

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

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# November 2021



# **Pastor Kent**

"But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine." Titus 2:1 ESV

As we look at the church of today, we find that all kinds of things are being taught. We find that there are all kinds of crazy things that are portrayed as Christian teaching. We find that much of what is being passed off as Christian teaching is very different from what we find in Scripture and from that of the historic Christian Church.

The same thing was true in the days of Paul. As we look at the end of the first chapter of Titus, Paul points out what some of them were. He refers to Jewish myths and to the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

However, as Paul writes to this young pastor, named Titus, he tells him that he is to teach what accords with sound doctrine. He was to teach what was consistent with sound teaching. He was to speak things that were fitting or appropriate to sound doctrine.

In the day in which we live, doctrine is thought to be a dirty word. Doctrine is synonymous with dry and boring. It's also synonymous with dead and lifeless.

For this reason, people will choose a church with which to identify and worship based not upon its doctrine. So often, we look instead to the entertainment value. We look to the emotional response that a church is able to generate. And we look to the programs that are offered.

However, while we go to a church that gives us the "feels," we receive teaching that contradicts
Scripture. While we go to a church that appeals to our taste, we receive teaching that sets itself above Scripture. And while we go to a church that offers the programming we desire, we receive teaching that leads us not to life and salvation, but to death and judgment.

No matter the common perception of our day, doctrine is essential. In fact, it should be first and foremost in our consideration when it comes to the church with which we associate. Doctrine literally means "right teaching." And it should be clear to us why right teaching is so important.

Right teaching offers to us what is true. It offers to us a proper explanation of the Word of God. It provides to us the correct understanding of the faith taught to us in Scripture.

While it may be possible for us to find a church that appeals to our taste while offering sound doctrine, and while it may be possible for us to find a church that offers right teaching and the programming we desire, a church's doctrine must always be our main priority. If we're to make sacrifices, it's better for us to sacrifice our preferences and desires rather than right teaching. If we're forced to choose, a church's doctrine should guide our choice.

This is the focus of our fall Spiritual Life Meetings the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and learn more about why doctrine is so important to our life of faith.

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**

09-12 - 131 Rally Sunday

09-19 - 140

09-26 - 106

10-03 - 113

10-10 - 126

10-17 - 168 kids sing

10-24 - 110





## 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.



#### A flame of fire

The tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire.

James 3:6 NLT

A Story. I once knew an extremely courageous lady. For one thing, she was waging an uphill battle against alcoholism. For another, she was doing all she could to restore her relationship with God.

She chose a small church to attend, a church where she knew many members. On Sunday, as she walked toward the front door, she overheard two ladies talking.

"How long is that alcoholic going to hang around here?"

She turned and went back to the car. She never entered another church building until she died. Those ladies meant no harm, yet seemingly painless gossip did irreparable damage.

These five ideas will help us control our tongues:

- 1. Never say anything about someone that you wouldn't say to their face.
- 2. Never say anything about someone unless she or he is there to respond.
- 3. Refuse to listen to someone else's gossip.
- 4. Initiate positive statements about people whom you're discussing.
- 5. Remember, "the tongue... is a fire" (James 3:6)



Annual Youth Bake Sale
November 21 during fellowship
Come hungry!



Potluck November 21 after Sunday School – noon ish!!!



Sunday, November 21 @ 1:00pm

Beulah Community Thanksgiving Worship service will be at Beulah Congregational church @ 7:00pm on Sunday, November 21.

# RADIO BROADCAST

Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. <u>The cost is \$40</u>. The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT,

1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are November 7, 14, 21, & 28 and December 5, 12, 19, & 26. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!

# Thanksgiving Eve



Thanksgiving Eve service will be Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 7:00pm and there will be a **pie social** following! Bring your favorite pie to share.





#### 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.

The WMF Fall Rally in Dickinson on October 16 was very enjoyable. Bethany Aichele shared about the ups and downs of planting a new AFLC church in Killdeer over the last couple years. Pastor Gideon Johnson and his wife and 4 children were called to serve in Killdeer this past summer and recent church attendance has been around 30 members per Sunday. Pastor Gideon shared an interesting bible study on Psalm 91 on the theme of My Refuge and My Fortress. We also got to hear from 2 young ladies who spent a couple months in Brazil as short term mission assistants helping at the Miriam Children's Home. The rally is always an encouraging day with great food and fellowship and learning from God's word! Our spring rally will be in Williston so I hope the ladies of the church consider joining us for that day!

We are continuing with our bible studies on the 3rd Monday of November which will be November 15th, at 10:30 A.M. or 6:30 P.M. We will begin to take orders for our 2022 bible study, called "Behold Our God" which is a bible study in the Psalms. I have heard good things about the study so I hope you are able to join us for our once a month bible studies. The charge for the bible study is \$13

Also, please remember that all ladies are welcome to join us for coffee in the fellowship hall every Wednesday at 10:30

Margie Lee



It is already November. We are looking starting to work on our Christmas Program which is December 19th during church. If you know that you will or won't be around, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly. We will be packing care packages for first responders November 14th. It won't take the entire SS hour so we will either have opening that day or a SS lesson. I will know more as the date is closer. No SS on November 28th.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri



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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...

#### 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.



# Night in Bethlehem

Please join us for a Night in Bethlehem on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. The event will feature:

- Supper of homemade soups and bread
- The Christmas Story and message
- Crafts
- Cocoa and apple cider bar with desserts
- Photo booth
- Handbell "play along" to Christmas Songs

It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship and enjoyment for church and community members of all ages. Please mark your calendars and invite a friend!



# Where's Your Faith?

"That your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:5

Where do you get what you need to sustain your faith? The obvious answer should be and is God's Word. But what about when you naturally find some of it in other helpful healthy places, specifically, other people. The people that God has placed in our lives as friends, family, mentors, leaders, and others that are given to us to help us in our walk of life with God. Obviously, these are healthy, and good relationships. The bible tells us that "iron sharpens iron," and that "a brother is born for adversity." Obviously having others to "sharpen" you and to be there for you in "adversity" are healthy things that God wants for us, but what happens when your friend, family, mentor, or leader, lets you down?

Recently with the advancement of media in the last 20 years, anytime that anyone makes a mistake... we hear about it. How does that affect us when that person is held up as a strong man or woman of God? Does it falter our faith? I think we would be lying if we didn't say it doesn't at least hurt, and it should. When people sin, it should hurt us or make us angry, because sin is sin and we should be angry about it. But should

others' struggles affect us in our own spiritual life?

I would say it's hard for it not to. But as 1 Corinthians says, "That your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Men and women are not our God, God is. And when we place humans in that role, we are bound to be disappointed, because we all sin. The key is to respect our leaders, friends, family, and mentors and appreciate the time that they are in our lives, but to keep sure that we know that humans are human, and God is God. God will never fail us, and that's a standard that no man or woman can rise to... but that's why God is God, and he "will never leave us or forsake us."

# **Upcoming Youth Events**

- High School Youth Soup Kitchen-Nov 12th from 2-6PM
- Youth Bake Sale- Nov 21st

# **Fellowship servers for November**

**Nov 7**: Don & Teresa Buck, Les & Joette Buchmann

**Nov 14**: Joan Schumaier, Nancy Wright, Jeremy & Heather Brandt

**Nov 21**: Dena Kemmet, Lynell Renner, Seth & Becca Larson

**Nov 28**: Marj Murray, Jim & Chris Alt, Carey Mattheis

## <u>Ushers for November</u>

Nov 7: Mark Gerde, Don Buck, David Hottman

**Nov 14**: Jim & Chris Alt, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

Nov 21: Marvin & Jan Sigman, Bill & Kris

Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

Nov 28: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudts

# Fall Spiritual Life Messages

Mark your calendars for our Fall Spiritual Life messages with Pastor John Wellumson Nov 7-10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **DOCTRINE MATTERS**

- \* Sunday School: Truth Verses Lies (Genesis 3:1-19)
- \* Sunday Worship: Preach the Word (2 Timothy 3:10-4:5)
- \* Sunday Evening: God and Creation (Apostle's Creed first article)
- \* Monday Evening: God and redemption (Apostle's Creed second article)
- \* Tuesday Evening: God and sanctification (Apostle's Creed third article)
- \* Wednesday Evening: Formal Principle Scripture Alone



#### **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



## **Poinsettias for the Altar**

This year the poinsettia fundraiser for Women's Care Center to fill the Prince of Peace altar at Christmas with poinsettias will be earlier! Because of shipping delays we will have to have our orders in early. There will be more info to come.

# **November Birthdays**

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1-Nov	Mildred Hanks	
1-Nov	Mandi Mohl	
1-Nov	Sylvia Zeiszler	
3-Nov	Jay Seibel	
5-Nov	Brad Klipfel	
5-Nov	Carey Mattheis	
5-Nov	Jay Olsen	
5-Nov	Margaret Rosaaen	
5-Nov	Donna Zastawniak	
6-Nov	Jeffrey Rotondo	
7-Nov	Brynleigh Fandrich	
8-Nov	Angela Wanzek	
9-Nov	Krosby Plienis	
10-Nov	Titus Sayler	
11-Nov	Ryan Tolosky	
13-Nov	Thomas Wanzek	
14-Nov	Marlene Buehner	
15-Nov	Sandy Goetz	
16-Nov	Anna Novak	
17-Nov	Mira Sayler	
18-Nov	Stan Miller	
18-Nov	Lizzie Sperry	
19-Nov	Spencer Mattheis	
20-Nov	Ellery Ungerer	
21-Nov	Gage Doe	
22-Nov	Ayden Finck	
24-Nov	Steve Schaper	
24-Nov	August Schriefer	
25-Nov	Denny Bauman	
25-Nov	Ron Frei	
26-Nov	Jaida Doe	
26-Nov	Janice Sigman	
26-Nov	Sarah Sperry	
27-Nov	Pearl Miller	
27-Nov	Carl Sorensen	

Dax Doe

Ciara Hausauer

28-Nov

29-Nov

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### President's Report - Marvin Sigman

Marvin has been busy with FMSC. Working with Jon Nelson on a mission trip to Brazil to do home repair. Met with the Personnel Committee and will also meet with them and the staff on October 19<sup>th</sup> for staff reviews.

#### Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

Thanks again to all who stepped up to fill in for me in various capacities, who provided meals for our family, and who sent cards and gifts. The love of the POP congregation was clear to us throughout this time.

I was able to attend our deacon's meeting this month.

I was able to commune some of our people at KRCC this week. I wasn't allowed inside, due to Covid. But three of our people came to me at the door so I could quickly commune them (it was also cold for them to sit outside).

I haven't yet resumed my service with hospice. I told them I wanted to get going at the church for a couple of weeks before jumping in there. I figure a slow start is best.

I started teaching our Wednesday night Bible study again this week as well. We began our look at Revelation, which will continue for some time. I also resumed teaching adult Sunday School this past week. Les did a great job filling in.

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

- Took over some of pastor's roles while he was gone (Preaching, Confirmation, etc.)
- Started girl's bible study
- FCA, Youth Task Force, etc.
- FMSC and Men's Retreat (I'll be missing the Men's retreat as to help with FMSC this year) (possible lock-in date)
- Youth Led Sunday on October 31 with Youth Worship Team
- HS Youth Trip to the Woman's Care Clinic Bingo Night in Bismarck November 10th
- HS Youth Trip to Soup Kitchen on November 12th
- Youth Bake Sale and Annual Meeting on November 21st

#### Treasurers Report - Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 8,920.98
Building Fund	\$ 49,177.58
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 290.49
Intern Fund	\$ 40,885.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 23,059.92
Total Bank Acct	\$ 130.310.33

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Rate of 4.5%

Loan Balance \$ 3,413.88

#### Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

Spiritual Life Meetings – We've scheduled the meetings for November 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kent will contact Pastor Wellumson this upcoming week, to get info from him to promote the meetings ahead of time.

Wednesday night Bible study will start next Wednesday, on Oct. 13th. We'll be looking at the book of Revelation. The title of the study is "In Preparation."

Men's breakfast/study will also begin this month, on the 16th. The study is titled "One Truth, many lies".

Confirmation continued to go well, in Pastor's absence, with Seth and Angie filling in.

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

Discussed the garage. Dustin is getting bids on material and having it built.

Cement project – M Construction contacted Ryan Tolosky and we will be first on their list next spring

About a week and half ago there was some laminate broke in the kitchen. We might have to look at replacing a piece. Keith glued it down.

Amy Haugen wanted to do the waxing after the FMSC since everything will be out of the fellowship hall for the FMSC Mobile Pack. We won't have fellowship time on Sunday October 31 since all tables and chairs will be out of the fellowship hall.

Kevin Lee installed the Ring doorbell and the staff has access to it.

The new phone system is working.

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

Confirmation: Discussed options to make up missed Sunday school time by attending either adult bible study Wednesday nights, spiritual life meetings or doing one on one study with a male teacher. We also discussed students in grades 8 & 9 who miss class due to covid quarantine. They will need to submit sermon notes for the Sunday that they missed class by providing a physical copy or sending a picture by text or email of their notes. Sermons can be listened to live on Sundays or to the recording and will need to be turned in by the end of the week that they miss.

Christmas program will be December 19th. Donna Bieri has started work on a theme and program.

First Responder Care Packages: Items collected will be dispersed to be put out in break rooms.

Night in Bethlehem: Planning for December 4th with December 11th as backup due to bad weather.

Food: Soup and bread (Chrisy Rotondo will

oversee)

Crafts: Rebeca Larson will oversee

Programs/Puppets: Angie Wanzek & Donna Bieri

will oversee

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> with M Construction doing the work. Will be done next spring.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$2,098.58: \$500 to Alaska Mission AFLC for a copier, \$500 to Isaak Olson for his mission work in the AFLC church in Rapid City and \$1,098.58 to AFLC Help In Service (H.I.S.) fund.

**Annual Meeting Date** – Sunday, November 21 at 1 pm. With a potluck before the meeting

**Darcee Wenning Church Use** – Drive By Soups On Fundraiser on November 7 was approved by the council via email.

**Emily Wenning Mission Trip** – She is planning to join Youth With A Mission (YWAM) for a 6-month time trip. In keeping with donating to other youth mission trips, the council approved to give \$600 from our tithe in November, December and January for a total of \$1,800.

**Approved selling poinsettias** to raise money for Women's Care Center

**Pastor Appreciation Month** – We approved giving gift cards for Downtown Conoco. \$250 for Pastor Kent and \$200 for Seth Larson

#### Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from WARC for school supplies and from Jason Holt with AFLC Youth Ministries for our donation and prayers.

# 2021 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman	
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