

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

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# December 2020



## Pastor Kent

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'"*

Revelation 21:1-4 ESV

As we read the above text, I think we can agree that it captures that for which we long. We want to live forever in a place where God dwells with us. We want to live in a place where there is no more death. We want to live in a place where there is no

more mourning, crying, or pain. And we want to live in a place where God himself has wiped every tear from our eye.

However, it increasingly seems like we understand this place to be the world in which we now live. It seems as if we are looking to worldly means to attain for us this blessing. And it seems that the only thing that matters to us is the here and now.

It seems more and more that our focus is upon this world. It seems more and more that our focus is on this life. It seems that, more and more, we are seeking to erase the consequences of sin and to create some sort of heaven on earth.

It seems that we trust in the goodness of human nature to get us there. It seems that we trust in our ability to improve and to grow to get us there. It seems as though we trust in the right leader to get us there. It seems that we trust in military might and adequate policing to provide these blessings. It seems that we trust in medicine and medical

technology to get us there. And it seems that we trust in the right degree from the right school to get us there.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not suggesting that we cease our efforts to improve the world in which we live. Nor am I suggesting that we cease all efforts to love our neighbor and to both help him and to advocate for his welfare. After all, we're called by God to minister to the needs of those around us with the gifts and the blessings he's entrusted to us.

However, we must understand that the blessings for which we long will only be received at the time of Jesus' return. They will be experienced only in the new creation that will accompany him. We must understand that they will never be attained in the here and now.

Our hope, then, is found in Christ and in no one else. It's found not in this life, but in the life that's to come. And it's found not in this world, but in the next.

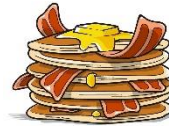
For this reason, we must trust in Christ and anticipate his return. We must believe his promise and hope for its fulfillment. And we must know and believe that, by his death and resurrection, he's done everything necessary to provide for us these blessings.

This is the purpose of the Advent season, into which we just entered. We remember the anticipation of the saints of old for the coming of the Savior. And, in the same way, we both anticipate and long for his return.



**4:30pm on December 24**

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



Men's breakfast will be Saturday, December 19 @ 7am. The study topic is about discipling families.

**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.**



From the Chairman

Nothing submitted

**The SS Christmas program will be during the worship service on December 20. Program practice is on Saturday morning Dec 19 @ 9:30am.**



# Youth

## Rights and wrongs

As the school year has kicked off as well as youth groups and Sunday school, it seems like someone just pushed the gas pedal all the way down and didn't wait to ask, "Did you have your seatbelt on?" But as always, the most exhausting things in life tend to be the ones with the most blessing hidden behind the curtain.

And one of those blessings was during high school youth group. About 20 minutes into the lesson we were varying pretty far from the lesson. The lesson was about Adam and Eve and their sin and what that means for us today and how sin hasn't changed for us even now. But this conversation quickly got to the topic of morality. We started talking about how rights and wrongs work in the world and the biblical evidence for such things. And that's all I've really been thinking about since.

So the question is, are there objective rights and wrongs in the world (basically meaning, are there absolute rights and wrongs to everyone), and if so or not, why does it matter?

As far as objective rights and wrongs go, we (as christians) need to be on the same page in this subject. If we are torn apart on this, then we as believers of Christ won't be able to defend Christ in this world where Christ is very much on trial. Especially when so many things that were once held sacred are now thrown to the curb in most social situations. We look at a world that once held family sacred, but now is so willing to say that divorce is a fine and even a good thing. And a world that once held life in the most important of places in our hearts, but now thinks that it is no longer immoral to abort a child. We as believers need to agree that these things and many others are held sacred and wrong and that there are in fact absolute rights and wrongs in this world that God says that we will be judged by when our time comes. But thanks to God he has laid a way out of these sins for us, and we find that hope in Jesus and his death. If we combine the theology of the absolute rights and wrongs in

this world and mix that with the Gospel and what God has done for us, then there will be no person that will be unwilling to turn to Christ because they know their sins, and they know how to be forgiven!

HS Christmas party Dec 16th  
MS Christmas party Dec 17th  
MS Half nighter Dec 18th (starts at 7 and goes till 12AM.....)  
No Middle high, High school, or middle school from the 19th of December until the 6th of January, then we are back to normal



## Sunday School Corner

In December we will have the Christmas program during church on the 20. We will practice at 9:30 on the 19th. For SS on the 13th we will be practicing our Christmas program. I will be sending parts home this weekend for the 1-5 grade classes. If you child isn't here but plans to be in the program please let me know so we can plan accordingly. We won't have SS on the SS.

Thanks,  
Donna

## 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 December 6, 13, 20, & 27 and January 3/10/17/24/31. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast! This ministry is now more important than EVER!



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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.*

Merry Christmas! This year has sped by so quickly. Each of us must trust in the Lord with our whole heart because God keeps his word. He will not leave us nor forsake us. God isn't like me: I mumble and say "Maybe", "We'll see", "I don't know". Do you get the picture? His yes is yes and no, no! This is a fact!

**On Monday, December 14, at 10:30 and 6:30 we will do our final lesson, Knowing God's Will.**

How can a Christian be sure of God's will for his life? We just cannot rely on how we are feeling. Our feelings can change many times in a day. We must go to the TRUTH, GOD'S WORD! Come join us for study and fellowship. We won't be doing our tradition joint Christmas Bible study.

There is still time to order the new WMF Bible study that we will start in January: "**1 Timothy**" written by Jeanette Berntson. The cost for each study book is \$12.00 which includes shipping. We have an envelope on the WMF bulletin board that contains a sign-up sheet and you can put your payment in it as well. Even if you don't have the \$ with you, you can pay later. If you are interested in doing this study but the third Monday doesn't work or maybe you have some friends with whom you would like to do this study at a different time or location that would be great. If you have questions call me: Judy 870-2131.

***Incarnation*** by Anne Ortlund

"THE Lord is in His holy house"--Oh, grace beyond describing, That Christ in me should please to dwell--Emmanuel residing! "My soul doth magnify the Lord," I sing with lowly Mary, That God should choose to enter in *This humble sanctuary!*

Not now in little Bethlehem, As in the tender story;  
Not now upon a mercy seat, The bright **Shekinah**  
glory, But in the body of His saint He maketh His  
residing, Both He in me and I in Him *In fellowship  
abiding.*

Within my heart a burning bush, Within, a mountain  
smoking; This flesh of mine a temple veil, The  
wondrous Presence cloaking; Within this broken  
earthen ware A high and holy treasure: Oh, mystery  
of mysteries! *Oh, grace beyond all measure!*

"The Lord is in His Holy house"--Mysterious  
habitation! I feel His presence here within And  
offer my oblation. Keep burning, incense of my  
soul! Keep cleansing me, O Laver! I want to serve  
and praise my God *Forever and forever!*

From my Women's Devotional Bible: Pause to  
ponder what Christ has really done for all of us.  
Blessings of the season of the Advent and  
Celebration of Christ's birth.

Sincerely in His love, Judy



**Church Library**

Our Librarian is 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

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman (2020)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margie Lee (2020)
<b>Secretary</b>	Deb Saylor (2020)
<b>Deacons</b>	Kevin Lee (2020) Garrett Saylor (2020) Don Buck (2021) Jim Wenning (2022)
<b>Trustees</b>	Les Buchmann (2020) Keith Peterson (2021) Ryan Tolosky (2022) Dustin Buchmann (2022)
<b>Christian Education</b>	Angie Wanzek (2020) Donna Bieri (2021) Rebecah Larson (2022) Chrisy Rotondo (2022)
<b>Auditing Committee</b>	Wayne Hoffner (2020) Kim Pachi (2020)
<b>Personnel Committee Rep</b>	Carl Sorenson (2020)
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Marj Murray (2020) Marvin Bauer (2020) Jan Sigman (2020)

## December Birthdays

Arlo Sailer	12/3
Jacey Duttonhefner	12/4
Angie Faut	12/5
Briella Schmit	12/5
Logan Behm	12/7
Sharon Schneider	12/9
Jake Mohl	12/11
Savannah Johnson	12/11
Nick Kasanke	12/12
Brooklyn Keller	12/12
Judah Novak	12/13
Morgan Lenzen	12/15
Linda Schnaidt	12/15
Charlie Wanzek	12/16
Shane Goetz	12/17
Shaylyn Gunsch	12/17
Morgan Mattheis	12/18
Lynell Renner	12/19
Lisa Pederson	12/20
Aiden Green	12/22
Simon Novak	12/25
Holly Doe	12/26
Sandy Weigel	12/27
Haven Weltikol	12/29
Cheri Sperry	12/30
Rebecca Alt	12/31
Deb Kasanke	12/31
Willis Kasanke	12/31
Brandi Tolosky	12/31



### 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)

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin went to the Deacon's meeting. He is working on a FMSC bulletin to take to other community churches.

## Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I'd like to begin by expressing my thanks to you, and to the congregation as a whole, for the gifts and recognition during Pastor's Appreciation Month. I am thankful for this church, and for each one of you.

Confirmation is going well, as we have begun looking at the third article of the Apostles' Creed.

We hosted the Youth & Children's Ministry Workshop for the Western North Dakota/Eastern Montana District of the AFLC.

We had our fall Spiritual Life Meetings, this past month, with Pastor Brian Ricke from Minneapolis.

We hosted a meeting and worship service for the Lutheran Mission Society, which partners with our Alaska mission.

I traveled to Iowa to conduct the funeral for my grandmother. A special thanks to Kevin Lee for flying me down so I could both do this, and continue my engagement with activities here.

I helped to cook and led our Bible study for the men's group this month, where we're focusing on Discipling Our Family

## Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Youth and children's training
- We were going to go to UpClose at FLBC but decided not to
- Halloween party with the youth
- Had our first Middle High youth group
- Soup Kitchen with confirmation kids
- Going to Fargo for boy's state football game
- First Hazen Youth Task Force next week
- High School all-nighter Nov 20th
- Youth bake sale
- I will be preaching on Dec 6th
- Middle school half nighter Dec 18th

## Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 48,137.33
Building Fund	\$ 35,551.27
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 367.30
Intern Fund	\$ 29,885.35
Church Van Fund	\$ 6,886.36
Total Bank Acct	\$ 93,646.42

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 93,646.42

We received \$36,097 from the Payroll Protection Program grant/loan which is in the General Fund Margie reported that it looks like the entire PPP grant/loan has been forgiven according to the computer records.

## Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Thanksgiving worship/pie social – In light of Covid, we will still have the event, but pie slices will be already on paper plates for us instead of having everybody touch the serving utensils.

As most of the community assistance is directed through the ministerial, and as our deacon fund hasn't been largely used again this year, Pastor encouraged that we give a portion of those funds to the ministerial to help with these needs. Last year, we directed \$500 for this purpose. The Deacons agreed to do so again.

Christmas worship – We will still plan for candles to be handed out with attention to minimal personal contact.

Pastor visited with Pastor Wade Mobley when he was down in Minneapolis last week. Although we don't have firm dates, he affirmed that it should work in his schedule to come for our Spring Spiritual Life Meetings.

## Trustee's Report – Keith Peterson

Keith reported that he fixed the snowblower, put on new skids and changed the oil. It has been moved to the shed to be stored. There is a plug-in outside with a new extension cord for the snowblower.

He purchased new snow shovels and brooms and placed them by all the doors.

The emergency lighting in kitchen doesn't work. Dustin Buchmann will look at the lights – it might be the battery pack.

The insulation in fellowship hall ceiling is falling down. Keith proposed to run 1 x 4s to hold the insulation up. To repair the area from The Warehouse to the Sunday School rooms in the fellowship hall would take 256 boards – about \$1,100 total. To repair just the Fellowship Hall would be about \$700. We approved repairing the Fellowship Hall insulation for approximately \$750.

**Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek**

Night in Bethlehem is tentatively set for December 5th. It will be held for church member families only due to Covid.

Sunday school rooms were looked at as many classes are at 10+ students making distancing very hard. Discussion was had about opening a wall between two rooms and putting in a sliding/accordion door that can be opened to better accommodate bigger classes. In the short term using the fellowship area was discussed as an option, as were others.

Rebeca expressed the need for additional help as they have an influx of kids attending youth bible studies as many are bringing friends. Discussion was had to add an additional bible study group on a Sunday night to break down the number of kids attending each class.

*Update: Council discussed taking one of the walls out of the Sunday School rooms in the fellowship hall area to make a larger room for social distancing – perhaps in January.*

*Seth reported they have more helpers from High School and an adult helping with Youth Bible studies.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LED Light Replacement** – Have 2 more lights to replace in the Fellowship Hall.

**Outside Concrete Work** –Garner Sailer has some contacts that will do concrete work and we will check on those people.

**Van Storage Building** – Dustin Buchmann is working on plans.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our Tithe of \$2,236.61: \$300 to Feed My Starving Children and split the

remainder \$1,936.61 evenly to FLBC and AFLC Home Missions.

**Church Sign between Beulah and Hazen** – A panel on the sign listing churches in Beulah has pulled away. Company recommended considering putting up a new sign. The cost of sign is \$2,900 plus installation. Beulah Ministerial is requesting \$300 from each church. We approved donated \$300 for the sign.

**Mission Fund** – We discussed that there is \$725.21 in the Mission Fund with more coming in each offering. We approved sending \$250 each to the 3 Alaska missionaries.

**Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from Feed My Starving Children, AFLC World Missions, AFLC Youth Ministries and AFLC Evangelism for our financial donations and prayers.

## Annual Meeting Highlights

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fellowship Room Ceiling/Insulation/Lights**

**Update** – The Fellowship Hall lights have been replaced as LEDs as they go out. There was a possibility of a grant to upgrade to LED lights, but that appears to be done.

**North Entrance Walkway and Southeast Sloped**

**Walkway Replacement** – There were problems getting the concrete contractor to commit to the project, so this will be done in 2021 with a different contractor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New member acknowledgement** – We gave new members attending the annual meeting a round of applause.

Statistics Report:

Membership 11-17-2010	516
Members Received	13
Members Removed	17
Membership 11-22-2020	512
Baptisms	9
Adult Class or Transfer	4
Deaths	2
Removed by Transfer/Other	15

Members Confirmed	3
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**Van Storage Building** – Discussed plans to build a garage/building on the north side of the church to store the church van, possible tractor snowblower, etc. Looking at 30' x 40' building. Dustin Buchman is working on plans and costs. Les Buchmann of the Trustees spoke about high cost of construction materials during this pandemic. This project has been put on hold. Project will need approval from congregation when there are firm costs and plans.

### **Elections**

**Chairman** – Marvin Sigman 1-year term

**Treasurer** – Margie Lee 1-year term

**Deacons** – Kevin Lee and Shane Haugen both 3-year terms

**Trustees** – Jeff Rotondo 3-year term

**Christian Education** – Angie Wanzek 3-year term

**Auditing Committee** – Wayne Hoffner and Kim Pacht both 1-year terms

**Personnel Committee** – Carl Sorenson 1-year term

**Nominating Committee** – Marj Murray, Janice Sigman and Marvin Bauer all 1-year terms

**2021 Annual Budget** - Margie Lee presented the budget highlighting the changes. Our new sanctuary building loan was taken out in April 2015 for \$250,000 and is at the Union Bank at 4.5% interest rate. Balance as of 11/10/2020 was \$93,646.42.