

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

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## Pastor Kent

Most of us know and believe that we are saved only by the grace of God. Our works play no part in it, nor can they. It's a free gift of God.

We know also and believe that this grace is received only by faith. It's through faith in Jesus that we receive the grace of God and are saved. As we read in Ephesians 2:8-9: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

However, what is this faith and where does it come from? Have you ever thought about that? How do we come by this faith which enables us to receive the grace of God?

Most of us tend to think that our faith results from our ability to reason. This is why so many of us believe that babies cannot have faith and that they

are automatically saved. We reason that they are not yet at the point where they are able to believe.

Scripture, however, tells us otherwise. David tells us in Psalm 22:9-10, for example, that God made him to have faith while he was at his mother's breast. From the time he was an infant, God made him to believe.

In Matthew 18 we see that, calling to himself a small child, Jesus told the people that unless they became like children, they would never enter the kingdom of heaven. And he went on to say that whoever caused one of these little ones who believe in him to sin, would be better off dead. In this way, Jesus clearly stated that young children can have faith.

The Bible is equally clear that none of us can come to faith on our own. In 1 Corinthians 2, Paul tells us that the natural person (the person without the Spirit) cannot understand the things of God. And in Romans 3, Paul tells us that there is no one who understands or who seeks for God. So, even as

adults, we are incapable of understanding the gospel. Our ability to reason has no bearing on this whatsoever.



From the Chairman – Marvin Sigman

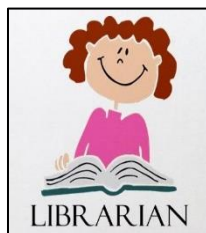
As we investigate this further, we learn that it's only by the Spirit of God that we are able to confess faith in Jesus. Paul tells us at the beginning of 1 Corinthians 12 that a Spirit-filled person cannot deny Christ. And he goes on to say that a person without the Spirit cannot confess Jesus as Lord. In the same way, in John 6, Jesus says that no one can come to him unless he's drawn by the Father.

This tells us that, just as salvation is a gift of God, so too is faith. The ability to believe in Jesus, the ability to trust in Christ, is not something we possess on our own. It's something that God enables in us.

And, finally, we see that this faith is received through the Word of God. Paul tells us in Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ. So, it's as we hear God's Word, and as the Holy Spirit works through the Word, that we're enabled to believe.

This, then, reveals to us why it's so important for us to be in the Word of God. It reveals to us why it's so important for us to share the Word of God with our children. And it reveals to us why it's so important for us to share God's Word with those who don't yet believe. It's through this Word that God works in us, enabling us to believe and to be saved.

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



## Unity Matters

You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way. Ephesians 4:3 niv

The body of Christ- his Church- has been known to misbehave. The brain discounts the heart,(Academics discount worshippers.) The hands criticize the Knees. (People of action criticize people of prayer.) The eyes refuse to partner with the feet. (Visionary thinkers won't work with steady laborers.)

A clear case of mutiny on the body.

If the ear should say "because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ( 1 Corinthians 12:15-18).

The early Christians surly chuckled at these work pictures. What if the whole body were an eye? If you were a collection of eyeballs, how would you function? The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you" (v. 21).

We cannot say, "I have no need of you." The megachurch needs the smaller church. The liberal needs the conservative. The pastor needs the missionary, Cooperation is more than a good Idea; it is a command (Ephesians 4;3 niv). There is "one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16 niv). Unity matters to God.

## 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 August 22 & 29 and September 5, 12, 19, 26. 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)



# THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

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...

## Worship Attendance

06-20 - 100  
06-27 - 104  
07-04 - 117  
07-11 - 121  
07-18 - 0 – Community service @ BMS



## Sunday School Corner

As we prepare for the upcoming Sunday school year we are in search of a teacher for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade class. And helpers and substitutes for the PreK-K, 3-5th, and 6-8th grade class. If you feel God's calling to help with SS this year, please let me know. It is an investment in the future of our church. The donation of your time and talents to help with SS shows our young members the importance of learning about Jesus and the Bible. In a recent sermon Pastor Sperry stated that there was a survey conducted and for the first time over half of the people living in the US don't have a church affiliation at all. Christianity is one generation from extinction. The fields are white with harvest.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri

## Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

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1. Go to your device's App Store.
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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.*

On the schedule for WMF:

1. Bible Study on Monday August 16, 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will be going over Lesson 7: "God Uses Pastors to Save You".
2. Women come on Wednesdays at 10:30 am for fellowship. It is a time to meet our sisters of the church and share our love, concerns, life's joys and sorrows, and sometimes laugh out loud. We've been known to get some WMF and other church business handled.

I missed out on Lesson 6: "God's Desires for Pastors and Deacons". I took my book along when I traveled but did not open it. I had other priorities. I am thankful God does not change His priorities! It will be good to go over these two lessons and study Timothy.

Isaiah 48:17 "This is what the LORD says--your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'" This is the verse the following devotion was based on in my Women's Devotional Bible, NIV 1990. May it bless you as it blessed me.

**For Showing Me Purpose**  
by Marjorie Holmes.

*I am grateful, God, that I have finally come to realize your purpose for me.*

*Just when or how this came about I can't say. It wasn't sudden and dramatic, then it happened to Paul on the road to Damascus, or Peter Marshall with his experience on the Scottish moor.*

*There have been no visions, no voices, no letters written in fire upon a wall saying: "Do this." "Do that." "This is your reason for being."*

*No, my search for you and for the meaning you had for my life has been uncertain, groping, erratic, filled with accidents, false goals. Sometimes I seemed to sense that purpose, clearly see it; but it vanished like a mirage in the hurried, often cruel business of everyday.*

*Yet somehow you keep track of your floundering creatures.*

*Maybe because life is so filled with defeat and heartbreak, we find ourselves turning to you, yielding ourselves to your will, fighting less furiously for selfish, often empty goals. And when this happens we find that you have turned our suffering and our failures into little stepping-stones.*

*Looking back, we see them. These rocks which gradually, all unknown to us, you have been shaping to lead us toward our purpose...And we have been following! However blindly, however zigzag the course, yet we have been moving toward it.*

*And looking about, we see there are results. There are signals, heartening little affirmations, unexpected proofs.*

*However humble our circumstances or undramatic our talents, our true purpose has been revealed. We were meant to be this person at this time and place. Not only for ourselves, but for you and other people--we were meant to make this particular contribution to the world.*

*And so we must do it will. Do it with faith and patience, with all our strength and passion. And in so doing discover who we really are.*

God bless you. 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.





# Youth

## What's Stopping You?

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

When we want to or need to communicate with God and especially pray to Him, it can be easy to get distracted. When I am trying to commune with God, I constantly find myself thinking about other things or people. I'll be mid-prayer and realize that I have been going over the grocery list in my head or thinking about what I need to do after I am done "praying" or wondering what other people are doing right now.

We may talk a big game, but in the end, it is really easy to get us distracted and to stop us from communicating with our heavenly father. We so quickly (and efficiently) can go from a solid discussion with God to thinking about anything else and we sometimes don't even notice. What can be done to help stop this behavior?

I think the key with this, as well as most things, is intentionality. Are you being intentional with your prayer time, or just letting things happen? It's not wrong to pray whenever you feel led, but there needs to be time in your day when you will definitely and intentionally pray. I, for instance, like to pray right after I wake up and right before I go to bed. These aren't the only times I pray in a day, but they get me started and end my

days where they need to. But even with this plan, I need another plan. We need to have a plan, roughly, of what we want to talk to God about, otherwise we may slip into the same prayer every day that may lead to not thinking and getting distracted. We need plans, then we need more plans. I'm not saying it's wrong to just pray with no plan, sometimes we need that. But if that's all we have, there is a good chance we will slip into lazy, unintentional, unproductive, and unHoly prayer. And that is what separates us from God, which I have found is best if avoided :)

Youth Director  
Seth Larson

## Youth Related Calendar Items

- Community Youth Group in the Park (middle and high school)- August 11th
- Summer Middle School Youth Group- August 12th
- High School Lake Dayz- August 13-14th
- Beulah Public School Starts- August 24th
- Middle School Youth Group starts weekly- August 26th
- High School Youth Group starts weekly- September 1st
- Sunday School Starts- September 12th

## August Birthdays

Sandra Sailer	8/1
Robin Richter	8/1
Perry Sayler	8/4
Jim Wenning	8/5
Jason Doe	8/5
Loren Novak	8/5
Linda Murray	8/6
Olivia Ternes	8/6
Karla Boehm	8/7
Darcee Wenning	8/7
Ryan Ternes	8/7
Cruz Buchmann	8/7
Ray Mattheis	8/8
David Hausauer	8/13
Rita Becker	8/13
Lucas Schnaidt	8/14
Lacey Biggs	8/15
Derek Boeshans	8/15
Kevin Lee	8/17
Brynlee Holen	8/18
Sienna Selle	8/18
Arlett Gerde	8/19
Kristine Keller	8/20
Leona Mattheis	8/22
Carmen Mohl	8/22
Darrin Olin	8/23
Tyler Hoffner	8/27
Bodey Schaner	8/27
Joel Bergstedt	8/29
Courtney Kemmet	8/29
Bentley Schaner	8/30
Deb Sayler	8/31
Ethan Finck	8/31

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings, deacon's meetings.

Participated in ministerial prayer most weeks.

Attended our ministerial 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 been able to commune our residents at the nursing home the past two months.

I've continued to help out with hospice, attending a meeting and visiting a couple of people for them.

I preached at the baccalaureate service for the senior class, attended graduation, and went to the open house of a couple of our young people.

I led the meeting with the worship team where the new guidelines, created by the deacons, were introduced and direction for the future put in motion.

### Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Helped out at the Killdeer Baseball Clinic with Home Missions
- We had the first of our POP Worship Team meetings
- Started our Summer MSYG
- Went to Minneapolis for Annual Conference
- Held our first Community youth group in the park
- Taking youth to Fargo for the Skillet Concert July 9-10<sup>th</sup> (6 kids and 3 adults)
- Decorating and riding on a float for the Beulah Parade on July 17th
- Community Worship Service on July 18th
- Family and Youth Bible Camp July 25-29th
- HS Lake Days August 13-14th
- I will be preaching on August 15th

### Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 21,200.94
Building Fund	\$ 46,682.58
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 377.23
Intern Fund	\$ 37,885.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 18,859.92

Total Bank Acct       \$ 130,489.72  
 Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00  
 Rate of 4.5%  
 Loan Balance           \$ 25,184.12

**Deacon’s Report – Kevin Lee**

Worship team – Update – Perry Sayler has agreed to be the Worship Team leader. They have had several meetings with about ten people interested in participating so far. They will lead the singing the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July and then possibly lead the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after that.

Pastor Jonathan and Tamba Abel, missionaries to Brazil, will be with us on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. He’ll give the message that day. They would also like to have a Q & A time in the fellowship hall, after the service, while people are having coffee and goodies.

Pastor Kent was approached by someone from Alcoholics Anonymous about holding their meetings at Prince of Peace. The Deacons felt this was an organization that would be good to support. Council approved opening up our church for the meetings with Pastor Kent exploring logistics of schedules.

**Trustee’s Report – Keith Peterson/Ryan Tolosky**

Dustin fixed the steering on the mower. May need to look at getting a new one sometime. Parts were not available for what he had to repair.

Still waiting for an actual date on the concrete. But most likely Late August/Early Sept.

Some of us as trustees talked and would rather attempt the floor waxing at a later date. (Summers are really busy to organize it and attempt to find help). There is more going on at the church at that time, but we will work around that.

Keith freed up the stuck disposal on the hand-washing sink.

Jeff is looking into a Ring doorbell.

**Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek**

Angie reported that VBS went really well. The security aspect of VBS was good. Average attendance was 50 kids.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$3,134.93 evenly to AFLC General Fund and AFLC Youth Ministries.

**Safety Team** – Shane Haugen reported that there was a safety member at VBS each night. The radios were very helpful during VBS. Garrett Placke emailed that the new medical bag is here. Safety Team will compile a list of medical providers in the congregation, show them where the medical bag is and what supplies are available. Council approved purchasing another fire extinguisher to install near the AED in hallway between the buildings.

**Correspondence**

- \*Lacey Crowell from Alaska Missions for the quilts that POP quilters mailed to Alaska
- \*WARC for 555 pounds of food donated from VBS
- \*Jonni Sliver from Miriam Children’s Home for our prayers and gifts
- \*Ambassador Publications, AFLC Home Missions. AFLC World Missions, Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary for our prayers and gifts
- \*Feed My Starving Children for donations and prayers

**2021 POP Church Council**

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