



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

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Pastor Kent

"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."

(Matthew 28:18–20 ESV)

This year has been an absolute mess. The pandemic has affected our families on every level, from our jobs, to our schools, our recreation, travel, and even our doctor appointments, just to name a few. And it also had a big impact on the ministry of the church.

As all of you know, we shut down the church in March. Instead of having in-person worship, we watched it on YouTube or Facebook. Our confirmation classes were conducted on Go-to-

Meeting, as were many of our meetings. Youth ministry also moved on-line. In most cases, visitation was nearly impossible. However, although we can all agree that it was far from ideal, we made it work.

It was a joy to return to in-person worship in mid-May. However, with some still fearful of the Coronavirus, with the end of the school year, and with summer travels and camping upon us, things have never quite returned to normal. Our worship services have been much smaller than what is typical for us.

We did add some ministry that has not typically happened during the summer months. Seth conducted high school youth group, which was well attended. And we also had Wednesday evening Bible study, with good participation.

With the new school year upon us, I am hoping and praying that we will have much more normalcy at Prince of Peace. As we see in the above passage,

we have received a call to make disciples of all nations. And this is best done in person.

We will still keep some modifications in place. The offering plates will remain in the back of the sanctuary rather than passing them down the rows. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available at all entrances. For the time being, we will continue to bring communion to you, in your seats, rather than have everyone come up front. If it makes you more comfortable, you can feel free to wear a mask. And, for now, we'll continue with our modified fellowship.

However, confirmation classes will be held as normal. Youth activities will be held as normal. We will also have in-person Sunday School for children and adults. Wednesday night Bible study will continue. And fall activities, such as Spiritual Life Meetings, have been scheduled.

We must bear in mind that, if circumstances drastically worsen in our state and in our local area, changes could once again be made. If I, someone in my family, Seth, or Becca get sick, modifications may need to be made. But our hope and prayer is that we can carry out the ministry entrusted to us to the best of our abilities.

That being said, if your health is compromised in any way, or if you feel that your participation is too risky, we understand completely. However, please communicate with us. We want to do all that we can to ensure that your spiritual needs, in addition to your physical needs, are provided for.

**Please join us for a modified fellowship after church on Sundays!
Please sign up to serve a Sunday – call Margie Lee.**

Ministry Workshop

The Western North Dakota District of the AFLC will be hosting a youth and children's ministry workshop October 9th-10th at Prince of Peace. It will begin on Friday evening, and continue on Saturday morning until early afternoon. Speakers will be Pastor Jason Holt, Director of Youth Ministries for the AFLC, and Marian Christopherson, Director of Parish Education for the AFLC. We encourage all of those who help with our youth ministries, Sunday School, and VBS to participate. We also invite and encourage anyone who has an interest in youth and children's ministry to take part.

Fall Spiritual Life Messages

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings will be held October 18th-21st. Our speaker will be Pastor Brian Ricke, from Hope Free Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and co-host of the Being Lutheran Podcast. His theme for the week will be Living Sacrifices. He will be talking about what worship looks like, worshiping through God's Guidance, Worship in the Family, Worship in our Everyday Lives, and Worshiping as a Congregation. Please make plans to join us!

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 September 6, 23, & 27 and October 4, 11, 18, & 25. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast! This ministry is more important than EVER!

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, on our facebook page, Faithlife portal, Youtube and RightnowMedia.



Sunday School Corner

It is that time of year again for Sunday School to start. Our first day of Sunday School will be Sept. 13 and the 4th graders will receive their Bibles during the church service. Masks are optional but are not required for Sunday School. If you don't feel comfortable sending your child but want to have a copy of the lessons please let me know and we will get you the materials to use at home. We are still **looking for a teacher for the 6-8 grade class**. If you feel God leading you to teach this class please don't ignore it! We have the amazing ability to freely place God's word in our children's heart. Many countries would love to have the opportunity that we all too often take for granted. If you have any questions or are interested in being a class helper or helping in some other capacity, we would love to have you.

In His Hands,
Donna Bieri

Prince of Peace will once again be starting Sunday School on September 13, 2020. The Board of Christian Education understands that the last few months have been unsettled with great uncertainty. As we move forward with the education of our youth, the board would like to inform families and members about how Sunday School will look this year.

Our goal is too conduct Sunday School as normal as possible. Students and teachers will not be required to wear mask. However, if a family would like to have their children wear one, Prince of Peace will support your decision. Classes for ages Preschool-Eighth with have an average attendance of approximately 4-7. Sunday School rooms will be the largest we have access to, and students will be encouraged to spread out. Physical distance of 6ft between will be hard to maintain.

High School Youth Group and Middle School Bible School will continue as normal. Students will be encouraged to physically distance and larger and/or outdoor spaces will be utilized.

The Board of Christian Education is aware that the Public-School system is following a color-coded system of attendance. Sunday School at Prince of Peace will be held if the school system is Blue, Green, Yellow and Orange. If the school system moves to Red, all youth activities ages Preschool to Grade 12 will be moved on-line. This included HS Youth Group, Middle School Bible Study, and Confirmation.

If you are uncomfortable with your child attending Sunday School, materials will be available for families to utilize at home. Please contact the Board of Christian Ed to request them.

Attendance is a required element of Confirmation. Any concerns with your child attending Confirmation in person, please contact Pastor Kent.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Angie Wanzek. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in September!



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.*

September WMF Bible study will be Monday the 14th at 10:30 and 6:30. We will be looking at Lesson : CHOOSING DEATH IS NOT THE ANSWER. "LIFE IS GOD'S PLAN! All of God's creation is awesome, but mankind is His crowning creation!" God created man and woman in His image we are told in Genesis 1: 27. We will cover the topics of Abortion, Suicide and Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, and end of life Hard Decisions. We will look at the Biblical view of life. Judy Tolosky

WMF Annual Report

I had the privilege of attending WMF Day 2020 in Osceola Wisconsin at the Association Retreat Center (ARC) on Monday August 10. There were approximately 100 ladies in attendance. Our theme was "Victory in Jesus!" and our scripture was 1 John 5:4-5 "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? During these challenging times of Covid 19, and riots and division in our country, it was a timely reminder that we have "Don't Follow Your Feelings"!

Our opening devotion was shared by Linda Korhonen who wrote this years bible study, titled "You're not a Victim, You're a Victor"

Our first speaker was Mrs. Natalie Ballman who shared about their church plant in San Antonio, Texas. The virus timing was difficult for a young church plant but they are seeing God's provision and his faithfulness even during challenging times.

Our second speaker was Joan Korhonen who shared about her mission trip to India. Joan also shared how we could be praying for our missionaries in the field, and our missionaries stranded in the USA with closed borders delaying their return.

Our Afternoon speaker was Pastor Andy Coyle from a new SD church plant near Rapid City. His topic was "Life Through The Lens of Victory" based on 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. " It was another encouraging message to us to keep our focus on Jesus.

We had our business meeting. Liz McC Carlson was elected as the 2nd Vice President and I was elected as the treasurer. Our terms will begin in October.

I hope you ladies consider the possibility of coming to WMF Day, 2021, which will be held in Minneapolis next June. It is a day to visit with old friends, make new friends, and a day to be encouraged to grow and to serve.

Margie Lee



You are welcome to join the WMF ladies for coffee on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the POP fellowship hall.



Men's breakfast will begin Saturday, September 19th @ 7am. The study topic is about discipling families.



Youth

Where the Spirit Leads

Recently I went to the AFLC Annual Conference in Wisconsin with Becca. There was a plethora of great speakers and pastors there to listen to. But one in particular stood out to me. His name is Pastor Jerry Moen. He gave the opening sermon for the week and I found it and the conversations it invoked were very very interesting.

He spoke on the theme of the week, which was the parable of the judge and the widow, found in Luke 18:1-8. To sum it up, there is an unlawful judge and a persistent widow who is asking for justice. And after annoying the judge for long enough he gives her justice. The story is a somewhat confusing one and is fairly hard to navigate without being harsh or unbiblical. But pastor Moen did so very elegantly and biblically, and in a very understandable way.

After the service I turned to Becca and said, "Wow, I really liked that sermon! What did you think?" And she said, "I really didn't get anything out of that." I was genuinely surprised, I thought he did such a good job and Becca could not have disagreed more. After thinking about this, it struck me that the spirit does in fact move in different ways. Something that I need to hear, the spirit will get my attention, because that's His job. It's not up to us to always be the best speaker or listener in the room, because the Spirit is the best at both of those, and as long as we give our effort and

don't have an apathetic heart, the spirit will work your words and your ears how God will want them!

Youth Pastor, Seth Larson

Youth Events to Put on Your Calendar!

First day of High School Youth Group -

Sept 9th

First day of Middle School Youth Group -

Sept 10th

First day of Middle/High School Sunday School -**Sept 13th**

See you at the pole - **Sept 23rd**



Prince of Peace will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child in November 2020. To reach our goal of 125 shoeboxes we will once look the congregation to gather items for the shoeboxes. Every Sunday between now and packing day will have designated items. Please use this reminder to gather items for OCC. The following is only a recommendation, items will be accepted at any time!

September 13th: Pencils, Flat Pencil Cases, Erasers, and Pencil Sharpeners

September 20th: Notebooks, Coloring Items, Scissors

September 27th: Combs/Brushes and Hair Accessories

October 4th: Wash Clothes, Bar Soap and Bar Soap Containers

October 11th: Toothbrushes and Toothbrush Covers

October 18th: Flashlights and Extra Batteries

October 25th: Socks and Underwear (Sizes 2T to Youth XL)

November 1st: Wow Items! (Toys, balls, and small games!)

In addition to the items needed for each box, shipping is also an important part of OCC. Every box requires \$9 to ship the box to its destination. Please consider donating! Shipping donation envelopes will be available on the Christian Ed bulletin board.



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



Church Library

Our Librarians are working hard at revamping our library and its system! Please use the library card check out system when borrowing items. When you bring them back, please put them in the “return” basket and not just on a shelf. There is also a “comments & suggestions” basket – please feel free to suggest new books and movies! We have a fantastic selection of books, movies, and reference materials for **YOU**.

2020 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman (2020)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2020)
Secretary	Deb Saylor (2020)
Deacons	Kevin Lee (2020)
	Garrett Saylor (2020)
	Don Buck (2021)
	Jim Wenning (2022)
Trustees	Les Buchmann (2020)
	Keith Peterson (2021)
	Ryan Tolosky (2022)
	Dustin Buchmann (2022)

Christian Education	Angie Wanzek (2020)
	Donna Bieri (2021)
	Rebecah Larson (2022)
	Chrisy Rotondo (2022)
Auditing Committee	Wayne Hoffner (2020)
	Kim Pacht (2020)
Personnel Committee Rep	Carl Sorenson (2020)
Nominating Committee	Marj Murray (2020)
	Marvin Bauer (2020)
	Jan Sigman (2020)

September Birthdays

Margie Lee	9/1
Evan McFarlin	9/3
Lexa Mohl	9/3
Karen Seibel	9/3
Jim Alt	9/4
Parker Lenzen	9/4
Tammy Wiedrich	9/4
Mitchell Mattheis	9/7
Claire Buchmann	9/8
Randy Schneider	9/8
Kenny Klein	9/9
Thea Ungerer	9/9
Emma Wanzek	9/9
Elaine Foth	9/10
Ryan Martin	9/12
Ruth Sailer	9/12
Drake Holen	9/14
Draxton Holen	9/14
Gary Murray	9/14
Sodie Peabody	9/15
Adeline Schriefer	9/16
Julie Bergstedt	9/18
Tad Feist	9/18
Caty Ternes	9/19
Kelly Aalund	9/22
Connor Babcock	9/22
Joe Wright	9/22
Michelle Placke	9/23
Keith Yeager	9/25
Bill Keller	9/29
Blake Martin	9/29
Riley Schriefer	9/29
Bill Swanson	9/30

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Marvin Sigman Marvin attended the Deacon's meeting. He preached the sermon last Sunday. Marvin was approached about needing someone to hang the banners and take care of the decorating needs at church. He will announce the need for a Decoration committee.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Visited and communed the ladies in the senior condos.
I've been trying to write and publish a couple of written devotions each week for our members. I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients. I have also done a couple of spiritual assessments for them by phone. I've been prepping and revising the confirmation booklet, ahead of our orientation the last Wednesday in August.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

I was able to attend and help in the planning of Family VBS Sunday in the park. I taught 2 children's sermons and helped anywhere else Christian Ed needed me

Went to FLY Beyond in Osceola Wisconsin with 4 students and Becca. I am impressed with the leadership that I see in our church with our youth and I'm very thankful for the support that our church and the Council has for AFLC sponsored events like FLY Beyond

Thank you very much for allowing me to go to both of these events, but especially SIT. The knowledge gained has been immensely helpful and the time was not wasted.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 47,549.90
Building Fund	\$ 30,989.01
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 31.34
Intern Fund	\$ 26,645.24
Church Van/Storage	\$ 2,645.24
Total Bank Acct	\$ 112,109.19

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 103,446.39

Deacon's Report –

We discussed fall activities and any Covid safety precautions that should be taken. We will see what Christian Ed decides on Sunday School and for a while longer we will have reduced Fellowship as it's been the last month.

District Youth and Children's Ministry Training to be held Oct. 9-10 at POP.

Spiritual life meetings: Pastor Brian Ricke, October 18th-21st.

Pastor Wade Mobley is considering coming for the Spring Spiritual life meetings to teach on the what the Bible shows us about dealing with some of the various corruptions we see in the world today.

Men's breakfast/study – Pastor will lead us through a series about our role (as men) in discipling our family.

The No Regrets Men's Conference hasn't happened in years, and is essentially dead in Beulah. Pastor suggested hosting a one-day men's conference late winter (before Lent and Spring Spiritual Life Meetings) He envisions it opening with rolls and coffee, 2 morning sessions, lunch, and one or two afternoon sessions. We could invite men from the community and other congregations. Pastor visited with Paul Nash, and he is available the first two Sundays in February

Trustee's Report – Keith Peterson

They are still working with Winkler Construction on the concrete project and it looks like it will be done in September

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

Sunday School will [start September 13th](#). It will be run as normal. If anyone is uncomfortable sending their children, lesson materials will be provided upon request. Students and teachers can wear masks but it is not required of either of them. We are still in need of teachers.

Bibles will be presented [September 13th to the 4th](#) graders. Letter will be sent out to parents regarding bible presentation as well as to our Pre-K students.

We talked some about OCC (Operation Christmas Child) Angie will work with Rebeca on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Faithlife Program training – Have 68 family units have signed up which is quite a few people.

Church Use – Communion will continue in the row. We will not have the ushers pass the offering plate yet. Will continue with the modified coffee hour for at least the next month. So far around 30 people have been staying for coffee hour.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$1,550.97 to AFLC Youth Ministries and \$300 to FMSC Mobile Pack.

Correspondence Thank you notes were received from AFLC World Mission, Parish Education, Associate of Retreat Center and Home Missions for financial gifts and prayers.