

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

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# **Pastor Kent**

"When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. And the people served the Lord

all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110 years. And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel."

Judges 2:6-10 ESV

The above passage has always fascinated me. And this is especially true considering all that God had done for the people of Israel. We remember how he had saved them from bondage in Egypt, through the plagues, and by bringing them through the Red

Sea. We remember how he miraculously provided food and water for them as they traveled through the wilderness. And we remember how he gave their enemies into their hands.

We also remember how God gave to them the land of Canaan. He drove out before them the nations who had inhabited the land. And he furnished to his people this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

However, we see above that, when Joshua had died, who had led them in their conquest, and when the rest of that generation had joined him, a new generation arose. And what's interesting is that they did not know the Lord. They did not know the work he had done for Israel.

If you're anything like me, the question immediately pops into mind: How did that happen? Considering all that God had done, how did a generation arise that didn't know of the Lord? How did a generation arise that didn't know what God had done for them?

They, of course, weren't there to experience the salvation of God. They weren't there to experience the miracles he performed on their behalf. So, there's no way that they would know this for themselves.

The only possible explanation for this is that their fathers didn't speak to them about the Lord. Their fathers didn't speak to them about what he'd done for them. Had they done so, the statement we see above couldn't be said of them.

God had specifically commanded the people to speak of the Lord and his Word to their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-15). And he'd given them this command for this very reason. He'd done so that they might not forget the Lord, nor what he'd done. He'd done so that they might not worship other gods.

We are seeing something very similar in our nation today. While, at one time, almost everyone had a connection with a church, this is no longer the case. In fact, we're at the point where the younger generation has had no connection with the church, nor with the Word of God, whatsoever.

They know nothing of the Lord. They know nothing of what he's done for us. And they don't know these things because their parents have not told them.

This is true not only of the unchurched. It's true also in Christian homes. It's true because many of us have neglected our duty of instructing our children in faith. We've often done so, leaving this responsibility to the paid professionals.

We must not fall into this pattern. We must not fail to tell our children of the Lord and what he's done for us. We must faithfully speak of God's Word, that he will be known to them.



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 March 7, 14, 21 & 28 and April 4, 11, 18, & 25. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



### **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 <a href="lee@beu.midco.net">lee@beu.midco.net</a>

### 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



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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!



# 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.

WMF Bible Study will meet on Monday, March 15, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will go through Lesson 3 which is *Jesus Came to Save Sinners*, (*Continued*). We looked at this in Lesson 2 as well. We still have lots of unclaimed Study books in the box on the library table. Help yourself.

Please come join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays about 10:30. Bring your own coffee. It is such a wonderful time of being with other women of the church; to connect with our sister believers.

The Threads of Love Quilters meet on Wednesday mornings about 9 or so. They are putting together blankets to be given where ever there may be a need. These women take a break about the time we come in for coffee. It is such a blessed time. I personally like to get involved with the quilting activities. It's fun to take apart fitted sheets and pillowcases so that they can be put to use as a quilt back or lining.

Thank you to those who have given financially to the WMF and Sunday Coffee Hour. And I was told that snacks for coffee hour are being dropped off in the kitchen as well. This is how the body of Christ is supposed to work, each one doing his or her

part as God moves you. Thank you for all the behind the scenes ministries that occur and keep Prince of Peace alive.

### A word from Corrie ten Boom:

I once visited a weaver's school, where the students were making beautiful patterns. I asked, "When you make a mistake, must you cut it out and start from the beginning?"

A student said, "No. Our teacher is such a great artist that when we make a mistake, He uses it to improve the beauty of the pattern."

That is what the Lord does with our mistakes. He is the greatest artist, but we must surrender. Surrender your blunders to the Lord. He can use them to make the pattern of your life more beautiful.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." Romans 8: 1-2 (ESV) In His service, Judy Tolosky



# Sunday School Corner

We are well into the second part of the year. The kids will soon finish their 3rd quarter in school. How time flies. On March 21st we will have an alternative Sunday School. In the past we have planned to go to KRCC but I don't think that is an option this year. We will probably play Bible trivia, complete a craft, and/or put something together for the residents of KRCC. Looking ahead there won't be any SS on April 4th as it is Easter Sunday.

In His hands, Donna Bieri

### **Worship Attendance**

01-03 - 100

01-10 - 104

01-17 - 128

01-24 - 116

01-31 - 128

02-07 - 117

02-14 - 101

02-17 - 54 Ash Wed.

02-21 - 132

02-24 - 45 Lent #2

# **40 Days of Giving**

Every year millions of people give up something in honor of the season of Lent. It could be expensive coffee, social media, chocolate, it could be anything. This year instead of giving up something, give of yourself!

In remembrance of the ultimate gift given to us, Jesus's death on a cross, please donate one food item per day over the Season of Lent. Items can be dropped off at the church throughout Lent, on Church Easter Sunday or the following week. The list is only a suggestion.

1. Canned Corn	21. Canned Corn	
2. Canned Beans	22. Canned Bean	
3. Rice	23. Can of Soup	
4. Canned Tomatoes	24. Baking Mix	
5. Can of Soup	25. Pasta	
6. Baking Mix	26. Canned Fruit	
7. Pasta	27. Canned Protein	
8. Spaghetti Noodles	28. Dish Soap	
9. Spaghetti Sauce	29. Instant Potatoes	
10. Flour	30. Baking Mix	
11. Sugar	31. Spaghetti Noodles	
12. Oil	32. Spaghetti Sauce	
13. Peanut Butter	33. Season Packet/Spice	
14. Canned Protein	34. Mac-n-cheese	
15. Canned Fruit	35. Cereal	
16. Mac-n-cheese	36. Crackers	
17. Hamburger Helper	37. Oatmeal or Hot Cereal	
18. Toilet Paper	38: Granola Bars/Snacks	
19. Kleenex	39. Jam or Jelly	
20. Paper Towel	40. Canned Tomatoes	

Please contact Angie Wanzek with questions. This event is made possible through a generous donation from Thrivent Financial.



# **Women's Care Clinic**

### **Easter Lily fundraiser**

The altar at Prince of Peace looks so beautiful on Easter morning when it is covered in lilies! I am selling lilies for a fundraiser to raise money for the Bismarck Women's Care Clinic. The lilies will be delivered to Prince of Peace and put all around the altar Easter Sunday. I am ordering through the Bloom'n House (keeping it local!) Again, all proceeds will be donated to the Bismarck Women's Care Center helping women in pregnancy crisis situations **choose life!** I am partnering with Thrivent Action Teams for this fundraiser. The Christmas poinsettia fundraiser brought in over \$400 for the WCC!

6" pot for \$20

8" pot (with double blooms) for \$35

10" pot (with triple blooms) for \$55

There is a signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or you can email the church @ <a href="mailto:churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org">churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org</a> and let my mom know what you would like. The order deadline is Monday, March 22.

Thank you!

**Anna Wenning** 



We're very spiritual people, us christians. And I think most times, that's a good thing. But, when we're around a culture that glorifies and uplifts a kind of spirit that is not the one that God would have us be a part of, it ends up getting skewed. We are constantly surrounded by the world's definition of spirituality, these things like meditation, yoga, and worst of all, karma. We get it in our heads that all of the things we experience in this world, big or small, all have a bigger reason and a purpose. And that isn't always the case.

I know all too often that I have a decision, small or big, and I am all too quick to decide it based on something all to triveal. Whether I flip a coin to decide where I eat or if I have a large decision to make and I think that the best way to make this decision is by opening up a Bible to some random page and pointing to a verse and hoping that that exact verse will be the answer to all of my questions. And I'm not saying that God doesn't work in those means. And it's in those moments when we have to ask ourselves, why am I doing this. Am I really doing this because I don't know the answer and I want God to weigh in? Or am I doing this because I am afraid of making the wrong decision and, if I do, I want something to blame for my wrong decision? All too often I think it might be the latter.

We are constantly on the search for some Symbol or "sign" for what we should

do or how we should do something. Or we are in pursuit of seeing a sign from God to prove his existence or to prove his strength or his power over us and our lives. But really, what needs to happen is we need to make our expectations of "signs" from God realistic. Because God has already given us signs all over, but sometimes we expect God to send a fiery chariot with the answer to all of our problems. Instead of looking for signs like these, we as christians already know that God has given us the answer, and He wrote it all down for us in the Bible. All we have to do is pick it up!

In God's footsteps Seth Larson

# **Upcoming Youth Events**

- Youth Soup Kitchen in Bismarck-March 3rd
- FLBC Campus Days- April 9-10th



Our POP youth will be serving free will offering Lent meals @ 6:00pm during our Lenten season – proceeds will to go their youth accounts for FLY and other events.



March 3 – 7pm March 10 – 7pm March 17 – 7pm March 24 – 7pm April 1 – Maundy Thurs @ 7pm April 2 – Good Friday @ 7pm April 4 – Easter Sunday @ 6:30am and 9:00am

Sign up in the entryway for March snow removal!

# March Birthdays!!!

<b>Bentley Lenzen</b>	3/2
<b>Terry Ochsner</b>	3/2
<b>Kynlie Plienis</b>	3/3
Liliya Reinhardt	3/4
<b>Austin Babcock</b>	3/6
<b>Chris Palmer</b>	3/7
Darlene Schaper	3/7
Wes Gunsch	3/8
<b>Bruce Neuberger</b>	3/8
Lakin Green	3/9
<b>Axel Timmer</b>	3/9
<b>Marlys Reichenberg</b>	3/10
<b>Esther Fleisher</b>	3/12

<b>Bradley Gunsch</b>	3/12
<b>Macy Bieri</b>	3/13
Miranda Bieri	3/13
<b>Sharon Davis</b>	3/13
<b>Mary Ochsner</b>	3/13
Heidi Zimmerman	3/14
Lexie Glynn	3/17
<b>Terry Davis</b>	3/18
Adam Novak	3/19
Heidi Horning	3/20
Paige Schaper	3/20
LaRue Schwarz	3/20
<b>Dalton Zeiszler</b>	3/20
<b>Cindy Peterson</b>	3/22
Nikki Martin	3/23
<b>Brandi Richter</b>	3/23
Nicole Buchmann	3/24
Kendra Finck	3/24
Jay Olsen	3/24
Carley Haugen	3/25
Nessa Iverson	3/25
Jared Seibel	3/25
<b>Shelley Giese</b>	3/28
<b>Lawrence Taylor</b>	3/28
Kayla Fandrich	3/30
Rikki Jensen	3/30
<b>Hunter Keller</b>	3/30
Dawn Reinhardt	3/31

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### President's Report - Marvin Sigman

Marvin helped with the Sunday School room remodel. Went to the Ministerial association to explain the Feed My Starving Children Pallet Challenge. Joyce Bauer reported the funds for FMSC are about \$17,000. We are still waiting for the date for FMSC.

### Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

was able to get back into the nursing home this week to commune our members there for the first time since last March.

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

We continued our study on Wednesday nights titled, "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" We got through four of six sessions of this study before having to stop for Lent. I'll be surveying the congregation as it gets closer to Easter to see if there's interest in resuming Wednesday Night Bible Study through the summer.

I planned and helped with the Men's Conference on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme was the same as our monthly men's group: Discipling our Family. Pastor Paul Nash brought a good series of messages. We had about 30 men in attendance, many who were ours, but some from outside of our congregation as well.

I've been working on coordinating the Security Workshop, which will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth Director's Report - Seth Larson

- Becca and myself were able to attend Youth Worker Weekends
- Took the Van in for an oil change
- Attended the Men's conference at POP
- Had the Super Bowl party at POP
- Gave the second round of Confirmation quizzes to students
- District Youth ski trip this weekend
- Will be at Church Security Training
- Hopefully be able to go to the soup kitchen on the 3rd of March
- I will be gone the 27th and the 28th of March
- April 9th and 10th FLBC Campus Days

### <u>Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u>

\$ 31.875.29
\$ 38,826.60
\$ 156.29
\$ 32,885.35
\$ 13,198.77
\$ 122,776.72
\$ \$ \$

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Rate of 4.5% Loan Balance \$ 45,254.60

### Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

Spring Spiritual Life Meetings – The dates have been set for our Spring Spiritual Life Meetings with Pastor Wade Mobley. They'll be held April 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Again, he will address some of the sensitive issues that society is facing, and what God's Word says about them.

Security – The security workshop will be held February 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Pastor has been getting the information out to area and district churches. There are about 20 signed up so far. We will provide rolls, doughnuts, and coffee.

Ash Wednesday/Lent worship – Lent begins on February 17<sup>th</sup>. We typically have communion on Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. Seth and Pastor will trade off with the messages during Lent. The youth will be serving meals, beginning at 6:00 each week. We tentatively plan a 6:30 and 9:00 AM service on Easter with rolls and coffee served by the youth between services.

#### Trustee's Report - Ryan Tolosky

Talked about finished Sunday school room and lighting project many helping hands were involved. Thanks to everyone.

Dustin would like to add some lighting in back entrance that would stay on constantly.

Ceiling project in fellowship room is about ¾ done, Ryan picked up 40 more 1x4x8's this past week and that should get us close to finishing project.

### <u>Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek</u>

Youth Report: Sunday night study with grades 8 & 9 is going well. Attendance averages 10-15 kids. Wednesday HS grades 9-12 averages 10-15 kids and Thursday grades 5-8 has 30+ kids attending.

Christmas program went well and kids did a very nice job!

Sunday school renovation has started. No accordion partition will be needed as rooms were very small before renovating. Donna Bieri got a

Thrivent card to help with cost. Thank you to all who have worked to make this happen!

VBS Dates were requested.

Christian Ed duties will stay the same with Rebeca having the official title of Youth Correspondence/Missions Coordinator.

Easter Event will be headed up by Cheri Sperry. Chrisy Rotondo will help where ever needed. Looking at doing crafts, cookie decorating and egg hunt. We will check with New Life to see if they are planning any kind of food and go from there.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$3,397.04: \$300 to Feed My Starving Children, \$3,0397 to World Missions.

**Opening up Church –** we will continue as we have the last few months.

**Sound System –** A button may have gotten bumped but the sound system is working now.

**Janitor** –Rebeccah Martin will take over the janitor duties for a week in March while Amy Haugen is unavailable.

### Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from FLAPS for the prayers and financial gifts for SW Alaska Mission and from Bismarck Cancer Center for the knitted hats made by Nancy Wright.

# **2021 POP Church Council**

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Marvin Sigman	
Margie Lee	
Deb Sayler	
Don Buck	
Jim Wenning	
Kevin Lee	
Shane Haugen	
Keith Peterson	
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Ryan Tolosky	
Jeff Rotondo	
Angie Wanzek	
Donna Bieri	
Rebecah Larson	
Chrisy Rontondo	