

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

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Pastor Kent

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ESV)

With the new year upon us, one of the things that we naturally consider is time. We often note how quickly the time passes. We note that, the older we get, the faster time seems to go. And, for this

reason, we are bent on managing our time well. We're consumed with controlling the time that we have.

The passage, above, is a familiar one for most of us. It's familiar because we often hear it read at funerals. It's often chosen because of its reference to death and a time to die. But, at the very least, we know this passage from the famous song by the Byrds, *Turn, Turn, Turn*.

The point of this passage, however, is something we need desperately to take to heart. It's something we tend to miss. But it's something we see clearly as we stop and consider the individual phrases being used.

There is a time to be born and a time to die. Yet, both of these times are outside of our control. We have no choice in the time of our birth. We have no choice in birth itself. And, in the same way, we have no control over death.

There is a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. But, again, both of these times are outside of our control. Farmers plant when the time is right, when the conditions are right. And they harvest when the proper time comes.

There is a time to kill and a time to heal. Now killing, of course, is not something we should desire. But there are times when it's necessary. Perhaps it's when we must engage in a just war. Perhaps it's when government authorities are punishing a doer of evil. Or perhaps it's when our home is violated and our loved ones are threatened. These circumstances are outside of our control, but they do come. And, in the same way, so do opportunities to heal.

We can go through these verses line by line and see the same truth. There are times and seasons of life that come upon us. And they are outside of our control. They are ordained, they are determined, by God alone.

We must recognize this fact. We must recognize that we can do nothing to alter the times and seasons. And, for this reason, we must stop fighting them.

We must recognize that the only thing we can do is act when it's appropriate. The only thing we can do is respond to the season in the appropriate way. We can plant when it's time to plant. We can mourn when it's time to mourn. We can keep silence when it's time to do so, and speak when it's appropriate.

Many of us struggle with our desire to control. But when we receive this Word, when we take it to heart, it's quite liberating. It's liberating as we recognize our limits, as we recognize and submit to the will of God, and act in the appropriate way at the appropriate time.



Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

Matthew 8:28-34 (ESV) 28

And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. 29 And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" 30 Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. 31 And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." 32 And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. 33 The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

It's funny how we react when we face the untamable nature of God. No one really wants to have two crazy demoniacs outside of their town, so the fact that Jesus healed them should have been cause for celebration in this town. Instead, they begged Jesus to depart from them. So it is, also, with the Gospel. It seems like it's very hard for people to change. Even when the problems they face are glaringly obvious to everyone and maybe even themselves, healing and changing behavior is very hard. The Gospel, though, is powerful enough to change lives. If God can raise your dead soul to eternal life, He can also, by His grace, help you fight your demons in this life. But sometimes, we see someone conquer their demons and their sins and we instinctively understand "that person will never be the same. That person won't live for themselves anymore, since the power of Christ has made them alive, they will certainly live for Christ and not themselves." And despite the incredible beauty of that, that scares us.

Most of the time, we don't want to see our pigs run into the lake and drown, even if that is the best way

to remove the idols from our lives. We are simply too scared to change... and that makes the loving power of God scary too. He offers us His life, but we instead cling terrified to own life, which is really our own death. We beg Jesus to go somewhere else. Well, do not fear the power of God anymore. The wrath of God was poured out on Christ, so that all who believe in Christ are free from the wrath of God. The power of God has no wrath towards them, only grace. So believe on Christ. Beg Him to dwell in your town and in your heart. Do not send or beg Him to leave your soul.

Kevin W. Hall
to God be all glory

Ushers for January

- 1-05-2020:** *Marvin Bauer, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Wanzek family
1-12-2020: *Robin Richter, Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei
1-19-2020: *Garrett Placke Seth Larson, Gary & Marj Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis
1-26-2020: *Jim Wenning, Anna Wenning, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Riley & Cheyenne Schriefer



Fellowship service for January

- 1-05-2020:** Sodie Peabody, Shane & Amy Haugen, Bill & Nancy Swanson
1-12-2020: Eric & Kelsey Timmer, Les & Joette Buchmann,
1-19-2020: Ella Fandrich, Jay & Karen Seibel, Tad & Gina Feist
1-26-2020: Kenny & Michele Klein & fam, Ron & Milda Frei, Jim & Chris Alt

2020 Winter Bible Conference



Saturday, January 11 2019
 8:15am - 2:30pm CT
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 200 19th ST NW Beulah ND
 701-873-5650
churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org

The Free Lutheran Bible Conference is coming to Prince of Peace! Come and join us for food, fellowship and fun as we watch the LiveCast together. This conference will equip us to better minister to all generations, to better minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ when they are suffering, and will teach us about how Jesus Christ ministered to us with His suffering and temptations. We will be serving both breakfast and lunch - please rsvp for those respectively. It will be cold outside, but the coffee and caramel rolls will be warm, so join us in the fellowship hall on January 11!

SCHEDULE

8:15am Breakfast
 8:50am Welcome and prayer
 9:10:30am Introduction to Intergenerational Discipleship w/ Dr. Ron Hunter
 10:30-10:45am break
 10:45-12:15pm The Temptations of Jesus by Pastor Gary Jorgenson
 12:15-1:00pm Lunch
 1:00-2:30pm The Problem of Pain and the Theology of the Cross w/ Dr. James Molstre

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP for breakfast and/or lunch to churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org by January 8.



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 5, 12, 19, & 26 and February 2, 9, 16, & 23. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



Would you like to help lead our hymns on third Sundays? It helps the rest of us sing hymns when we have a leader 😊 Please let me know in the office and we will get you signed up!

Library news...

Snuggle up with a good book and a hot cup of tea. We have lots of new books on the end cap and so much great stuff on the shelves.



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! I can hardly believe it is the year 2020. God is so good! He keeps on giving more time for everyone to hear the gospel and more to come to a saving relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. Praise the Lord!

On January 20, we will begin the new 2020 Bible study, *Don't Follow Your Feelings* by Linda Korhonen. We will meet the usual times of 10:30 am and 6:30 pm on that third Monday of January. We have 22 women signed up to get the study book and are ordering 5 extra. So if you forgot to sign up in advance, no problem. And we can always order more.

We had a small turnout for our final WMF Bible study on December 9. Besides the weather being blustery and snowy, and the high school and middle school were having their Christmas concert. But just the right people ventured out to the WMF Coffee House gathering. Of course we had our usual specialty coffees and Italian sodas. And lots of other goodies.

We talked a little business:

1. We have been operating without a president, but managed to plan and execute the things that we needed to do this past year. Things get discussed on Wednesdays at 10:30 at the DQ and we text and e-mail stuff that may concern the WMF.
2. The offering for the night went into our own POPLC WMF general fund.
3. The officers that we have on board are willing to keep on keeping on.

4. We got a new coffee pot for the kitchen that Milda purchased with a Thrivent Card. An old coffee pot had bit the dust and others were unreliable. We have a couple of handy men who will keep the old one for parts and cleaned out the parts that were causing unreliability on the others. We have also updated the recipe for making the coffee for Sunday fellowship and other events. It is posted in the kitchen by the coffee pots.

5. National WMF had sent out some forms to the local WMF groups to find out what is happening in the districts and local congregations. We discussed some of the projects and activities that happen here at POPLC. Margie will take a look at that and send in the info.

6. This past year Lynell has sent out 23 birthday cards for Cradle Roll children.

7. We finished up the evening with more snacks and a look at Mary, Jesus's mother. She had a servant heart for God and she was willing to accept whatever God gave her to do. She knew God's word in her heart and she kept God's word in obedience to His call. Are we ready to do whatever God calls us to do?

Looking forward to seeing you at Bible study in January and lots of other times, too, I hope.

God Bless you in 2020!
Judy Tolosky

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, on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings and live on our facebook page.

Worship Attendance

11-24 - 177
11-27 - 74 Thanksgiving Eve
12-01 - 115
12-08 - 188
12-15 - 204
12-22 - 207
12-24 - 278 Christmas Eve
12-29 - 131



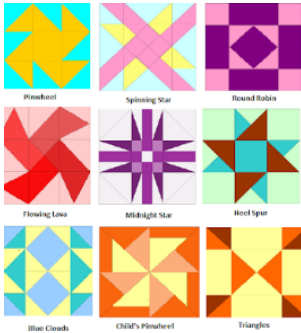
Sunday School Corner

Happy New Year! We had our Christmas program last weekend and the kids spent a lot of time preparing and I am so thankful for all of the kids, parents, teachers and volunteers that helped make it a success! "God Be Praised!" were the words Franz told Joseph when he read the words he had written for the song Silent Night. And the 3-5 grade class reading concluded with .. we will find that the Bible was true in the end! Two wonderful messages and promises to ponder this holiday season.

A highlight for the kids of course was getting their DQ gift cards. We handed out 41 cards for perfect attendance or memory work. Keep up the great work parents and kids! We will start over again in January and each child will have the opportunity to earn 2 more cards again. If your child does miss more than 2 times there is a Sunday that is considered an alternative Sunday which allows them to make up a missed Sunday. Also it is possible to earn the memory work gift cards even if they don't earn the attendance card by learning the verse for the week they missed and reciting it to their teacher.

We will be working on some new songs to sing for church which I have scheduled for Feb 5th and we are in the process of learning the 10 commandments with the goal of reciting them before the end of the SS year. SS will resume weekly starting January 5.

In His hands,
Donna Bieri



Ladies of the church,
Please join **Threads of Love** for quilting.
We meet on
Wednesdays from 9-1. If you have old sheets – we can use

them. If you have a Thrivent Action team card and would like to use it – we would love your contribution. We need someone who can sew around the quilts!!! If you have any question, call LaRue Schwarz 748-216.



A polite reminder - those who use the kitchen are responsible for washing the dishcloths and towels and returning them to the drawers! (this includes **fellowship and potlucks!**)



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



Youth

Don't be Anxious

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

Matthew 6:25

Recently, I have been reading a lot about the sermon on the mount and the words that Jesus spoke during them. If you don't know the sermon on the mount can be found in the book of Matthew taking up all of chapters 5, 6, and 7. In it you can find the beatitudes, the golden rule, and... an important lesson on anxiety.

In this sermon, Jesus tells us not to be anxious. He says that the birds don't sow or reap and yet the Father takes care of them, and if God does this, how much more does He love us and want to take care of us? I think the most important part of this is how Jesus goes about talking about how to cure anxiety

He reminds us that He loves us more than any other part of creation and we are most valuable to Him. But then, in verse 27, He reminds us what anxiety brings. Jesus says, “And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?” This is our reminder that stress **can** be good and it can bring about energy and change, but anxiety on the other hand is always unhealthy. Not only can it not change what is happening (“can it add a single hour to our lives”) but it also can take away from our lives. By engaging in an activity that does not enrich our lives (anxiety) we are

taking away from the blessing that God has shown us and the knowledge that He will always take care of us and enrich our lives if we allow Him to.

Youth Director

Seth Larson

January 2nd- First day of Middle School Youth group

January 8th- First day of High School Youth Group

January 9th- FCA at the High School

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
Clancy Bauman	1/9
Lynn Flemmer	1/10
Delton Schnaidt	1/13
Robert Hafner	1/14
Travis Horning	1/14
Emersen Olsen	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

2020 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2019)
Secretary	Deb Saylor (2019)
Deacons	Garrett Saylor (2020) Kevin Lee (2020) Don Buck (2021) Jim Wenning (2022)
Trustees	Les Buchmann (2020) Keith Peterson (2021) Ryan Tolosky (2021) Dustin Buchmann (2022)
Christian Education	Kelsey Timmer (2019) Angie Wanzek (2020) Donna Bieri (2021) Rebecah Larson (2022)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings and business meeting.

I led worship at KRCC one time this month.

Confirmation instruction is going well. All of the kids passed the first quiz. We are early on in our look at the Lord's Prayer.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients. I've also made a couple of visits for them.

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

I've been meeting regularly with Kevin Hall as his internship progresses, and I conducted his comprehensive evaluation ahead of his meetings

with the colloquy committee and the coordinating committee that he might be approved for ordination.

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis December 6th-7th.

I'll be helping with the Night in Bethlehem event on Saturday.

Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:30.

Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

November was a busier month between Prince of Peace and Trinity Parish. I preached 6 times, including at my first funeral, and administered communion 4 times. I also led 1 Sunday School class, as my internship faculty advisor Pastor Brent Olson was here to check up on and wished to observe me preach and teach.

I made 4 hospital visits and 6 nursing home visits, led 2 youth group studies as well as the men's study.

Looking forward, my family and I intend to take a vacation from Dec.26th to the 30th or 31st. Also, in January, we will be leaving after the men's breakfast on the 19th and be gone possibly as long as the 25th. After that, Lord willing and School, Colloquy, and Coordinating committees approving, the season of our lives when we try to discern God's next call for our lives begins.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- High School all-nighter
- Went to regionals for Beulah Drama
- Went to Fargo for Beulah state football game
- Youth Bake Sale
- Annelise and Klein family painted the youth room
- Middle School Youth Group long day and half-nighter
- Night in Bethlehem (youth doing bells)
- Doing children's advent message on Sunday
- Youth Worship team is performing on Sunday the 22nd
- I am gone to IL from the 30th-4th
- I will be at Youth Worker Weekend January 17th-19th

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 26,692.42
Building Fund	\$ 19,944.13
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 149.10
Intern Fund	\$ 36,822.98
Total Bank Acct	\$ 73,090.29

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 120,494.23

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spiritual life meetings: We liked our fall meetings with Pastor Tim Johnson. For spring meetings, we will seek getting someone to speak on "Choosing God's way rather than this world's".

Ministerial – The Beulah ministerial is running low on funds. They typically operate with the offerings collected at our three community services each year.

We haven't had an abundance of requests for assistance this year at POP. But, when requests come from outside of the church, Pastor has tended to run them through the ministerial because they have a good system in place to screen the individuals.

The Deacons agreed to direct a third of our emergency budget for 2019 (\$500) to the Beulah ministerial.

Anyone in particular who could use a pastoral visit?
Any other needs to which Pastor should attend?

Kevin Hall had an idea for a Saturday, Jan 11th Live Stream event with three good speakers from the Schools in Minneapolis. 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. We liked the idea.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

Les reported that he has done some minor furnace maintenance. He has a few car dealers helping him search for a van. The trustees also used expanding foam by the east door on the south building, to help keep the mice out.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Puppets

- Puppets will be performing at A Night in Bethlehem

Sunday School

- Going well and we will be starting New books in the New years
- We have been able to provide almost 8 backpacks for the Miriam Children's Home from our Sunday school offering.

Christmas Program

- Pre-school and Kinder
 - Birth from perspective of the animals.
- 1-2
 - The story behind silent night
- 3-5
 - T'was the night before Jesus came

OCC

- 102 boxes, all shipping covered
- Next year, we should do a lesson after OCC boxes because it went so quickly.

A Night in Bethlehem

- All crafts have been ordered
- Advertisement is going in the paper for the 5th and 12th
- Handout to school will go out week prior
- We decided to scrap the live nativity due to logistics and lack of participation.
- Christmas story will be read every 15 minutes.

New Business

- Handed out Advent calendars November 24

Old Business

- Bulletin board was purchased with a Thrivent Card

NEW BUSINESS

Sound booth Computers – Del Schnaidt will purchase Wiremold and other supplies to hardwire the sound booth computers to the internet.

Water faucets in Men's restroom - Les has done some work on the faucets and he will check them again. He will replace them if necessary.

Christmas Eve Service (chair setup, greeters/ushers, fire extinguishers, extra sound booth help) - Pastor Kent will make sure an email gets sent out to organize the needed helpers.

Staff Christmas gifts –

Staff members will be given gift cards to Bronson's, 2K Meats and Dairy Queen.

Tithe of \$2,754.68 will be split:

\$2250 be given to 3 missionary families that are behind in their funding (\$750 x 3)

\$204.68 be given to All Ministries.
\$300 to Lacey Wenning Biggs for her mission trip

Correspondence

Thank you notes from Pastor Tim Johnson, Pastor Paul and Becky Abel, Pastor Lyndon Korhonen, and WARC were read. Newsletters from Pastor Andrew Olson and the ARC were highlighted and then posted on the bulletin board



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