

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

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# May 2022



## Pastor Kent

*"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*  
(John 20:29 ESV)

Many of us, today, struggle with faith. We find it difficult to believe in Jesus. We are filled with so many questions and doubts.

"If only I could see Jesus," we tell ourselves, then I could believe. "If only I could see one of his miracles," we say, "then it would be easier." "If only I could hear his voice, like his disciples," we exclaim, "then I would have no doubts."

In this way, we are a lot like Thomas. You may recall that he was absent when Jesus first appeared to his disciples. And, when they told him what had taken place, he refused to believe.

*"Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."*  
These were the words of Thomas after hearing their testimony. And these are the words to which Jesus referred when he appeared next.

One week later, Jesus appeared to his disciples again, this time while Thomas was present. And he invited Thomas to touch his wounds. He invited Thomas to stop doubting, and to believe.

At this point, Thomas exclaimed that Jesus was his Lord and his God. At this point, he confessed faith in Jesus. At this point he believed.

Jesus then spoke the words seen above. He pointed out that Thomas had believed because he had seen him. But those who believed without seeing, Jesus said, are blessed.

Jesus appeared to his followers for a period of forty days following his resurrection. At that point, he ascended into heaven. And, from that point on, the

faith of believers was based not on sight. It was based on the testimony of Jesus' followers.

Those who were there shared with others what they had seen. They shared with others what they had heard. And they shared with others what they had experienced.

This is what is meant when Jesus called his disciples to be his witnesses. They were called to bear witness to what they had seen. They were called to testify regarding Jesus, and what he had done.

Countless people, since, have received this testimony. They have believed this testimony. And this includes those of us today, who believe. It includes us, as the testimony of the apostles is what makes up the New Testament.

John alludes to this in the very next verse. In verse 30, of this chapter, he writes this: *"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

The reason, then, for John's testimony is that we might believe. The reason for his testimony is that we might believe Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God. The reason for his testimony is that, by believing, we might have life in his name. And the same, you see, is true of the other apostles, whose writings make up the New Testament.

And we, then, are the recipients of the blessing, referred to by Jesus as he spoke to Thomas. We are those who have believed without seeing. We are those who, unlike Thomas, have been brought to faith without having been there.

That being said, this reveals to us, also, the importance of Scripture. It reveals to us why we must faithfully make use of God's Word. It's in this way that we receive the testimony of the apostles. It's in this way that we are brought to faith. And it's in this way that we are blessed.



**Sunday May 1, 2022**



I would like to thank everyone who has prayed, brought food, volunteered your time to support our fundraising efforts. Our fundraisers have done very well. God is good! We have about \$16k of the \$25k needed. We have 2 upcoming fundraisers. One is the Dodge Vendor Show on Saturday, April 30th. We will be serving fleshkeuchkle and asking for donations of bars or cookies. If you are able to come and join us for lunch we would appreciate it. Whatever bars or cookies that we have left we plan to use for coffee hour on Sunday, May 1st. The second fundraiser is a brunch May 22<sup>nd</sup> following church. We will be serving carmel rolls and egg bakes.

Also, we are reaching out to other congregations to help support our fundraising efforts and hope that those donations will just about get us to our goal. Again thank you for all of your help! And most importantly please pray for the people that will receive these meals.

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!)

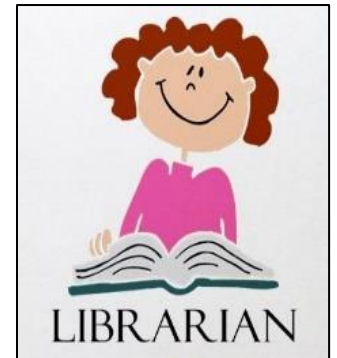
ages 4 by August 1 through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sign up sheets are in the entryway!

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.



**Graduate Recognition**  
**Sunday is Sunday,**  
**May 22, 2022!**



**Worship Attendance**

- 03-02 - 79 Ash Wednesday
- 03-06 - 137
- 03-09 - 68 Lent
- 03-13 - 123
- 03-16 - 58 Lent
- 03-20 - 143
- 03-23 - 69 Lent
- 03-27 - 157
- 03-30 - 72 Lent
- 04-03 - 146
- 04-06 - 77 Lent
- 04-10 - 148 Palm Sunday
- 04-15 - 121 Community Good Friday
- 04-17 - 27 Sunrise Easter Service
- 04-17 - 153 Easter Sunday



We are in our last month of SS. The SS kids will sing May 1<sup>st</sup> during church. We will be singing a couple of Easter songs that we have been working on. And the SS kids will sing again on May 22. Our last day of actual SS lessons will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Thank you for faithfully sending your kids to SS. It is an investment that you will never regret. I would also like to thank our teachers and helpers this year, they have done a great job! THANK YOU! Also, if you are willing to help with SS, please visit with me or a teacher. It is very rewarding.

In His Hands,  
 Donna Bieri



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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.*

"It's May! It's May! That lofty month of  
May..." One of my favorite songs from  
"Camelot". Fifth month of 2022! Slow  
down time!!!!

We will meet for our May WMF Bible  
study on Monday, May 16, at 10:30am  
and 6:30 pm. We are doing Lesson 5,  
"Behold the Just One" focusing on  
Psalm 94.

Pray for our Confirmation students  
and our graduates.

Happy Mother's Day!

Christ is still risen!

"Go therefore and make disciples of  
all nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all  
that I have commanded you. And behold  
I am with you always..." Matthew 28:19-  
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With love, Judy



### 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 May 1, 8, 15, & 29 and  
June 5, 12, 19, & 26. Send an email to the  
office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!

### Fellowship for May

**May 1:** Darrin & Leeta Olin, Jeff & Chrisy  
Rotondo

**May 8:** Jay & Karen Seibel, David &  
Stephanie Hottman

**May 15:** Garrett & Michelle Placke, Vern &  
Karla Boehm

**May 22:** Willis & Deb Kasanke, Gary & Susan  
Miller

**May 29:** Doe Family, Dan & Rebecah Martin

### 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

### Communion prep for May

Tad & Gina Feist

### Communion prep for June

Darrin & Leeta Olin



### 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)





# Youth

## Open

# Communication

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.  
-James 1:19-20

As I have gotten older, I've done my best to intentionally notice the world around me. I've tried to notice the things that bother people and the issues that seem to get people the most worked up, and what I have noticed is this... 90% of our issues in this world are communication.

Now this may be oversimplifying things, but it seems to me that most problems seem to be solved with selfless, rational, and calm communication. Likewise; most issues seem to be made worse with hasty talk, loose tongues, and angry or harsh words and actions. And what's worse is we all seem to know this as a fact. We all know that saying nice things makes situations better and being mean and selfish makes things worse (again, probably a simplification), but there is truth in it that we all recognise. However, despite "knowing" this, we really do struggle with following through with listening, calm, and rational communication and trade it for yelling, loose tongues, and deaf ears.

So how do we defend ourselves against counteractive communication? I think (and the Bible agrees) one of the most important ingredients to wholesome

communication is patience. When it says in James 1:19, "Quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" it is referring to patience. If we keep patience in our heart, then all of these things will become elemental in our speech, and then our speech can become selfless and Holy to God!

Youth Pastor  
Seth Larson

## Youth Events in May

- May 4th- Youth volunteering at Bismarck Soup Kitchen
- May 22nd- Baccalaureate @POP
- May 25th- Last day of High School Youth Group
- May 26th- Last day of Middle School Youth Group

### 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.



**May 8, 2022**

## May Birthdays

1-May	Jake Sperry
2-May	Heather Funk
2-May	Lisa Lenzen
2-May	Kameron Plienis
3-May	Maiya West
5-May	Kayla Palmer
6-May	Emily Wenning
7-May	Ross Lenzen
8-May	Izabelle Gooss
11-May	Dara Hausauer
11-May	Kermit Wiest
12-May	Betty Hausauer
14-May	Scott Funk
14-May	Karen Knell
15-May	Rachel Sperry
16-May	Joette Buchmann
18-May	Teresa Klipfel
18-May	Hannah Krebbs
19-May	Mariah Richter
20-May	Anna Iverson
20-May	Jason Mohl
20-May	Eric Timmer
22-May	Heather Brandt
22-May	Samantha Flemmer
22-May	David Hottman
23-May	Joyce Bauer
23-May	Ty Schaper
24-May	Gary Renner
25-May	Roselinda Miller
27-May	Sierra Vasilakes
28-May	Marlene Goetz
29-May	Tom Doe
30-May	Karingtyn Reinhardt
30-May	Garner Sailer
30-May	Violet Schnaidt
31-May	Bryan Aalund
31-May	Dan Martin

## Ushers for May

**May 1:** David & Stephanie Hottman, Jim & Chris Alt

**May 8:** John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn

**May 15:** Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

**May 22:** Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

**May 29:** Kevin Lee, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel

## Ushers for June

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

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## Special Congregational Meeting

The congregation voted to have a contractor construct the Van Storage Shed versus having volunteers from church build it as a mission project. The congregation also voted to approved spending up to \$75,000 to build the Van Storage Shed. The Building Fund has \$61,380 less the approximately \$15,000 for the 2 pending concrete projects on the north walkway and southeast corner of the church. The Van Storage Fund has \$30,809.

The next item on the agenda was forming a Youth Director Call Committee since our current Youth Director, Seth Larson, will be resigning the end of July. The congregation voted to form a Youth

Director Call Committee with the members consisting of Angie Wanzek, Garrett Placke, Grace Sperry, Gina Feist and Judy Tolosky

- FLBC Campus Days April 22-24th
- FCA Event at Beulah High School April 29th
- Confirmation Sunday May 1st
- Youth Soup Kitchen trip to Bismarck May 4th
- Youth Worship Team May 22nd

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **President's Report – Marvin Sigman**

Marvin went to the Deacon's meeting. Attended the FMSC Mobile Pack meeting. Total raised so far is approximately \$15,000 to \$17,000. Have a letter that's being sent to all congregations. Aiming to raise \$25,000 for FMSC Mobile Pack.

### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent**

I attended our deacons meeting, one of the call-committee meetings, and staff meetings.

I organized and attended our Men's Conference, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our speaker was Dr. Nathan Olson, from the Free Lutheran Schools, who talked about predestination. Attendance was lower than I had hoped, but the content was great.

I communed our church members at KRCC.

I organized the Community Good Friday service, which we hosted last week.

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>.

Seminary intern, Joe Larson, will also be arriving, with his wife, Sarah, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. It would be great to have some of our people there to help them unload. The Buchman's also stated that the Larson's will be bringing their own furniture. For this reason, they need to remove their furniture from the house. They would like to do that in early May, and would appreciate help in doing so.

### **Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson**

- Announced that Becca and I are leaving last month
- Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Youth Mission Trip
- Had an 8th grader job shadow me for a day
- Preached for 2 Lent services
- Good Friday community service
- Lock-in prior to Easter Breakfast

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

General Fund	\$ 28,172.30
Building Fund	\$ 62,130.86
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 572.57
Intern Fund	\$ 47,085.35
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 34,379.92
Total Bank Acct	\$ 190,684.26

### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

Lent meals and services have been going well. Both have been well attended. 50 to 70.

At our district meeting, we discussed Family Camp as well as Men's Retreat. For Family Camp, this year, POP is responsible for Tuesday breakfast and lunch. For the Men's Retreat, in October, we're responsible for the Friday night meal.

Youth ministry- Seth updated us on past and planned events. No summer Mission trip.

Youth director search- The search committee has met. The deacons along with the council will offer suggestions for call letter updates from last letter of call.

### **Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky**

Ryan Tolosky, Dustin Buchmann and Bruce Neuberger met on April 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed the garage project. Bruce Neuberger will work up a bid sheet so everyone will bid on the same thing. Discussed options for the Warehouse door – steel, residential, commercial. Ryan talked to M Construction and they will get together soon for the concrete project. They will start look for a lawn mower since ours needs to be replaced.

### **Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek**

VBS: Will be May 31st-June 4th. Tuesday-Friday hours are 6:00pm-8:30pm, Saturday will be 10am-12pm with a short program for parents. Hotdogs and chips will be served at noon. Our content this year is called Zoomerang-Answers in Genesis.

Leaders: Angie Wanzek: Coordinator

Snacks: Chrisy Rotondo  
 Crafts: Rebeca Larson, Cheri Sperry  
 Music:  
 Message:

We do need volunteers in all areas. Please contact Angie Wanzek or talk to any us on Christian Ed if you are willing to be of service.

Easter Event: 10:30am. Margaret Rosaaen is making cookies to decorate. Eggs will be filled after church on Maundy Thursday per Cheri Sperry. Easter Bags are filled we have 75.

Graduation Recognition Sunday: May 22nd. FMSC will be doing brunch.

Teacher appreciation we will be making a donation to FMSC in recognition again this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Copier** – Margie Lee ordered the new copier but ran into supply problems. It’s expected to be here in about a month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe of \$2,675.63: \$300 to Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, \$2,375.63 to AFLC Seminary.

**Safety Team** –Keith Peterson installed 6 carbon monoxide detectors. Looking at lighting on the south parking lot. Kevin Lee is working on the Warehouse cameras. Garrett Placke trained on recognizing shock.

**Youth Director Call Committee** – Garrett Placke reported they met a few weeks ago and discussed the process and discussed names they could contact. Looking at the call letter seeing if anything needs to be changed. They discussed questions for the candidates, doing phone/video interviews and bringing candidates in for interviews.

**Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from WARC for 67 pounds of food, AFLC World Missions for our financial gifts and prayers and Women’s Care Center for our financial donation, clothes, diapers and baby items. Also received a letter from Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary regarding the Scholarship 400 program that has been merged into the FLBC General scholarships and how some of the first recipients are now current full-time

pastors in the AFLC and some recipients are going on seminary internship.

**2022 POP Church Council**

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman
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