

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

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## July, 2019



### Pastor Kent

*"But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness."*  
(Romans 6:17-18 ESV)

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, our thoughts revolve around the concept of freedom. This, after all, is what America stands for. And this, of course, is something we all long for. We want to be free to live our own life, without the authorities that be telling us what to do. We want to be free to make our own decisions, without the powers that be making them for us.

This is true also when it comes to our relationship with God. We tend to think of ourselves as free. And we tend to think that God has given us free will.

He has given us free will, in a sense. He doesn't tell us if we should marry nor whom we should marry. He doesn't tell us what to eat or what to wear (other than the fact that it should be modest). He doesn't tell us whether we should own a dog, a cat, or no pet at all. Decisions like these are left to us.

However, in a very real sense, we are not free in the least. Before coming to faith in Christ, we are slaves to sin. Sin is our master. The only thing we can do is sin. No matter how hard we try, we cannot live for the Lord and we cannot obey him.

After coming to faith in Christ, we are free from sin. I don't mean by this that we're perfect or that we no longer struggle with sin. However, because of Jesus, it doesn't have the hold on us that it once did.

But this doesn't mean we're free. We still aren't free to live life as we choose. We still aren't free to make any and every decision for ourselves. We aren't free because, after coming to faith, we are slaves of righteousness.

After coming to faith in Christ, righteousness is our master. After coming to faith in Christ, it's righteousness that controls us. After coming to faith in Christ, we desire to live for the Lord and we strive to do so in all things.

This is what Paul is revealing to us in the above passage. And even though we tend to think of slavery in a negative way, even though the very term puts us off, in this sense it is good. It's good because, as slaves of righteousness, we receive the benefits of righteousness.

As he goes on to say, in verses 20-22: *"For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life."*

## Ushers for July

**07-07-2019:** Marvin Bauer\*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Wanzek family

**07-14-2019:** No Worship Service @ POP

**07-21-2019:** Garrett Placke\*, Seth Larson, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienies

**07-28-2019:** Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Blake Martin, Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Scriefer



## Fellowship service for July

(I am not always aware of switching/changes)

**07-07-2019:** Willis & Deb Kasanke, Lynelle Renner

**07-14-2019:** No Worship Service @ POP

**07-21-2019:** LaRue Schwarz, David & Steph Hottman, Kevin & Margie Lee

**07-28-2019:** Dan & Rebecah Martin, Jeff & Chrisy Rotondo



There will be worships service at Prince of Peace on Sunday, July 14. We encourage everyone to attend the Beulah Community Worship service at the Beulah High School at 10:00am.



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 July 7,14,21, & 28 as well as August 4, 11, 18, & 25. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



## Library news...

Summer reading at its finest – come check our Prince of Peace Library!



## Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

### Our Undeniable Enemy: Thanos

*1st Corinthians 15:24-26 (ESV) 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

*Isaiah 25:8-9 (ESV) 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

I enjoyed VBS this week and the many opportunities it gave me to hang out with the kids, and I got to be a part of a bunch of conversations I wouldn't otherwise have been privy to. One of our conversations was comical. Literally, it was about the Marvel comic arch-villain Thanos, and the Avengers movies he stars in. The only problem for me was, I haven't seen any of the Marvel movies (except for maybe Thor, which is as old as many of the kids I was talking with), and so I had nothing to contribute. Finally during a lull in the banter I said "ya'll know Thanos is the Greek word for death right?"

"What? Is that true?"

"Yeah. Totally. Thanos is the Greek word for death."

Dramatic pause for mental processing...

"Awesome."

We all know that we live in a world of conflicts and struggles, yet sometimes we struggle just to figure out who or what our enemies are. Except death.

That one we get. Everyone knows and understands that death is not good. Sometimes, when our view of reality gets really skewed, death might start to

look like a useful ally, but even then, even when we've fallen victim to the lies that would paint death as something we can exploit for our own purposes, we still know that death is not good. Death is our undeniable enemy.

This universal knowledge that death is our enemy is why we love myths like the Marvel comics. Even when the stories are entirely fantastical, when the battlefields span the entire cosmos and laws of reality seem to be suspended, the one law in every comic that isn't suspended is that death is the enemy. We can identify with that struggle. We have the same enemy and the same problem as the characters in our myths: death. That's why when you tell an Avengers fan, "yeah Thanos is the Greek word for death" it blows their mind, because it confirms something they already suspected: this myth is dealing with the same problem I am. This is why we humankind loves myths. No matter how crazy the storyline, we're still able to identify with the main problem.

But the other reason we love myths is because we naturally believe that if we can identify with the problems they pose, we probably can identify with their solutions as well. This is where truth and myth part company.

Our problem is not just that death is a powerful enemy. Our problem is that death is an unconquerable enemy (for us). Mankind's desire to be the hero of our own story constantly rises as the theme of our myths, but this desire is a futile and even illogical one. When we try to be our own heroes, what we're really saying is: "I cannot evade or conquer death; therefore I should try really hard to evade and conquer death." It doesn't make much sense on paper, and it's incredibly frustrating and despair inducing in practice.

Here's where the joy and hope of truth stands beautifully opposed to the despair of myth. Death is our undeniable enemy, but Jesus Christ is our undeniable Lord and Savior who conquered, destroyed, and swallowed up death for us. When we place our faith in Him, Jesus is the serpent head-crushing, death destroying, life giving hero of our story. That story, because it's our story, yours and mine, is more awesome than even the wildest comic.



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Prince of Peace  
Women's Missionary  
Federation (WMF)

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*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.*

The WMF has a couple exciting events to look forward to in July. The first is our monthly bible study which will be on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 A.M. or 6:30 P.M. Our District family camp is near Granville, ND from July 21-25. Prince of Peace is responsible for providing breakfast and lunch at the Camp for about 100 people on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details will be posted later as to what meals will be served and I am sure donations of cookies and bars and other goodies would be greatly appreciated! A special event for the ladies this year will be a gathering in Minot on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00P.M. at the Scandinavian Park. Even if you aren't able to attend camp, ladies young and old are welcome to come and learn about the Stave Church. If you have questions about any of these events, please contact Margie Lee.

### WMF Day 2019 Report

One generation will commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.  
Psalms 145:4

I had the privilege of attending the W.M.F. Day which happens the day before annual conference officially starts. The theme this year is found in the aforementioned verse. We worshiped together and listened to a missionary update from Jonathan and Tamba Able and heard wise words from

other speakers. One such speaker, who stood out to me, was Vicki Johnson, a Christian radio personality in Pennsylvania. She spoke from her experience behind the mic expressing the responsibility we as Christians have to weigh all of our words before we send them into the world. As evidenced by the theme, there was a heavy focus on the generational aspect of sharing our faith and specifically in relationship to the W.M.F. The issue of an aging W.M.F. was raised - or as the president of the W.M.F. put it "An Ocean of grey." This issue was also at the heart of the W.M.F.'s only resolution presented at the annual meeting. This resolution has the purpose of encouraging women in each congregation to bring the younger generation in and mentor them.

Respectfully submitted  
POP WMF Secretary  
Rebecca J. Larson

### 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!





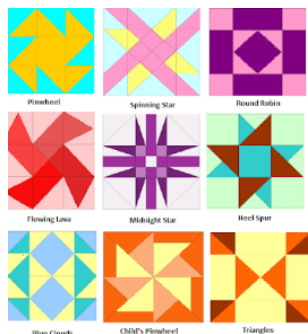
**MONDAKADA District Family Camp** is July 21 – 25, 2019 at Mt Carmel camp near Towner, ND. Brochures are on the counter near the entry way. I can email one to you as well! This is a fantastic opportunity for you to spend time with your family and Jesus in a camp setting!

### **Worship Attendance**

05-12 - 153  
05-19 - 154  
05-25 - 119  
06-02 - 141  
06-09 - 159  
06-16 - 122  
06-23 - 115



Ladies of the church,  
Please join us for  
quilting. We meet  
on Wednesdays  
from 9-1 beginning  
in September. If you  
have old sheets – we  
can use them. We  
need someone who  
can sew around the quilts!!! If you have  
any question, call LaRue Schwarz 748-216.



### **July Birthdays!!!**

Sherwin Raile	7/1
DeEtta Hetzler	7/2
Jacob Klaudt	7/3
Beverly Sorensen	7/3
Chelsie Babcock	7/4
Kynleigh Richter	7/5
Rebecah Martin	7/6
Todd Seibel	7/6
James Faut	7/7
Camey Gunsch	7/7
Paris Green	7/8
Cody Hetzler	7/8
Cavin Hottman	7/8
Shelby Goetz	7/9
Betty Unruh	7/9
Garrett Sayler	7/10
Hilary Zimmerman	7/10
Jaxon Baker	7/12
Don Buck	7/12
Lynnette Flemmer	7/13
Adam Pacht	7/13
Robert Buck	7/14
Randy Richter	7/14
Grady Fandrich	7/15
Steve Bauer	7/16
Tristen Bauer	7/16
Vance Giese	7/16
Regan Hoffner	7/16
Stephanie Hottman	7/16
Jerry Reichenberg	7/16
Jared Klaudt	7/17
Cory Alt	7/18
Charnelle Duppong	7/18
Bensen Baker	7/19
Grace Sperry	7/19
Hanah Brandt	7/20
Dale Reinhardt	7/20
Chris Rotondo	7/20
Lily Timmer	7/21
Annelise Klein	7/22
Jennifer Seibel	7/22
Lucille Sayler	7/24
Jacob Barbot	7/25
Hella Menge	7/25
Ellen Renner	7/25
Broderick Mohl	7/27
Jason Ulland	7/28
Trey Brandt	7/29
Bob Ferebee	7/29
Ron Gunsch	7/31
Kim Pacht	7/31



# Youth

## Long Days

So lately, things have been a little crazy around here, in the best of ways. The end of High School and Middle School youth group came to a very fitting end with a lot of fun and good relationships were made. Then came summer with many different obstacles. Becca and I left for Pennsylvania for annual conference and just got back on Tuesday after being gone for a week and a half. We had our community youth group the next day which was a huge hit, but it took a lot of planning and was a lot to put together. And soon we have FLY and the summer only starts there. Now while I am very excited for all of these events and I can't wait to have a lot of fun with the youth this summer, I know that I will be exhausted from all of the going-ons.

I remember at first when I started this job I got stressed out fairly easily just because of all of the "new" that was happening. New wife, new job, new house all of that. I used to feel guilty that I was getting exhausted from all of this because, "I love this job and all of the new things that come with it" so why would I be stressed if I was doing what I loved? And then I thought of something.

When Jesus was on Earth, His mission was to bring people to God and to proclaim the Father and to die for us and be raised up. And in that time how many times did he dismiss himself to be by himself? The answer is, Often! When Jesus was tired and

exhausted and stressed or He just needed to be alone, he dismissed himself to be alone and pray. And I think it's clear that Jesus enjoyed the work that He was doing on Earth, and he did it perfectly, and He still needed time alone to be with the Father.

We do our work perfectly and we, just like Jesus, need time to be alone and with the Father. And we don't need to be disappointed at ourselves about it!



Please be in prayer for our **youth** heading @ 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 keep Matt & Lacey (Wenning - soon to be...) Biggs in your prayers as they are on furlough in the states this summer speaking at churches and fundraising. They will get married Aug 2 and leave for Central Asia on August 4. They will continue their work their through May 2020.

### Ministry Opportunity

Pearl can no longer write to our college students due to her failing eye sight! This is a fantastic ministry for our young adults. The recipients of this snail mail have stated how much it helped them to know that someone was thinking of them and took the time to send them an actual letter in the mail. It is a tangible long distance hug! We have been hoping someone will step up to continue her ministry - but to no avail. Perhaps someone would be willing to help her? She can dictate and you can write? And then perhaps with time, take over the letter writing? Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. It is as fulfilling for the writer as it is for the receiver.



### Sunday School Corner

No article submitted.



### 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](mailto:lee@beu.midco.net)

## 2019 POP Church Council

<b>President</b>	Delton Schnaidt (2019)
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	Angie Wanzek (2020)
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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### President's Report – Del Schnaidt

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord , who has believed our

report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:14-17

#### Greetings

I begin this report with a special welcome to our intern pastor, Kevin Hall, Amy, and their 3 children. Kevin officially began his pastor field training with Prince of Peace and Trinity Lutheran Parish on June 1. He will be with us for the next year as he continues his call into ministry. As a congregation, it's important that we support him and his family in any way we can to help them as they continue their walk in faith, as they have answered God's call into ministry.

In my understanding of the scripture reading shared by the apostle Paul, all of us who claim to be believers have an important role in sharing the gospel. Some preach and some send others to preach. It's probably impossible to be a believer in Jesus Christ as our savior unless someone has shared the good news of the gospel....., and of course the message bears fruit by the power of the Holy Spirit. I say "probably" impossible because as a believer, I am careful not to limit God's power, I believe as the gospel tells us, "ALL things are possible with God." He has other ways to persuade or change the hearts of people if he chooses, (as he demonstrated with Saul by his conversion). It would be better to be taught by hearing the Word and then responding, rather than being blinded for 3 days.

For me....., I would say that I fall in the group of those whom send the preacher. Thank God for those who have courageously and faithfully answered the call to preach the gospel and to help others mature in their faith. May the spirit of God guide our steps as we grow in faith alongside the Hall family this next year.

#### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent**

Attended staff meetings, Christian Ed meeting, & deacon's meeting.

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

I've begun working with the new AFLC confirmation curriculum, developing a lesson plan for the fall.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients.

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

I've begun meeting with Kevin Hall, and will be doing so weekly.

#### **Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall**

Kevin has been settling in and been working since Monday. He has been working on his sermon which he'll be preaching at Golden Valley for Pastor Tom this Sunday.

#### **Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson**

I attended the last of the Hazen and Beulah Youth Task Force meetings at the High Schools

Helped out and attended the Baccalaureate with the POP youth worship team

Got everyone signed up for FLY including all of the chaperones and the kids, we now have a total of 16 people for POP attending FLY (12 students and 4 adults) 4 adults are myself, Becca, Garrett Placke, and Lacey Wenning. Leaving for FLY on the 30th at 7 P.M. (mountain time) in Dickinson!

Becca and I are on our way to Annual Conference now

The first of the Community Youth events will happen on June 19th @ 6:30 PM which will include 6th-12th grade

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

General Fund	\$ 30,085.61
Building Fund	\$ 17,425.17
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 337.55
Intern Fund	\$ 48,827.83
Total Bank Acct	\$ 74,356.61

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 127,15.50

#### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

We discussed at length what role the Deacons can play in Library oversight. Riley will start a draft on what guidelines could be implemented. Over the next few weeks, with additions from the other Deacons, we should have a guideline that can be used for selecting materials to place in our library.



Topics and Speakers for the Fall Spiritual Life meetings were discussed. We lean toward a topic on "choosing for ourselves whether to seek the things of this world, or to seek after eternal things that God offers." We will begin checking with possible speakers. Kevin will ask Dr. Steve Lombardo first.

Topics and method of study were discussed for next year's men's breakfast. We will all look at the Right Now Media material to see if anything looks suitable. A possible topic is dealing with failure.

### **Trustee's Report – Randy Schneider**

Randy reported they are waiting for quotes for the east sidewalk and north

We will pay \$60 per time the lawn is mowed. Kacey Klautt is now mowing. A weed eater was donated to POP

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ceiling Project** – We discussed needing approval from the congregation once we get a plan with prices together. We will need to get a building permit. Randy Schneider will call Mark Olson, an electrician, and see if we need to have an electrician replace the ceiling lights or we can do it ourselves.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe:** \$2,326.74 to AFLC World Missions and \$300 for Lacey Wenning's Mission trip.

### **Correspondence**

Thank you notes from AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship and AFLBS for our financial gifts and prayers, WARC for food donation. We received a letter from AFLC ARC for a debt reduction campaign for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence.



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