



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

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# January 2021



## Pastor Kent

*"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."*

Genesis 1:26-27 ESV

The belief about life, promoted by our society regarding how it came to be, is evolution. The universe, we're told, came to be by way of the Big Bang. And over the course of millions and millions of years, by the right combination of elements and events, life came to be.

According to this theory, life just happened. There's really no reason for it. And there's certainly no purpose to it. But, lo and behold, here we are.

We often fail to realize that, if this is the case, it has major implications for the way that we live. It has major implications when it comes to the way that we treat others, and even the way that we think of ourselves. If life is an accident, and if there is no purpose for it, there is little reason to value it. There is little reason to love others. And there is little reason to care what happens, one way or the other.

However, according to the above passage of Scripture, life was created by God. It was given to us by God. And not only is this true. We were also created in his image.

Believing this to be true, it again has major implications for the way that we live. It again has major implications when it comes to the way that we treat others and the way that we think of ourselves. Believing this to be true, we understand

that life has great value and significance, and we regard it in this way.

January has been known, for some time, as Sanctity of Life month. And typically, we observe Sanctity of Life Sunday. We take one Sunday of the month to talk about the sanctity of life and the issues relating to it.

This year, however, this will be our focus for the entire month. We'll see in Scripture why life is sacred, and what this means for us. We'll address several issues that are commonplace today, both in the political realm and in our day to day lives, that are impacted by our understanding of life.

I hope that you'll be able to join us, either in person or on YouTube, as we tackle some challenging topics. I hope and pray that each one of us will grow in our understanding of sacred nature of life. And I hope and pray that it will provide for us clear direction when it comes to the decisions we make and the actions we take.

### **Who am I? And why am I here?**

These are the big questions that eventually confront everyone. Usually the two questions begin to nag in childhood, and do not go away with time. Perhaps the nagging can be covered with distractions and rationalizations. But the questions refuse to go away and demand an answer.

God does not leave us desolate, wondering who we are. He does not condemn us to grope in the dark, seeking meaning in life. People are not left to determine their own truth or stumble through their days without direction.

This will be the focus of our Wednesday Night Bible Study starting on January 6th. Using what God has revealed, we'll find honest and straightforward answers to these questions. The six sessions of this study will explore what God has revealed about life's biggest questions. And they will shed light on the difference that knowing the answers makes for the way a man lives.

## **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.



### **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 10, 17, 24, & 31 and February 7, 14, 21, 28. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!

## **Discipling Our Family**

A one-day men's retreat led by Pastor Paul Nash of Shamgar Ministries. Throughout the day, he'll share with us how we might disciple self, spouse, family, and community. This event will be held at POP in Beulah, from 9:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, Feb 6 2021. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, however a free-will offering will be collected. Please RSVP to [ksperry@princeofpeacebeulah.org](mailto:ksperry@princeofpeacebeulah.org) by Jan 1.



### **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)

## Notes from our Chairman

Does reading the Bible help you for salvation?

In 2 Timothy 3: 15 we read, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Then it goes on to say that all scripture is inspired by God, it can be used, for teaching, reproof, correcting and for training in righteousness. So that what? That the man of God maybe complete and equipped for every good work.

The Ans. Should be yes, I pray that we all will read in the Bible every day with the help of the Holy Spirit to learn from it how we have Salvation.

In Christ Marvin C Sigman

### 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**

### Thrivent

Do you have Thrivent Community Action cards available to you? Don't wait until the end of the year to try to come up with a use for them. Call Deb at Thrivent or email me in the office – we can help you with some ideas!



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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.*

Happy New Year!

### REFLECT

I do not ask for mighty words  
to leave the crowd impressed.  
Just grant my life may ring so true  
my neighbor shall be blessed.

--unknown

I think this will be a good New Year's resolution for me.

We will be starting our new WMF Bible study on Monday, January 18 at 10:30 and 6:30 in the church fellowship hall: A study on 1 Timothy. "This is an inductive study... God wrote this letter through the Apostle Paul to Timothy. Paul often refers to truths from other parts of the Bible. Timothy had studied God's Word and knew what Paul meant. To understand 1 Timothy we will also take the time to learn what God teaches us from related Bible passages." The title of Lesson 1 is "Is Your Doctrine Sick?"

We still have fellowship time on Wednesdays in the church fellowship hall where we can be socially distant. We even do a little WMF business that may arise. It is a time to be with our sisters in Christ and uplift each other. All are welcome. We bring our own coffee or tea or whatever.

God Bless us everyone!

In His service, Judy 870-2131



Prince of Peace will once again be hosting a baby shower for the Women's Care Center in Bismarck throughout the month of January. Please drop off your donations at the playpen at the back of the sanctuary. I can also share an Amazon wish list for WCC, just email the office and I will send it out to you.

### Worship Attendance

11-22 - 41 Annual meeting  
11-25 - 49 Thanksgiving eve  
11-29 - 91  
12-06 - 126  
12-13 - 127  
12-20 - 259 SS Christmas prog  
12-24 - 185 Christmas Eve  
12-27 - 83



Women's Care Center is a pregnancy resource center that serves the west central region of ND. Our mission is to help pregnant women in our community to choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents, and take the first step toward self-sufficiency. We need your assistance to stock our Crib Club with items our families need. We are asking for gift cards from Walmart or target of any denomination. This allows our counselors to replenish the many items we have distributed to our families this year. We greatly appreciate your consideration, and we respectfully ask for your prayers. God bless,  
The Women's Care Center – Bismarck



### Sunday School Corner

Thanks to all of the students, parents, and adults who helped with the SS program! We couldn't do it without you! Sunday School starts January 3rd. We plan to have Sunday School every Sunday in January. Looking forward into February the kids will be singing during church on February 21.

In His hands,  
Donna Bieri



# Youth

## The Glory of the Lord

Scripture Reading — Luke 2:1-14

On Christmas day we want everything to be glorious. We hope our family celebrations will be filled with joy and light. We go to worship expecting that the decorations, the music, and the readings will be uplifting. We join our voices with those of the angels, singing, “Glory to God in the highest.” We long to experience what the shepherds did when “the glory of the Lord shone around them.” Could there be a more appropriate way to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

In our hunger for glory, however, we might not notice that the angel points away from the circle of light to a dimly lit stable. The sign given to the shepherds was not the glory that shone when the angel appeared; nor was it the praising of God by the “great company of the heavenly host.” Instead the sign was a child born into the most humble of circumstances, “wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

In his teaching Jesus used a word that means “glory” (doxa) when he instructed us to choose a humble position at a banquet. Jesus explained that when we sincerely humble ourselves, we will be “honored in the presence of all” (Luke 14:10). When we follow the example of Jesus and humble ourselves, then the glory of the Lord shines around.

Happy Christmas season to you all! Normally I like to give you my thoughts in my newsletter but on a few rare occasions I see something that is exceptional and I like to share it with you. This devotional can be found at <https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/the-glory-of-the-lord>, written by Norman Visser. I found it very compelling and I trust you will as well

Youth Pastor,  
Seth Larson

### Upcoming Youth Events

Jan 5- Registration Opens for FLY!  
Jan 6- All youth groups resume  
Jan 17- No Middle High youth group

## January Birthdays!!!

Nancy Hafner	1/1
Blair Wiedrich	1/1
Alec Babcock	1/4
Trytin Helfrich	1/4
Kendra Ungerer	1/4
Anna Faut	1/5
Alyson Wiedrich	1/7
Kacey Klaudt	1/8
Clancy Bauman	1/9
Lynn Flemmer	1/10
Delton Schnaidt	1/13
Robert Hafner	1/14
Travis Horning	1/14
Emersen Olsen	1/14
Mark Gerde	1/16
Alison Schaper	1/18
Taisha Bauer	1/19
Emily Alt	1/21
Nancy Felch	1/21
Erika Ochsner	1/23
Lona Moos	1/24
William Wanzek	1/24
Joan Schumaier	1/25
Katie Klipfel	1/26
Sandra Richter	1/26
Gina Feist	1/27
Gary Miller	1/30

## 2021 POP Church Council

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margie Lee
<b>Secretary</b>	Deb Saylor
<b>Deacons</b>	Don Buck
	Jim Wenning
	Kevin Lee
	Shane Haugen
<b>Trustees</b>	Keith Peterson
	Dustin Buchmann
	Ryan Tolosky
	Jeff Rotondo
<b>Christian Education</b>	Angie Wanzek
	Donna Bieri
	Rebecah Larson
	Chrisy Rontondo

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin presided over the annual meeting and attended the Deacons meetings. They are still waiting on a date for the FMSC Mobile Pack in 2021.

### Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings, deacon's meeting, as well as the annual meeting.

Participated in ministerial prayer, and in our ministerial meeting.

I've conducted three counseling sessions this past month.

Wednesday night Bible study just finished our look at the Gospel of John. We will not meet until January, when we begin a six-week study titled, "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?"

For adult Sunday School, we've been working our way through the curriculum, *Foundations of Faith*. We're currently working through the Ten Commandments, and most recently looked at the Eighth Commandment.

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

Our in-person meetings for the AFLC World Missions Committee were canceled due to a covid outbreak on campus. We met virtually instead.

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

- Took confirmands to Bismarck soup kitchen
- High School all nighter
- Bake Sale
- Got a few youths to attend the annual meeting
- Thanksgiving Eve service
- An article was written about myself and Becca in "Lakeside Legacies"
- I was able to preach second Sunday in advent
- Various Christmas Parties for Youth
- Middle school half nighter
- Youth Worship Team will perform for the Christmas Program

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

General Fund	\$ 50,578.01
Building Fund	\$ 37,090.43
FMSC	\$ 203.00
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 254.84
Intern Fund	\$ 30,885.35
Church Van Fund	\$ 10,879.28
Total Bank Acct	\$ 136,068.58

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00  
Loan Balance \$ 90,311.48

We approved moving \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Debt Reduction special fund to be applied to the mortgage balance.

### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

Spring Spiritual Life Meetings - We have a firm yes from Pastor Wade Mobley to preach at our spring meetings in April. He'll be getting back to us in the next week or so with dates.

February Men's Conference will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to do Subway platters for lunch and possibly rolls and coffee for morning. We want to have a free will donation instead of a registration fee. The Lee's will provide housing for Pastor Nash.

Security - Church security came up at the ministerial meeting this week. Pastor brought up the fact that we tried to host a seminar last spring, but no one took us up on it. The five pastors who were there all expressed interest in coming this year and in encouraging their people to do so.

We discussed contacting people who haven't been attending due to Covid. We may come up with a list or send out an email to check if any want a visit and/or communion.

Don Buck will organize worship leaders, Jim Wenning will organize the ushers, Kevin Lee will be the secretary and organize the south booth techs and Shane Haugen will cover miscellaneous jobs.

### **Trustee's Report – Keith Peterson**

Keith is working on the Fellowship Hall ceiling insulation on Sunday afternoons so our janitor, Amy Haugen has time to clean up the rest of the week. Dustin Buchmann will work on the emergency lighting in the kitchen and hallways. Dustin has also been working on the van storage building.

### **Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek**

Youth Report: There is now a separate Middle school youth gathering on Sunday evenings at 7pm. This is due to the large number of kids that were attending the HS bible study held on Wednesday nights.

We decided to postpone this year's Night in Bethlehem till December 2021.

OCC put together 75 boxes.

We received approval from council to remove a wall between 2 classrooms so we will have room for our bigger Sunday school classes. Work will take place possible January or February 2021.

Discussion was had regarding replacing OCC with a more community and regional outreach program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion Sensor Light** – Don Buck mentioned that we could put a motion sensor light to be plugged in to the outlet. Trustees will look for one.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$2,680.01: \$300 to FMSC Mobile Pack and \$2,380.01 divided ½ to Association Retreat Center and ½ to AFLC Bible College

**Staff Christmas Party** – Staff Christmas Party will be Sunday December 20 at 5 pm at the church for Staff and council members. It's being catered by Kimi's catering.

**Security Training** – There was interest in the Ministerial Association about having security training for area churches. Prince of Peace will host a 2-day training session February 26 and 27, 2021 with the company Strategos. Designed for the church leadership team. The company will register people online and provide lunch.

**Ushers** – Discussed having 4 ushers that would walk in front of everyone to collect offering like we do for communion. Tabled this for next meeting.

**Staff Gifts** – Voted to give our staff gift cards to Bronson's Marketplace and The Meat Shop. Marvin Sigman will present them to our staff on Sunday.

## **Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from Wycliffe Bible Translators (Steve & Glenda Kvale), Lutheran Mission Societies (Alaska Missions), AFLC Home Missions, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) for financial donations and prayers. Also received a thank you note from WARC for food donations.