

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

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Pastor Kent

*"Abhor what is evil; hold fast to
what is good."*
Romans 12:9

We know that, as Christians, we're to follow Jesus. It means believing both the promises and the truth he's given to us. It means living in daily repentance, turning from our sin, and looking to him for mercy.

However, that being said, too many of us in the church are enamored with the world around us. We try to emulate what the world identifies as cool, in-style, smooth, hip, or whatever slang term you choose to insert. We desire Jesus' forgiveness, we desire his blessings, and we want to follow him. But, at the same time, we try to remain current and in-touch with the world around us.

This leads us to make compromises. It leads us to begin accepting behaviors and attitudes that God calls sinful. It leads us to see how close we can walk to the world without abandoning Christ.

Most years, as I teach young people in confirmation, I receive questions like this: How far is too far? They want to know how far they can go with a person of the opposite sex before it's considered sinful. Is it kissing? Is it touching in areas that are generally considered out of bounds? Or does it simply mean "going all the way?"

We tend to do the same in other areas of life as well. We want to live like the world around us, but we want to know how far is too far. We want to know the line of no-return.

I've seen this, even in churches, that desire to remain "relevant." There are churches where the pastor curses and swears

during the sermon in an effort to appeal to the unchurched. There are churches and pastors who hold gatherings at a bar and around pitchers of beer in an effort to seem approachable to those who may otherwise never set foot in a church. And, as we know, there are churches who have turned from the truth of Scripture and adopted societal norms in an effort to be more appealing.

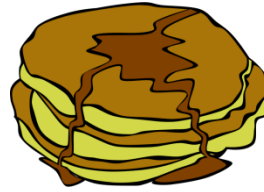
As we see in the verse above, we are called upon to abhor what is evil and hold fast to what is good. In other words, those things that are sinful, those things that are identified by God as evil, should be detested and despised by us, as his followers. We should not try to see how close to them we can get, but rather how far away from them we can place ourselves.

When we become a believer, and when the Spirit of God fills our heart, our desires and passions become like those of God. Not perfectly, of course, because we're still a sinful people. But we naturally find ourselves loving the things that God loves and hating the things that God hates.

We begin to turn away from sin, not because we have to, but because we want to. When confronted with temptation, we choose to obey the Lord, not because we have to, but because we want to. And when we fall, when we sin, we immediately confess our failure to the Lord and seek his mercy, wanting to be free from our sinful behaviors and attitudes.

If you have been walking closely with the world, if you find yourself wondering how far is too far, I encourage you to repent. Ask the Lord to forgive you and to fill your heart. Ask him to make your desires like his own. We must do this because, as we read in James 4:4, *"You adulterous people! Do*

you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Will resume in September!



Community Meal

June community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, June 10 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event, contact Bev Sorensen.

Ushers for June

6-4-2017 Mark Gerde, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

6-11-2017 Brad & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hauauer, John & Carmen Mohl

6-18-2017 Marvin & Jan Sigman, Keller family, Torie Horning, Tia Horning

6-25-2017 Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

Fellowship service for June

6-4-2017 Vern & Karla Boehm, Kevin & Margie Lee

6-11-2017 Del & Linda Schnaidt, Lynda Doe, Holly Doe, Marlene Buehner

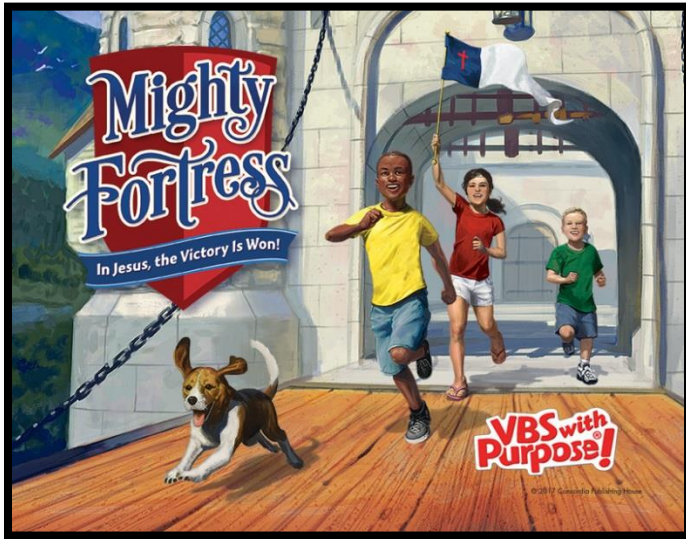
6-18-2017 Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis & boys, Perry & Deb Sayler

6-25-2017 James & Angie Faut, Gary & Marj Murray, Judy Tolosky



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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD!

**COME AND JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 TO THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH!
6:00PM – 8:30PM

AFLC Annual Conference

2017 June 13-16

Host: AFLC Schools, Plymouth, MN

Theme: Romans 1:16,17

"Here I Stand"

www.aflc.org/conferences

Sunday School Corner

Whew! It has been a busy and wonderful year. The Christian Board of Education is so thankful for the Prince of Peace Family. Especially the children, the parents who have entrusted us with their children and the teacher who were called to teach. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The next big event for Christian Ed is Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held June 11th-15th from 6:00-8:30 PM. VBS will once again be led by a team from AFBLS. We are so lucky to have them. There are a few things that you can do to help with the amazing outreach/education event.

- First, sign up your kids, nieces, nephews and grandbabies.
- Second-HELP! We are always in need of helpers for classrooms. Adults and youth Grades 7 and up are encouraged to come and help.
- Care for our team! This includes housing for two boys and two girls and lunch and supper for each day.
- Food items for snacks! There is a list at the church of various food items that are needed to provide snacks to our VBS kids. Please note the quantity and the day each item you sign up for is needed.

If you have any further questions about how you can help with VBS please contact Kelsey Timmer!

Believe it or not Angie Wanzek is already thinking about the 2017-2018 Sunday School Year. Planning and preparing for Sunday School begins on June 16th! One of the key aspect of preparing for this is calling on the congregation to consider teaching Sunday School. Have you ever thought about it? Had a slight inclination? Pray and consider this. If you have questions please don't hesitate to ask Angie.

Library news...



Library news for summer months: If reading is one of your summer time entertainment stop in our library & see what we have to offer. Enjoy the sunshine☀️Thank you, Bonnie & Deb

SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 21 AS SOON AS IT IS DARK ENOUGH! PERHAPS 9:30 OR 10:00PM!
IN THE NORTHWEST GRASS AT POP!

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 June 4,11,18 & 25 and July 2, 9, 23, &

30. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

Worship Attendance

04-30 - 184
05-07 - 198
05-14 - 165
05-21 - 202



Prince of Peace Mission teams

Please be in prayer for those from our congregation that are lead to "Go fourth"!

- Lacey Wenning will be serving in Alaska until August 7. She will be serving the Alaska missionaries and the NET in Naknek AK
- Pastor Kent, Rachel Sperry, Dalton Zeiszler, Marvin Sigman and Torie Haffner will be serving in India July 19-Aug 5.



Mon-Dak-Ada AFLC
District Family Bible Camp
Family camp is at Mt. Carmel, Towner ND July 23-27. There are brochures in the POP entry way.

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 also available on our website by the following Monday.



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.*

I got to go to the WMF District Spring Rally that was held at Zion Free Lutheran Church in Tioga, ND on April 29. Margie drove and Leona Brecht and I road along. The theme for the rally was "Pray Continually," taken from the theme verse "Rejoice always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstance; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I Thessalonians 5:16-18. It was a joyous day with beautiful music and insightful devotions, eye-opening Bible study, of course good food and even a style show for average women like us.

In Angie Thompson's devotion on praying continually she said, "When joy and prayer are married, the first born is gratitude." I liked that.

Morning Bible study was led by Tamba Abel. She started out with "Be joyful always or rejoice always; Really? When my power point isn't working, or I'm behind in my housekeeping, or getting road rage? It's through God's grace we can have joy. We must remember that the joy of the Lord is my strength." In regard to the command to pray without ceasing, Tamba said that it is an ongoing relationship with God. Prayer gives us the power to overcome the "bombs" of temptation. "The spirit is willing..." And giving thanks in everything or in all circumstances... "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." She said we need to be "prayed up." This will enable us to have better communication with God. It will help us stay strong and alert and to be more than conquerors. God is right there with us!

We had a good business meeting. Margie did very well with the treasurer's report. The offering that day was designated to go to: $\frac{1}{2}$ National WMF General Fund and $\frac{1}{2}$ to WMF World Missions earmarked for the Jonathan Abels.

The accompanists for singing the hymn "Teach Me to Pray" were Evelyn Copes and Karol Jean Wolla. They played the piano and organ. They accompanied the Zion Women's Ensemble and had beautiful preludes and intermission music. I was awed!

After the fun style show and lots of door prize drawings we heard from Jonathan Abel. He shared with us about his "jobs" down in Brazil with the AFLC. Then he preached a little. He said that we are in a war! He shared about the first war the Israelites fought against Amalek in Exodus 17:8-13. Moses stood on the mountain when Joshua led the battle against Amalek. Aaron and Hur went with Moses. As long as Moses held up his hands the Israelites won. When he put them down they would lose. His hands grew weary. Aaron and Hur got Moses a rock to sit on and they held up his hands, one on the left and one on the right. So Moses hands were steady till the sun set and Joshua defeated Amalek. This is the only time Hur is mentioned in the Bible. He is an unsung hero. That may be what we are called to do. The battles that are being fought now are heavenly battles; Satan vs God, dark vs light, demons vs angels. We have truth, power and hope in the Lord. We must realize that there are no benchwarmers in the church. Jonathan shared so much more. But I will stop.

WMF Day at the National AFLC Convention is Tuesday June 13. Our June WMF Bible Study will be Monday June 19 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm in the church library. We will be doing Lesson 6. Bring a friend!

Start thinking and praying about what we should do for our big fundraiser next spring. Would you like to be more involved in the WMF?

Pray about it. There are no benchwarmers in WMF either.
Have a marvelous summer, rejoicing in the Lord always, praying continuously, and in everything giving thanks.

Sincerely,
Judy Tolosky 873-2131 or 870-2131



A call to serve
Jordan Langness

June Birthdays!!!

Wes Becker	6/2
Nathan Fandrich	6/5
Vern Boehm	6/7
Samantha Duttenhefner	6/7
Cheyenne Schriefer	6/7
Zachary Seibel	6/8
Anna Wenning	6/8
Lizzie Bieri	6/10
Mary Faut	6/10
Jim Plien	6/15
Tyler Murray	6/16
Lori Yeager	6/16
Milda Frei	6/17
James Weigel	6/18
Walter Wagner	6/21
John Mohl	6/22
Delon Bauer	6/23
Michelle Klaudt	6/25
Teresa Buck	6/26
Dean Fandrich	6/26
Amy Haugen	6/26
Dena Kemmet	6/26
Edyn Miller	6/26
Kent Sperry	6/26
Jeremy Brandt	6/27
Torie Horning	6/30
Caleb Sperry	6/30
Jack Timmer	6/30
Colleen Wiest	6/30

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” 1Peter 4:10-11

We are going to start off this newsletter with a little game. Let’s suppose that our church had a practice of adding one new ministry or area of service to what we already do each year at the annual meeting and this was your year to propose a ministry. What would you chose? (Honestly, I would truly love to hear your ideas...so don’t hesitate to send them to me!)

I think we each have certain areas that God has shaped and molded us to be passionate about. As the youth pastor and staff member of the congregation, I have been able to bring my passions into action in ways that has involved and invited all of our members to participate in. These include the Beulah Mobile Packs, First Choice clinic lifewalk, Compassion Sundays, ministries to youth, discipleship, and solid biblical teaching. One of the things that I love about our congregation is seeing other people’s passions turn into productive ministries that I wouldn’t have thought of. We have a thriving quilting ministry, a significant community meal ministry, puppets, worship team, and I could

go on. These groups and services truly are wonderful.

As wonderful as they are however, is this all we can do? Are we members of Prince of Peace doing everything that God has called and equipped us to do? Each of these ministries that I mentioned prior have one thing in common, they need people in order to function. I wonder what other ministries could we be involved with only if we had the people ready to serve and commit to them. As an example, let's consider your answer to my opening question. Would it be possible for us to make that desire a reality? If not, what, besides volunteers, would we need to make it happen? A leader? Maybe that is what God is nudging you to do; maybe He has planted that thought in your heart in order for you to walk forward in obedience so it can bear fruit.

So what kind of ministries am I talking about? Here are some potential things that have been running through my mind. What if we had people that belonged to a welcoming crew that not only made sure that guests were greeted and welcomed, but also were able to connect them with various small group leaders, areas of service, or ministry leaders who could assist them with their needs? What if we had a crew of people who were willing to do yard work, simple home repairs, or car maintenance for widows or elderly member of our congregation? What if we had a group of people that were willing to organize, make, and deliver meals to families that are dealing with a hospitalization, illness, or other difficult issue? What if we had a group of people that were willing and available to help watch the children of young parents so they could have a date night? What if the task of finding names to be on our committees for our annual meetings went from working really hard just to find enough people willing to fill the two spots on the ballets to having to sift through all

of the willing helpers to find who would best serve where?

As I mentioned, we are already doing many good things, and I don't want to downplay that at all. However, are we doing everything that God has called us to? Are we effectively serving one another in love and through our practice showing that we love our neighbors as ourselves? Have we fulfilled God's mission for us to be a city on a hill and the light in the darkness? What more could we do? Let's get involved and find out.

Upcoming youth activities:

June 11-15: Vacation Bible School

June 25th: "The Gathering" Community youth group

July 2-8: FLY Convention

July 23-27: District Family Camp

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Participated in our ministerial prayer meetings.

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

I conducted a worship service at Senior Suites in Hazen.

Communed residents at KRCC.

Helped with the fundraiser for the India Mission trip. Altogether, the team took in \$1805, which was split evenly among those going, to help pay for their trip.

I continue with planning for the India mission trip this July. We are currently preparing for the cross-cultural aspects of the trip and applying for visas. We will begin group training soon.

My family will be leaving for vacation on May 31. It will run up to Annual Conference, which will be held in Minneapolis, on June 11. Les Buchman will bring the message on June 4th and Jordan will do so on June 11th.

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: We have finished our study on Philippians and have moved on to a different and exciting ending unit. For our final weeks, the volunteer helpers are each taking a class time and doing their very own lessons. In the past month we had a team training/bonding trip and I have been assisting them as they prepare to teach their own lessons. I have not had many training/equipping outlets for our students, so I am really excited about these last weeks!

Youth Group: Similar to Sunday School, our weeks have included Spiritual life meetings and a special session with Cherry Gegleman. In order to be able to attend these sessions, our students elected to pack some of our regular material "The Truth Project" into double sessions in these final weeks.

Relational Ministry: This past month included several relational events, attending a track meet, baseball game, high school drama production, and fast pitch softball game. Sarah and I had some students over for supper as well.

Other Ministry: I have been involved with local ministerial things, FLY Beyond planning meeting, planning and leading our district spring retreat, preparing for and preaching for Lenten services, website updating, and promoting the mobilepack.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 43,176.00
Building Fund	\$ 32,020.92
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 335.25
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,229.68
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 137.00
Intern Fund	\$ 27,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 113,661.28

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance \$ 185,811.28

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

The recent Spring Spiritual Life Meetings were discussed and all agreed that it was a good topic that was well presented by Pastor Brock.

The Fall Spiritual Life Meetings are set for October 22-25 with Dr. Carter from Creation Ministries.

We are considering showing Gospel of John videos on Wed August 23rd and Wed August 30th.

Justo Pillman, missionary to Ecuador, will be here July 30th and will give the message.

We considered several men to fill the vacancy on the Deacons left by David Hottman. Garrett Sayler has graciously agreed to take the position for now pending an official vote at the annual meeting.

Possible confessional songs for the contemporary services were discussed.

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

Hiring of new janitor/janitors

Need to update the list if money counters and make sure there is a head money counter on each team. Jim Schumaier stepping down as one of the money counters

Trustees will need to move their parts, tools, etc to the upstairs area.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School will be tying three tie blankets with the kids on Sun. April 23. May 14 will be the last day of for classes and the End of Year Brunch on May 21. On the 21 will be teacher recognition and the kids will sing the Butterfly song and recite the Books to the Old Test. The brunch will be a fundraiser for the youth. The youth will be serving. Will be having egg bakes and caramel rolls.

VBS - Kelsey will fill out questionnaire for VBS. Registration table will need to be set up with sign-up sheets for housing, meals, classroom helpers, other helpers. Kelsey and Angie will set up sign up table.

Egg hunt - Around 80 kids participated. Almost ran out of crafts. Could use more sticker sheets. We anticipate this growing because no other church in town does an outreach at Easter. Need to plan on more for next year. If it grows we need to consider adding this to the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Medical Equipment – Still looking into this.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Custodian – Our temporary janitor, Sandy Goetz, was done working May 8. We will advertise in the church and if no one is interested, then we will advertise publicly.

Maintaining current List of church key holders – The master list should probably be on the church secretary's computer.

FLY 2017 funding – We will give Angie Wanzek a donation when she is filling in while Darcee is on vacation. This donation will go to help raise money for her daughter to go to FLY this summer.

Honorarium for Chery Gegelman – gave an honorarium for Chery speaking about her experiences living in the Middle East.

Tithe – Our Tithe was split: \$2,000 to AFLC Evangelism and \$1,346.68 to Rachel & Pastor Sperry for the India Mission Trip. Balance of Congregational Mission Fund will also be given to Rachel & Pastor Sperry to help fund their trip.

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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.

I will be glad to help you put the directory app on your smart phone if you are having trouble!

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