

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

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July 2021



Pastor Kent

““Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said,

“Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.””

Mark 3:33-35 ESV

For most of us, family is extremely important. “Blood is thicker than water” is something we often say. Our family, meaning both our household and our extended family, is among our greatest priorities.

Family should, absolutely, be important to us. However, that being said, there is something else we must realize. We must realize the definition of family laid out for us in Scripture.

We read in Mark 3 that, as he engaged in ministry, Jesus’ own family came to seize him. They did so, believing him to be out of his mind. And the words above are the response of Jesus when he was told that his mother and brothers were outside looking for him.

Jesus asked who were his mother and brothers. He, then, looked at those sitting around him. And he declared that they were his mother and brothers.

He explained that whoever does the will of God is his mother, brother, and sister. And, in light of the gospel, this makes perfect sense. His family are those who receive him in faith. His family are those who, in faith, live according to the will of God.

As we read it, it may sound cold. We may wonder how Jesus could say such a thing about Mary, his own mother, and his brothers. It may

seem that he was rejecting them. And we might comment that we'd never do such a thing.

However, in a very real sense, our family is not defined by blood. While we should always seek to love and to bless our family members, we must also embrace this broader definition of family. Our family is made up of those who trust in Jesus. Our family is made up of those who live an ongoing life of repentance and faith.

After all, these are the people with whom we'll spend eternity. These are the people who both bless us and are blessed by us. These are the people who seek and desire to live out the will of God.

This also says something to us, as the church. So often, even when we come to church, we make it our goal to get in and out as quickly as possible. We have little interest in interacting with our fellow church members. We must realize, however, that this is our family.

Gathering with our brothers and sisters in faith is not simply a duty, it's a joy. It's a blessing for us. And it's our opportunity to be a blessing to them as well.

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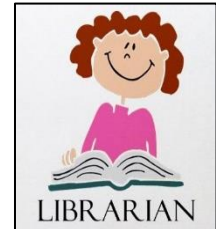
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Prayer Request

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

Prince of Peace needs volunteers to help with the **church library!** Please call Deb Creel to get in on the fun ☺



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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! In fact, I have a list of ideas...



Mon/Dak/Ada Our AFLC District Family Camp will be July 25-29 @ Mt Carmel East of Minot. The youth are encouraged to attend also!!! There are brochures in the office window.



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.

We gathered at our AFLC Campus in Plymouth Minnesota on June 16 for WMF Day 2021. "Guard what has been entrusted to you", based on 1 Timothy 6:20-21, was our theme. There were approximately 190 ladies in attendance and we all had a great day! Our 1st Timothy bible study author, Jeanette Berntson, had opening devotions. We had 3 interesting workshops led by Marian Christopherson, Mary Ann Ward, and Rebecca Moan. The 2021 Ambassadors led us in Praise and Worship. We had a special memorial service, remembering our AFLC ladies that had passed on during this past year. Lavonne West, of Columbia Falls Montana, was reelected for another term as our National WMF President. Linda Hensrud from Grafton ND was newly elected as our Communication Secretary. The business reports were approved and our 2022 Budget was approved. Our theme hymn was "I stand Amazed". We gathered in small groups for discussion, encouragement, and prayer. One ladies group that attended this year took a bus trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Museum and completed their travels by joining us for WMF Day. Maybe you could grab some girl friends and make a road trip to attend WMF Day next year! Our 2022 WMF Day/Annual Conference will be held in Osceola Wisconsin at the ARC (Association Retreat Center). On the District level, we will have a WMF gathering up at Family camp in July so that is another great opportunity for fellowship and encouragement! On the local level at Prince of Peace, we continue with year round

Wednesday coffee gatherings in our fellowship hall at 10:30. We will not have bible study in July but bible studies will resume in August on Monday August 16th. Please let me know if you have any questions about WMF Day, the Annual Conference, District Family Camp, or Wednesday coffee! We would love to have you join us at all of these events!

Margie Lee (National WMF Treasurer)



Sunday School Corner

I know that we are in the middle of the summer but we are already looking for teachers and helpers for the upcoming Sunday School year. We are in need of a teacher for the 6-8 grade class and also helpers for the preschool/kindergarten class, and 3-5 grade class. If you feel God leading you to help in this way, please come and talk to me. You will be blessed by the time that you spend helping. We know the Bible is the inherent word of God and that all of the promises that God made will be fulfilled at a time unknown to us. The evil in our world is difficult for us as adults to face and hopefully we have a good Biblical foundation to make godly decisions. We are asking members of the congregation to come forward to help teach our young kids about God. We want them to know about the love that He has for us which will sustain us through the challenges this world presents. Our sinful nature is instilled in us at the time of conception and the devil is fully aware of that. He doesn't wait until we are old to be tempted and tested! In His Hands, Donna Bieri



Youth

How Do We Talk?

How do you converse with the people around you? Is it in a proud way, a shy way, a bossy way, or none of the above? We all have a certain way we talk to others, depending on who we are talking to and how much we know that person, we may be more forward, or more composed. If you are talking to someone you know that shares your values or thoughts on something, you may be quicker to show your opinion, or vice-versa. What I want to talk about today is whether or not your speech is encouraging in producing healthy relationships or if it is not.

We are a culture of opinion, but we are not (unfortunately) a culture of understanding or attempting to understand. We have our thoughts and others have theirs and when they don't coincide with each other perfectly, we dig our feet in the ground and we start shoveling our bunkers. I have watched so many people in my life throw away perfectly good relationships and friendships because someone had a discussion about something with someone and someone got hurt and now they don't talk anymore. Or someone said something that the other person didn't agree with and now they won't discuss anything ever again... I am confident that you have also seen such happenings. This isn't the way that things are meant to be done. When Jesus was on Earth, he met and talked to many people that had different beliefs and

opinions and he never turned those people away or shunned them. He listened to them and then He spoke truth to them in a loving and respectful way. And we are to do the same

If people have other beliefs and opinions, God doesn't want us to write them off and say, "Well, they're wrong and I'm right, now I guess I'll go and find someone that has my beliefs so I can talk to them and they will tell me how right I am." God wanted us to share our good news with others and be communicative with all. This doesn't mean we roll over and give up, but it also doesn't mean that we steamroll others to make ourselves feel good. Find the balance, the balance that Jesus had.

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; **yet do it with gentleness and respect.**" 1 Peter 3:15

Youth Pastor
Seth Larson

July 9-10 skillet concert in fargo

July 8 and 22 MSYG at POP

July 17 POP float in Beulah parade

July 18 community worship service

July 21 Community youth group in the park

July 25-29 family and youth bible camp

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

05-02 - 144 Confirmation

05-09 - 129 Mother's Day

05-16 - 143

05-23 - 185 Grad Recog/SS prog

05-30 - 110

06-06 - 114

06-13 - 75 est. in the park

06-20 - 100



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July Birthdays

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| Dalen Foth | 1-Jul |
| DeEtta Hetzler | 2-Jul |
| Colt Palmer | 2-Jul |
| Beverly Sorensen | 3-Jul |
| Jacob Klaudt | 3-Jul |
| Chelsie Babcock | 4-Jul |
| Kynleigh Richter | 5-Jul |
| Todd Seibel | 6-Jul |
| Rebecah Martin | 6-Jul |
| Camey Gunsch | 7-Jul |
| Cody Hetzler | 8-Jul |
| Paris Green | 8-Jul |
| Cavin Hottman | 8-Jul |
| Shelby Miller | 9-Jul |
| Betty Unruh | 9-Jul |
| Brady Schaner | 9-Jul |
| Garrett Sayler | 10-Jul |
| Hilary Zimmerman | 10-Jul |
| Don Buck | 12-Jul |
| Jaxon Baker | 12-Jul |
| Lynnette Flemmer | 13-Jul |
| Adam Pacht | 13-Jul |
| Robert Buck | 14-Jul |
| Grady Fandrich | 15-Jul |
| Vance Giese | 16-Jul |
| Jerry Reichenberg | 16-Jul |
| Regan Hoffner | 16-Jul |
| Stephanie Hottman | 16-Jul |
| Jared Klaudt | 17-Jul |
| Grace Sperry | 19-Jul |
| Bensen Baker | 19-Jul |
| Dale Reinhardt | 20-Jul |
| Hanah Brandt | 20-Jul |
| Chrisy Rotondo | 20-Jul |
| Lily Timmer | 21-Jul |
| Jennifer Seibel | 22-Jul |
| Annelise Klein | 22-Jul |
| Lucille Sayler | 24-Jul |
| Hella Menge | 25-Jul |
| Jacob Barbot | 25-Jul |
| Ellen Renner | 25-Jul |
| Kathryn Holen | 26-Jul |
| Broderick Mohl | 27-Jul |
| Jason Ulland | 28-Jul |
| Trey Brandt | 29-Jul |
| Bob Ferebee | 29-Jul |
| Kim Pacht | 31-Jul |
| Ron Gunsch | 31-Jul |

Special Congregational Meeting

Minutes - June 6, 2021

submitted by Secretary Deb

Sayler

Congregational Meeting on June 6, 2021

Ryan Tolosky, Head Trustee, spoke about the bid for concrete from M Construction which is located out of Halliday. He went through the three portions of the bid.

1. Steps and sidewalk repair on south east side of building.
2. Removing rock and adding sidewalk on east side of building.
3. Removing concrete ramp and pouring new concrete with rebar. (We would use the existing handrails) Ryan explained we had the option of doing one, two or all three of these options. We could save \$1,000 if we wanted to demolish and remove the existing concrete. Total of all three options is \$15,422.

Ryan has called other companies for quotes, but they have not responded to his calls.

Margie Lee, Treasurer, explained there is approximately \$44,000 in the Building Fund and this money would pay for the concrete work.

The Congregation approved moving forward with this project.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Finished up mentoring with Lead 222
- Finished up MS HS and MHS Youth Groups
- Started writing "Plug Into Life" articles for the newspaper
- Went to Jamestown for State HS Golf, Baseball, Softball games
- Helped out at baseball clinic in Killdeer
- Had our first MSYG of the summer
- Preaching for Worship in the Park
- Community Youth Group in the park on June 30th
- Taking the Youth to Fargo on July 9-10th for Skillet Concert
- Leading youth at Family Camp (July 25-29th) (un)understandable peace

- HS Lake Days on August 13-14th at Lee's Cabin

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

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| General Fund | \$ 41,915.42 |
| Building Fund | \$ 45,341.23 |
| Coffee Hour Fund | \$ 21.39 |
| Intern Fund | \$ 36,885.35 |
| Van/Storage Fund | \$ 17,659.92 |
| Total Bank Acct | \$ 149,708.01 |

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| Loan Borrowed 4/2015 | \$ 250,000.00 |
| Rate of 4.5% | |
| Loan Balance | \$ 26,059.12 |

Tithe for the FMSC does not need to continue since all funds have been raised.

Water bill was up to \$200, average was \$100 – we will need to decide if we want to continue watering the lawn.

We will need to congregational approval to get an intern.

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Deacons and Pastor will meet on June 23rd with all interested Worship team members to select a leader and move forward. The hope is to start the worship team in July.

Pastor Abel and family will be here July 11 and give the message.

Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky

- Janitor Amy Haugen requested help waxing the floor. There are tiles that need to be replaced and they will be replaced before the floor is waxed. Ryan has found replacement tiles. July 11-25th are good days for the waxing process.
- The snow fence belongs to the church. The Trustees will need to take charge of set up and take down from now on.
- Van maintenance-oil change has been changed and a new battery was installed this last winter.
- East warehouse door is questionable as far as security as it was discussed by the Safety Team. The trustees will research a replacement.

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

VBS Update: The snack list is filled for bible school. We are still in need of helpers for VBS. Crafts have been gathered by Rebecca Martin, Rebeca Larson will be decorating. Christian Ed is providing the meal on Sunday June 13th, for the VBS team and all helpers, with a meeting to go over safety procedures all taking place at 4:30 pm.

Sunday school wrap up: Donna Bieri is collecting surveys for teachers and helpers. Looking for teachers for 2021-2022. Chrisy Rotondo suggested passing a sign-up sheet around to get helpers during the Sunday school year as it is easier to commit to one or a few Sundays vs the whole year. Angie Wanzek had an idea for having a family bible study. Number of times we would do this throughout the year would be determined.

We agreed to give a \$75 gift card to each FLBS team member who is teaching our VBS to show our appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Van Storage – on hold until prices of supplies drop

Sidewalk Replacement and North Walkway

Replacement – This project was approved at the Special Congregational meeting on June 6th. M Construction will be doing the demolition of concrete and pouring new concrete. We will set up work days.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - Our tithe was \$2,936.87 and went to AFLC Home Missions.

Safety Team – The team met in June. The priorities of the team are being determined. We approved \$900 for a medical kit that was requested.

Sound booth/live stream duties – These duties for Youth Director Seth Larson are hindering his ability to work and help in other areas of the church. Jeff Rotundo volunteered to help. A schedule will be made by Jeff for a rotation of volunteers.

2021 POP Church Council

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