

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

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Pastor Kent

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

(Romans 3:10-12 ESV)

There's a common way that many of us struggle with our faith. There is a difficulty that many believers encounter. And this struggle comes in to play as we see much of the suffering in our world.

We often witness friends and acquaintances suffer in terrible ways. Perhaps it's an illness, or a series of setbacks in their career. Maybe it's family problems. Maybe it's an unexpected death. And we tell ourselves that it's just not fair. We tell ourselves that they don't deserve this.

We think the same way when it comes to suffering in our own life. As we experience hardships, we tell ourselves that we don't deserve

this. We tell ourselves that it's not just of God to allow a good person like us to suffer.

The same mindset also strikes us when it comes to the gospel. We understand that we're saved through faith in Jesus. But, then, we begin to wonder: What about those who have never heard the gospel? What about those who haven't had the opportunity to believe?

We once again tell ourselves that this isn't fair. It isn't fair that they should be condemned when they live in culture in which the gospel is absent. And we ask why God would condemn all of these good people to hell.

One of the first things we must remember, and it's also one of the primary things we remember during the season of Lent, is that we are not good people. This is made very clear to us in the above passage. And these truths, stated by Paul, are actually drawn out of the Old Testament.

In other words, this was not a new discovery that Paul was relating to the people. It was not a new revelation. It had been one of the

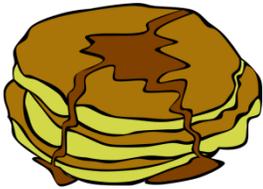
foundational truths, given by God to man, for centuries.

For this reason, whenever I begin to think that someone doesn't deserve the pain they're enduring, whenever I begin to think that their suffering is unjust, and whenever I begin to think of someone as a good person (even if that person is myself), I'm drawn back to this truth: No one is good. No one is righteous. And we do, in fact, deserve all of the suffering we face in life. In fact, we deserve so much more.

If God gave us what we deserved, none of us would be here today. If he gave us what we deserved, we'd all be in hell at this very moment. We'd all be facing an eternity of torment, separated from God and his blessings. And there would be no possibility of forgiveness or salvation.

It's only by God's grace that I'm alive today. It's only by his grace that I possess the things that I need. It's only by his grace that I've received the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

For this reason, instead of accusing God for every last bit of suffering we experience, or for that experienced by others, we should praise him for his love and goodness. We should thank him for the unmerited favor he has lavished upon us. And we should seek to make the good news known to others that they too might escape the suffering and the punishment they so clearly deserve.



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Saturday March, 2017 @ 7:00am.



Community Meal

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



POP Chairman's Report

From the words of Hebrews 10: 23-25

²³ "Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Greetings!

As we I read this passage out loud I am reminded of the call for Christians to gather together in a worship setting to worship our great and merciful God. Because of God's faithfulness to us, we are excited to share our love and good works with those around us. Especially those who are part of our assembly of believers. It is good that we attend worship services with other believers. Our presence is encouraging to other believers and we are all spurred on together. It is also good that we gather together for spiritual life meetings, for bible study, for Sunday school and other services. I'm confident in saying that all of these mentioned are acts of worship which are pleasing to God.

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In closing, I again ask that we all continue to 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.

Servicing Christ As We Serve Others

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Ushers for March

3-05-2017 Marvin Bauer, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Todd Seibel, Vern Boehm
3-12-2017 Robin Richter, Robert Hafner, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei
3-19-2017 Marvin & Jan Sigman, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis
3-26-2017 Jim Wenning, Emily Wenning, Blake Martin, Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schreifer

Fellowship service for March

3-05-2017 Perry & Deb Sayler, Lynell Renner, Willis & Deb Kasakne
3-12-2017 Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis
3-19-2017 Lillian Boeshans, Mildred Hanks, Scott & Heather Funk, James & Angie Faut
3-26-2017 Eric & Kelsey Timmer, Tad & Gina Feist, Jason & Heidi Ulland



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

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

Lenten Schedule:

Wednesday, March 1 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 15 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 22 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:00pm
Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00pm
Friday, April 14 @ 7:00pm
Sunday, April 16 @ 6:00am
Sunday, April 16 @ 9:00am



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 is always busy but the next few months are especially busy for our POP kids! The first annual Bible Bowl was held on February 26th and at press time I don't know if it was a success. But knowing our kids and wonderful teachers I am sure we had fun!

Ash Wednesday is March 1st and the start of the Lent. This year POP has found a daily devotional for our Sunday School kids. It is our hope that families will take a few moments each day to participate and commit to completing the action listed on the slip. Creating a daily devotional habit is very important and hopefully this tool will make it easier.

Sunday School has two upcoming events. The first will be an Easter Event on April 15th from 10:00-11:30. The event will include an Easter Egg hunt, cookie decorating, crafts, and the Resurrection Story. Mark your calendars and bring your kids and grandbabies and come for a great morning of faith and fun!

Donations will be greatly appreciated for the Easter Event. Items needed are candy and small Easter items (erasers, spinning tops, and plastic jumping frogs, etc.). Other items will be needed and a list will be available closer to the date of the event.

The Board of Christian Ed is also in the process of organizing our annual Spring Mission Event. This event will take place on April 23rd during the Sunday School hour. This year our event will be in support of Project Ignite Light. Project Ignite creates and donates backpacks of items for children who have been removed from their homes. The backpacks include pajamas, toiletries and a fleece tie blanket. We will be supporting them by having a pajama drive and tying

blankets. New, TWO PIECE pajamas ranging from infant to age 18 are welcomed. Please donate two piece, one piece PJs will not be accepted. Blankets require two, 1 ½ yard pieces of coordinate fleece. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending and helping this wonderful organization.

Upcoming Events

March 19: No Sunday School, Spring Break

April 15th: POP Easter Event 10:00-11:30

April 16: No Sunday School, Easter Sunday

Youth Group Easter Breakfast Fundraiser for FLY! Yummy!

April 23: Project Ignite Light Mission Project

May 7: No Sunday School, Confirmation Sunday

May 21: Last Day of Sunday School, FLY Fundraiser Brunch

Summer 2017: Vacation Bible School!!!!

**Attached to the newsletter you will find an updated Sunday School Schedule for Preschool-Grade Six. Changes have been made so please take note!!



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.

His mercies never come to an end; they are new EVERY MORNING; great is Thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23
Don't forget WMF Bible Study: March 20 at 10:30 and 6:30. We will be on Chapter 3. Thank you so much to those of you who have given to our spring mission fund raiser: Jonni Sliver and the Miriam Children's Home. We will be accepting donations through the first week this month. Please be generous.

No other new business to report.

Judy Tolosky 870-2131

POP Mission Trips

Prince of Peace has mission opportunities that are in the planning stages - India (Pastor Kent, Rachel Sperry, Dalton Zeiszler, and Marvin Sigman) and Alaska (Lacey Wenning summer 2017). 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.

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 March 5, 12, & 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30.. 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

01-22 - 160

(Did anyone notice it said 1160 in Feb Newsletter????)

01-29 - 183

02-05 - ?

02-12 - 163

02-19 - 154



March Birthdays!!!

Bentley Lenzen	3/2
Terry Ochsner	3/2
Austin Babcock	3/6
Darlene Schaper	3/7
Wes Gunsch	3/8
Lakin Boehm-Green	3/9
Marlys Reichenberg	3/10
Esther Fleisher	3/12
Bradley Gunsch	3/12
Macy Bieri	3/13
Miranda Bieri	3/13
Mary Ochsner	3/13
Heidi Zimmerman	3/14
Jordan Langness	3/16
Adam Novak	3/19
Heidi Horning	3/20
Paige Schaper	3/20
LaRue Schwarz	3/20
Dalton Zeiszler	3/20
Ashley Feist	3/22
Nikki Martin	3/23
Brandi Richter	3/23
Nicole Buchmann	3/24
Kendra Finck	3/24
Carley Haugen	3/25
Nessa Iverson	3/25
Jared Seibel	3/25
Shelley Giese	3/28
Janet Morast	3/28
Joshua Riegel	3/28
Lawrence Taylor	3/28
Kayla Fandrich	3/30
Rikki Jensen	3/30
Hunter Keller	3/30
Dawn Reinhardt	3/31



Youth

Being Grounded
Jordan Langness

"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again; If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!" –Galatians 1:8-9

"Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers." -1 Timothy 4: 16

One of our hymns that we occasionally sing sums up our struggle as followers of Jesus so well. The text includes the phrase "prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love." This image of slowly drifting, or wandering away from Christ is one that I believe should give us pause. As we look at the state of the church in our country, we see example after example of bodies of believers that have done just that...spiritually drift away from the central message of the Gospel and the focal point of its Savior, Jesus Christ.

However, as much as we may understand the contemporary outworking of this issue, this problem is in no ways new. In the short excerpts of texts at the top of this article, Paul gives warning to two different groups of this very matter. The first incident is noted as he communicates with the church of Galatia who had quickly embraced a gospel of works different than what he had given them. While this is the main point of the passage, it is also interesting to note the wordage he uses though. In his first run at it, Paul warns the Galatians that even if an angel or an apostle were to come to them and present them with an alternative gospel, that they should immediately condemn this teaching. Please grasp what he is saying here... Paul, the

author of much of the New Testament specifically warns a new church that even if he or another apostle came with a different gospel... What does this mean? Paul was aware of the possibility of drift even in his own life and the life of the other apostles.

In the next example, we see Paul urging Timothy to stay grounded in God's word and revelation in order to anchor himself in the true gospel and to protect him from falling into tempting alternatives. The outcome of this discipline is a foundation on the truth and an ability to discern false doctrines that arise.

We are fairly proud of our history as a congregation. Many of our number took a step of faith and left a place that was comfortable and in many ways home in order to make sure they were getting the full measure of God's word. This is indeed something that we can smile about, but it should not be something to become prideful about. When we go forward thinking that our work of sticking to the truth is done, that is when we are most susceptible to the subtle lies of the devil, the world, and probably most significantly, our flesh. May we not be lead astray or allow ourselves to drift from the true message of God's word in its fullness.

My brothers and sisters, I would like to quote Paul and exhort us all to keep a close watch on ourselves and on the teaching. Be in God's word! Study it together, talk about what you are learning, examine what you hear on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. We are prone to wander, which is why God has provided us with a clear path, a firm foundation, and a solid anchor.

Upcoming youth activities:

March 11th: Family Open Skate Night

March 17-19: AFLBS Spring Campus Days

April 16th: Easter Breakfast

April 21-22: District Spring Retreat

Benefit for Bernetta!

Pastor Fank Sapp (Congregational Church) wife - Bernetta_ - is currently battling stage 4 colorectal cancer. The battle is a fierce one with the "Great Healer" on her side. The members of the Beulah Congregational Church is holding a fundraiser to help with the costs associated with Bernetta's treatment and travel. This is a benefit meal with bake sale, raffles and silent auction. They are asking that we spread the word about this benefit as well as asking for donations for the bake sale, raffle or auction items. This event will be held at Beulah Congregational Church on March 5 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please join them. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the church, Renet Bieber or Tracy Siemoniski.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

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Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Lenten worship will begin on Wednesday, March 1st. A series of messages will be presented, titled "The Searching Questions of Lent." Jordan, Pastor Tom, and myself will take part in this series.

Men's breakfast/study is going through a video based series titled "Real Men." We just had a good study titled, *The Measure of a Young Man*. We looked at how young people can be an example of faith to even those who are older than themselves, and challenged each one of us to live in the understanding that others are watching us and the way that we live.

Sunday School continues to go well. Attendance has been good. I continue to enjoy the present series from Answers in Genesis. We just took a look at Solomon becoming king over Israel, and his request for discernment.

I continue with planning for the India mission trip this July. At this point, myself, Rachel Sperry, Dalton Zeiszler, and Marvin Sigman have signed up to go. We have a couple others who've expressed interest, but I haven't yet received their registrations.

Spring spiritual life meetings are coming up immediately after Easter. I'm working with Pastor Tom Brock as he prepares his series for us.

I conducted a worship service at KRCC, and another at Senior Suites

Jordan and I will be hosting the district pastors at Prince of Peace on March 7th.

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: In the past month we have been going through Psalm 119 together and learning a lot about God, His faithfulness, His Word, and other lessons found within the text. Our Gospel conversation counter is steadily climbing which is great to see as well as hear the accounts of how students have been sharing the gospel with their friends.

Youth Group: The past weeks have seen us examining God's design found within the social institutions that He created as well as a close examination of the state and the powers He entrusted to it. Our time has gone long the last several weeks as our discussions on the topics have been deep and insightful. These are some bright students and they have been inspiring to watch as they wrestle through this deep material.

Other Ministry: This past month has contained Beulah Mobile pack groundwork, compiling FLY information, a youth retreat in Pennsylvania, a full day course on youth mental health first aid, youth board responsibilities, district meeting, district spring retreat planning, community meetings (ministerial, pastor's prayer, community health task force, and facilitating the boundaries class). Through my involvement with the community health task force I have gained an invitation into the

school to help students seeking help with spiritual problems.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 46,665.26
Building Fund	\$ 27,717.69
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 542.05
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,126.39
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 670.95
Intern Fund	\$ 27,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 109,034.93

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 188,497.44

Deacon's Report – David Hottman

Creations International courses will be here this fall for Spiritual Life meetings. www.creation.com

April 23 to 26 Spring Spiritual Meetings and speaker will be Tom Brock

Pastor Kent, Pastor Tom and Jordan Langness will be preaching during Lenten services on a rotation

Easter service schedule will be kept the same with a sunrise and 9:00 am

Dodge and Golden Valley are budgeting money for the intern

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

Working on bell remote electrical work

Handicap door opener needs calibration

Fellowship hall was waxed

Jim Alt will send out snow removal emails

Roof ice dam removed – discussed prevention

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School: The End of Year Brunch will be hosted by the youth group as a fundraiser for youth accounts. We will ask any Thrivent members to use cards to help pay for food. KRCC still does not have activities staff on Sundays so we will not be bringing the SS kids to sing this spring. Feb 19 will not be a regular class day. This is when we usually

went to KRCC. Angie is thinking of ideas for what to do with the SS classes.

Christmas program - Program was cancelled because church service was cancelled due to weather.

Quiet bags and Nursery toy cleaning - Michelle received a \$250 Thrivent card for new busy bag toys. Rebecah will order and buy supplies for the bags. Stephanie offered to use her Amazon account for free shipping. We have 16 bags. Travel soap containers work well for holding crayons.

VBS (summer team and dates) - Kelsey will send our choice of dates to AFLBS. 1st choice - June 4-8, 2nd June 11-15, 3rd Aug 6-10.

OLD BUSINESS

Storage Area behind Altar Update – Randy Schneider reported that one side is virtually complete. Everything will be cleaned out soon from the other side and then they will start on that side. Discussed painting the floor as a quick fix instead of linoleum or carpet.

NEW BUSINESS

Lacey Wenning Mission Trip to Alaska – We voted to give \$500 to Lacey to help with costs associated with her summer mission trip to Naknek Alaska. She is planning to do a fundraiser to raise money for “Fill the NET” for supplies for baking cookies, muffins, etc. for the NET.

Chris Alt and Alec Babcock Resignations and– An announcement will be made about needing a new janitor.

Youth “Team”–Jordan had a handout describing his vision on the Youth Team. There would be 4 coordinators: Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Events Coordinator and Student Contact Coordinator. We will table this until next month so everyone can look at it.

Tithe – Our Tithe will be split: \$1,328.02 to FLAPS and \$2,000.00 to AFLC General Fund.

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As a gift to you , Prince of Peace would like to bless you with a free subscription to Right Now Media which is a Netflix like streaming system full of Bible studies, conferences, children's programming, and much more! If you have not received an email invitation to this subscription and would like one - please contact the church office. This is a great resource for our families. If you have any questions regarding Rightnow Media – please give us a call!!!!

There have been some issues with some members not receiving this invitation. Please contact me if you have not received

it. If you do not wish to create a Rightnow Media account, feel free to decline. That way you will not receive further reminders.