

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

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## **June 2022**

# Pastor Kent

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

(Acts 1:8 ESV)

As believers in Jesus, we know that we are recipients of God's grace. We know, in fact, that we can receive his blessing only by grace. It is not something that we earn.

We know and believe that we are forgiven because of Jesus. We know and believe that we are saved because of Jesus. We know and believe that, because he died on cross and rose from the grave, these blessings are available to all mankind.

They are given to us by the grace of God. They're, in other words, a free gift that God bestows upon us. And they are received by us through faith.

Yet, although we understand this when it comes to our forgiveness and salvation, we think very differently when it comes to the life of faith. Although forgiveness and salvation are gifts of God's grace, we tend to think that the Christian life is lived in our own strength. We tend to think that we live in it by our own effort.

We tend to think that any change in character is achieved by our own willpower. We tend to believe that others are blessed by our effort in serving them. And we believe that the gospel is proclaimed and disciples are made as we force ourselves out of our comfort zone to do so.

However, if the Christian life is dependent upon our effort, it is doomed to fail. If character reformation is dependent upon our willpower, we will absolutely remain unchanged. And if ministry is dependent upon our own strength and resources, it's all in vain.

As we enter into the season of Pentecost, we're reminded that all of life, as a Christian, is lived in God's grace. We're reminded that no aspect of our life is dependent upon our effort. Our forgiveness and salvation, our repentance, along with our service of both God and man, result only from the grace of God.

We're reminded of this in the above passage. As Jesus left his followers to ascend into heaven, they asked him if, at that time, he would restore the kingdom to Israel. They wanted to know if, at that time, he would bring about the fulness of his blessing. And he told them that it's not for them to know the times or the seasons fixed by the Father.

They, however, would receive power when the Holy Spirit had come upon them. And they would be his witnesses. They would be his witnesses right there in Jerusalem. And they would be his witnesses to the end of the earth.

Again, if this great work was dependent upon them, it would easily overwhelm them. It would be absolutely hopeless. But the good news is that it was not dependent upon them.

They would receive power from the Holy Spirit. He, in other words, would enable this work. It was by his strength that this seemingly impossible task would be carried out.

The same is true today. And this is a great comfort to us. It's a comfort as we do not have to muster up the strength and willpower to carry it out. It's a free gift that the Spirit of God will accomplish in and through us.

We must not hinder his work in our life, of course. But the victories will result from his power. They will result only by the grace of God, which he freely lavishes upon us.



We have held our last planned fundraiser for the year. We appreciate all of your prayers, help and support tremendously!! It is very humbling to see what we have accomplished in a little over 2 months. God is definitely working in this congregation! Your love for starving children whom we haven't ever met is unwavering! I have sent letters to churches in the Beulah/Hazen area and also to the ones in our district to come along side us for prayer, financial, and physical support. Our mobile pack is scheduled for September 23 and 24 so please mark your calendars.

In His Hands,

Donna Bieri



# Vacation Bible School @ Prince of Peace

May 31 – June 4
Tues – Fri 6-8:30pm
Saturday June 4 9:30am to 12:00pm
(Please join us at noon for a short program and a lunch for everyone!)
ages 4 by August 1 through entering 6<sup>th</sup>
grade. Sign up sheets are in the entryway!



From the Chairman

## Do I Matter?

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26

Out of the dark he pounced, the "Man" with a capital M, for this was no common man. Through the night the two fought, until the Man decided to settle the matter once and for all. With a deft jab to the hip, the Man left Jacob writhing, the jolt cleared Jacob's vision, and he realized, I'm tangling with God. He grabbed hold of the Man and held on for dear life. "I will not let You go unless you bless me!" he insisted.(Genesis 32:26.)

What are we to make of this? God in the mud. A tooth- and-nail fight to the finish. Bizarre. But the blessing request? I get that part. Jacob was asking, "God, do I matter to you?"

I would ask the same question. Given a face-to-face encounter with the Man, I'd venture, "Do you know who I am? In the great scheme of things, do I count for anything?"

So many messages tell us we don't. We get laid off at work, turned away by the school. Everything from acne to Alzheimer's leaves us feeling like the girl with no date to the prom.

We react. We validate our existence with a flurry of activity. We do more, buy more, achieve more. Like Jacob, we wrestle. All our wrestlings, I suppose, are merely asking this question: "Do I matter?"

All of grace, I believe, is God's definitive reply: "Be blessed, my child. I accept you. I have adopted you into my family." YOU MATTER TO GOD. IN Christ Marvin

### **Worship Attendance**

04-24 - SLM 40

04-25 - SLM 46

04-26 - SLM 44

04-27 - SLM 55

05-01 - 182 Confirmation Sunday

05-08 - 140 Mother's Day

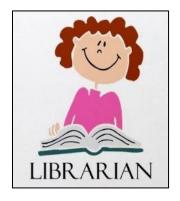
05-15 - 154

05-22 - 166 Graduate Recognition & end

of SS year presentations

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.



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 June 5, 12, 19, & 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!

## Communion prep for June

Darrin & Leeta Olin

**Communion prep for July** 

Darcee Wenning



## 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.

John 16:33 (Jesus said) "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Each of us has trouble. Not all of the trouble we experience is obvious to anyone else. Some troubles are right out there for everyone to see. Some are deeply personal and some are shared by the whole community. But Jesus knows every single thing we are experience. The Lord promises in Deuteronomy 31:8, "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." When we do fear or become dismayed He has given us this body of believers who can lift us up in prayer and be our strength when we may be weak.

Monday June, 20, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm WMF Bible study will be looking at Lesson 6, **Behold the Rock of Our Salvation**, focusing on Psalm 95.

We continue to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 in the morning for coffee and fellowship and business of the Women's Missionary Fellowship and prayer and praise. Come join us. Bring your own favorite coffee or beverage if you want although there will be coffee available.

WMF Day will be June 15, 2022, at the ARC in Osceola WI. The theme: *Sing for* 

Joy from Psalm 90:14 NIV. Please register with the WMF for the day and for the meals with the ARC.

In July we will be involved with Family Camp. There is always a special day for ladies and it is a fun time. I will have more details in the July newsletter.

Here are some encouraging reminders from God that we looked up in our May WMF Bible study for when we see the bad things happening in our world around us: *Proverbs 3:6* God will direct our path or is in control when we trust in Him. *1Thessalonians 5:16-18* Rejoice, pray, thank, God in all circumstances. *Hebrews 12:2* Focus our eyes on Jesus. *Matthew 5:16* Live as light to those around us.

*Ephesians 6:13* Put on the full armor of God to stand your ground.

In God I trust, Judy 870-2131



We have finished up the SS year, and soon we will begin planning for next fall. Although the weeks go by quickly, somehow the knowledge that we have learned seems to fade. I would encourage you and your kids to continue in daily devotions and pick a chapter of the Bible to memorize. There are a lot of beautiful Psalms. We had started memorizing Psalm 1. We also memorized Psalm 121 and reviewed the 10 commandments. Remember the devil doesn't take a break and neither should we!!

In His Hands, Donna Bieri



God Will Supply

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus Philippians 4:19

Has God ever not taken care of us? This question is a little hard to answer because each of us has felt like there is no one that cares about us at one time or another. But, looking at the "big picture" I think most of us would agree that God takes care of us. Maybe things don't always work out the way we want them to, or hard situations come along, but God always takes care of our NEEDS.

One of my favorite verses in the bible is Matthew 6:26-27. It reads "26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" After continuing with this lesson it concludes with verses 33 and 34, which says, "33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Oh, I love that ending! "Each day has enough trouble of its own." Has there ever been a more true sentence?! And as true as that verse is, I still find myself forgetting about it often. So the question to ask seems to be this, "How do we remind ourselves that God will supply?" And the answer

comes at the beginning of verse 26, "look at the birds of the air." God is telling us, "Look around you! All around you is proof of my love and care, you are valuable to me and I will supply you with everything you NEED." Maybe not want, maybe not desire, but everything we NEED will be given to us, for we are of "much value" to our Heavenly Father.

Youth Director, Seth Larson



#### **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

### **Fellowship for June**

**June 5**: Garrett & Anna Sayler, Fred & Donna Bieri

**June 12**: Angie Wanzek, Betty Hausauer, Seth & Rebecca Larson

**June 19**: Anna Novak, Lynell Renner, Carl & Bev Sorensen

**June 26**: Bernard & Judy Tolosky, Larue Schwarz, Lillian Boeshans

## **Fellowship for July**

**July 3:** Ella Fandrich, Lynette Flemmer, Kameron & Cassie Plienis

July 10: Ryan & Brandi Tolosky, Marj Murray

**July 17**: Perry & Deb Sayler, Kevin & Margie Lee

July 24: Bill & Nancy Swanson, John & Carmen Mohl

**July 31**: Wes & Jane Gunsch, Jay & Ashley Olson

### 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.

### **Ushers for June**

**June 5**: David & Stephanie Hottman, Jim & Chris Alt

June 12: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn

**June 19**: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

**June 26**: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

## **Ushers for July**

**July 3:** Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Angie Wanzek

July 10: Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia

Zeiszler, Ron Frei

**July 17**: Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen Jeff Gooss

**July 24**: Jim Wenning, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Garrett Sayler

July 31: Kevin Lee, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel



## Mon-Dak-Ada Family Bible Camp

July 24-28 @ Mt

Caramel near Towner, ND. Flyers in the office window. This is for EVERYONE! Please chat with Pastor Kent, Seth, or the Lee's to see what it is all about.

## June Birthdays

1-Jun	Chris Kasanke
2-Jun	Wes Becker
5-Jun	Nathan Fandrich
5-Jun	Trinity Schaner
7-Jun	Vern Boehm
7-Jun	Samantha Duttenhefner
8-Jun	Zachary Seibel
8-Jun	Anna Wenning
10-Jun	Lizzie Bieri
10-Jun	Mary Faut
15-Jun	Jim Plienis
16-Jun	Tyler Murray
16-Jun	Lori Yeager
17-Jun	Milda Frei
17-Jun	Kelby Plienis
18-Jun	James Weigel
21-Jun	Walter Wagner
22-Jun	John Mohl
23-Jun	Delon Bauer
23-Jun	Ralph Kemmet
25-Jun	Michelle Klaudt
26-Jun	Teresa Buck
26-Jun	Dean Fandrich
26-Jun	Amy Haugen
26-Jun	Dena Kemmet
26-Jun	Kent Sperry
27-Jun	Jeremy Brandt
29-Jun	Kaylee Placke
30-Jun	Torie Horning
30-Jun	Caleb Sperry
30-Jun	Colleen Wiest

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### <u>President's Report – Marvin Sigman</u>

Marvin went to the Deacon's meeting. He came for prayer vigil at POP for Tyler Schaeffer. He helped with Buchmann's moving their furniture out of their rental that the new Intern is moving into.

#### Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

I attended our deacons meeting, ministerial meeting, district meeting, and staff meetings.

I've been assisting the call committee in their search for our next youth director.

We finished up confirmation for the year, with four students confirming their faith on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We concluded Wednesday night Bible study last night, as we finished our study of Revelation. We'll resume in the fall.

Sunday School will finish up this week. We'll be tying up our look at the Lord's Supper, which will conclude our two-year study of the Small Catechism.

I communed our church members at KRCC.

Attended and made myself available at the prayer service for Tyler Schafer. I also helped a bit at the school this morning as the announcement was made that his body was found.

We will be hosting the Beulah Baccalaureate service at Prince of Peace, and I will be preaching, the evening of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

- Easter Sunday and Breakfast
- FLBC Campus Days April 22-24th
- Spiritual Life Meetings
- FCA Event at Beulah High School April 29th
- Confirmation Sunday
- Youth Soup Kitchen trip to Bismarck May 4th
- Preached May 8th
- District Pastors Meeting
- HS All-Nighter May 20th
- Youth Worship Team May 22nd
- Baccalaureate at POP May 22nd

#### **Treasurers Report – Margie Lee**

General Fund \$ 28,895.23 **Building Fund** \$ 63,269.86 Coffee Hour Fund \$ 430.42 \$ Intern Fund 48,085.35 Van/Storage Fund \$ 37,179.92 Total Bank Acct 246,720.86

#### **Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee**

Spiritual Life Meetings – The Deacons were pleased with our Spiritual Life meetings with Pastor

Korhonen last week. Possible future speakers for future meetings are Pastor Jeff Swanson and Pastor Kris Nyman.

Men's conference –We discussed the men's conference. Attendance was much lower than the year prior and we are unsure if this something we want to try again.

For Family Camp, this year, POP is responsible for Tuesday breakfast and lunch. Dates of camp are July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Brochures will be available shortly. The speaker is Michael Rokenbrodt.

For the Men's Retreat, in October, we're responsible for the Friday night meal.

Adult Sunday School – For the past two years, Pastor has taken the adult class through the AFLC confirmation material. As we resume in the fall, his initial plan is to go through a new study that was developed, looking at the principles of the AFLC, and the Scriptural reasons for those.

We should also make a plan for substitutes during Pastor's summer vacation: We need to fill June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and July 17<sup>th</sup>. The intern could likely take one or two Sundays (depending on his schedule).

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

They met on May 2 and discussed the van storage building. Bruce Neuberger brought his contract for people to bid for the building. Bruce will check on the Warehouse door. Ryan talked to M Construction about the concrete project and we are on the list still but the rain has been pushed back.

Marvin Sigman talked about having the white Bellazone product that's around the botton front of the building replaced.

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

Sunday School kids will be singing on May 22 in church. A donation to Feed My Starving Children will be made in honor of the Sunday School teachers and substitutes.

VBS is being planned. Will need more help since we did not get a FLBC team. VBS will run Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and then Saturday morning with a program and lunch to finish VBS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Intern – We finalized salary, expenses and time off for our Intern, Joe Larson. Discussed that Joe would have time off for Annual Conference and Family Camp that he will not need to use vacation days. We approved 8 days of vacation while he is interning at our church.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to send our tithe of \$1,718.21 to Free Lutheran Bible College.

**FMSC** – The church received a \$50,000 donation for Feed My Starving Children to be used \$10,000 each year we hosted POP. Donna Bieri sent out letters to our district and the surrounding community. At this point, they are done fundraising for the Mobile Pack.

#### **Correspondence**

No correspondence was received

## **2022 POP Church Council**

President	Marvin Sigman
Treasurer	Margie Lee
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Deacons	Jim Wenning
	Kevin Lee
	Shane Haugen
	Garrett Placke
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