

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

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Pastor Kent

"If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10 ESV)

Throughout the season of Lent, we've been hearing two series of sermons. On Sunday mornings, we've been working our way through the Ten Commandments. We've been looking at what these commands mean and the various ways we break them. On Wednesday evenings, we've been hearing a series titled *The Searching Questions of Lent*. We've been looking at some questions, drawn out of the Passion account, and what they suggest to us about our own heart.

If we've been truly listening, and if we've been sincerely searching our heart, we can come away from these messages with only one conclusion: We are guilty. It's clear to us that we have sinned against the Lord in many ways. And it's clear to us that we deserve his judgment.

The intent of this is that it might reveal to us our need for a Savior. The intent is that, realizing the depths of our depravity and the wrath that we deserve, we'll look to Jesus. The intent is that we'll trust in him, and in his sacrifice, for the forgiveness of sins.

However, our tendency in this society today is very different. As we're confronted with our sin, our tendency is to justify ourselves. We attempt to explain away our sinful actions. We try to deny the sinfulness of our sin.

Another response, which has become common today, is to deny the truth of Scripture. We tell ourselves: "My God would never say something like that." We try to tell ourselves that, if the authors of Scripture knew what we know today, they would have never said the things that they did.

When we do this, when we fail to accept the fact that we are sinful, we are doing something blasphemous. According to the apostle John, in the above passage, we make God a liar. We are

declaring that God had delivered to us false statements or untruths.

Most of us would be reluctant to make such an accusation outright. We wouldn't dare look God in the eye and call him a liar. But, when we declare ourselves innocent, when we deny the truths his Word brings to us, this is what we're doing.

We're telling God that, although he has told us we're sinners, this is not true. We're telling God that, although he's declared us to be deserving of judgment, this is not true. We're telling God that, although he's stated we're in need of a Savior, this is not true.

When we respond to God in this way, his Word is not in us. We are not trusting in him or the truth he's revealed to us. We're trusting, instead, in ourselves. We're relying only on our wisdom and understanding.

When we respond to God in this way, we reveal ourselves to be outside of his salvation. Since we don't acknowledge our sin, we don't believe ourselves to be in need of a Savior. We believe ourselves to be good and deserving of salvation. And, for this reason, we won't receive the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. We won't look to him for mercy.

May we never accuse God of being deceptive. May each one of us recognize our sin, confess it to the Lord, and ask him for his forgiveness. And may we trust in Christ, and in him alone, for the salvation we so desperately need.



Community Meal

April community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, April 8 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event, contact Bev Sorensen.

Ushers for April

4-02-2017 Mark Gerde, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

4-09-2017 Brad & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hauauer, John & Carmen Mohl

4-16-2017 Marvin & Jan Sigman, Keller family, Torie Horning, Tia Horning

4-23-2017 Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Stan Miller, Klautdt family

4-30-2017 Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemmer, Marlene Buehner, Dean Fandrich, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel

Fellowship service for April

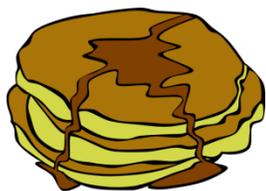
4-02-2017 Ella Fandrich, Jay & Karen Seibel, Bill & Kris Keller

4-09-2017 LaRue Schwarz, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Jim & Chris Alt

4-16-2017 NO Fellowship

4-23-2017 Darrin & Leeta Olin, Elsie Wiedenmeyer, Shane & Amy Haugen

4-30-2017 Mike & Kendra Finck, David & Stephanie Hottman, Marie Kemmet



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Saturday April 8, 2017 @ 7:00am.

(date change due to Easter weekend)



Lenten Schedule:

Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14 @ 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 16 @ 6:00am

Easter 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...

If you are doing some spring cleaning - check for books or videos from our church library & please return them. Thank you. Happy Spring!
Thank you, Bonnie & Deb



Threads of Love Quilters

Meet on Wednesdays at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to join! They are asking for donations of full size or larger bed sheets in good condition.



Sunday School Corner

As Lent continues we hope that all families are enjoying the Lenten Devotional. The kids had a fun and busy day creating them.

Once again we would like to remind everyone of Sunday School 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!

As the Easter Event approaches we will be looking for donations. Items needed are candy and small Easter items (erasers, spinning tops, and plastic jumping frogs, etc.) to fill the eggs for the Easter egg hunt. The children will also be decorating cookies. Sprinkles, colored sugar, and other cookie decorating items will be needed as well as frosting. The Event will also need a few adult and Junior and Senior High school ages kids to help that day. A detailed list of items and help needed as well as a box for candy donation will be placed in the back of the church soon. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Cheri Sperry.

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.

Vacation Bible School dates have been announced!!!! VBS at Prince of Peace will be from June 11th-June 17th. Mark your calendars, call up the grandkids, cousins and neighbors and get ready for a rocking, faith based week of games, food and most importantly, JESUS!

Upcoming Events

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

June 11-17: **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



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.

It seems like a long time since there has been any real news from WMF... Although we always have the Good News of Jesus Christ being shared by the many missionaries that are willing to give their lives to fulfill this calling. Praise the Lord!

The WMF board got together recently to see what's been happening and what needs to happen. In January we did have a retreat in which we looked at God's word for the boundaries that he establishes in His word for each one of us. These boundaries are not only for our protection but also to help us live out His will for us in our lives.

We had a "lazy" spring fundraiser for our Missionary Jonni Sliver and The Miriam Children's Home in Brazil. Thank you everyone for your offerings. We collected \$1264.00! Jonnie asked for some items the children (infant-teenage) that are staying in the home could use: children's used clothes and shoes and towels (the items should be in used, but good condition). There will be an opportunity to bring your donated items on April 3 Coffee House night.

WMF Bible Study will be March 20, at 10:30 and 6:30. We are on Lesson 3.

We have scheduled a WMF Coffee House gathering for Monday, April 3, at 7:00pm.

We will meet in the library and discuss some of the books and movies that are available for reading and viewing: what are some of the recommendations and cautions we should know. It is always fun to share what I've been reading and watching and hearing what else is out there. Of course we will have our specialty coffees and sodas; food and fellowship; and it won't get dark too early. Maybe we will have spring???

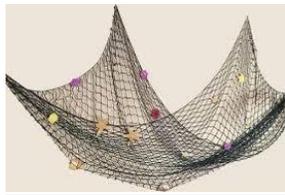
The board recommends that the offering that evening be earmarked for the Net in Naknek, Alaska. Our church will have a member living and working up there through this summer, Lacey Wenning. Lacy will be asking for donations "To fill the NET" – monetary donations only please (because shipping costs are so high). The money will be used to purchase the items on the registry for the Alaska Missions (using free shipping options). She will be speaking to the congregation March 26 about her plans for the summer.

Mother's Day is right around the corner. Who will step up and plan an event for the women and girls of our congregation. It can be a morning, afternoon or evening event. You pick the day and time. The kitchen and fellowship hall are used for the Community Meal the till about 1:30 on the 2nd Saturday of May. But otherwise it's up to you.

The Spring WMF District Rally will be held in Tioga on Sat, April 29th. Jonathan and Tamba Abel will be the speakers.

"Rose from Brier" by Amy Carmichael is a book that I am trying to read. It was first published in 1933. Amy wrote this book for the ill. "She had discovered during her

twenty years of illness that most things written for the ill were written by the well, and therefore ineffective if not downright irritating.” It’s not easy to read. But I will finish it someday. Miss Carmichael wrote that while she was in extreme pain and unable to attend a function that she had been really looking forward to going to she was upset. She couldn’t do anything...not even pray. “But I can read, she wrote, and I opened on Psalm 109. It says ‘Do thou for me, O God the Lord’... And the prayer, so simple, so easy for a tired heart, had a delivering power.” This spoke to me, Judy. Sometimes I feel like I can’t do anything...”Do thou for me”... I can pray that. So I got out my Bible and read Psalm 109. Oh, my goodness. David was having a bad day, but he could talk to the Lord. And so can we. “Do thou for me”.



FILL THE NET

Lacey Wenning will be going to Alaska for the summer to work with our AFLC missionaries there. Lacey is asking that you pray for her, for the missionaries/other workers there, and for the hearts they will be serving. She is collecting monetary donations to “fill the net” with the items from their Alaska registry. Shipping is terribly expensive, so she is collecting money to be used to purchase the items and have them shipped as a unit to “The NET”. There is a display and collection site at the back of the sanctuary.

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 April 9, 23, & 30 and May 14, 21 & 28. 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

02-26	-	165
03-01	-	66 Ash Wed.
03-05	-	173
03-08	-	65 Lent
03-12	-	139
03-15	-	55 Lent
03-19	-	150 No Sunday School



April Birthdays!!!

Braelyn Hottman	4/1
Elijah Barbot	4/2
Amanda Riegel	4/4
Bien Lananee	4/5
Judy Tolosky	4/6
Bonnie Bauer	4/7
Kelsey Haugen	4/8
Garrett Placke	4/8
Scarlett Schmit	4/8
Larry Behm	4/9
Viola Martin	4/11
Fred Bieri	4/12
Marge Murray	4/13
Sophia Saylor	4/13
Peyton Funk	4/14
Aric Ulland	4/14
Jane Gunsch	4/15
Kelsey Renner	4/15
Jennifer Neuberger	4/16
Randy Zimmerman	4/16
Lynda Doe	4/18
Kenneth Foth	4/18
Samantha Ritter	4/18
Glenn Sasse	4/18
Dustin Buchmann	4/19
Jyzelle Mohl	4/19
Micaiah Langness	4/21
Gerald Felch	4/22
Rusty Plienis	4/24
Joseph Barbot	4/25
Michael Feist	4/26
Vern Pederson	4/26
Marvin Bauer	4/27
Les Buchmann	4/27
Pamela Raile	4/27
Aneica Behm	4/28
Reaiah Langness	4/28
Michael Schmit	4/28
Lillian Hamby	4/29
Tia Horning	4/29
Deb Creel	4/30
Danielle Renner	4/30
Elsie Wiedenmeyer	4/30



Come Lord Jesus

Jordan Langness

"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him" –Hebrews 9:27-28

He is Risen...but why? The simple answer to that is because Jesus died. Now, I know there is a lot more theological truth behind this reality that we are not going to get into in this article, but for now I want us to focus on the fact that Jesus rose from the dead because He had died.

Death is something that each one of us will face. There are those in our midst that think that this is an impossibility, at least for another several decades, while others may be feeling like they are ready to go home. In either case, our future is set...we are appointed to die. There is no escape other than divine intervention, and that has only been recorded two times.

So too did Jesus die; but His death was different. In this passage of Hebrews, we come face to face with our fate as well as God's amazing work in action. Verse 28 reveals to us the why behind the death of Christ. There in plain black and white text, we read that Jesus was offered once to bear the sins of many. My friends, this is astounding news for us. Jesus wasn't making a deposit against our sin to be revisited at a later time and He wasn't co-signing on a loan for us. Jesus was offered once; His work is complete. Praise the Lord!

Verse 28 continues to remind us readers that although Jesus' death was a one-time event, His presence is not. In fact, we are told explicitly that Jesus Christ is going to be returning. Note with me the

condition of His return, "so Christ...will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin..." Again we are reminded of the completed work on the cross. When Christ returns, there will be no reference to sin because sin has already been dealt with and paid for. Instead, Jesus is coming to fulfill our long anticipated salvation. No longer will we be spiritually battling between our new nature and our old nature; no longer will we have to fight against sin. Just like sin has been fully dealt with on the cross, Christ's return will fully deal with our salvation as well.

Such wonderful news is then the motivation for the final sentiment of verse 28. It is out of this reality that we become the people who eagerly await for Him...at least we hope to be. To be honest, and maybe this is just me, this seems to be a real struggle for us. Do we live our lives as if we are actually anticipating the arrival of our Christ? Do we actually look forward to being reunited with our King and finally being able to live our lives totally surrendered to our Lord? If so, why do our lives look so different from the commands He has given us to follow?

I know that there is still a lot to be done in my heart and soul, and while I am not content with where I am, I am not discouraged either. I find comfort in the fact that my forgiveness is assured through the blood of Jesus and that I am promised that His work will not end in me until I am complete. And while I live in the period of spiritual renovation, I ask the Lord to make the cry of my heart be the prayer "Come Lord Jesus"

Upcoming youth activities:

April 12th: Glow In The Dark Easter Egg Hunt

April 16th: Easter Breakfast

April 21-22: District Spring Retreat

Challenge!

Have you gotten your "ALIVE" bracelet yet? Do you know what it is about? We invite you to join together as a church, as small groups, as families, and as a community to take up this simple challenge. What is the challenge? It is simply to read one chapter of the book of John each day from March 27th through April 16th which is Easter. Pick up a bracelet to help remind you of your commitment and take a few for some friends or neighbors that you want to challenge as well. We even have some LIFE Books which are the Gospel of John (plus some other fun stuff) to hand out to those you challenge as well. This is such a simple way to put our feet behind our faith and what better way than by inviting others to journey through the Word of God with us? This year, will you take up the challenge? Read. Invite. Grow.



The Lutheran Ambassador

It is once again time to renew our subscriptions for the Lutheran Ambassador magazine published by the AFLC. This is a valuable tool to educate, encourage, and equip its readers for evangelism. Our group subscription rate is \$19 per year. Please renew your subscription or place a new subscription by leaving your name on Darcee's desk with a check for \$19 written to Prince of Peace.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

As we walk through this Lenten season together, I encourage all to participate in the Prince of Peace worship services on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, to hear the messages that Pastor Kent, Youth Pastor Jordan, and Pastor Tom will be sharing with us. We are so blessed to be constantly fed God's Word through these gifted men God has called into our ministry. Let's grow in faith together!

Please be in prayer for our country, our congregation, and our staff at Prince of Peace as well as their families. Be also in prayer for our council, and that we are all always led by the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to His call for His purpose and glory.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

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 also have a young lady from Immanuel Baptist who's applied to go with us. We are looking to put together a fund raiser in the near future.

Spring spiritual life meetings are coming up immediately after Easter. I'm working with Pastor Tom Brock as he prepares his series for us. It will be titled: *Battling our Temptations*. Sessions include: Pastor Tom's struggle with homosexual desires, Q & A, Overcoming Temptation, Encouragement is Crucial, Will You Be Accountable, and False Teaching in the Church.

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis on February 23rd-25th.

Pastor Jonathan Abel and his wife, Tamba, will be with us on April 30th. They are missionaries with the AFLC in Brazil who are home on furlough. He will preach at our service that morning, and share about his ministry during the Sunday School hour.

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: We have completed our study of Psalm 119 and have now moved on to a unit about Joy from the book of Philippians.

Youth Group: We concluded our study on God's order for the state and have now been taking a break during lent to encourage attendance of these services...and so I can preach occasionally.

Relational Ministry: Our Board Game Bonanza event had low attendance, but I was able to focus my time on the two students that showed up for that. Individual student meetings have not been coming together in the past weeks as intended (last minute conflicts or scheduling problems).

Other Ministry: I have been involved with local ministerial things, planning our district spring retreat, community Boundaries program, assisting in the planning for this year's senior citizens banquet, preparing for and preaching for a Lenten service, website updating, meeting with a student through the High School counseling office, and assisting with funeral needs.

Upcoming Plans: Skate night, Campus Days, Glow in the dark Easter Egg hunt, Easter Breakfast, District Spring Retreat, Quick connect round two, and FLY

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 35,867.11
Building Fund	\$ 28,987.61
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 490.44
Community Meal Fund	\$ 1,126.39
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 75.00
Intern Fund	\$ 26,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 100,032.41

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 187,566.72

Deacon's Report – David Hottman

Creation Ministries International has confirmed dates with us for October 22-25th. The speaker will be Dr. Carter. If you're interested in learning more about their ministry, visit www.creation.com They do desire to speak at a different church on town on Sunday night, but to have all other times here at POP. They want to gain as much exposure as possible.

We began our Lent services on Wednesday. Jordan and Pastor Kent will each preach one week at Golden Valley/Dodge.

We also discussed that when we get closer to the end of Lent, to read the whole Gospel of John, to end the Lenten season. This could also include watching video series titled "Gospel of John" which Sherwin would be able to let us use and we could

do this on 2 Sunday evenings or whatever would work out the best.

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

Finish up electrical work on bell remote. This work will be done with the light installation in the new storage area(s) soon.

Handicap door opener still needs some calibration. Jim will study the installation instructions, and perhaps get the calibrations set properly. There is a service co in Bismarck that can do this type of calibration if the trustees cannot figure this out.

Need to update the list if money counters and make sure there is a head money counter on each team. Trustees will need to move their parts, tools, etc to the upstairs area. This will be done after the floor painting is done.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klauadt

VBS (summer team and dates) - Have not received confirmation on which dates. The theme is Mighty Fortress.

Quiet bags & Nursery toy cleaning - Kids seem to be enjoying the new toys. Kelsey is scheduled for Feb & Michelle for March.

Easter activities - Cheri Sperry would like to plan an egg hunt and activities again this year. Angie will check the calendar for a good date and let Cheri know.

OLD BUSINESS

POP Custodian Search – We will be offering the job to Sandy Goetz who would be interested in it for a couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Medical Equipment - Dave Hottman will be checking on prices of BP cuffs and stethoscope, along with scissors, bandages and assortment of things needed along with the possibility of getting oxygen.

Request to Use Church – Approved a request for a Non-Members 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 1, 2017

Poster/Paper Hanging Hardware for Sunday School Rooms – We will purchase a Wall/ Poster Hanging System for 8 Sunday School rooms.

Tithe – Our Tithe of \$2,543.09 will be sent to the ARC Fund.

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