

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

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Pastor Kent

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
(Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV)

October 31st of this year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was 500 years ago, on this day, that Martin Luther nailed his 95 *Theses* to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. He did so to open up debate on some abuses that were taking place within the Catholic Church.

One of the main abuses he protested was the selling of indulgences. It was taught that, because of the faithfulness of the apostles and the saints, there was a storehouse of grace available to the people. And they were able to access this grace through the purchase of an indulgence.

The people paid money to receive an indulgence for themselves or for a loved one. And,

in this way, it was taught that their time in purgatory would be lessened. A particular phrase, circulating at the time, provoked Luther. It said: "When the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs."

As we read this today, it sounds like an interesting tidbit from history. However, it hardly seems applicable to us today. After all, most of us realize that the concept of purgatory is not found in the Bible. We're also very familiar with the teaching of Scripture, seen above, which assures us that salvation is a free gift, a gift of grace, given to us by God.

We are not saved by the things that we do. And this is true not only of us. It's true also of the apostles. This tells us that there is no storehouse of grace earned by them or by anyone that is available to us.

It also tells us that grace cannot be purchased. The only grace that is available to us is that which is received through faith in Christ. It is a gift of God, given to us. And, for this reason, we have no cause to boast in ourselves.

However, even though most of us possess this knowledge, we are often guilty of the same abuse protested by Luther. Even if we can explain the gospel accurately, we continue to think that we'll be saved by our own actions. We tend to think that God's grace is available to us by the things we do.

We sometimes think that we'll be saved by the actions of others. Perhaps we realize that our actions are not enough. But we look to our parents, who were godly examples and who did all that they could to raise us in faith. We look to our grandmother, who's prayed for us from the day we were born. And we think that, because of their faith, because of their efforts to pass the faith on to us, we'll be saved.

We must understand, from the Word of God, that no one is good. We must understand that no one will be saved because of the things they have done. And, in the same way, we must understand that the efforts of others are unable to accomplish our salvation.

Salvation is found in Christ alone. We receive his salvation through grace alone. And we receive his grace through faith alone.

POP New Member Class

Our fall New Member classes will be held at 6:00pm October 1st and 8th for those coming from a non-Lutheran background and the last class on October 15 for everyone. New Member Sunday will be held October 22. Please contact Pastor Kent if you are interested in church membership.



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, October 23 @ 7:00am. We are studying the life of Abraham. Join us!



Community Meal

October Community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, October 14 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event, contact Bev Sorensen. Our Community meal team is wondering if anyone has Thrivent Community Action cards/funds that they would like to apply to the Community meal. They are also always looking for available helping hands. Please contact the office and I will get you in touch!



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.

Ushers for October

10-1-2017 Mark Gerde, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, and Walter Wagner
10-8-2017 Brad & Teresa Klipfel, Eugene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl
10-15-2017 Marvin & Janice Sigman, Keller family, Torie and Tia Horning
10-22-2017 Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klautdt family
10-29-2017 Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemmer, Marlene Beuhner, Dean Fandrich, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel

Fellowship service for October

10-1-2017 Lynell Renner, Vern & Karla Boehm, Shane & Amy Haugen
10-8-2017 Lillian Boeshans, Joe & Nancy Wright, Jim & Darcee Wenning
10-15-2017 LaRue Schwarz, Willis & Deb Kasanke, Randy & Beth Zimmerman
10-22-2017 Bill & Nancy Swanson, Sodie Peabody, Bill, Kris & Brooklyn Keller
10-29-2017 Klautdt family, Martin family, Marlene Beuhner



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.*

Yes it is October! Autumn is upon us. Fall colors abound, fields are harvested, grain is stored, school sessions are well underway... "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." God is in control!

Upcoming events in October

October 7: Steer Women's Luncheon in Bismarck. Speaker Barbara Rainey

October 14: WMF Fall Rally Culbertson, MT. Margie Lee is driving if anyone wants to carpool.

October 16: WMF Bible Study 10:30am and 6:30pm, Lesson 9/Evangelistic Acts

We had a fun WMF Coffee House Gathering on September 11. It's good to talk about God's blessings. We are reminded that in the midst of personal sadness or trials or just being too busy God is blessing us. But we need to take time to look for the blessings. Thanks for the beautiful devotion, Nancy. We were blessed. My eggnog latte was delicious! Thank to everyone for the good treats.

We were so informal but we did take care of some business. Many items were brought for the Schierkolk's missionary box and tonight's offering will be used to buy an Amazon gift card for them as well.

For a November WMF project, we will be serving the Community Meal and giving our faithful workers a month off. That would be November 11th. Preparation would be done on the day before; November 10th. We would love YOUR help!

We are looking for individuals to run for these offices for the WMF board: Vice President,

Treasurer, and Mission Secretary. Elections will be at our December WMF Coffee House gathering.

We also talked about a mission fund raiser to be held in February or March. How about a virtual rummage sale? Coffee and Pie Shop... Lunch with the Youth... Bake sale... Keep thinking!!!

The kitchen needs a few items and there is plenty of money in the kitchen furnishing fund: griddles for pancakes and water pitchers. This will be done.

That's all for now.

In His service,

Judy Tolosky 873-2131 or 870-2131



Library news...

October library news: Check out what our library has to offer. We have lots of movies and great books! Check you stacks at home to see if you have things that need to be returned.

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 October 22, & 29 and November 5, 12, 19, & 26. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

October Birthdays!!!

Rayney Klipfel	10/1
Dara Reinhardt	10/1
Paula Duppong	10/2
Eli Placke	10/2
Steve Goetz	10/3
Jan Gunsch	10/3
Heather Schmit	10/4
Ethan Johnson	10/5
Michael Finck	10/7
Taylor Funk	10/7
Shane Haugen	10/8
Roger Rosaaen	10/8
Brittney Seibel	10/9
Art Flemmer	10/10
Charles Mattheis	10/11
Gertie Retzer	10/11
Mason Mattheis	10/12
Michelle Schmit	10/15
Jessica Schmit	10/16
Noah Iverson	10/17
Eva Murphy	10/17
Donna Bieri	10/19
Wayne Hoffner	10/21
Ella Fandrich	10/23
Michele Klein	10/24
Zachary Pederson	10/24
Aria Doe	10/25
McCoy Mohl	10/29
Nancy Wright	10/29
David Schumaier	10/30
Sue Bauer	10/31
Marlene Sasse	10/31

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.

Worship Attendance

08-06	-	138
08-13	-	153
08-20	-	118
08-27	-	152
09-03	-	129
09-10	-	178
09-17	-	209



Sunday School Corner

We have now had two amazing days of Sunday School! It has been great to see the wonderful group of kids that attend Prince of Peace back in the groove of the school year. Our numbers of kids age Preschool to Second is impressive and if anyone ever has the desire to help-out in those classrooms please let Angie Wanzek know.

We realize that Sunday School has just started but Christmas will be here before we know it.

Practicing for the Christmas program will soon be under way. Please mark your calendars for the Christmas program that will be Sunday, December 17th during the worship service.

As we do every year, Prince of Peace will once again be holding an Operation Christmas Child packing event. The packing day is November 5th at 10:30. This event is for the whole church, not just Sunday School age children. In fact, our Sunday School students would not be able to pack without the help of adults within our church. In addition to helping pack we also need items. Below you find a list of what we are looking for. Please help if you can. On another note about OCC, we will not be accepting donations of shoe boxes. We are planning on using OCC boxes that are provided. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

September 10th-School Supplies

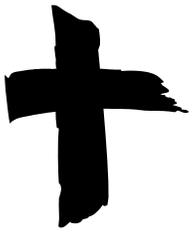
September 17th-Small Stuff Animals and Dolls

September 24th-Hygeine Items-toothbrushes, bar soap, floss and wash clothes

October 1st-Hair care items-brushes, combs, barrettes, headbands

October 8th-Hats, mittens, and socks

October 15th-Toys, yo-yos, balls, marbles, etc.



Youth

He Will Make It Happen

Jordan Langness

“But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am a youth,” because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them for I am with you to deliver you,’ declares the Lord.” –Jeremiah 1:7-8

The Lord called Jeremiah when he was vulnerable. A fairly young man, most likely less than 20 years old, getting this word of the Lord that he was uniquely made by God, known by God, and given a mission from God. What an intimidating moment. I think we all can think of times when we have been given a task that we did not feel prepared for, qualified to do, or mature enough to handle. And yet, when Jeremiah raises his concerns, the Lord’s response is essentially, “Don’t worry, I got this.”

A quick glance back to the cited passage at the beginning of this article will show that God first takes away Jeremiah’s excuse. This is formative. For many of us, when we encounter a challenge from God or others that God is using to prompt us, one of our first reflexes is to come up with an excuse to try to validate our negligence. Why have you not been in church? “Well, I have been really tired lately, I worked late, the game was on.” Why don’t you teach Sunday School? “I don’t know enough, kids scare me, the game is on at that time, I need to get my shopping done.” Why don’t you talk to your neighbors about Jesus? “I feel like they will think I am weird, I never see them, I think they are weird.” Can you see it? The excuses come quick and easy. What excuses is Jesus revealing that you have been making?

Next, the Lord promises Jeremiah to take care of the placement. We worry sometimes about being in the right place, how to find God’s will, and so forth.

These are noble things to pursue, but here we see that for those that are genuinely pursuing God’s leading in these areas, He will make it happen. “Everywhere I send you, you shall go.” What a neat promise! Paired with this is God’s promise to provide the message as well when He says, “all that I command you, you shall speak.” You may not be called to be the pastor, but that doesn’t mean that you are not called to share a message. What has Christ been putting on your heart?

Finally, we are promised that as we find ourselves in the place that God has called us, we are there not by ourselves, despite how lonely it may feel. Instead, we are there with the presence of the Lord Himself who promises to deliver us.

Jeremiah was called but had fears and in response the Lord basically reassures him that He has the details worked out. Are we walking our day to day lives with this assurance of God’s control? Do we see His purpose and plans that He has laid before us and is equipping us to address? How are you serving Christ at your job, in your neighborhood, in your home, or in your congregation? He has called you to something...and a part of the adventure is finding what that thing is!

Upcoming youth activities:

October 5: MMWars during MSBS (Early Release)

October 7: Tentative Pheasant Hunt

October 20-22: AFLBS Fall Campus Days

October 27-28: District Men’s Retreat

Here I stand

WMF District Fall Rally

Saturday, Oct 14 2017

Bethel Community Church

Culbertson MT

10:00am MT

The 5 Solas of the Protestant Reformation

AFLC District Fall Men’s Retreat

October 27-28

Upper Missouri Ministries

Bible Camp – Epping, ND 6:00pm – 3:00pm

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.

Conducted a service at Senior Suites in Hazen.

Administered communion at KRCC.

Attended meetings for the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis.

Attended the AFLC Pastor's Conference at the Association Retreat Center.

Men's breakfast and study will resume on September 23rd. Our study for the year is titled, "Our Father Abraham." It will look at the example of faith found in Abraham and what we can learn from his life

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Sunday School: We had our first class this past Sunday and I am excited for the group of students that I have this year. We had some good questions and insightful conversation as we talked about all of the kings of Israel and Judah. Plus, they laughed at my jokes which is either a good sign or a very scary omen.

Middle School: We started quite small this last week but I think there are still some students that were not aware that we had started yet. I continue to have a good team around me to help with the leading and teaching. They are a great blessing to me and the students. We are starting this year off with some deep stuff as we cover the spiritual realm, demons, Satan, Spiritual warfare, and the victory we have in Christ.

Youth Group: This year, we started by covering a section on Doctrine from Francis Chan (available on Rightnow media) and the work to have wireless access in the warehouse has been successful which is really helpful in utilizing this resource. The topics have been fairly generic so far (First session was on the Bible and this week's lesson covered the Trinity) but I feel like it is good foundational basics that we need to keep coming back to regularly at any age.

Other Ministry: This past month I worked on helping with the community youth services by organizing and speaking at the event, FLY Beyond 2018 planning, Youth Board responsibilities, and ministerial partnership. Another area of serving this past month was preaching at Immanuel Baptist Church a few more times while Aron recovered from his heart attack. In addition to these items, much time was invested in making sure everything was ready for our mobile pack. That event was another success and I look forward to hearing our final numbers as far as donations and where the food is going to end up.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 46,418.57
Building Fund	\$ 40,142.15
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 563.80
Community Meal Fund	\$ 719.05
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 87.00
Intern Fund	\$ 32,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 128,543.00

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 180,998.77

Council voted to move \$15,000 from the General Fund to pay down the New Sanctuary Loan Balance.

John Mohl will try to get bids for furnace replacements which would come out of the building fund.

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Creation Ministries has let it be known that they will not be presenting at our Fall Spiritual Life Meetings. This was a surprise on such short notice. It seems they have started a policy of only presenting in a town when they can be in a different church each night. We are working on several other possible presenters; Faith Search, Lutherans for Life, Pastor Robert Lee on Luther, or Chery Geggelman on reaching out to others.

Don Buck has been reviewing the Disciple Maker program to see if it could be used at Prince of Peace.

There is some interest in forming a youth worship team. Possibly for the months with a fifth Sunday.

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

Working on Projector moving project for youth area

Trustee supplies moved upstairs

Discussed up-dating rooftop furnaces and more LED lighting to replace the fluorescent 4 lights as possible energy savers.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School - We are still looking for 6 more teachers. Teacher orientation will be Sept 5 @ 5:30 pm. Opening will be broken up between Rebecah and Twyla Barbot. Traditional opening with Rebecah will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Twyla will do a more music centered opening on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Twyla will be showing videos and singing more worship songs. She would like to start a Junior High and High School choir. We thought they could plan on performing the fifth Sunday of the month. Angie will get carpet squares for the Preschool room.

Trunk or Treat - We will not be having Trunk or Treat. There are several churches that are doing this and we have been having trouble getting volunteers. Instead we will focus more on the Easter Egg event. There are no other churches in the area doing something for Easter and our turn outs for this have been increasing.

OCC - Kelsey will be heading up this event.

Mission offering - Our SS offering on Mission Sundays for entire year will go to John & Hannah Lee who are going to Asia.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Vacuum Cleaners – Del Schnaidt took our 2 vacuum cleaners to J & R Vac for repair estimates. One of the vacuums could be repaired for \$85. The second vacuum was \$435 to repair and a new commercial vacuum would be around \$600. Council voted to repair the vacuum for \$85 and purchase a new second one.

Tithe – Our Tithe was split: \$2,000.00 to AFLC Parish Ed and \$341.22 to AFLC Hurricane Relief Fund.

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