

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

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Pastor Kent

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
(Joh 13:34 ESV)

We live in a time where love is defined primarily by emotion. Our sense of love is based purely on feelings or on our emotional attachment to another. This is true of friendships as well as marriage.

However, as we see in the above text, Jesus gives us a different standard of love. He tells us that we're to love one another as he's loved us. And there are a couple of things to consider as we think about Jesus' love.

First of all, we must recognize that Jesus loves us even when we're not all that lovable. We tend to think that we're good people, deserving of

his love. But the opposite is actually true. We're not good people. We aren't deserving of his love. He loves us in spite of our continual sin and rebellion against him.

If we measure our love by this standard, we fail miserably. When people are unlovable, our sense of love for them all but disappears. When they hurt us, whether it be intentional or not, it often creates within us an unwillingness to love them. We love others only when we feel they're deserving of it. We're unwilling to give to others the grace that God has given us.

The second thing we must recognize, when it comes to the love of Christ, is the sacrificial nature of this love. His love is a giving of himself to us. And we all know the great length he went to in showing his love. He sacrificed his very life for us.

We also see that his love is not conditional in any way. It's not something that wavers depending on the love he's receiving in return. In fact, Scripture tells us that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. It tells us that he

sacrificed himself for us while we were still his enemies.

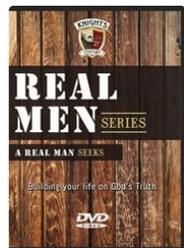
Once again, our love pales in comparison. We are often willing to give of ourselves for those we love. But it's very conditional. We'll love, we'll give of ourselves, if we're receiving love in return. And if we're not receiving, we often cease to give.

And when it comes to those who hate us, when it comes to those who possess no love for us, we are typically unwilling to love them. We tend to hate those who hate us. At best, we're willing to ignore them or tolerate them.

Here's where it gets really challenging. Jesus tells us that people will know we're his disciples if we have love for one another. What, then, does our life demonstrate? What does our love demonstrate?

When people look at us, when they look at the love we have for one another, is it clear to them that we are followers of Christ? Is our love so much like that of his that they can conclude nothing else? I think that, if we're honest with ourselves, the answer to this is a resounding "no."

What must we do then? The first thing we must do is recognize our failure. We must recognize our sin and confess it to the Lord, seeking his forgiveness. And we must ask him to work in our heart. We must ask that he'll instill in us the same love for others that he has for us. This isn't something we'll attain on our own, or by our own effort. It's only as the Spirit of God works in us that this is possible. It's only as we submit to his leading that this is possible.



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Saturday Feb 21, 2018 @ 7:00am.

Ushers for February

2-05-2017 Marvin Bauer, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Todd Seibel, Vern Boehm

2-12-2017 Robin Richter, Robert Hafner, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

2-19-2017 Marvin & Jan Sigman, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienies

2-26-2017 Jim Wenning, Emily Wenning, Blake Martin, Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyanne Schreifer

Fellowship service for February

2-05-2017 Ron & Milda Frei, Mike & Kendra Finck, and volunteer?

2-12-2017 Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Jeremy & Heather Brandt, Wayne & Shawn Hoffner

2-19-2017 Joe & Twyla Barbot, Gary & Susan Miller, Betty Hausauer

2-26-2017 Vern & Karla Boehm, Del & Linda Schnaidt, Bill & Nancy Swanson



Community Meal

February community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, February 11 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event, contact Bev Sorensen.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Just a calendar FYI for you... Ash Wednesday is March 1st.



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 or text Darcee @ 870-2122.



Library news...

Our library has many great movies to watch with your loved ones. So check them out today.

Thank you, Bonnie & Deb



Threads of Love Quilters

Meet on Wednesdays at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to join!



Sunday School Corner

Sunday School has resumed and we are about to start a new quarter in our Sunday School curriculum. Year Two, Quarter Two picks up with the battle between David and Goliath (I Samuel 17) and continues to the when God calls Elisha (2 Kings 2 & 5). As always our congregation stands to learn an incredible amount about God plans and purpose for us, His people.

The Christian Board of Education has two

exciting events coming up. Starting on March 1st, Ash Wednesday, the Board will be encouraging all families and member to participate in our 40 Day Lent Devotional. We are currently still working on what this will be. However even though it is in the planning stages we are very excited. It serves to provide our members and especially our Sunday School student an opportunity to focus on God's plan and purpose for us daily over a period of time. Often in the busyness of everyday life it is hard to prioritize time reflecting on God and His word and we hope this will provide a small way to help families accomplish this. This event will run from March 1st to April 9th.

In April Prince of Peace have the opportunity to participate in Project Ignite Light. Project Ignite Light provides physical and emotional support for children who are the victims of abuse and that have been removed from a dangerous situation. We will be having a fleece blanket tying party and pajama drive. The Board is also hoping to have a speaker come in and talk about Project Ignite Light. So watch for more information in the weeks to come.

We realize that summer feels like a long way away, but...we have already made requests for Vacation Bible School dates! So get ready! Before we know it summer fun will be here!

Calendar Change!

Love on a Mission Sunday will be Sunday, February 26th. Lesson Four will be taught on February 19th!



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.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! This is a day we celebrate love; especially romantic love. I did an extremely brief study on St. Valentine. Three priests have been credited with giving us this special celebration. All three were martyred for the faith they had in Jesus Christ which came to the attention of the emperors of their time because they were marrying young couples in the church. The emperors were against marriage. St. Valentine believed marriage was important to living a Christian life. It was interesting. And I think St. Valentine would be disappointed in the commercial way love is promoted today. Instead we should recall from 1 John 4:10 "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Speaking of love, WMF will be holding its first "Love on Our Missionary" fundraiser this month. We have chosen to help Joni Sliver who works in the Miriam Infant Home in Brazil and to also support the Miriam Infant Home. We are hoping to raise money without all the work of a boutique, rummage sale, craft sale or bake sale/coffee shop. It is our year of Jubilee. Our fellowship hall and kitchen are lying fallow. The laborers are set free. We are asking for financial donations for this fundraiser. You will be given information about Joni and her work and how this Miriam Infant Home is used to care for

children and share the Gospel. It is a wonderful ministry that practices the "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless as this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." James 1:27. Share this information with your friends and family that believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. There will be more details to come.

We have begun our new WMF Bible study "Lessons in Acts". We looked at prayerful acts in lesson one. The first Christians "joined together constantly in prayer; then they prayed, and they raised their voices in prayer". (Acts 1:14, Acts 1:24, and Acts 4:24). Acts chapter 10 had us look at two men of God who prayed, Cornelius and Peter. They were men of God who prayed regularly, they were obedient to God's laws and they were open to God's promptings. It was exciting to see how God prepared them to meet and how the Good News of Christ was shared and how the Spirit was able to work through them. Praise God! JOIN US FOR LESSON 2 ON February 20, 10:30AM OR 6:30PM.

We will be looking at Spiritual Acts.

The mini retreat on Saturday, January 21 went well and was enjoyed by those of us who were able to attend. Liz Hunt is a godly woman who helped us look at scripture and explore our personal experiences and ideas on setting boundaries God's Way. It was enlightening. Liz shared a lot of her own life experiences with undefined or poorly set boundaries and how she has been able to grow closer to God with His guidelines in setting boundaries. Is a boundary immovable and/or unchangeable? Does it

keep things out or in? Do boundaries protect or harm us? Why do we have boundaries? These are just some of the questions we looked at and discussed as we looked up Bible verses. We could easily have spent more time on this topic. It was a good morning!

Sincerely, Judy Tolosky 873or 870 2131 call me

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org with your email address. The newsletter is printed and ready by the fourth Sunday of the month. The newsletter is also available on our website. If you have anything you would like put in the newsletter, please email or call the office at 873-560.

RADIO BROADCAST 

Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. The cost is \$35. The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are February 5, 12,19, & 26 and March 5,12,19, & 26. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

Missed a Sunday church service?



or



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 also available on our website by the following
Monday

Worship Attendance

01-01 - 99
01-08 - 167
01-15 - 195
01-22 - 1160



Prince of Peace has mission opportunities that are in the planning stages - India and Alaska. Please be in prayer for those individuals as they make their preparations. Please also pray for their hearts and for the hearts of those they will be serving.

February Birthdays!!!

Edith Fandrich 2/1
Connie Schaper 2/1
Kelly Neuberger 2/3
Beth Zimmerman 2/6
Lillian Boeshans 2/7
Noah Bieri 2/8
Mark Schneider 2/8
Kelsey Timmer 2/9
Marvin Sigman 2/10
Chris Alt 2/11
Jim Schmit 2/12
Nancy Swanson 2/16
Maria Hausauer 2/22
Marie Kemmet 2/25
Heidi Ulland 2/26
Billie Jo Weltikol 2/26
Leeta Olin 2/27
Eugene Hausauer 2/28
Gordon Hoffner 2/28
Rachel Horning 2/28
Willie Schaper 2/28
Jim Schumaier 2/28



Youth

Focal Point
Jordan Langness

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." Psalm 1:1-3

There has been a lot of toxicity floating around our country this past year...well, let's be honest, we have been a pretty toxic people for quite some time now. You don't have to go very far to find a comment degrading another person's appearance, effort, opinion, or pretty much anything. We attack each other...maybe not physically or directly, but a passive aggressive attack is an attack none the less. Yes, I agree that we should be able to share our opinions freely and that we are blessed with a right to do so, but when does that right give us the liberty to attack others simply for disagreeing? I am sure I don't have to say anything more on this so I won't belabor the point.

The passage cited above talks of the reality of what we are living in and points us to a better solution. The psalmist begins by mentioning that the person who avoids the council of the wicked, who doesn't participate in the sinfulness of those around them and who also refuses to partake in mockery will be blessed. Right away, we can see a list of things to avoid if we want to have a life more marked with blessing. While this is true, I don't think that it is the main thrust of the passage though. Instead of focusing on what to avoid, it challenges us to a new orientation and a different focal point.

Instead of focusing on the actions of others and trying hard to avoid them, it points our eyes to the law

of God. The Holy Spirit inspired the author to write that the blessed man doesn't focus on sin, but instead delights in the law of God and meditates upon it. This is a calling for believers that I think we can really struggle with...delighting in the Law of God. Here we are promised that focusing on God's law results in blessing, but I want to point us to a few other reasons on why this should be our focus instead.

When we look at the law of God, we learn more about His character. God commands us to not lie because He is truth, He commands us to not commit adultery because He is faithful, and so on. Another aspect of God's law is that it shows us what is best for us. The ceremonial law protected God's people from things like germs and parasites by the ceremonial washings and categorization of certain foods as unclean long before we knew of these germs and parasites.

Finally, one of the most significant pluses of the law of God is that it shows us how bad we really are! This is important my friends. We must live in the reality that we are horrid sinners and are in desperate need of Jesus every day. Without Him, we are utterly hopeless. Not only does this posture force us to cling to the cross, but it also helps us to be gracious and merciful to one another.

So, as we live our lives in the common toxic soup of our culture, let us be a breath of fresh air. By meditating on God's law, may we see our own shortcomings and remember how great of a Savior we serve. We don't need any more people joining the ranks of those already focusing on the negative...instead, may we all be focused on God's law and the Son who saved us from it.

Upcoming youth activities:

February 6th: FLY registration deadline for best rate

March 17-19: AFLBS Spring Campus Days

March 31: District Spring Retreat

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you notes for Christmas gifts from Jordan Langness, Pastor Sperry and Darcee Wenning were read.

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

Happy New Year!

As we move away from the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let's continue to give thanks and remember the very purpose that He came to this earth. The purpose of "eternal salvation to all who believe and receive His free gift" is a choice he gives everyone freedom to make. From the words of Revelation 3:20: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me."

As believers, our call is to reach out to the world and make disciples of all nations. Although this is a task which is hard to wrap our arms around, we all share a small part in this call. This is accomplished in many ways, including the support to our local churches, missionaries, seminaries, bible schools, and intern pastors, to name just a few. Our hope is that our efforts in sharing the message of Jesus will make a difference in someone's life, and that they too can know the promise of salvation.

To grow in our faith and our biblical knowledge, I invite, and I ask for your support - and your involvement in the many areas of worship and education that are offered here at Prince of Peace. I ask that you encourage the youth as they are the future of our congregation. They need a good foundation, especially now as they face a challenging culture that is so aggressively trying to pull them away from the church.

Please be in prayer for our congregation, our pastor, our youth pastor, our staff, our council, and our teachers here at Prince of Peace, that we are led by the Holy Spirit and that we remain faithful to His call for us.

You will hear this more than once from me. May we never forget the (2) vital ingredients that hold together our Christian unity. Those (2) ingredients being the Bible and the Holy Spirit. Without either one of these ingredients, we don't exist as a Christian congregation.

Best wishes for a blessed year as we grow in our faith together!

In His Grip
Delton

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I'd like to begin by thanking you for the generous Christmas gifts for our family. You can never go wrong with the gift of food! We appreciate all of you.

I conducted the funeral for Hilda Backfish, and another for a lady who had no church connection and lived out of the area.

Confirmation continues with a total of 10 students (one of whom belongs to Pastor Tom, and she is coming here for instruction). Everything seems to be going well.

Visiting and keeping up with members who are ill and shut-in.

Wednesday night Bible study has resumed and is looking at the second part of a study on Islam that we began last spring.

I met with those considering the India mission trip in August of 2017. At this point, myself, Rachel Sperry, and Dalton Zeiszler have signed up to go. We have a few others who've expressed interest, but I haven't yet received their registrations.

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: We have been exploring the depths of our mission as a group and individuals as followers of Jesus. This has led us to emphasizing sharing and communicating the Gospel and is a metric that we are now going to attempt to be measuring by tracking the number of Gospel conversations we have as a group.

Youth Group: Our most recent tours have taken us through the topic of History and understanding that we are a part of a larger work that God is doing. We examined the challenges of historical revisionism, living in a post-truth society (that word was added to the dictionary in 2016), and how understanding our calling in the larger story impacts the way we live our daily lives.

Other Ministry: This past month has seen some continuing education, youth board meeting, informal church service, Beulah Mobile pack groundwork, compiling FLY information, and preparing for the upcoming youth retreat in Pennsylvania.

Website information: The website was visited 89 times by 78 people since the last meeting as of Wednesday morning. We have received a few messages on how appreciated our website and online sermons are, so thanks for the continued support.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 56,588.22
Building Fund	\$ 24,798.90
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 235.46
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,126.39
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 80.95
Intern Fund	\$ 24,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 114,526.92

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 205,886.87

Deacon’s Report – David Hottman

Fall Spiritual Meetings with Creation Ministries October 22 through 25th. They would like to speak at a different Beulah church on Sunday evening and Deacons are working at setting that up.

Spring Spiritual Meetings will be April 23 through 26. Pastor Tom Brock from Minneapolis will be speaking about resisting our sinful desires.

Pastor Tom Olson and his congregations are interested in sharing a Seminary Intern. We would apply late October for an intern. Intern would be here end of May 2018.

Trustee’s Report – John Mohl

Finish up electrical work on Bell Remote, Handicap door opener(s) still need some calibration. At some point, we will get an electrician to finish up this work

Rooftop unit on north side of south building doesn’t seem to work in extremely cold weather dependably, Jim Alt and some other trustee member(s) will take another look at the unit when it’s a bit warmer.

Looking at expanding upper storage area, opening up behind the altar area.

Jim Alt will be chairman of the trustees group for 2017, John will be recording the minutes of the meetings. Portfolios for trustee members to manage will be discussed at one of our next

meetings as this meeting only had two trustee members in attendance.

Jim Alt will send out a reminder of the snow schedule weekly to those that have agreed to be on this list.

OLD BUSINESS

Right Now video Subscription – some members haven’t received an invite even though they were emailed out. Darcee will put it in her Friday update

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Eve Candles – We will order more candles and battery operated candles.

No Regrets Men’s Conference will be February 4, 7:30am @ Faith Community Church of the Nazarene – cost is \$25.

Mortgage Pay Down – We voted to take \$15,000 out of the general fund to pay the mortgage principle down.

Tithe – Our Tithe of \$2626.87 will be sent to AFLC Home Missions.

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3. Enter your email as it’s listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin synching.



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