

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

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Pastor Kent

*"Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you."
(Galatians 5:2 ESV)*

In the modern evangelical church, we are quick to confess that we are saved by the grace of God alone through faith in Christ alone. And this has also been the position of the historic Lutheran Church. We believe, teach, and confess that we play no role in our salvation. It's the work of God from first to last.

That being said, although most of us do trust in Christ, we don't stop there. We continue to believe that something, along with Jesus, works to accomplish our salvation. We don't truly believe that Jesus is sufficient.

This is also what was going on among the Galatians. False teachers had come into the church claiming that, in addition to Jesus, the people had

to be circumcised if they were to be saved. They taught that the people had to follow the Law of Moses if they were to be saved.

Paul stood firmly against this teaching. He told them that, if they accepted circumcision, Christ would be of no advantage to them. He went on to say, in verse 4, that those who sought to be justified by the law are severed from Christ.

Christ alone saves. And we cannot add anything to it. Once we begin thinking that it's Jesus plus this or Jesus plus that, we are lost.

Circumcision isn't an issue in our day, at least not in a spiritual sense. However, many other things are. Many of us believe, for example, that Jesus plus abstaining from alcohol saves. Many of us believe that Jesus plus speaking in tongues saves. Many of us believe that Jesus plus a strict ten percent tithe saves. And many of us believe that Jesus plus an hour-long daily devotional time saves.

There are countless examples we could cite, but you get the point. Each of us has to search our own heart to see what we're depending on in addition to Jesus. However, the point Paul is making remains the same.

If we trust in anything in addition to Christ, we are believing a corrupted version of the gospel. If we trust in anything in addition to Christ, he will be of no advantage to us. If we trust in anything in addition to Jesus, we are severed from Christ.

Yes, many activities flow from our faith in Christ. Many changes in our life result from our faith in Christ. But they are just that...results of our faith. They are the byproduct of our faith. These are not the things that save us. And they are not where justification is found.

May we, then, trust in Christ alone for our salvation. May we look to him, and to nothing else, for the forgiveness we so desperately need. May we truly believe that his sacrifice is sufficient.



Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

1 John 3:14 (ESV) *"We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death."*

First John is a fun book to read, but it's also tremendously challenging. A lot of the book reminds us that faith is not just having the knowledge that Jesus existed and died for my sins, but also following His Lordship and allowing His Holy Spirit to do His work on my heart. I can remember one of the first times I read this book, and this passage specifically, and wondering how in the world I would ever be able to do what John's calling for because I knew that often my heart is not full of love. Maybe it's because it's my personal experience, but I think that is something we all can relate too.

First, it should be noted that we will always love imperfectly, but while that should be noted, the Bible is teaching us here that we should not be content with that. When we are content with that, or when we allow ourselves the license to not love, that is when we are remaining in death. Don't remain in death. It's a very bad idea. Secondly though, the Holy Spirit creates the capacity to love in our hearts as our relationship with Him grows. As we meet God in His Word and we respond to Him in prayer, worship and vocation, He creates in us a new heart willing and able to love our brothers.

The fact that John here is focusing on love for our brothers is also significant. He's talking about love for our fellow Christians, and no-where are our fellow Christians more accessible (and in need of) for us to love than in our local congregations. But here's the phenomenal part about that: John says, it's in those moments that we know we are alive. Ponder that for a second- It's when we love our brothers and sisters in the local congregation that we are given the gift of experiencing life. I doubt very much that many of us think of "our best life now" as opening our homes for a Bible study, or making brownies for a funeral, or going into the church on a Saturday to refill candles, but it really is. Congregational life, where we gather together and show love to one another, is the very experience of life eternal, begun now. And praise God who gave us His Son, His Word and the Sacraments it institutes which all make our cold stony hearts living and loving hearts of flesh, to make it all possible.



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 August 4, 11, 18, & 25 as well as September 1, 15, 22, & 29. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!

Ushers for August

08-04-2019: Marvin Bauer*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Wanzek family
08-11-2019: Robin Richter, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei
08-18-2019: Garrett Placke*, Seth Larson, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis
08-25-2019: Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Blake Martin, Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Scriefer



Fellowship service for August

08-04-2019: Les & Joette Buchmann, Sodie Peabody, Don & Teresa Buck
08-11-2019: Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane & Amy Haugen
08-18-2019: Ron & Milda Frei, Wayne & Shane Hoffner
08-25-2019: Ella Fandrich, Jay & Karen Seibel, Eric & Kelsie Timmer

Library news...

Summer is here! Don't forget to stop by the library to pick up one of our new books to take the lake, pool or wherever you like to relax in the summer!



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.

WMF Bible Study will meet on Mon, August 19 at 10:00 and 6:30. We will do lessons 7 and 8.

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.



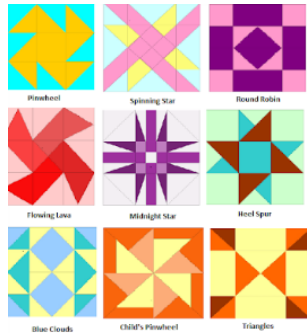
We are looking for people to lead our hymns on third Sundays. If you would be willing to share your gifts with the congregation and lead the hymns – please let me know in the office and we will get you signed up!

Worship Attendance

06-02	-	141
06-09	-	159
06-16	-	122
06-23	-	115
06-30	-	117
07-07	-	135
07-14	-	Beulah Community Service
07-21	-	170



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.



Youth

One Thing at a Time

This has been the Summer of Summers! Absolutely crazy, but I wouldn't take away any parts of it. And that's the crazy thing, there has been an eternal seeming tug and pull this whole summer and it has been exhausting, but I loved all of it. I have been to Pennsylvania and Colorado and everywhere in between, and the hardest part of all of it has been the stress of planning all of these events so that things go off without a hitch. And even that wasn't that bad, the hardest part of that was multiple events that were close to each other and I had to plan them simultaneously.

There is nothing that will drain you more than having to multitask two or more things that aren't your strong suit. For me, it is planning. Planning is very much not what I excel at, and I can do that well if it is only one thing at a time. But when you throw multiple events at the same time at me, I get anxious and it takes the wind out of me very fast. Even now, I am leaving to go help my sister and brother in law fix up their house before they put it on market 4 hours away and coming back tomorrow and leaving the next day leaving for family camp for a week. Now, I know that I have bitten off more than I can chew just in the next week let alone the whole summer, but I know that down the road my life will get crazier and I won't be able to do all that I am able to do now, and that's ok.

But where it becomes a problem is when I let it control me and I let the anxiety that may come control me, and learning to master and maneuver the stress is a fantastic quality. And that's the point I want to convey today, just take things one day at a time.

I have a busy week ahead of me, but I know that I can prepare for family camp after I get back from helping my family, so that's what I'm going to do. Otherwise I won't be any good to my family because I will be stressing out too much about the

August Birthdays!!!

Robin Richter	8/1
Perry Saylor	8/4
Jason Doe	8/5
Loren Novak	8/5
Jim Wenning	8/5
Olivia Ternes	8/6
Karla Boehm	8/7
Cruz Buchmann	8/7
Darcee Wenning	8/7
Ray Mattheis	8/8
Rita Becker	8/13
David Hausauer	8/13
Lacey Wenning	8/15
Kevin Lee	8/17
Arlett Gerde	8/19
Kristine Keller	8/20
Twyla Barbot	8/22
Leona Mattheis	8/22
Carmen Mohl	8/22
Darrin Olin	8/23
Rhett Glynn	8/27
Tyler Hoffner	8/27
Joel Bergstedt	8/29
Courtney Sandness	8/29
Ethan Finck	8/31
Deb Saylor	8/31

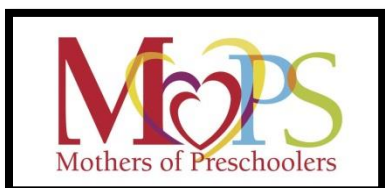
coming days that I won't be able to help them at all. It's not bad to have a busy schedule, it's bad to let your busy schedule control you. That's why we take things one at a time, so that we can do them to the best of our ability for God (Col 3:23)

In His Gratitude

Youth Director Seth Larson

Aug 10th- Middle School Youth Day

Aug 16-17th- High School Lake Days

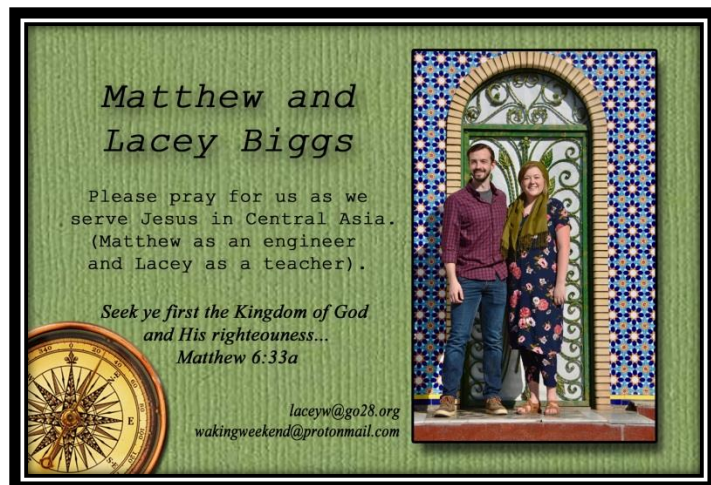


MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) is for all moms that have children in kindergarten or younger. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month from 9-11 AM at New Life Church in Beulah. You can find us on Facebook: West River Mops. Please come join us. Childcare is provided! Every mom could use a little bit of time to visit with other moms who are dealing with the same things they are: the challenges, fears, and exciting milestones that come along with raising little ones. MOPS international says "Better Moms Make a Better World." We'd love for you to join us as we come together as friends and mom who want to do the best we can while raising our little ones. If you'd like further information please contact Lisa Lenzen at 701-388-0491 or lisalenzen83@gmail.com

We are also looking for some loving women to help watch the MOPS children during meeting times. So if you or anyone you know would like to snuggle babies or play with toddlers – please contact Anna Sayler or Lisa Lenzen.

Just for your information!

School starts in Beulah on Thursday August 22nd!



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.



Jonathan and Tamba Abel will be speaking here at POP on Sunday evening August 18 @ 7:00. Come and join us for their Mission update.



Sunday School Corner

It won't be long and Sunday School will be starting and preparation is well underway. We will be starting the first Sunday after Labor day – September 8. If you have any questions or if you feeling God leading you to help with **teaching**, being a classroom helper, *subbing*, leading opening please let me or one of the Christian Ed members know.

Donna Bieri

(Michelle Klaudt, Angie Wanzek, and Kelsey Timmer)

2019 POP Church Council

President	Delton Schnaidt (2019)
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Secretary	Deb Sayler (2019)
Deacons	Riley Schrieffer (2019)
	Garrett Sayler (2019)
	Kevin Lee (2020)
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	Les Buchmann (2020)
	Keith Peterson (2021)
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Christian Education	Michelle Klaudt (2019)
	Kelsey Timmer (2019)
	Angie Wanzek (2020)
	Donna Bieri (2021)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Del Schnaidt

I read an article recently written by Max Lucado which points out some helpful suggestions that I felt worthwhile to share with council and the congregation.

Are you finding the time during the week to be in the Word of God? Equipped with the right tools, we can learn to listen to God.... What are these tools?

A regular time and place. Select a slot on your schedule and a corner of your world, and claim it for God. For some it may be best to do this in the morning. Others prefer the evening and others prefer many encounters during the day. Some sit under a tree. Others in the kitchen. Maybe your commute to work, or your lunch break would be the appropriate time for you. The important thing is for you to find a time and a place that seems right for you.

How much time should you take? As much as you need. Value quality over length. Your time with God should last long enough for you to say what you want and for God to say what he wants. Which leads us to a second tool you need - - *an open Bible.*

God speaks to us through his Word. The first step in reading the Bible is to ask God to help you understand it. Before reading the Bible, pray. Don't go to Scripture looking for you own idea; go searching for God's. Read the Bible prayerfully. Also, read the Bible carefully.

Here is a practical point. *Study the Bible a little at a time.* God seems to send messages as he did his manna: one day's portion at a t time. Choose depth over quantity. Read until a verse "hits" you, then stop and meditate on it. Copy the verse onto a sheet of paper, write it in your journal, and reflect on it several times.

Will I learn what God intends? If I listen, I will.

Understanding comes a little at a time..... over a lifetime.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

My family enjoyed a nice trip from June 17-28th.

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings.

Conducted a service at Senior Suites.

Assisted with VBS.

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

I've begun preparing a study of the book of Galatians for our Wednesday night Bible study, beginning in September.

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 been meeting regularly with Kevin Hall as his internship progresses.

Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

June involved quite a bit of "orientation" type things as I learned about Prince of Peace and about my role as a shepherd. Pastor Sperry and Pastor Tom have both been patient and knowledgeable instructors.

I preached 3 times in June (once at Golden Valley, twice at Prince of Peace) and made 10 visitations, as well as helped with VBS. In July I will be preaching on the 21st at Prince of Peace.

On Saturday the 27th of July, which is the Saturday after the week of family camp, I hope to take a trip to Webster South Dakota for the Georg Sverdrup Summer meeting. Three papers will be presented at the meeting 1.) "Sverdrup's understanding of the Free and Living Congregation," by Rev. Martin Horn 2.) "The Congregation as the Bride of Christ" by Rev. Alex Amiot and 3.) Rev. Raynard Huglen, "The Free Church Congregation in Practice." These are three big topics in the life of the Church, and three men I have great respect for presenting them, so I'm excited to hear them.

I want invite as many Council members as might be even remotely interested to come with because Sverdrup's vision of the congregation is both awesome and infectious.

I also have another continuing ed. event coming up in August. Summer Institute of Theology will be held on campus back at Plymouth.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Annual Conference
 - Nomination for Youth Board
- Community Youth Gathering at Riverside Park
 - Preached at that
 - We had about 30-40 middle school - high school aged youth
- FLY
 - Maybe getting a van for next time
 - Got back Saturday night
- Community Worship Service
 - I am Preaching
- Family Camp
 - Pr. Brandon Marschner and I are tag-teaming the youth for the week
- District youth event @ Teddy Roosevelt State Park
 - I have very little information about that and will find out more as time progresses.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 19,676.76
Building Fund	\$ 18,609.17
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 352.19
Intern Fund	\$ 45,801.8
Total Bank Acct	\$ 64,775.97

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 126,080.14

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spiritual life meetings: So far, our possibilities have not come to pass. Pastor Kent has another contact to make. Kevin Lee mentioned that Michael Rokenbrodt gave a dramatic portrayal at the Annual Conference, but we are not sure that this would fit with our Spiritual Life Meetings.

Men's study: Pastor Kent and Kevin Hall will choose something that they can co-lead.

Library: Standards for the books chosen - Riley had sent out a good draft for a general library policy. We discussed a few changes. Pastor Kent will try

to incorporate the changes and additions into a final draft. Then the Deacons will address it with the librarians and get their input.

We discussed the ad in the Beacon for the Pregnancy crisis center (First Choice Clinic/Women's Care Center) in Bismarck. We are paying approximately \$116 per month for it. We voted to cancel the ad in the Beulah Beacon and donate \$100 a month directly to the crisis center. The Deacons will look into placing an ad in the Beulah High School paper.

Trustee's Report – Randy Schneider

Randy checked and we can't do the lighting project ourselves – we need an electrician to do the actual connecting of the lights. An electrician would charge \$55 per light if we used the old lights – that would include the electrician labor and the kit. The Trustees have talked to members about helping and everyone prefers to help after summer.

Haven't received any prices for the concrete work we'd like to do.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt **Sunday School:**

Discussion regarding making a cd or Spotify account for Sunday School music this upcoming year.

Donna suggested incorporating the following items into Sunday School

- Memory Work (i.e. Ten Commandments, verses every week) and having quarterly prizes for the kids who participate.
- A reenactment of a bible story by the Sunday School for the congregation
- Making Sunday School longer, possibly from 10:30 – 11:45
- Having a Sunday School offering goal and if the kids accomplish the goal, we would have an ice cream party.

Youth Committee:

- There will be a youth event at Riverside park on June 19.
- There will be Paintball on June 29
- FLY is June 30 – July 6 and we have 11-12 kids are signed up.

Old Business:

-VBS (any changes for next year)

- Order Lanyards with Name Badges again Next year.
- Look into ordering older and younger kids' crafts.
- Call Killdeer and ask if they need any crafts

New Business:

-Christmas VBS:

- We are considering holding a Christmas day long VBS on December 14 or 21.
- Angie will work on a schedule for the day
- Sign-up will be held through Survey Monkey and will be open to the first 100 kids.
- Sign-up Genius will be used for the helpers as we hope to have this as a community wide event where each Church will help.

OLD BUSINESS

Van for Church – We discussed cost, mileage, how many times a year would we use it and storing it inside. Discussed renting a van verses purchasing one and what would be best. We will do more research and discuss again at our next council meeting. We will need congregational approval before purchasing.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$2252.18 to AFLC Seminary and \$300 to Lacey Wenning for her mission trip.

Correspondence

Thank you from WARC for food donations and Anna Wenning for confirmation gift. Invitation from Beaver Creek Lutheran Church in Ray ND to attend their 130th Anniversary Celebration on August 10. Thank you letters from AFLC Youth Ministries and Evangelism for our prayers and financial gifts.



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



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Please send me updated information and photos for your family – some of your children have grown up and moved out on their own, some of you have had babies, and some families have just grown and changed! The photos do NOT have to be professional – candids and cell phone pictures are fine. Please check birthdays and anniversaries also.