

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

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Pastor Kent

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I
am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22 ESV

Many of us, in the course of our spiritual journey, come to believe that God is one whom we must seek out. We come to believe that he is one whom we must discover. We come to believe that God is someone whom we must pursue.

We, then, set out to do just that. We set out to do whatever it takes to discover God. We set out to do whatever is necessary to understand God.

While I tend to believe that our intentions in doing so are good, we are missing something. In fact, we are missing the obvious. We are missing the obvious because God has clearly revealed himself to us.

We see this, first of all, in our Christmas celebration. We see it there because God didn't

expect that we should come to him. Nor did he wait for us to come to him. He, rather, came to us.

God came to us in the flesh. He came to us, born as a baby. And he, then, lived among us.

We see this also in the third chapter of Luke. We see that Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized. And, after he'd been baptized, and as he was praying, the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice spoke from heaven.

This voice declared the words that we read above. God declared that Jesus was his beloved Son. And he declared that he is well pleased with Jesus.

These words were spoken to Jesus, of course. But they were spoken to Jesus in the hearing of all who were there. They were spoken to Jesus in the hearing of all of those who had come to be baptized, as well as John the Baptist himself.

In this way, Jesus' identity was made clear to them. They came to understand Jesus' identity from the mouth of God himself. They were able to hear the voice of the Father speaking of Jesus' identity.

We learn from this that God is not hidden from us. He isn't one who conceals himself from us. We learn from this that God is one who comes to us and reveals himself to us.

Although you and I weren't there to observe Jesus' birth, and although we weren't there to hear the voice of God at the time of Jesus' baptism, the same is true for us. In Jesus, God himself comes to us. And God speaks to us, making clear the identity of Jesus.

He does so primarily through his Word. He does so primarily through Scripture. In this way, he speaks and reveals to us these truths.

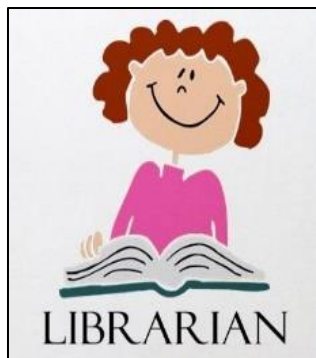
And, for this reason, we need not do anything great. In fact, there is nothing at all for us to do. We need only to listen. We need only to receive his Word. We need only to believe the Word he has spoken.

Prince of Peace needs volunteers to help with the **church library!**

Please call the office to get in on the fun



Lots of new stuff has been ordered – they will be ready soon! Please check your shelves and book racks to see if you have any items that need to be returned to POP.



From the Chairman – Marvin Sigman

Not Worth Mentioning

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

The fellowship between two Christian men was broken. One heard that the other had been talking about him, and he decided to confront him with it, "Will you be kind enough to tell me my faults to my face so I can correct them?" "I certainly will," he replied. They found a place where they could talk. "Before you begin pointing out my failings, will you please kneel with me so we may ask the Lord to show me my weaknesses? You lead in prayer." When they arose, the man who had criticized said, "After praying over it, my complaints against you look so little they're not worth talking about. The truth is, I wish you'd pray for me and forgive me for the wrong I've done to you."

Quite often this is the case. Many supposed grievances are best forgotten. As we consider the depth of God's forgiveness to us who have wronged Him so shamefully, we should disregard and ill treatment others have directed toward us and willingly clean the slate forgiving one another as Christ forgave us.

Rather than talking about the faults of our fellow Christians, let's spread their needs before the Lord. We'll discover that divine forgiveness usually brings into focus our own pettiness. Let's allow His boundless, forgiving love to find full expression in our lives.

He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass. Matthew 6:15
IN Christ Marvin C. Sigman

Worship Attendance

12-24 - 276 Christmas Eve
12-26 - 74
01-02 - 106
01-16 - 148
01-23 - 130



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 February 6, 13, 20 & 27 and March 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

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.

We are back into the swing of SS and the kids plan to sing on February 20th. I know that it is a long weekend but with the new school calendar there are lots of long weekends and I hope that church is a priority and your child can be there. There work very hard to learn new songs trying to follow my crazy foam boards. We have typically sung the 3rd weekend as it works well with the church service, and I just don't think on judgement day that God will look to kindly on my excuse that it was a long weekend at school so we slacked off on learning things. So sorry but it's full speed ahead. The kids will also be singing Palm Sunday and then after Easter. I encourage you as parents to help your child learn their memory work. It is good for us also to relearn or learn for the first time. Also, the church handed out some books and devotionals to the kids ages PreK to teen. I would also encourage them to read them. It is good to spend time every day in God's word. It is a great way to gain wisdom and knowledge as to what is right and wrong. The devil doesn't take a break so we shouldn't either. He can quote God's word too.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri

Sunday February 13 we will be having a "**Chili Cookoff!**" during the fellowship hour. MAKE YOUR FAVORITE CHILI and bring it to share! The winner will receive the "Golden Ladle" award 😊 This will be a free will offering that will go to the youth mission trip this summer and/or POPFLY t-shirts for the youth!





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.

As we looked at Psalm 90 we learned about an Eternal God who has and will be always with us. God does not tolerate sin but gives hope and refuge to all who come to Him. Our God bestows His favor, love, compassion and mercy to those who love and dwell with Him. In Exodus 20:6 God declares that he will...*"show loving devotion to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."*

Monday, February 21, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm we will look at Lesson 2. **BEHOLD GOD, OUR DWELLING PLACE** goes over **Psalm 91**. **Please join us!**

WMF meets at 10:30 am in the Fellowship hall on Wednesdays. Recently we read thank you notes that we have received in the last couple of months. We had a nice letter and Christmas card from Tomasz and Miriam Chmiel and their four kids, Hannah, Kristina, Lydia and David. They are missionaries in the Ukraine. They wrote a short personal note thanking us for our support over the last 15 years. They remember us well. They had no children when they came in 2007. It was fun to remember them.

The Threads of Love quilters were working on smaller quilts for the cancer center in Bismarck. The editor of the Beulah Beacon, Claudette Olivier, joined in our coffee time. She had been interviewing the quilters for the paper. It was fun to hear about Claudette's adventures on the road trip from New Orleans to Beulah. Welcome to North Dakota Claudette!

REACH OUT

I tell my sisters:

"Let us not love in words but let us love until it hurts. It hurt Jesus to love us: He died for us. And today it is your turn and my turn to love one another as Jesus loved us. Do not be afraid to say yes to Jesus."

Faithfulness to the little things will help us to grow in love. We have all been given a lighted lamp and it is for us to keep it burning.

We can keep it burning only if we keep on pouring oil inside.

That oil comes for our acts of love.

When someone tells me that the sisters have not started any big work, that they are quietly doing small things, I say that even if they helped one person, that was enough. Jesus would have died for one person, for one sinner.

By Mother Teresa

Let us love like Jesus who supplies all the "oil" we need.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

In His service,
Judy Tolosky

Fellowship for February

February 6: Ella Fandrich, Larue Schwarz, Bill & Nancy Swanson

February 13: Tad & Gina Feist, Jay & Ashley Olson

February 20: Wes & Jane Gunsch, Ryan & Brandi Tolosky

February 27: Perry & Deb Sayler, Jim & Chris Alt

Fellowship for March

March 6: Jim & Darcee Wenning, Kayla Palmer, Sodie Peabody

March 13: Kacey & Michelle Klautd, Bill & Kris Keller

March 20: Sperry family, Ross & Lisa Lenzen

March 27: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Shane & Amy Haugen



Youth

How do we Encourage?

“Be still and know that I am with you” - Psalm 46:10

I have had one question on my mind as of recently, how do we as Christians encourage each other? And not so much the question of how to encourage but how do we encourage well. How do we build others up without pointing out their downfalls? And then I started thinking, how did Jesus encourage others?

When I think of situations that Jesus specifically encouraged another, I think of Peter. On more than one occasion Peter the disciple didn't exactly exceed expectations. The situation that comes to my mind is that of the night on the sea where Jesus walked on the water. Shortly after the disciples saw that Jesus was walking on water towards them, Peter asked God to allow him to join Him on the water. So Jesus commanded him and he stepped out of the boat to join Him. But when He saw the wind he became afraid and he began to sink. And Jesus caught him and said, “Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

And I wonder how Peter felt about that? Initially, I think that this comment from Jesus would be fairly discouraging to Peter, but it didn't seem to be. He continued to be a valuable member of Jesus' disciples, despite this moment. Jesus knew His disciples, and He knew what Peter was capable of, and He knew what to say to Peter to encourage him.

Even though at first it seems this comment from Jesus isn't overtly

encouraging, we must look through the eyes of Peter. And from Peter's perspective, Jesus simply reminded Him to look to Him. And not to doubt what he knew was true, that Jesus is what He said He was.

This is what Jesus tells us to do with other believers, we need to remind others of who Jesus is and what He has done in their life, just like He did with Peter.

Youth Director Seth Larson

Upcoming Youth Events

- Middle high youth group has started for 8th graders and freshman every Sunday from 7-8:30 PM
- Youth Ski trip 7th grade through 12th-- Feb 20-21st



Prince of Peace will once again be hosting a baby shower to benefit the Women's Care Center in Bismarck to promote women in crisis pregnancy choosing life for their babies. This fundraiser will run through the month of February. Please purchase new items and drop them off in the playpen or gift cards to local businesses (Target, Walmart, etc...). In fact, gift cards are most requested. The mamas take classes to earn shopping points to get the things they need.

February Birthdays

1-Feb	Edith Fandrich
1-Feb	Keith Peterson
1-Feb	Connie Schaper
3-Feb	Kelly Neuberger
4-Feb	Levi Sayler
6-Feb	Beth Zimmerman
7-Feb	Lillian Boeshans
7-Feb	Janet Iverson
7-Feb	Vienna Tolosky
8-Feb	Noah Bieri
8-Feb	Mark Schneider
9-Feb	Hailey Palmer
9-Feb	Kelsey Timmer
10-Feb	Marvin Sigman
11-Feb	Chris Alt
16-Feb	Nancy Swanson
16-Feb	Ryker Tolosky
22-Feb	Maria Sackman
23-Feb	Ashlee Sigman
25-Feb	Pauline Frank
25-Feb	Marie Kemmet
25-Feb	Gabriel Novak
27-Feb	Leeta Olin
28-Feb	Eugene Hausauer
28-Feb	Gordon Hoffner
28-Feb	Everett Olsen
28-Feb	Willie Schaper
28-Feb	Jim Schumaier



FYI – Ash Wednesday is March 2! (coming fast!) Youth – sign up for a Wednesday Lent

Ushers for February

February 6: Fred Bieri, Darren & Leeta Olin, Angie Wanzek

February 13: Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei

February 20: Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Jeff Gooss

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I attended our deacons meeting, staff meetings, and the safety team meeting.

I made a visit at the jail, as an inmate there had requested a Lutheran pastor.

Confirmation is going well. We've continued our look at the Lord's Prayer this past month.

Wednesday night Bible study is going well, as we continue our look at Revelation.

I led our Bible study for our men's breakfast, where we're looking at a series titled: *One Truth, Many Lies*. We looked at the false teaching, that God is inaccessible to man and that, for this reason, Jesus was created as an intermediary.

I conducted services at both KRCC and Senior Suites.

I'll be attending meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee from February 2nd-5th.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- I was able to Preach on Dec 5th
- HS Christmas Party at our house Dec 22nd
- MS half-nighter at POP Dec 30th
- District Pastor's meeting on Jan 11th
- Middle High Youth Group starts Jan 23rd (Youth group for anyone from 8-9th grade youth)
- Teaching Confirmation for Kent on Feb 2nd
- Helping with bingo for the Hazen youth task force @ Hazen High School Basketball Feb 4th&11th
- Youth Ski Trip in Bottineau Feb 20-21st
- No dates yet, but I am talking with multiple organizations including Journey Missions in hopes to go on a youth mission trip this summer
- Hopefully this will be covered in the Trustee report, but the Van is desperately in need of an Engine Block Heater. It's a newer vehicle (2019) so the shops I am talking to are having a bit of trouble finding a heater that'll work, but I'm confident they will and when they do, I'll send that estimate to you all

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 17,072.62
Building Fund	\$ 57,936.63
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 370.79
Intern Fund	\$ 44,085.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 26,484.92
Total Bank Acct	\$ 158,273.45

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spiritual Life Meetings – Our spring meetings have been scheduled from April 24th-27th with Pastor Lyndon Korhonen. He will prayerfully consider our suggestion, which was along the lines of the importance of being involved in the life of the congregation. The Deacons also discussed other options to encourage congregation participation. Marvin encouraged this.

Men's conference – Our men's conference has been scheduled on Saturday, April 2nd. Our speaker will be Dr. Nathan Olson, who pastors Living Word Lutheran Church in Eagan, MN and teaches at our AFLC schools. He will teach three sessions that tie in with our study for the year, looking at various false teachings that have crept into the church and

why they're dangerous. He is invited to also preach on April 3rd.

Lent will start with Ash Wednesday worship on March 2nd. Pastor is planning a series to carry us through the season.

Seth presented a Youth ministry update.

Pastor is gradually ending his time as the chaplain for Hospice after several years of working with the program. Time conflicts are the main issue.

Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky

Dustin Buchmann and Ryan Tolosky met briefly on Jan 3rd and reviewed and talked about an estimate that Dustin got for the storage garage.

Ryan will talk to Morton Buildings and get another estimate. Recommended by Shane Haugen. Will start looking at getting a new lawn mower before the grass starts growing.

Update: Discussion on how big the storage building would need to be.

We discussed cost of having someone mow vs us mowing and purchasing another riding lawn mower.

OLD BUSINESS

Copier – Copier has been working okay still but needs a cleaning that would cost about \$500 as discussed at the last council meeting. Darcee Wenning is getting a quote from Fireside Office for a new copier.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe of \$2,605.64: \$600 to Emily Wenning YWAM Mission Trip, \$2,005.64 to AFLC Youth Ministries.

Safety Team – Council approved installing 3 more cameras including two in the Warehouse, one in the sanctuary facing the congregation.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from WARC for the quilts and gift card, Pastor Wellumson family for the quilt they received, from Brent Raan family for financial and prayer support over the past year, AFLC World Missions for financial gift last month. Received a newsletter from Steve and Glenda Kvale.

2022 POP Church Council

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