scenes workers that you don't even realize were involved. I learned that I like "up cycling" stuff. I can spray paint. I can drill a hole. Twine and burlap are fun to use. Can't wait to do it again.

WMF Bible study will not meet in June. We will do Lesson 6 in July on the third Monday at 10:30 and 6:30. July 21-25 there will be family camp at Mount Caramel. Our church is responsible for meals on the 23rd. That is also Ladies' Day at Family Camp. More details will be presented in the near future.

Keep our missionaries in your rayers. Read your Bible every day. In His service, Judy Tolosky veep 8702131

MONDAKADA District Family Camp is



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



Kevin and Amy Hall are moved in and ready to go! Please take a moment and introduce yourself to them. Kevin starts work June 1.

Leviticus 19:34 (ESV) ³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

As I write this, we've been moved in for about 30 hours. In this very short time, Amy and I have been wowed by how much our experience mirrors Leviticus 19:34. Moving is a stressful and emotional time, but we have been touched by the many gestures of kindness, help, and preparation that have been done for us. Right now, we really feel like strangers loved like natives. I look forward to being strangers-no-more with all of you! But for now I have a few boxes to unpack.

Thank you so much, from all of us, to everyone who has helped us!
Your brother in Christ and Intern-Kevin W. Hall

Worship Attendance

04-18 - 57 Maundy Thursday

04-19 - 95 Good Friday

04-21 - 38 Sunrise Service

04-21 - 225 Easter Sunday Service

04-28 - 130

05-05 - 276 Confirmation

05-12 - 153

05-19 - 154

June Birthdays!!!

Wes Becker	6/2
Nathan Fandrich	6/5
Vern Boehm	6/7
Cheyenne Schriefer	6/7
Anna Wenning	6/8
Lizzie Bieri	6/10
Mary Faut	6/10
Bob Mohl	6/14
Jim Plienis	6/15
Tyler Murray	6/16
Lori Yeager	6/16
Milda Frei	6/17
Kelby Plienis	6/17
James Weigel	6/18
Walter Wagner	6/21
John Mohl	6/22
Delon Bauer	6/23
Michelle Klaudt	6/25
Teresa Buck	6/26
Dean Fandrich	6/26
Amy Haugen	6/26
Dena Kemmet	6/26
Edyn Miller	6/26
Kent Sperry	6/26
Jeremy Brandt	6/27
Kaylee Placke	6/29
Torie Horning	6/30
Caleb Sperry	6/30
Jack Timmer	6/30
Colleen Wiest	6/30



Symbols and Signs

We're very spiritual people, us christians. And I think most times, that's a good thing. But, when we're around a culture that glorifies and uplifts a kind of spiritual that is not the one that God would have us be a part of, it ends up getting skewed. We are constantly surrounded by the world's definition of spirituality, these things like meditation, yoga, and worst of all, karma. We get it in our heads that all of the things we experience in this world, big or small, all have a bigger reason and a purpose. And that isn't always the case.

I know all too often that I have a decision, small or big, and I am all too quick to decide it based on something all to triveal. Whether I flip a coin to decide where I eat or if I have a large decision to make and I think that the best way to make this decision is by opening up a Bible to some random page and pointing to a verse and hoping that that exact verse will be the answer to all of my questions. And I'm not saying that God doesn't work in those means. And it's in those moments when we have to ask ourselves, why am I doing this. Am I really doing this because I don't know the answer and I want God to weigh in? Or am I doing this because I am afraid of making the wrong decision and, if I do, I want something to blame for my wrong decision? All too often I think it might be the latter.

We are constantly on the search for some Symbol or "sign" for what we should do or how we should do something. Or we are in pursuit of seeing a sign from God to prove his existence or to prove his strength or his power over us and our lives. But really, what needs to happen is we need to make our expectations of "signs" from God realistic. Because God has already given us signs all over, but sometimes we expect God to send a fiery chariot with the answer to all of our problems. Instead of looking to signs like these, we as christians already know that God has given us the answer, and He

wrote it all down for us in the Bible. All we have to do is pick it up!
In God's footsteps, Seth Larson

June 19th- Community youth group in the park at 6:30PM



Please be in prayer for our **youth** heading to the FLY convention June 30-July 6! This week will be POWERFUL! (**11 students** and 4 chaperones!)



Please remember **Hunter Keller** in your prayers as she is serving on a mission trip on the Jersey Shore this summer!

Please keep **Ashley Feist** in your prayers as she serves this summer on a VBS team from AFLBS! (Jeremiah Team) ©



Grant Jones, Rebecca Olson, Ashley Feist, & Nate Crellin

Please pray for our <u>Confirmation students</u> (Isaak barbot, Trey Brandt, Taylor Funk, Shaylyn Gunsch, Caleb Sperry, Emma Wanzek and Anna Wenning) and our <u>2019</u> <u>Graduates</u> (Blake Martin, Jacob Barbot, Michael Morgan, and Ethan Hottman) in your prayers!!!!





And let's not forget our Sunday School kids!





Prince of Peace Vacation Bible School

June 9- 13 6:00-8:30pm Ages 4 by Aug 1 to 6th grade Call the church to sign up - 873-5650 We also need lots of volunteers to make this happen- sign up soon!



Sunday School Corner

The Sunday School year is complete and we are preparing for VBS.

Vacation Bible School is 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 from 6 to 8:30 pm. There will be a program on the 13th at 8:05 pm. There are still opportunities to help with snacks, meals for the team etc. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church and if you have any questions please contact Angela Wanzek.

In June we will start planning the 2019-20 Sunday School year. If you feeling God leading you to help with **teaching**, being a classroom helper, *subbing*, leading opening please let me know.

Donna Bieri



Sunday, June 16!

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report - Del Schnaidt

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Psalm 96:11-12

The time of year is here again when we are reminded of God's spectacular imagination and detail in His creation. To wake up in the early morning to again hear the sound of birds frantically chirping as if to say, "IT'S TIME TO GET UP AND ENJOY LIFE- - SPRING IS HERE." to see the new born calves in the pastures, the tree leaves beginning to bud, and for the grass to turn green in color. It's just refreshing to enjoy being outside again enjoying God's creation...... after another long, cold winter. Every spring of the year we are reminded of how God brings new life into the world. We're reminded of his power and authority as He resurrects life in trees, flowers, grass, and all of nature for us to enjoy. In a somewhat similar parallel, one day He will resurrect all believers to life everlasting. This resurrection won't be seasonal, as we have, we see in nature. This resurrection will be eternal, and for all believers in Jesus Christ, we will begin a new life living in harmony with Jesus and with all other believers.

In closing, <u>GREAT JOB</u> Confirmation Students in sharing your statement of faith. Also, thank you to all the teachers, helpers, and Christian education members this past school year.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

Attended the meeting of our AFLC Western ND district.

Served communion at KRCC. Conducted a worship service at KRCC.

Holy Week and Easter services seemed to go well. Attendance was good for all services other than the Easter sunrise service.

Confirmation is now done for the year. Seven of our young people were confirmed this last Sunday. This summer, I plan to familiarize myself with the new AFLC curriculum we purchased and to develop a new lesson plan.

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.

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

My family has, so far, planned one vacation for this summer. We'll be leaving June 17th and returning June 28th. We'll likely schedule a short trip in early August as well.

Youth Director's Report - Seth Larson

Past Events

- Easter Breakfast attendance was down by about half.
- Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt
- Youth Mental Health Clinic both Seth and Becca attended
- Middle School Half-Nighter had almost 30 kids attend
- Attended District pastor's meeting
- Just recently, got another chaperone for FLY! Lacey Wenning will be chaperoning

Current or upcoming events

- Practice and performance for Youth Worship team at Baccalaureate
- Getting Ready to leave for annual conference
- Youth Task force meeting

<u>Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u> General Fund \$ 31,153.30

Building Fund	\$ 16,049.48
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 280.55
Intern Fund	\$ 52,177.47
Total Bank Acct	\$ 76,574.47

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance \$ 128,282.46

Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

Spiritual life meetings: Based on a recommendation from congregation members who heard Pastor Peter Franz preach in Mesa, Pastor Kent will approach Pastor Franz to see if he would consider coming to Beulah.

We have been encouraged by the community attendance at our Easter Party the past few years. This year, we had about 90 children present. When parents were included, attendance was somewhere around 200-225. We are trying to come up with other ideas for additional community outreach.

Intern: Kevin Hall and his family will be moving here, tentatively, on May 20th. He'll officially start on June 1st.

We discussed the more than doubled use of Right Now Media.

<u>Trustee's Report – Randy Schneider</u>

Need to replace the walkway on north side and would like to use composite material to rebuild it.

Would like to put steps on the south sidewalk where it drops into the parking lot on the west side.

Christian Ed Report - Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School:

Palm Sunday, kids are walking into the church waving palm branches singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" and leaving the palm branches by the cross.

Old Business:

VBS

The banner is here and registration cards are cut out so they can be available for registration during the Easter event. There was discussion regarding what type of gift we should get the team and how much we should pay them. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting since Medora is becoming more expensive and only 2 rooms are left.

Easter Event

The event was held at 11:30 and ended at approximately 12:30. Next year we will move the event to 11:00 AM to shorten the gap between New Life's egg drop. The meal was very well received. We had to set up 4 extra tables and all of them were used. Approximately 90 children were in attendance. Each child was able to hunt for 11 eggs. Would calculate attendance to be around 150-200.

Help-we were lucky to have the help we did but will need to make sure there are at least four for the meal.

New Business:

<u>Graduation</u>

Donna is sending out invites to the seniors after Easter.

End of Sunday School

Angie is taking care of the end of Sunday School Brunch. Christian Ed members will each bring an egg bake pan for the brunch.

OLD BUSINESS

Intern Housing

Someone will check with the Halls for cable tv and internet

We will provide pizza on the 20th after unloading for the Hall family and for the crew unloading the truck. We voted to pay for the duct cleaning, carpet cleaning and paint for the intern house Don Buck will talk to John Mohl about painting the bedrooms before the Halls arrive

Camera by East Door with Key Pad – We voted to have the Trustees find someone to install or install a camera by the door that has the key pad.

Ceiling Lights/Fallen Insulation in Ceilings -

After discussion we voted to replace the lights in the fellowship hall with LED ones, replace the ceiling panels as needed and repair any insulation that needs to be done.

Trustees will let congregation know when the project will begin and ask for volunteers from the congregation.

NEW BUSINESS

Killdeer Church Plant Financial Support – The new church plant has had 2 services and 2 Bible studies monthly. They will begin weekly worship Sunday, June 2. They were given a \$12,000 matching grant from Home Missions. Home

Missions is moving toward having area churches help financially with church plants. Our Youth Worship team may play at one of their church services. We voted to donate \$1,200 to help with the matching grant.

Lacey Wenning's Mission Extending Support – Lacey Wenning has recommitted to another Mission year. We voted to continue our \$300 monthly support from our Tithe for another year.

Tithe –Tithe was split: \$2,308.28 to AFLC Evangelism and \$300 to Lacey Wenning's Mission trip

Correspondence

Hunter Keller's Thank You Card to Prince of Peace: (this was in last month's newsletter)
Also received thank you notes from Mafu Abel family, AFLC President and AFLC World Missions for prayers and financial support.