

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

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# May 2021



## Pastor Kent

*"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my*

*joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."*

*Philippians 2:1-3 ESV*

The church is, and has always been, very diverse. It's made up of people of varying ages. It's made up of people from different places and backgrounds. And it's made up of people of various races.

We are one in Christ. Our faith in Jesus unifies us. However, that being said, we do continue to have differences regarding our preferences.

When I talk about preferences, I'm referring to matters that are neither right nor wrong. They're

simply a matter of taste. And, in some cases they're simply a matter of culture.

One of the areas where this is often seen in the church is in the area of music. There are those in the church who prefer the traditional, and dislike the new. There are those in the church who prefer the new, and dislike the traditional. And there are those, like myself, who have an appreciation for both.

For this reason, music has often been a divisive issue in the church. However, that being said, it should not be. And it will not be if we follow the direction of Scripture.

Paul tells us, in the above passage, that we're to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit. Instead, we're to count others as more significant than ourselves. In other words, we're to be driven not by our own desires. We're to be driven not by our own taste. We're to, rather, place the concerns of others ahead of our own.

What, then, does this mean as it pertains to music? It means that, if I prefer the traditional, I'm not

going to insist that it be the only style used in the church. And, in the same way, if I prefer the new or the contemporary, I'm not going to insist that it be the only style used in the church. Out of love for my brother and sister in Christ, I am going to count them as more significant than myself.

What this means practically is that, at Prince of Peace, as long as we have those who prefer traditional music and who can play it for us, we will use it in our worship service. In the same way, as long as we have those who prefer contemporary music and who can play it for us, we are going to use it in our worship service. And, out of love for our brother and sister in Christ, we will not disregard his preference and cause a stink about it.

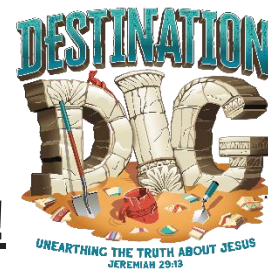
That being said, as we are looking to revamp our worship team, we are looking for those who are gifted in music, and who are willing to bless the congregation with that gift. We are looking for those who sing and who play various instruments to participate with our worship team. Even if it seems that we have every instrument covered and plenty of singers, we still need you. And even if you can't commit to being involved all of the time, we still need you.

We would like to have enough people that we can rotate singers and musicians. We would like to have enough to ensure that the entire burden doesn't fall on a small group of individuals. We would like to have enough to ensure that those who are serving in this way feel free to take a Sunday off or to travel without disrupting the worship service.

For this reason, if you do sing or play an instrument, please talk to me, Kevin Lee, or Michele Klein. We'd like to involve you as the team gets going again this summer.

## **Men's breakfast/Bible study**

Saturday, May 15 @ 7am.



## **VBS 2021!**

The new VBS dates are June 13th through 17th. The Jeremiah team from FLBC will be leading our program this this year. Please be in prayer for Micah, Matt, Miciah, and Lydia as they finish the FLBC term and prepare for the mission of leading VBS this summer. Christian Ed is tentatively planning worship in the park on Sunday, June 13th to kick off the VBS week. Lunch will also be served!

Registration forms for VBS are ready and located by the Chrisitan Ed bulletin board. Please fill one out a dropped in the completed form box. Along with registration forms by the bulletin board you will find sign up sheets for helping with VBS, housing and meals for our team. VBS does not happen without the many volunteers who assist. Please consider helping and sign up! Soon we will have our list of food donations we will need for snacks. Please keep an eye and we will announce when the lists are out.

Lastly, VBS will be working to impact the community this year. First, instead of a traditional offering we will be collecting food items for WARC. The need in our community is overwhelming. The boys and girls will still compete against one another for the final night water balloon honors. Winners will be determined by total number of items donated. Second, VBS kids will make fleece blankets for the KRCC residents. Christian Ed is looking for donations of 1 yard pieces of traditional fleece fabric. Please drop off donations by the Christian Ed Bulletin Board.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help please talk with Angie Wanzek

## 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 May 16, 23, 30 and June 6, 13, 20, & 27. 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 [lee@beu.midco.net](mailto:lee@beu.midco.net)



The Concert Choir from our Free Lutheran Bible College will perform at Prince of Peace on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM. Please join us to both enjoy their music and to support our school.



### Sunday School Corner

We are in the last weeks of Sunday School for the year. May 23rd is the last day of SS. During church that day we will sing a new song and some favorites, recite the 10 Commandments and scripture that we have learned throughout the year. We have had some discipline issues so it was decided at a Christian Ed meeting that going forward if the problems persist then a parent will have to attend SS with their child. Please encourage your children to be respectful of the church and to each other. On another note, since this is the last newsletter update for the year, I would like to take the time to thank you for bringing your kids to learn about Jesus; it is an investment that will hopefully last a lifetime. I would also like to thank the teachers, subs and helpers for their dedication of time and energy because without all of you we wouldn't have a SS!

In His Hands,  
Donna Bieri



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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.*

WMF May 2021 Newsletter Article

Bernard and I went to Lyle Minnesota for a week right after Easter. We were able to spend lots of time with my parents and we saw so many other relatives. My niece, Barb, had a family gathering at her place out in the country. It was the first time some of them had seen Mom and Dad in over a year. Barb felt safe having us together because Mom and Dad had both of their Covid 19 vaccines and so had many others. The fear of this virus down there is unbelievable. I thank God I live here. Bern and I personally have had two doses of the vaccine. I had the shot to make my folks more comfortable, not because I felt I would be safer with it. I trust the Lord not the vaccine, but I really wanted to be able to see my family and give them hugs of love without fear. Praise God from whom all blessings flow...

We will be looking at Lesson 5 on Monday, May 17, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm: "God's Desire for the Church (Part 2)". The Bible Study is taking a detailed look at the book of 1 Timothy. We read and reread some of the verses several times. It is good to get into God's word like this. Hope you can join us.

We still gather at the church on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. There are things we may be discussing regarding sending out some Missionary packages. And of course just enjoying fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

Let us count our blessings! Starting with our freedom to gather together in our sanctuary each week and worshipping together mask free.

In His service, Judy Tolosky

### 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.

### Worship Attendance

03-28 - 136 Palm Sunday  
04-01 - 48 Maundy Thurs  
04-02 - 78 Good Friday  
04-04 - 34 Sunrise Service  
04-04 - 196 Resurrection Service  
04-11 - 136  
04-18 - 148



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



# Youth

What are Our Expectations?

*12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. - Ephesians 2:12-13*

What are your expectations of others? How do you expect them to act? How do you think they expect you to behave? Do you think there is a difference? These are the questions that I have been pondering the past week. And I think there are some key misunderstandings that many Christians seem to be making that should be talked about.

As we see in Ephesians, there was a time that we all were without Christ. We were born into sin and because of that we were separated from God, but Jesus bridged the gap and allowed us to cross through the cross (see what I did there;). And during that time, we didn't know how to act. We followed the law of the land and listened to those put over us but we didn't know about God's law other than our conscience, AKA God's law "written on our hearts." But then God got a hold of us and helped us realize our need for salvation, and when we accept

we learn of God's law and why it is important.... And that's all great

However, there are people on Earth that don't know God's law because they haven't accepted God into their heart. And it is in how we treat these people that they see how merciful God is. If you have a child, you don't expect them to know how to do adult things, you have to teach them. Well, it is the same way with sin, we can't chastise non-believers for sinning or making bad decisions because they don't know the right decisions to make. We can lovingly nudge, and correct gracefully, and guide as Jesus did, but we can't condemn people that don't have Jesus in their life when they make mistakes. As it says in Ephesians, "Remember that you were once separated from Christ," and we need to remember that when we are interacting with unbelievers who are in the place that we also were not so long ago.

Youth Director, Seth Larson

## May Youth Calendar

May 26th- Last day of High School Youth Group

May 27th- Last day of Middle School Youth Group

There will be some youth activities this summer so keep an eye on in emails and texts for those events!

## May Birthdays!!!

Sperry Jacob D. (Jake)	1-May
Lenzen Lisa A.	2-May
Funk Heather M.	2-May
Plienis Kameron L.	2-May
West Maiya D.	3-May
Palmer Kayla R.	5-May
Wenning Emily F.	6-May
Lenzen Ross A.	7-May
Barbot Eden G.	8-May
Gooss Izabelle	8-May
Hausauer Dara	11-May
Wiest Kermit	11-May
Hausauer Betty	12-May
Knell Karen	14-May
Funk Scott J.	14-May
Sperry Rachel L.	15-May
Murray Wade	16-May
Buchmann Joette	16-May
Duppong McKenna	17-May
Krebbs Hannah	18-May
Klipfel Teresa	18-May
Richter Mariah	19-May
Gerde Liam M.	19-May
Mohl Jason	20-May
Iverson Anna	20-May
Timmer Eric	20-May
Flemmer Samantha L .	22-May
Brandt Heather	22-May
Hottman David	22-May
Bauer Joyce	23-May
Schaper Ty C.	23-May
Renner Gary	24-May
Miller Roselinda	25-May
Vasilakes Sierra S.	27-May
Goetz Marlene	28-May
Boeshans Vernon	29-May
Doe Thomas (Tom)	29-May
Sailer Garner	30-May
Schnaidt Violet D.	30-May
Reinhardt Karingtyn B.	30-May
Aalund Bryan	31-May
Martin Dan	31-May

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin attended the Deacon's meeting. He's been working with FMSC and is going to Dodge for a fleishkekla feed soon. Tentative date with FMSC in later October. We have raised a little over \$19,000 and need to raise a little over \$26,000.

### 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, including the nursing home.

I've continued to help out with hospice, performing a couple of spiritual assessments for them.

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

I participated in the community Good Friday Service, hosted by the ministerial.

I helped with the Easter party.

Confirmation is going well. We have officially finished the curriculum for the year, and will be taking our final quiz next week. My daughter, Grace, will be the only confirmand this year.

### Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Extra-long Middle School Youth Group day
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at POP
- Community Good Friday Service
- Easter Egg hunt and Easter Movies
- Easter Breakfast
- Taking youth to AFLC Campus Days
- Youth Led Sunday on April 25th for all youth and Youth Worship Team
- Planning our District Youth Event this summer, probably at POP and Lock-in/all-nighter style event
- FLBC choir comes to POP in May and will promote Bible School for Youth

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

General Fund	\$ 39,874.36
Building Fund	\$ 42,857.65
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 299.19
Intern Fund	\$ 34,855.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 14,959.92
Total Bank Acct	\$ 138,688.90

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00  
Rate of 4.5%  
Loan Balance \$ 36,696.94

### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

The concert choir of the Free Lutheran Bible College will perform for us at Prince of Peace on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We will not need to house them, as Covid rules for the school mandate that they stay in motels. We will feed them before the performance, however. But it is yet to be determined if this meal can be opened to the congregation.

Security team organizational meeting will be held Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM with those who attended the two-day church security seminar.

Worship team: We discussed the announcement that Pastor Kent had sent out about the Contemporary Worship Team taking a two-month break to reorganize and invite new members. The Deacons are working on a Mission Statement and guidelines for the team.

### **Trustee's Report – Keith Peterson & Ryan Tolosky**

North fellowship hall access project (We have some suggestions; Ryan contacted a contractor)

SE corner of church removing slope and adding steps project (Ryan contacted a contractor)

LED replacements on going

Garage project (on hold)

Getting some of the current trustees access to the HVAC phone app (Called Legend Air)

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

Old Business: We will be giving candy, socks and a craft made by the kids to give to the nursing home residents for our spring mission project.

VBS: We got a team! The dates will be June 13th-17th. The theme is Destination Dig. We will need volunteers. Rebecca Martin will coordinate crafts. Teresa Schaner will help with snacks. Angie and Chrisy will help decorate.

Easter event is coming along. There are 96 bags filled. Eggs will be filled over the next 2 weeks.

New Business: We discussed a possible brunch to be served on the last day of Sunday school-May 23. The kids will be singing and possibly reciting some Bible verses. In lieu of teacher gifts a donation will be made to Feed My Starving Children.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$2,221.67: \$300 to Feed My Starving Children, \$1,921.67 to Free Lutheran Bible College

**Security System** – Jeff Rotondo is working on the system. All the computers are working now and need to get the monitor working.

**Cleaning Substitute** – For the most part our janitor, Amy Haugen is able to clean the church by herself. Council approved that Rebecca Martin will be the substitute janitor if Amy is unable to clean.

**Radios for church/VBS** – Angie Wanzek discussed having radios to communicate during church events and VBS. Angie also discussed having VBS run differently with parents checking kids in and out and having only one door unlocked to limit access to the building. Council recommended that this be looked at during the Church Security meeting on April 15.

### **Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from Feed My Starving Children and AFLC World Missions for our financial donations and prayers. Also received a letter from KNDR discussing new transmitter installed for 104.7 radio station in Bismarck.



## **Are you on the right path for Salvation?**

Matthew 7: 21-23 Not everyone who says to me, Lord; Lord; shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord; Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name? and “then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness; So do you have a personal relationship with Jesus or are you just using His name for personal gain.

Matthew 25: 31-46 Judgment of the end times; When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed Me: I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me. Then the righteous will answer Him, saying; Lord when did we see You hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You? And the King will answer, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me. Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and

his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me NO food; I was thirsty and gave Me NO drink; I was a stranger and you did NOT take Me in, naked and you did NOT clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did NOT visit Me; Then they also will answer Him, saying , Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?

Then He will answer them, saying, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did Not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do It to Me. And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

So when you Die will you go to Heaven’ or not? I pray you chose the right path.

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Christ Marvin C. Sigman

## **2021 POP Church Council**

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