



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

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Pastor Kent

"Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?"
(Ezekiel 18:23 ESV)

January is a month that has been recognized as Sanctity of Life Month. The 21st of January will be Sanctity of Life Sunday. It's a time to remember that, because it was created by God, all human life is sacred.

Our focus, during this time of year, is typically on abortion. And it's needless to say that this practice is a terrible evil. However, the scope of this remembrance goes much further. It speaks to issues such as euthanasia, physician assisted suicide, invitro fertilization, living wills, contraception, and more.

One of the primary things we must remember, when it comes to life issues, is that God is the giver of life. Life flows from him. And life has value because of him.

We remember from the creation account that God formed man and breathed into him the breath of life. We're told also, in John 1, that life is in the Word, that it's in Jesus. And we find in Scripture that, not only did God provide for us life in this world. He's also provided for us eternal life. Through Jesus he's enabled us to live not only for eighty, ninety, or even one hundred years. He's enabled us to live forever.

Even though he is just, even though he issued the punishment of death upon man in response to our sin, and even though he's decreed the punishment of hell for those who do not receive salvation, he doesn't take pleasure in this. He is not a sadistic God who celebrates as the wicked receive their due. As we see in the above passage, it's his desire that the wicked should turn from his way and live.

It's God's desire that all should live. It's his desire that all should live forever. And, for this reason, he's made eternal life available for everyone. Jesus' death served as the atoning sacrifice for the lives of not only a few, but for all.

This great blessing is available to all people through faith in him. By trusting in Jesus, by trusting in his sacrifice, we're enabled to receive salvation. And we are called to take this message to the world around us.

Seeing that God desires life for all, we should share this desire. We should desire that people would gratefully receive the blessing of life in this world, and that it would not be denied them. And we should also desire that all people will receive the blessing of eternal life. It should be our desire that, through faith in Jesus, they will receive salvation from sin and death.



Library news...

December library news: Lots of new books in our Church library – stop and check them out! (Literally – check them out.)



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 January

1-7-2018: Marvin Bauer*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Garret Placke, Vern Boehm

1-14-2018: Robin Richter*, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei

1-21-2018: Marvin* & Janice Sigman, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis

1-28-2018: Jim Wenning*, Anna Wenning, Blake Martin, Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer

Fellowship service for January

1-7-2018: Sodie Peabody, Shane & Amy Haugen, Jason & Heidi Ulland

1-14-2018: Marlene Buehner, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Wes & Jane Gunsch

1-21-2018: Ella Fandrich, Jay & Karen Seibel, Les & Joette Buchman

1-28-2018: Lillian Boeshans, Mildred Hanks, Scott & Heather Funk



Community Meal

January Community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, January 13 from 11am to 1pm. Please join us for the meal or stop in to help!

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.



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 NEW YEAR!!! Crazy how quickly the last year flew! Good thing God is in control and has things working for the good to those who love God and have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

We completed our 2017 WMF Bible Study at the Coffee House Gathering on December 11. We had a small group, but when only two or three are gathered in His name it's enough and we had six!!!

Besides finishing our last lesson in Ephesians we got some business done. Joan said the Community Meal went well in November. WMF volunteered to do the cooking and serving. Thank you all who helped.

We have some new officers: **Marj Murray** will be our **new treasurer**. Thank you for your stepping up Marj, and **thank you Elsie Wiedenmeyer** for the last four years of service! We have a new **Mission Secretary, Margie Lee**. Thank you for being willing to do this for the WMF and thank you for your four years on the board as vice president. **Thanks Darcee Wenning for keeping us updated on the missionaries in your role as mission secretary for the last four years.** We still need someone to fill in the vacated vice president position. It's an easy job I hear and so much fun to be a part of the board.

We will begin our new in **WMF Bible Study January on the 15th, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.** The new Bible Study will focus on hope as it says in Isaiah 40:23b (NIV), "Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed." **ON HIM WE SET OUR HOPE** is written by Joyce Erickson from Roseau, Minn.

WMF Coffee House will be held on Monday, January 22. We will meet in the Library and talk about books and movies and such. Our librarians will be invited to tell us what is new on our library shelves. Popcorn and Italian sodas and specialty coffees will be served.

Still hoping and praying for someone to step up and help plan our Mission Fundraiser in March.

We will be hosting the WMF District Spring Rally on April 21. More details to come closer to the date.

The annual AFLC Conference will be held in Dickenson June 12-15. Our WMF has been asked to help with supplying and prepping flowers that decorate a cross during the Memorial service for WMF members that have passed away this past year on WMF Day of the conference. More details to follow on this as well.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you in 2018!

Sincerely in His service,
Judy Tolosky (8702131)

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 January 7, 14, 21, & 28 and February 4, 11, & 25. 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?

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.

January Birthdays!!!

Nancy Hafner	1/1
Blair Wiedrich	1/1
Alec Babcock	1/4
Trytin Helfrich	1/4
Kendra Seibel	1/4
Anna Faut	1/5
Alyson Wiedrich	1/7
Kacey Klaudt	1/8
Amy Ferebee	1/10
Lynn Flemmer	1/10
Delton Schnaidt	1/13
Robert Hafner	1/14
Travis Horning	1/14
Mark Gerde	1/16
Alison Schaper	1/18
Taisha Bauer	1/19
Emily Alt	1/21
Nancy Felch	1/21
Erika Ochsner	1/23
Lona Moos	1/24
William Wanzek	1/24
Janice Rueb	1/25
Joan Schumaier	1/25
Katie Klipfel	1/26
Sandra Richter	1/26
Gina Feist	1/27
Gary Miller	1/30



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, January 20 @ 7:00am. We are studying the life of Abraham. Join us!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL
RESUME JANUARY 7TH!** 😊

Worship Attendance

11-19 -	166
11-19 -	38 Annual Meeting
11-22 -	60
11-26 -	159
12-03 -	187
12-11 -	203
12-17 -	206



Youth

Spurring You On

Jordan Langness

“And now let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds”
—Hebrews 10:24

Just the other day, Sarah, the kids and I were able to visit some friends one evening. We intended to just drop by for a short period of time, see how everyone was doing, and so on, but the visit ended up being a bit longer than was planned. Time seemed to fly by and the fellowship, although it was still fairly short, was very sweet. That night, as we were gathering things for supper together, we reflected on how we wished we had done visits like that more often. We maybe have held on to our schedule and routine a bit too tightly; it is a lesson that we needed to learn and will need to be reminded of again I am sure.

Hebrews 10:24 has an interesting word choice in the NIV...to “spur” one another on. This makes me think of the wild west imagery of the back of a cowboy boot...those things probably hurt! In this translation, it seems that we are to encourage this behavior in a very serious manner...it isn't just a kind word...but there is

force behind the encouragement. In the ESV, the imagery given is to consider how we can “stir up” one another. I don’t get the same western imagery in this translation (That isn’t the correct spelling of stirrup anyways) but it is still powerful. You can stir up a crowd into a frenzy...it is a building up of tension and intent. The NASB uses the word “stimulate” for how we are to encourage one another...but the end result in all these translations is the same... love and good works.

Given my recent experience in regretting what was not done while I still had the chance to do it here and the passage to encourage each other on to love and good deeds, consider this my spurring, stimulating, and stirring up. But before I get into some of the items on what we can do, I want to acknowledge the many things that are being done. It has been a great blessing to see the way that this congregation has stepped into several ministries like the community meals, quilting, and the mobile packs. There is a lot that is happening here that isn’t seen on Sunday morning including Bible studies and different growth opportunities. There is genuine life here as well as a heart for service...which are both great!

While these elements do exist, I am still left to wonder is this the best we can do? Now, this is in no way an attempt to minimize the good things that are already here, but simply something to spur us on, to encourage us to evaluate our impact in very significant areas.

First and foremost, are we doing our best at loving the Lord Jesus Christ? This whole question must be started with the acknowledgment that each and every drop of our love for Him must also come from Him...so I am not trying to get us to work up some love for Him or expression of that love from our flesh...that doesn’t work. What I am saying is that are we doing everything for His glory? Are we truly giving Him our best? Are we putting our best effort into the worship service...are we making our best effort to come to Bible studies, corporate prayer times, special meetings, and other opportunities for us to grow in our knowledge of and love for the Lord? Is our love for Jesus something

that we are known for in our community or does it take second place to something else?

Secondly, are we doing everything that we can do to love our neighbor? The biggest thing that we can do for them is pray for them and regularly give them opportunities to know Jesus. Are we doing these things? What about meeting the needs of people in our community? Again, there are things that are being done, and there are many people who are giving their all in these two categories...but there is also a lot to be done and many people who haven’t quite got their skin in the game yet. Consider the basket that we have set out for donating items for our local food bank at WARC. With a congregation of this size, we should be able to at the very least fill that basket every week (it is a small basket). Is it too much to think that a church our size can provide enough food to meet just one(at the least) hungry family’s needs? What about serving each other at church? There are many needs within our own congregation that exist...needs for someone to just sit and talk with to needs with yard work or house projects.

Third, what about our outflow? When Pastor Jim Rasmussen was here, he brought up the concept of spiritual constipation...where you keep being fed but you have no outlet. Constipation is not a good thing...and for another natural reference, consider the dead sea. The dead sea has fresh water flowing into it, but since it has no outlet, there is no life. We don’t think about how this can be a danger for us spiritually, but it truly can. What is your outflow...how are you serving and sharing the Gospel. I am giving this challenge specifically to all of my students. Guys, you are living in a time where it is assumed that you are there to consume information and grow...but you are also called on to give. How are you serving Jesus...where are you sharing what you have been learning about Jesus? What avenues have yet to be explored? Could you start a Bible study at school...a small group with your friends, help lead a group that is already existing or helping out with younger Sunday School students here? There are so many ways for you to share!

I know that we will not solve all of the world's problems ourselves...after all Jesus Himself said that we will always have the poor. I also don't want this to come across as a statement that proclaims that if we do these things we will go to heaven. We can never do enough for that. What I am saying though is that our lives are to be marked by the fruit of God's presence and work in us. We are to love one another in such a way that that love points people to Jesus. Not only that, but we are called to stir up the desire in one another to live lives of love and good deeds.

Thank you for the many ways that you have encouraged me to live in this way over the past nine years at Prince of Peace. You all will be greatly missed, but I look forward to the times when the Lord allows us to come back and hear about the love and good works that have been stirred up in your midst. Live in His peace, presence, and plan.

With love, Jordan Langness.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Delton Schnaidt

There are many ways we can help others in many situations. Sometimes, it could be by just being kind or being a good listener. Sometimes the help can come in some form of physical shape. According to the Bible (*Matthew 22*) the greatest commandment of all is to **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.”** And the second is like it: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

As we come into the Christmas season this year, let's all be especially conscious of others who are in need, and help them in some way. Let's humbly carry this act of service and love throughout all of next year. Make someone's day by sharing the love that Jesus shares with us.

Jesus is the reason for the season!
Have a Wonderful Christmas!
Del

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings, ministerial meeting, Christian Ed meeting, and deacon's meeting.

Facilitated a meeting between Journey Missions and those considering the Brazil mission trip.

Participated in our ministerial prayer meetings.

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

Our Wednesday night Bible study, looking at the book of Daniel, has concluded. Last night, we began a new study looking at Mormonism.

Led the study at our November men's breakfast, looking at the fact that Abraham was a man of peace, sacrificing his rights for the sake of peace. In the same way, we too are called to be men of peace.

Attended the District meeting in Minot.

Attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee from Nov. 30th-Dec. 2nd in Minneapolis

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Sunday School: Sunday school has concluded for the Semester. At this point, we are not exactly sure what is going to happen when it starts up in January concerning who is teaching the class, but whoever gets these kids is in for a treat. They are a wonderful bunch.

Middle School: Our studies have continued through looking at biblical examples of people who exhibit spectacular devotion and significant life lessons for following Jesus. We have looked at how Barnabas was an encouragement, John was willing to live as a weirdo for the sake of obedience, and Ruth displayed amazing devotion. We also had a service project for the local schools which was paired with a brief overview of many of the passages in the New Testament that direct us to love one another.

Youth Group: Our youth studies continue to go very well and I know that I am at least enjoying them. The feedback that I have received from the students has also been positive. There are two main people who have expressed willingness and interest in leading this group in the future: Chris Alt and Garrett Placke. Between the two of them, I know the group will be in good hands.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$	38,075.37
Building Fund	\$	43,001.54
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	50.33
Community Meal Fund	\$	531.51
Congr. Mission Trips	\$	87.00

Intern Fund	\$ 35,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 121,683.20
Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 156,532.61

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Pastor contacted Pastor Don Richman, an AFLC pastor who serves on the board of Lutherans for Life about doing some spiritual life meetings here in 2018. He is interested in doing so. However, he has not yet indicated if he prefers the spring or fall.

Youth Director Search – We have had several volunteers to serve on the call committee. The council will have to decide which names to put before the congregation, or to let the congregation narrow down the list down. Our national youth director, Jason Holt, said he'd get a list of recommendations to be by the end of the week.

Duties for 2018 Deacons were decided: Don will arrange service leader schedule, Riley will arrange usher schedule, Kevin will take minutes and report to council on Deacons Meetings, Garrett will work on getting services online live on Facebook or other media.

Trustee's Report – Randy Schneider

1. Les has fixed some cracks in the sheetrock.
2. The trustees will figure out where to best organize storage for the Christmas decorations in the upper area behind the altar.
3. The trustees will begin to get bids for replacing the roof top furnace units and placing them inside the church. The trustees plan to help with interior remodeling to facilitate the placement of the new furnaces and also plan to help with roof repair following the removal of the old furnaces.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School: Going well. 94 boxes were packed for OCC. We will consider being a drop off sight next year. Angie suggested having an OCC tree with tags as ideas for what to buy. The tree can be set up over the summer as a reminder for the congregation we are collecting for OCC. This year we didn't have enough to cover shipping.

Christmas Program - preschool & K will perform finger plays. 1 & 2 grade will stand as a living nativity scene and will come to microphone one at a time to read a line. We may need to use some 3-6 graders to fill in spots. 3-6 grade doing a shadow play. 1-6 will sing song medley.

Assign Duties - Michelle (2019) - chairman/council; Rebecah (2018) - secretary and SS supplies; Angie (2020) - SS and OCC; Kelsey (2019) - VBS and Easter event. We decided no teaching for Angie next year. Recruitment for teachers next year will be a group effort. SS takes a lot of work and we don't want Angie to get burned out. Angie will check with KRCC about visiting next spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Organist Pay – Council is looking at organist pay for Sunday services, prelude and evening services.

Valentines Banquet – Les & Joette Buchmann are heading up a Valentine's Banquet. More info to follow.

Christmas Gifts – Council voted to give gift cards to Pastor Kent, Darcee Wenning and Renee Mozga. Jordan will be given cash since he will be moving at the end of the month.

Jordan's Resignation – Jordan will have used up all his vacation days by December 27 or 28 (his intended departure date). We will pay him through the end of the month.

Tithe - \$2,000 will be given to AFLC All Ministries and \$455.34 to given to our Community Meal Fund.

Special Congregation Meeting December 17, 2017

Chairman Del Schnaidt called the meeting to order after the worship service ended. Del opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

Del explained that at the annual meeting there was a motion to form a committee of 3 to 5 people to for a Youth Director Search Team. Seven members have expressed interest being on this committee:

Garrett Placke
Jim Wenning
Karla Boehm
Donna Bieri
Michelle Klaudt
Cassie Plienis
Ashley Feist

Jay Seibel moved that we cast a unanimous ballot for all 7 people to be on the Youth Director Search

Team. Robin Richter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Del Schnaidt explained that a meeting will be scheduled in early January with the Search Team, Pastor Kent and himself to discuss the process. A chairperson will need to be selected at that time.

Del adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Deb Sayler
Council Secretary

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2018 Council positions

President	Delton Schnaidt (2018)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2018)
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2018)
Deacons	Don Buck (2018)
	Riley Schriefer (2019)
	Kevin Lee (2020)
	Garrett Sayler (2020)
Trustees	Bill Keller III (2018)
	Randy Schneider (2019)
	Joe Barbot (2019)
	Les Buchmann (2020)
Christian Education	Rebecah Martin (2018)
	Michelle Klaudt (2019)
	Kelsey Timmer (2019)
	Angie Wanzek (2020)

I will be glad to help you put the directory app on your smart phone if you are having trouble!
ALSO – if you have not submitted a family photo, or would like to update your family photo – Please just email the photo to me. It is so ez to take care of. I just need your help in getting the photo ☺

Please check out the directory to see if any of your family information needs to be updated and **you are welcome to send me an updated family photo!** The directory updates every time you open it on your device.

Hard copies of the directory will be available in January 2018 – just let me know in the office!