

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

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Pastor Kent

"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

(2 Corinthians 6:14-18 ESV)

As we come to faith in Christ, and even after we've trusted in him for many years, many of us maintain an unhealthy connection with the world around us. We continue to derive our primary fellowship, not from our brothers and sisters in Christ, but from the world. And we continue to do so in spite of the differences between us.

This often acts as a hindrance in our life of faith. The non-believers, with whom we are bound, pull us away from the Lord and the blessings he provides. They tempt us and lure us into the beliefs and practices of the world.

We often take the above passage to speak to marriage. But, while it certainly applies to marriage, the context is much broader.

And we are told plainly that we're not to be unequally yoked with an unbeliever.

Now, this isn't saying that we have to cut ourselves off from the world completely. Nor does it mean that we must completely cut ourselves off from unbelievers. In that case, it would be difficult to reach out to the lost and to make disciples.

However, we are not to be joined together with unbelievers. We're not to be mismatched or bound together with them. We're not to have the same connection with them that we have with the church.

Paul's reason for this is clear. We have nothing in common with them. Just as light and darkness have nothing in common, just as Christ and Satan have nothing in common, and just as righteousness and lawlessness have nothing in common, neither do we have anything in common with an unbeliever.

We've been called by God to be separate from them. We've been called to be holy. We've been called to be the sons and daughters of God.

While we must ensure that this isn't taken too far, our primary relationships are to be with fellow believers. This includes our marriage partner. But it also includes our primary friendships, our business partnerships, and so on. We are to seek the encouragement of those who are like us, who are distinct from the world, and who will build us in faith.



Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

Jeremiah 1:9-10 (ESV) 9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Any parent with legos and more than one child is familiar with the battle for control of the legos. As they play together, inevitably the limited resource of legos because an obstacle to peace and tranquility. Eventually someone claims authority over all the legos and carves out a little domain for themselves and their kingdom. It's amusing because you, as a parent, know that in 10 minutes you can disassemble the whole lego city and build the spaceship the other child desires to build. The child's so-called “authority” is not legitimate nor is it permanent.

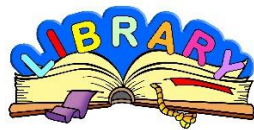
I think we often pretend that earthly authority is somehow permanent, yet the fact remains an inescapable reality that no matter who you are or what title you wear someday you will die and your legos will go to someone else. Nothing that humans build is permanent or eternal.

At first, when we read that Jeremiah was set “over nations and kingdoms” it makes very little if any sense. Jeremiah's life was not the most pleasant, and even though he stood before kings and powerful men, they very rarely, if ever, listened to him. From an earthly perspective Jeremiah does not look like the guy who had the power to break down and destroy whatever opposed him.

This is the paradox of the Gospel. Jeremiah was a preacher of the Law and the Gospel of God. He spoke for God, so the people that Jeremiah condemned as doomed for destruction went to their eternal destruction, and the ones who received Jeremiah's Gospel consolation were planted and built up in God's Word, able to bear fruit for God for eternity. In this same way, all Christians who stand on and share God's Word stand in authority over all creation, even when they look like the lowliest, most powerless creatures on earth.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ establishes people permanently and eternally in the grace of God. A more powerful and more lasting authority will never be found by mankind, yet mankind will continue to scoff at that idea while they fight with each other over their legs.

Library news...



Snuggle up with a good book and a hot cup of tea. We have lots of new books on the end cap and so much great stuff on the shelves.



Would you like to help lead our hymns on third Sundays? It helps the rest of us sing hymns when we have a leader 😊 Please let me know in the office and we will get you signed up!

Ushers for February

2-02-2020: *Marvin Bauer, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Wanzek family

2-09-2020: *Robin Richter, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

2-16-2020: *Garrett Placke Seth Larson, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis

2-23-2020: *Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer



Fellowship service for February

2-02-2020: Garrett & Michelle Placke, Bernerd & Judy Tolosky, Kameron & Cassie Plienis

2-09-2020: Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Jeremy & Heather Brandt, Wayne & Shawn Hoffner

2-16-2020: Willis & Deb Kasanke, Lynda Doe, Holly Doe, Lynell Renner

2-23-2020: Joe & Twyla Barbot, Gary & Susan Miller, Betty Hausauer

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 January 5,12,19, & 26 and February 2, 9, 16, & 23. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



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 and potlucks!**)



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.

Our new WMF Bible study ***Don't Follow Your Feelings*** is going to be a good one. I just finished Lesson 1: *The Truth About Feelings*. I can hardly wait to get with my group and go over the lesson. **FACT FAITH FEELINGS** Come join us on this journey!

We will be doing Lesson 2, *When I Doubt if I'm Saved*, on Monday February 17 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. You will find that Lesson 2 is a little further back in the book. There must have been a glitch in the collating process.

Nothing else on the calendar for WMF as of now. I'm reading the Gospels. After Luke in December, I thought it would be interesting. Finished Matthew and just started Mark. Anyone want to join me. I have no schedule.

Happy Valentine's Day! Jesus speaking: *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven..."* Matthew 5: 43-45

Judy Tolosky

Worship Attendance

12-22 - 207
12-24 - 278 Christmas Eve
12-29 - 131
01-05 - 157
01-12 - 167
01-19 - 114



Women's Care Clinic Baby Shower

Prince of Peace will once again take part in the Largest Baby Shower for the Women's Care Center, previously the First Choice Clinic, during the **month of March**. It is a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides services such as free testing, education and counseling for those facing unplanned pregnancies. In ND, they have offices in Bismarck, Fargo and Devils Lake. New or hand-made baby items can be placed in the crib that will be set up near the back of the church in March and someone will deliver them to the clinic. We have provided a list so you can start shopping early!

Suggested items include:

- *Infant clothing (newborn to 3T) *Diapers (sizes 3-6 are needed most)
- *Baby wipes *Bottles and sippy cups
- *Burp cloths and bibs *Pacifiers *Nursing covers
- *Washable nursing pads *Thermometers *Boppy nursing pillows and covers
- *Gift cards (ex. Target or Walmart) *Teething toys *Towels and wash cloths
- *Brush and comb sets *Crib sheets *Pack-n-play sheets
- *Halo sleep sacks *Infant carriers *Diaper bags

Contact Rebecca Martin, Chris Alt or Anna Novak if you have any questions. We encourage you all to consider donating to this very important cause!

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.**

Ladies of the church,
Please join **Threads
of Love** for quilting.

We meet on

Wednesdays from 9-

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sheets – we can use

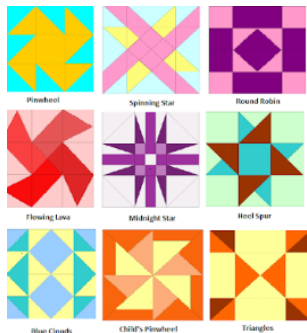
them. If you have a

Thrivent Action team card and would like to

use it – we would love your contribution. If

you have any question, call LaRue Schwarz

748-216.



February Birthdays!!!

Edith Fandrich	2/1
Keith Peterson	2/1
Connie Schaper	2/1
Kelly Neuberger	2/3
Beth Zimmerman	2/6
Lillian Boeshans	2/7
Noah Bieri	2/8
Mark Schneider	2/8
Hailey Palmer	2/9
Kelsey Timmer	2/9
Marvin Sigman	2/10
Chris Alt	2/11
Nancy Swanson	2/16
Ryker Tolosky	2/16
Maria Hausauer	2/22
Marie Kemmet	2/25
Gabriel Novak	2/25
Heidi Ulland	2/26
Billie Jo Weltikol	2/26
Leeta Olin	2/27
Eugene Hausauer	2/28
Gordon Hoffner	2/28
Everett Olsen	2/28
Willie Schaper	2/28
Jim Schumaier	2/28



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



Sunday School Corner

We are back into the swing of things after a

short Christmas break. We have Sunday

School every Sunday in February with the

kids singing Feb. 2nd for church. Each class

has a memory verse to learn each

week. Please ask your child what their

memory verse is or if you are unsure please

contact the teacher or me and we can help

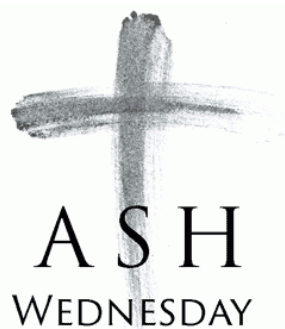
you out. Brandi Tolosky has offered to

teach the Kindergarten class for the rest of

the year.

In His hands,

Donna Bieri



is February 26!



Youth

How do we Encourage?

“Be still and know that I am with you” - Psalm 46:10

I have had one question on my mind as of recently, how do we as christians encourage each other? And not so much the question of how to encourage but how do we encourage well. How do we build others up without pointing out their downfalls? And then I started thinking, how did Jesus encourage others?

When I thought of situations that Jesus specifically encouraged another, I think of Peter. On more than one occasion Peter the disciple didn't exactly exceed expectations. The situation that comes to my mind is that of the night on the sea where Jesus walked on the water. Shortly after the disciples saw that Jesus was walking on water towards them, Peter asked God to allow him to join Him on the water. So Jesus commanded him and he stepped out of the boat to join Him. But when He saw the wind he became afraid and he began to sink. And Jesus caught him and said, “Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

And I wonder how Peter felt about that? Initially, I think that this comment from Jesus would be fairly discouraging to Peter, but it didn't seem to be. He continued to be a valuable member of Jesus' disciples, despite this moment. Jesus knew His disciples, and He knew what Peter was capable of, and He knew what to say to Peter to encourage him.

Even though at first it seems this comment from Jesus isn't overtly encouraging, we must look through the eyes of Peter. And from Peter's perspective, Jesus simply reminded Him to look to Him. And not to doubt what he knew was true, that Jesus is what He said He was.

This is what Jesus tells us to do with other believers, we need to remind others of who Jesus is and what He has done in their life, just like He did with Peter.

HS Ski Trip – Feb 16-17.

Sign up for Fly Beyond Soon!

Sign up to serve Lent meals for our church family.

2020 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2019)
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2019)
Deacons	Garrett Sayler (2020) Kevin Lee (2020) Don Buck (2021) Jim Wenning (2022)
Trustees	Les Buchmann (2020) Keith Peterson (2021) Ryan Tolosky (2021) Dustin Buchmann (2022)
Christian Education	Kelsey Timmer (2019) Angie Wanzek (2020) Donna Bieri (2021) Rebecah Larson (2022)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

First off, allow me to thank you for the generous Christmas gift. Your tangible expressions of your love and encouragement are always a blessing to me and my family.

Attended staff meetings & deacon's meeting.

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings.

Attended our district pastor's meeting.

Took part in a meeting of the AFLC World Missions Committee by Go-to-Meeting.

Communed residents at KRCC.

Conducted the funeral for Brandi Selle.

Confirmation instruction is going well. We are currently working through our study of the Lord's Prayer. Most of the kids are up to date on their work.

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

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

Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

Coming up is the 2020 Winter Bible Conference. Del and I worked on some of the technical issues related to it and Darcee and Judy and Sylvia have been organizing the food. Darcee also helped immensely with the promotional stuff.

January 18th, after the Men's Breakfast, I will be heading to the twin cities for interviews to gain approval for graduation and ordination. Barring blizzards and whatnot, we should be traveling home the 22nd.

December activities-

Middle-School Half nighter

Preached at POP 1 time (w/ Children's sermon)

Preached at KRCC

1 baptismal counseling session

1 Shut-in communion

Attended 3 Middle School Bible Studies

A Night in Bethlehem (which was awesome by the way)

1 Beulah Ministerial meeting

2 Beulah Ministerial prayer meetings

Deacons meeting

Council meeting

Confirmation- attended once, led once.

Led Men's Study

Norman Richau prayer service and funeral (Trinity Parish)

Preached and 2 Baptisms on the 22nd at Golden Valley and Dodge

Preached Christmas Eve at Dodge

Preached Christmas Day at Golden Valley

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

Past Events

- HS and MS Christmas Party
- Youth Worship Team
- Went Home for New Years to get a new car
- Selle's Visitation and Funeral

Current or Upcoming Events

- Meeting with College student(s) before they go back to school
- Winter Bible Conference @ POP
- Youth Worker Weekend (17th-19th)
- I'm helping with Hazen's bingo night on the 23rd
- Valentines' day banquet
- Ski Trip (Feb 16th-17th)

Seth updated us that FLY Beyond and MonDak Family Camp are scheduled for the same weeks this year. He will concentrate on FLY Beyond.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 18,515.08
Building Fund	\$ 21,585.00
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 53.09
Intern Fund	\$ 35,801.87
Church Van Fund	\$ 300.00
Total Bank Acct	\$ 67,120.59

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 119,403.04

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Deacon responsibilities – Kevin Lee will continue as secretary. Don B will continue taking care of the service leader schedule and has already begun for 2020. Jim W has taken up the usher schedule, which had previously been handled by Riley. The schedule for the sound booth repeats from prior years.

Spiritual life meetings: Our invitation has been accepted by Pastor Brian Ricke from Minneapolis

for the week of April 19th-22nd. He liked our topic suggestion and is prayerfully considering how to present it.

Lent will start on February 26th. Pastor Kent, Kevin H, and Seth will likely rotate for Wednesday services. Last year, we had meals put on by the youth to raise funds for their youth accounts. We approved of doing so again for this year. The Trinity Parish plans to hold Lent services also.

There was discussion on Church security after news of another church shooting.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

Les reported that one of the furnaces in the Fellowship Hall was acting up but he got it working again. Since we have had such cold temperatures, Legend Air reset the set limits so the temperature in the church is comfortable.

Keith Peterson is working on replacing the faucets in the men's bathroom.

We may need to change the soffits since it was discovered that there aren't soffit chutes in the ceilings. Also discussed the need to put gable vents on the roof on the south side of the church to let heat escape.

The Trustees will begin meeting monthly on the 1st Thursday so they meet before church council.

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

Christian Ed does not meet in December. Angie reported that Night in Bethlehem was a success but they may shorten it a bit. Christmas program went well. VBS request dates have been submitted. Angie reported that Dodge and Golden Valley will not be sharing a VBS team with us this year, so expenses will be higher.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Van – Kevin Lee found another website for used 15-passenger vans with some out of state that we could look at. Discussed cost verses performance with 4.8 verses 6.0-liter engine.

East Sanctuary Door Security Camera - Intern Kevin Hall had extensive information in his report. We voted to purchase the same brand of camera that we have in other areas of our church

Fellowship Hall Lighting – Les Buchmann reported the Trustees will begin replacing bulbs to LED bulbs one fixture at a time so it will not require a licensed electrician. The ballast will be removed and they will use the same porcelain ends. This will be cheaper but he does not know the exact cost yet. They will look at the ceiling insulation and reattach it with plywood strips if needed.

Library I-pad – The Deacons reported the libraries were leaning towards a Kindle. Only the librarians will use it to scan books and make labels. We discussed it would be nice to have a computer or app on a smart phone that we could use to search for books in the library since there is no card catalog.

NEW BUSINESS

AFLC Winter Bible Conference Budget – We approved paying for the food from the Deacons Evangelism budget.

Youth Easter Breakfast – Seth Larson reported that attendance for the breakfast has been slipping every year. Last year about 47 people attended. A lot of food was thrown. We discussed options of not having the breakfast or changing what is served so there is less waste. We will discuss item again.

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$2,836.87 to AFLC World Missions and \$300 to Lacey Wenning Biggs for her mission trip.

Correspondence

We received thank you notes from AFLC World Missions and The Raan family for missionary financial and prayer support, the Klaudt family for help with medical expenses and Darcee Wenning and Amy Haugen for the Christmas gifts. Also received Christmas letters from Legend Air and Brian Davidson of the AFLC.

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