

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

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# April 2021



## Pastor Kent

*"For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."*

1 Thessalonians 2:5-8 ESV

I'm greatly excited as we enter into the month of April. I'm excited, first of all, to celebrate Easter with all of you. This is especially true as, last year at this time, we felt compelled to cancel Easter worship due to concerns related to Covid. And, as you're aware, we canceled all in-person activities for about a month.

As I've shared with you before, one of the convictions this period of time built into me was the necessity of the gathering together of the body of Christ. When I say this, I certainly believed it before. But it has also taken on an entirely new meaning.

Although I'm glad we've been able to provide access to our worship services online, and although it has been a great blessing to several people in particular, I don't think we can rightfully draw a distinction between in-person and online ministry. The simple fact of the matter is that ministry is best done in-person. It's best done as we gather with the body of Christ. It's best done in relationship to one another.

I understand that we may, at times, face circumstances that prevent this. However, that being said, ministry is about sharing not only the gospel, but also our lives with one another. Ministry takes place as we lovingly care for one another.

We see this in the passage above, as Paul recounts his motivations to the church at Thessalonica. He wasn't seeking his own gain, nor to simply tickle the ears of the people. His motive was one of love.

He compares his ministry to a nursing mother, taking care of her own children. It was gentle, he says. And it was an expression of loving concern.

Because of his affection for them, he sought to share with them not only the gospel. He sought to share with them his life. He sought to share with them his very self.

Although most of us understand this, it's also contrary to the practice of many. Church, for many of us, is about doing our duty. It's about attending worship, but getting out of the church as fast as possible.

We don't generally build relationships with our fellow church members. And, for this reason, we miss out on what the church has to offer. We fail to receive ministry from our fellow believers, and we fail to minister to them.

My hope and prayer is that each of us will appreciate the value of the body of Christ. My hope and prayer is that we'll enjoy all that it has to offer. I hope and pray that each one of us will joyfully receive ministry from others in the church, as we share life with them. And I hope and pray that we'll joyfully minister to others as we gather with them.

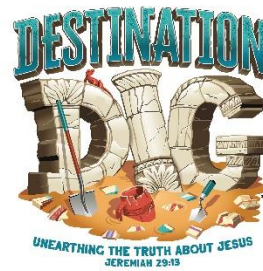
## *Holy week Services*

April 1 – Maundy Thurs @ 7pm

April 2 – Community Good Friday @ 12pm @ IBC

April 2 – POP Good Friday @ 7pm

April 4 – Easter Sunday @ 6:30am, breakfast, and 9:00am



## **VBS 2021!**

VBS will be held **June 6th through June 10th** at Prince of Peace. The theme for 2021 is *Destination Dig, Unearthing the Truth About Jesus!* VBS will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Any child age 4 (by August 1st) through those entering 6th grade next year is invited to attend. Registration forms will be available on the Christian Ed bulletin board. Please fill one out per child and turn it into the church office.

In addition to the start of registration for VBS our search for helpers and volunteers begins! We already have a snack and craft leader. However we still need 10-12 classroom helpers in addition to helpers for crafts and snacks. Please sign up if you are interested in helping.

Lastly, we will need **housing** and **meals** for 2 men and the 2 women of the FLBC team that will be here to lead VBS for Prince of Peace. Please consider housing this group of young people. It is a fun opportunity for you and your whole family. Meal signup will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

If you have any questions please contact Angie Wanzek.

\*\*\*Christian Ed is seeking **1 yard pieces of fleece fabric** for a VBS mission project. Please consider donating!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Annual Easter Party  
10:00am – 11:30am  
Saturday, April 3rd

200 19<sup>th</sup> ST NW Beulah ND

We will be decorating cookies,  
doing a craft, an egg hunt, and hearing  
The Gospel story!

This event is for children through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.



Please join us at Prince of Peace for regular Sunday Services at 9am with Sunday School at 10:30. Our Easter Sunday services will be at 6:30am and 9:00am with breakfast between the services.

## Spring Spiritual Life Meetings

Spring Spiritual Life Meetings will be held April 25th-28th. Our speaker is Pastor Wade Mobley, president of AFLC schools. He'll share with us a series, titled: This Moment in God's Story. The focus of the week will be on establishing a Biblical worldview. He'll address topics such as: How We Know What We Know, and Proving God. He will also give an overview of the ministry of Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary. Please join us, and also take the opportunity to host Pastor Mobley for a meal. You won't regret the time you spend with him! He begins his messages with the worship service on Sunday, then Sunday School, and then M-F evenings @ 7:00pm. The evening messages will be in the fellowship hall with snacks/drinks.



### 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)

### 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 available on our youtube channel, and the audio is also available on our website by the following Monday, or on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings.

### RADIO BROADCAST



Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. **The cost is \$40.** The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are April 4, 11, & 18 and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



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Do you have Thrivent Community Action cards available to you? Do not 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!



### Sunday School Corner

It doesn't seem that the school year is almost over. For our alternative Sunday School on March 21st, we put together a little gift for each of the residents at KRCC. It included some fuzzy socks, a craft that the kids put together and some candy. Looking ahead there will not be any SS on April 4th as that is Easter otherwise there will be SS each Sunday after that. On April 18th the kids will be singing for church. On the last day of SS the kids will be singing during church and reciting some things that they have learn this year.

In His Hands,  
Donna Bieri



Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> is our Youth led worship service. Our Youth worship team will be doing the music and others from our youth groups will be participating in different aspects of our worship service.



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.*

Hope you are all doing well. We have had a challenging year. It is good to be resuming some of the activities that have been put on hold for so long.

You know that May comes right after April. Have you thought about a possible Mother's Day event? If anyone is interested in getting something going call the office or me.

We have talked about some kind of mission fundraiser in the future. It's been a couple of years since we have attempted to have such an event. Think on it and ask God for ideas.

We will have our WMF Bible study on Monday, April 19 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will be looking at Lesson 4, "God's Desires for the Church" (Part 1). Please come join us at either time. There are lots of books left. Besides Bible study we have good fellowship and discussion.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!  
In His service, Judy Tolosky 870-2131

### TAKE HEART

District WMF Spring Rally is Saturday, April 24 @ Zion Free Lutheran in Tioga. Sign in is at 10:00am.





# Youth

## Giving up Control

For the last month or so the High School Sunday School has been going over the book of Exodus and the leaving of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt to the promised land. Something caught my eye that I don't think I have ever really noticed before and I wanted to share it with you today

*<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." Exodus 14:13-14*

In this passage, the Hebrews have just left Egypt and are finally free, but not soon after Pharaoh sees what he has just lost and decides to go and find and either kill or bring back the Hebrews to Egypt. They see Pharaoh coming for them with his army and they are terrified, but Moses gives them comfort in this time of immense stress. And I can't help but think, "Wow, that's exactly what I think when I am stressed", and in turn, that's exactly what God tells us when I am thinking those thoughts

Now, I know that more than likely none of us have had an invading army coming at us to probably kill us. But despite that, I still have moments where I am freaking out a lot like the Hebrews were in that moment. And the words that were of

God that Moses spoke to his people are the exact words that God tells us today. Don't worry, "I will fight for you, and you only have to be silent."

Youth Director, Seth Larson

## April Youth Events Calendar

April 4th: Youth Easter Breakfast

April 9th-11th: High School Campus Days at FLBC

April 25th: Youth Led Sunday



## Worship Attendance

- 02-17 - 54 Ash Wed.
- 02-21 - 132
- 02-24 - 45 Lent #2
- 02-28 - 142
- 03-03 - 45 Lent #3
- 03-07 - 130
- 03-10 - 50 Lent #4
- 03-14 - 115
- 03-17 - 52 Lent #5
- 03-21 - 115
- 03-24 - 63



## Men's breakfast/Bible study

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7am.



## April Birthdays!!!

Apr 1	Braelyn Hottman
Apr 2	Elijah Barbot
Apr 3	Desiree Ritter
Apr 6	Judy Tolosky
Apr 7	Bonnie Bauer
Apr 8	Kelsey Glynn
Apr 8	Garrett Placke
Apr 11	Jordan Bauman
Apr 11	Viola Martin
Apr 12	Fred Bieri
Apr 13	Marge Murray
Apr 13	Sophia Sayler
Apr 14	Peyton Funk
Apr 14	Aric Ulland
Apr 15	Jane Gunsch
Apr 15	Kelsey Renner
Apr 16	Jennifer Neuberger
Apr 16	Cassie Plienis
Apr 16	Randy Zimmerman
Apr 18	Lynda Doe
Apr 18	Glenn Sasse
Apr 19	Dustin Buchmann
Apr 19	Jyzelle Mohl
Apr 20	Rebecah Larson
Apr 21	Anna Sayler
Apr 24	Rusty Plienis
Apr 25	Joseph Barbot
Apr 26	Michael Feist
Apr 26	Vern Pederson
Apr 27	Marvin Bauer
Apr 27	Les Buchmann
Apr 27	Pamela Raile
Apr 29	Lillian Hamby
Apr 29	Tia Horning
Apr 30	Deb Creel
Apr 30	Danielle Renner
Apr 30	Elsie Wiedenmeyer



**Our AFLC District Family Camp will be July 25-29 @ Mt Carmel East of Minot. The youth are encouraged to attend also!!!**

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **President's Report – Marvin Sigman**

Went to the Deacon's meeting. We are still moving forward with Feed My Starving Children. Will be in Dodge on April 24<sup>th</sup> advertising FMSC and helping with fleishkekla feed. Hoping to get a date in 2021 for FMSC.

### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent**

Attended staff meetings & deacon's meeting.

I've been doing my best to visit and keep up with our shut-ins and older members.

I've continued to help out with hospice, performing a couple of spiritual assessments for them. I've also made a couple more visits for a hospice patient who was one of our own.

I conducted the funeral for Kenny Foth.

I provided the first pre-marital counseling session for a couple who will get married here in June.

I was again able to commune our residents at KRCC.

I attended our district meeting in Killdeer.

### Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Attended the Men's Conference
- Ski Trip to Bottineau – 14 kids
- Attended Church Security Training
- Have been able to preach twice for Lent
- Easter Sunday and youth breakfast (Caramel rolls and coffee)
- FLBC Campus Days Apr 9th-11th
- Youth Led Sunday Apr 25th
- Planning various Youth Opportunities during the Summer since FLY isn't happening

### Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 34,379.21
Building Fund	\$ 41,567.65
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 387.47
Intern Fund	\$ 33,885.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 14,659.92
Total Bank Acct	\$ 130,052.83

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Rate of 4.5%	
Loan Balance	\$ 43,836.33

### Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spring Spiritual Life Meetings – They will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Wade Mobley as our speaker. He will address some of the sensitive issues that society is facing, and what God's Word says about them.

Reviewed the February men's conference with Pastor Nash – The Deacons thought this was something we will want to do again, perhaps every winter.

Reviewed security workshop – Those who attended thought it covered a lot of good items. We plan to start organizing a safety team to be prepared to handle or prevent a variety of possible emergencies. This could be anything from medical emergencies to Sunday school and worship service safety and security.

### Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky

Trustees did not meet this month. Keith Peterson finished the fellowship ceiling insulation. Next month the Trustees will meet and look at the north and southeast approaches and how to repair them.

### Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

VBS- We should know the dates by the end of March. The theme is going to be Destination Dig. We will be assigning duties after we find out the dates and who will be available to help.

Easter Event: Chrisy will coordinate with Cheri Sperry. The event will take place on April 3rd. Time TBD. We will be doing the Easter story, cookie decorating, egg hunt, craft, and kids will receive goodie bags. Angie will announce and have posted in the bulletin for candy donations to fill the eggs.

Nursing Home/Spring Mission Project- Donna Bieri will contact them to find out what we are able to do. As of now we are planning a craft, possibly having the youth complete it so residents can display them as well as giving each resident a goodie bag.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Van Storage Building** – On hold.

**Ushering** – Jim Wenning will start to work on getting ushers to help during church services.

**NEW BUSINESS Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$3,212.90: \$300 to Feed My Starving Children, \$2,912.90 to Free Lutheran Seminary.

**Opening up Services** – We decided to go back to doing fellowship with people bringing goodies to share. For Easter we will have the 6:30 Sunrise service and regular 9:00 service. We will try to have communion in front at the altar and move the chairs closer together before Easter Sunday. Discussion on hoping that the puppets would be performing again.

**Security System** – Cameras were not working on the tower in office so we are using the old library tower.

After the Security Seminar, we will be looking at incorporating some different practices in the next few months. The people that attended will the seminar will meet and bring to the council some options.

**Nursery Toys** – We decided that a limited number of toys can be placed in the nursery to play with. Everyone agreed there are too many toys so we will remove some of the toys – especially the ones that are difficult to clean.

### Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from Feed My Starving Children for our financial gift and from the Women's Care Center for the baby shower items and financial gifts.

## **2021 POP Church Council**

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margie Lee
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