

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

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## **Pastor Kent**

"The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."" 1 Corinthians 12:21 ESV

We hear often about the gifts that God entrusts to the Church. And, most often, the point of these sentiments is that we're to use our gifts in the service of God and the Church. Yet, while this is, indeed, true, there is yet another lesson for us to take from this reality.

If you're like me (and from my experience, most of you are), we are more willing to serve others than to allow others to serve us. This flows from our independent nature. It flows from our desire to take care of ourselves. And, for this reason, we're not often willing to ask for help.

Yet, as we see in the verse above, we need every part of the body. It's not only about giving help to others. Nor is it exclusively about serving others.

It's also about receiving the help and service of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is something of which I've been reminded during my recent surgery. There's a humiliation involved, being completely helpless and at the whim of others. There's a humiliation in being exposed before others. There's a humiliation in being unable to even go to the bathroom on your own. There's a humiliation in needing others to brush your teeth and to even help you roll over in bed. But, at the same time, it's a blessing to have those who put all of their time and energy into your welfare.

This is what I've experienced recently. My surgeon was fantastic. His team was phenomenal. Each nurse who cared for me was caring and compassionate.

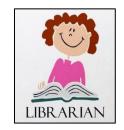
The same is true of all of you, as well. Your care for me has been amazing. Even though I'm not quick to ask for help, you have stepped up to the plate. The prayers lifted up on my behalf are greatly appreciated. The meals delivered to my home have been both delicious and a great blessing. The expressions of concern and offers of help have clearly demonstrated the love you have for me.

We can go to extremes on either side of this equation. We can become overly dependent upon others. We can become lazy and unwilling to do for ourselves. Or, of course, we can become hyperindependent, refusing the help of others. And we must take care to do neither.

But, the simple fact of the matter is that I need all of you. As much as it's my call to serve you, I also need to be served by you. And it's a great blessing to receive this service.

The ministry of the Church is not dependent on one person. It's dependent on all of us. And my hope and prayer is that each of us will not only serve one another, gladly and willingly. My hope and prayer is that we'll also receive the blessings offered to us by the body of Christ.

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



Also, if you would like any books or movies ordered for our library – let Deb know! Please check your shelves and book racks to see if you have any items that need to be returned to POP.

### **Worship Attendance**

08-08 - 89

08-15 - 84

08-22 - 129

08-29 - 140

09-05 - 115

09-12 - 131 Rally Sunday

09-19 - 140





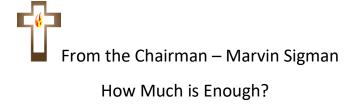
### First Responder Care Packages

November 14, 2021, Prince of Peace will pack care packages for local First Responders. The following organizations will receive a care package: Beulah/Hazen Police Departments, Beulah/Hazen Fire Departments, Beulah/Hazen Ambulance, and the Mercer County Sheriffs Department.

Christian Ed is organizing this event and is looking for donations of the following *individually packaged* food items: jerky, nuts, gum, granola/protein bars, individual packets of powdered sports drinks (Gatorade or Powerade), and candy. We are also looking for donations of handwarmers, tums/antiacids, small bottles of Advil/Tylenol, and neck gaiters. On the Christian Ed bulletin board, you will also find several items that we are requesting a specific number of donations. Please tear off a slip and bring those specific items. All donations can be placed in the old kitchen. If you have questions, please see Angie or Becca.

## <u>District Men's</u> Retreat

October 29-30 in Epping, ND Friday @ 6:00pm through Saturday 3:00pm For more info, check out the poster in the entryway.



If you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6: 14-15

How much justice is enough? Picture your enemy for a moment, Picture him tied to the whipping post. The strong-armed man with the whip turns to you and asks,

"How many lashes?" and you give a number. The whip cracks and the blood flows and the punishment is inflicted. Your foe slumps to the ground, and you walk away.

Are you happy now? Do you feel better? Are you at peace? Perhaps for a while, but soon another memory will surface, and another lash will be needed, and ....when does it all stop?

It stops when you take seriously the words of Jesus: "for if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins"

"Treat me as I treat my neighbor." Are you aware that is what you are saying to your Father? "Give me what I give them. Grant me the same peace I grant others. Let me

enjoy the same tolerance I offer." God will treat you the way you treat others.

Would you like some peace? Then quit giving your neighbor such a hassle. Want to enjoy God's generosity? Then let others enjoy yours. Would you like assurance that God forgives you? I think you know what you need to do. In Christ Marvin

## 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 October 3,10,17,24, & 31 and November 7, 14, 21, & 28. 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



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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...



#### 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.

Instructions for the Church, Lessons 8 and 9, "…teach us what obeying God's commandments looks like in various life situations." Our church is our family, fathers, brothers, mothers, sisters. We are to bring others in our family to repentance, faith and love through His word today. As we looked at 1Timothy 5:1-16 in Sept and continue in Oct with 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2 we are reminded that "God desires all to be saved and to know that Jesus came, died, and rose to save sinners."

We are encouraged to live a life of good works. Paul is speaking to Timothy regarding women of the church in Lesson 8. The good works are fruit of the Holy Spirit working in us...as Galatians 5:22-23 says,

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." But we know that this fruit is for all believers, men and women, alike.

WMF Bible study will be October 18 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will look at Lesson 9 that focuses on the fourth commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," as it applies to honoring all those in authority. Please join us!

The Threads of Quilters have begun meetings on Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

WMF ladies meet every Wednesday at 10:30 for coffee, fellowship and updates on our missionaries and their needs.

## WMF FALL RALLY

Saturday, October 16,2021 Our Saviour's Free Lutheran Church Dickinson, ND

#### MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS PSALM 91

9:00 AM (mountain time) Sign-in and coffee 9:30 Rally Begins

Speakers: Pastor Gideon and Erin Johnson from Hope Free Lutheran Church, Killdeer, ND Bethany Aichele from Hope Free Lutheran, Killdeer, ND Casey McLoughlin & Leah Hetzel, Short-term missionaries to Brazil

These rallies are such a blessing to all who attend. Please try to make it. They are not always such an easy road trip. And we will most likely have a carpool arranged.

Love in Christ, Judy 870-2131



Sunday School kids sing in church on Sunday, October 17.



October 29-30 @ POP
Sign your teams up ASAP – sign up sheets
are on a table at the back of the Sanctuary
or call the church 873-5650.



Recently, I have started to notice a pattern in the Church. Many people don't know their job. Now I'm not talking about what occupation someone has or the way that they make money, no I'm talking about what job we have in not only our local congregation but in God's Church as a whole. What's our *vocation* so to speak, what did God give us the gifts to do in our mission field and in our congregations?

I was reading in the book of 1 Corinthians (one of my favorites) and I re-read something in a very different way than I ever had. I was reading verses 4 through 11 of chapter 12. It says, "4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."

When I was re-reading this recently I noticed something that I had never noticed before. This passage mentions a lot about who gets what gift of the spirit and what those gifts are, but almost as much as it talks about that, it mentions repeatedly

who God is and how He works. Now, why would it repeat this so much? We already know who God is and what He does and that He does it perfectly. I think the bible does this to remind us two things.

- 1. That no gift is better than another because they all come from the same grace of God that made us all equal under Him. So no person or their spiritual gift or how they use it is any better or more Holy than anyone else.
- 2. That we can only use these gifts to do the jobs that God wished us to do through Him. The same Spirit empowers us all with these gifts to do our jobs that will benefit God's kingdom as He wills.

There are many many gifts that God gives us during our time on this earth, it is our job to follow Him and allow Him to show us what is the best way for our God-given gifts to be used for His glory

In God's Mercy,
Youth Director Seth Larson

# Upcoming Youth Events

- Oct 27th: Disciple Concert at Beulah High School at 7PM
- Oct 29-30th: Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack



## **STEER Missions**

### Conference

Radisson Inn @ Bismarck ND October 1-2 2021 - Men's & Women's luncheons and Mission information workshops. Flyer with more information is in the entryway.

#### 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.

## **Fellowship servers for October**

Oct 3: Wes & Jane Gunsch, Jeff & Chrisy Rotonodo

Oct 10: Jay & Ashley Olson, Ryan & Brandi Tolosky

Oct 17: Randy & Beth Zimmerman, Mike & Kendra Finck

Oct 24: Bill & Kris Keller, Ross & Lisa Lenzen

Oct 31: Dave & Steph Hottman, Jeff & Chrisy Rotonodo

### **Ushers for October**

Oct 3: Mark Gerde, Don Buck, Dave Hottman

Oct 10: Jim & Chris Alt, Gene & Dara

Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

Oct 17: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris

Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

Oct 24: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

Oct 31: Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemmer, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel, Robin Richter

## **Fall Spiritual Life Messages**

Mark your calendars for our Fall Spiritual Life messages with Pastor John Wellumson Nov 7-10<sup>th</sup>. He will be discussing Doctrine. More info to come!

## **October Birthdays**

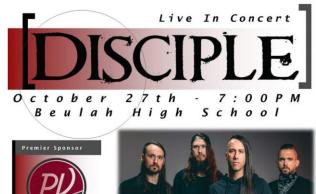
1-Oct	Rayney Klipfel
1-Oct	Dara Reinhardt
2-Oct	Paula Duppong
2-Oct	Eli Placke
3-Oct	Steve Goetz
3-Oct	Jan Gunsch
5-Oct	Ethan Johnson
7-Oct	Michael Finck
7-Oct	Taylor Funk
8-Oct	Shane Haugen
8-Oct	Roger Rosaaen
9-Oct	Skylar Carter
9-Oct	Brittney Seibel
10-Oct	Art Flemmer
11-Oct	Brock Holen
11-Oct	Charles Mattheis
12-Oct	Mason Mattheis
13-Oct	Cheyanne Olson
14-Oct	Cody Ungerer
17-Oct	Eva Murphy
18-Oct	Piper Carter
19-Oct	Donna Bieri
21-Oct	Wayne Hoffner
23-Oct	Ella Fandrich
24-Oct	Michele Klein
24-Oct	Zachary Pederson
25-Oct	Aria Doe
29-Oct	McCoy Mohl
29-Oct	Nancy Wright
30-Oct	David Schumaier
31-Oct	Sue Bauer
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**Beckham West** 

31-Oct

31-Oct





Formed in 1992, Disciple has recorded 12 albums and 3 EP's, played thousands of shows worldwide, headlined tours since the late 90's, has 15 No. 1 singles, sold hundreds of thousands of records, received 2 Dove Awards and multiple nominations, had its music featured by ESPN's NFL Live, WWE, Fox Sports, as well as in commercials for CBS' CSI: Miami and Criminal Minds, and more.



### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

I've kept up with visiting and communing our shutins. This week, however, I was denied entrance into the nursing home as they had another case of covid.

I attended and served as dean at our district family camp, from July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. I've also been working to plan next year's camp.

I conducted a worship service at Senior Suites.

I baptized the youngest child of the Bauman's in a private ceremony, as it was the only opportunity for them to have all of their family present.

Up to this point, we've had confirmation orientation, and three classes. Everything has been going very well with the ten students in this year's class.

#### Youth Director's Report - Seth Larson

- Finished up summer activities (CYG, Summer MSYG, Lake Days etc)
- Preached Aug 15th
- HS and MS youth group started
- FCA started at school
- Preaching on Sept 12th
- Gone the next week for my grandmother's funeral
- See you at/after the pole September 22
- Preaching on Sept 26th
- Disciple band coming to Beulah on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at HS Gymnasium
- Gather Youth for FMSC

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

General Fund	\$ 17,601.85
Building Fund	\$ 48,527.58
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 464.05
Intern Fund	\$ 39,885.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 21,559.92
Total Bank Acct	\$ 134,326.34

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Rate of 4.5%

Loan Balance \$ 6,772.58

#### Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

- Spiritual Life Meetings –Pastor Kent followed up with Pastor Jon Wellumson this past week about leading our Fall Spiritual Life Meetings with a focus on the importance of doctrine. We've scheduled the meetings for November 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- Confirmation is going well. We picked up another student from Dodge, which gives us ten students. Angie Wanzek will teach one week of confirmation and Seth will teach the other three weeks.

#### <u>Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky & Keith</u> Peterson

Ongoing cement project, looking like late fall or early spring.

Back snow fence corner post and secure fence.

Talked about replacing east warehouse door with more energy saving 42" door.

Discussed snow removal and getting people to sign up for snow removal for sidewalks

Discussed how big of a van storage building we would need and who would build it – congregation members or a business. May try to get information to take to congregation at the November Annual meeting.

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

Youth Report: Lake days went well, there were 5 kids in attendance as many had scheduling conflicts.

Prayer Partners for Confirmation: Rebeca Larson is working on some guidelines and suggestions for those who choose to be a prayer partner for the confirmation youth.

Discipline Policy for Sunday School: Donna Bieri presented a letter that kids and parents will receive, a few revisions were made, and steps for disciplinary actions were agreed on. We are looking forward to a more peaceful learning/teaching environment for all.

Fall Mission Project: We are planning to put together care packages for 1st responders (Mercer County Ambulance, Beulah/Hazen PD) That would be handed out November 14th. Angie Wanzek will find out how many we will be of service to and a list of items needed will be compiled. This will replace the OCC project we have done in the past as we want to focus more on helping and encouragement locally. We also feel this is more cost effective as postage costs continue to rise.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to give our tithe of \$2,530.43 to AFLC Youth Ministries.

**Safety Team** – Angie Wanzek spoke about the medical incident, how it went and things they need to do differently. Safety Team will coordinate a First Responder supper. They will do a medical bag show and tell at the potluck on September 12.

Discussed purchasing the Ring Doorbell for approximately \$200 with getting one that has a motion sensor. It comes with a stored video feed that costs \$3 per month. Council thought it would be good to purchase.

**Phone System** – WRT quoted us \$2,345 for installation and \$218 per month (\$2,400 per year) for leasing 6 phones along with internet and other options.

Kevin and Margie Lee researched phone systems and brought an option with 6 phones for \$840 or 10 phones for \$1,199 which can handle extra lines. We discussed installation and how many phones are needed along with looking at other phone systems online. <u>Deb Sayler moved that we purchase a new phone system with 6 to 10 phones.</u> <u>Jim Wenning seconded the motion. Motion carried.</u>

#### <u>Correspondence</u>

Thank you notes were received from ARC and World Mission for our prayers and donations. WARC sent a thank you note for \$37.49 donation from VBS offerings which will be used for children in our area. Brooklyn Keller sent a thank you note for the graduation quilt and being an amazing church family. Also received The Jungle Journal Newsletter from the Andrew Olson family.

### 2021 POP Church Council

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