



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

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## June 2020



### Pastor Kent

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

(Hebrews 10:23-25 ESV)

Summer, for my family, tends to be very busy, and it tends to involve a lot of travel. We go, most years, to the Annual Conference of the AFLC. The last couple of years, we've attended our district family camp. And, in addition to this, because it's easier to do so when the kids are out of school, we tend to take all of our vacation time during the summer months.

This means that we're gone a fair amount. This means that we miss several Sundays of worship with all of you. And even though vacations are good, even though rest is good, I am always eager to get back.

When I'm away, I miss the fellowship provided by our congregation. I miss the encouragement that I receive from our congregation. When we are away, something important is truly missing.

This only intensified as we closed our church doors due to Covid-19. Even though I was continuing to prepare messages that would be recorded and watched by our members, and even though I was still in my office, it just wasn't the same. I had a longing to gather together with all of you.

As we gathered, in person, for our May council meeting, it was exciting. It felt so good to have people in the church other than our staff. And this was even more true when we met together for worship on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It was even more true as we gathered for Bible study on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

While we are taking precautions, and while we don't want to put anyone's health or life at risk, I am so glad that we can gather together once again. We receive encouragement as the body of Christ gathers together. There is a comfort that's both given and received as we assemble.

This is what's being shared in the above passage. And this is why it's said that we're not to neglect meeting together. There is a blessing in the assembly that can't be replicated on YouTube or Facebook.

If your immune system is compromised in any way, I understand. If you are at greater risk than others, I understand that as well. And if you are yet nervous, I get it.

That being said, if I haven't yet seen you in person, I hope to see you soon. I'm excited to recover the encouragement and the comfort that was lacking in weeks past. I'm excited to encourage you and comfort you as I fulfill the calling given to me by God. And I'm excited to receive the encouragement and comfort you provide to me.

## CHAIRMAN

I was talking with Jon Nelson about mission work in Israel. They have one planned for Nov. 8th - 20th 2020 looking for 10 persons for this trip. Should be 18 or older, the cost will be 1,750.00 per person while in Israel, Includes lodging, food, and transportation. Individual will be responsible for their own travel plans to and from Israel.

This will be fast paced, full scheduled trip to include as much as possible into this opportunity. Two days of ministry focus and seven days of tour. Will include extensive walking on this trip as we see how the people in Israel live today.

Due to the Virus in the world, if the trip would be cancelled for that reason your money would be returned to you that you pay to Journey missions. You would have to work with the airlines for your return cost of the plane fare.

Contact Me or Jon Nelson at Journey [missions@afmc.org](mailto:missions@afmc.org).

On a different note I enjoyed worshipping back at the church on the 17th If you can, join us for the next worship service in the church building.

In Christ, Mavin



## 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 14, 21, & 28 and July 5, 12, 19, & 26. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast! This ministry is more important than EVER!

## 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, on our facebook page, Faithlife portal, Youtube and RightnowMedia.**



### **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](mailto:lee@beu.midco.net)

## Faithlife **EQUIP**

Prince of Peace is transitioning to a new membership, media streaming, church management, online directory and Bible resource program called Faithlife Equip. Each of our members and those who worship with us will be given an option to register for an account. This new program will connect all of the different ministries, studies, and activities that we do here at POP! Please email the office if you have not received a digital invitation to faithlife. Check out the Faithlifetv.com also! You just need to enter your ID and password for Faithlife. There is some great content on there.



### **Sunday School Corner**

Our Sunday School year is over for the summer. I would encourage the students to read a devotional daily, listen to some Sunday School songs and we will see you in the fall.

In His hands,  
Donna Bieri



We have 5 more months of RightnowMedia due to free subscription from them!!! If you have not signed up, let me know and I will hook you up. If you have, check it out – there is so much good stuff (Bible studies, children’s content) available to you and your family. you can simply text **Rightnow POPLC** (the space between the 2 keywords is necessary) to 41411 and sign up that way. How ez is that?

### **VBS Update from Christian Ed**

VBS is tentatively set for the week of August 2-6th. We will not be having a FLBC team and will be coordinating it among church members. Final decision about having VBS will be made by July 1st.

As we plan, please realize it will not look like years past. We may not open it to the public. The days might be fewer or shorter. Activities and location may be modified. Please be patient as we work out the details and find the best solution to have a great VBS experience!



**Unfortunately, The MONDAKADA AFLC District family camp for 2020 has been officially cancelled. ☹️**

## **Annual Conference**

Due to the coronavirus, the AFLC has rescheduled and shortened this year's Annual Conference. It will be held at the Association Retreat Center, near Osceola, WI, on August 10th-12th. If you are interested in attending, you can do so by visiting [www.arc-aflc.org](http://www.arc-aflc.org) or by calling 715. 294. 2877. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Kent.



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Prince of Peace  
Women's Missionary  
Federation (WMF)

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*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 was good to get together and go through the Bible study lesson on anger. Many of us admitted that we have dealt with this feeling especially in this Covid 19 situation with which we have been living. Anger in itself is not wrong. It is the way we may deal with this feeling of anger that may cause us to sin.

Proverbs 29:11 and 22 “A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.” “An angry man stirs up dissension and a hot-tempered one commits many sins”. James 1:20 says “for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.”

Ephesians 4:32 tells us “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

In the box the author of the study says FORGIVENESS IS GIVING UP MY RIGHT TO HURT YOU FOR HURTING ME. “In humility,” she also says, “surrender your anger to Him. LET GOD BE GOD.” And this just skims the surface of the feeling of anger, and especially how we deal with it. We have a few more Bible study books to on hand in the church or we can make a copy if you want to look over this timely lesson.

In June we will be going over Lesson 5, WHEN I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY. Isn't our God an amazing God to give these lessons to Linda Korhonen at this time when our feelings may be going on a rampage and our faith is being tested and strengthened. We are being called on to trust in the Lord and His Word. And He doesn't leave us or forsake us. So come join us on Monday, June 15 at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm at the church to study together.

Missing you.  
Judy 870-2131



You are welcome to join the WMF ladies for parking lot coffee on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the POP parking lot!



# Youth

## Where Do I Find Joy?

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

How’s your heart? Has it been joyfull recently? If you're anything like me, it’s been hard to stay optimistic and even more so, it’s been harder to find joy as of recently. I love the life that I have and I look forward to all of the things that I get to do in my typical day to day. However, most of the things that are my usual day to day haven’t happened in a while. And I’ve noticed that with this being the case, it has been hard to do the things that normally bring me joy. And with that, there has been a natural lack of joy.

At first I leaned into it knowing that things would get better eventually, but it’s been a while and things are just now starting to get better. And it’s just too late, because now Youth Group is done and it’s the summer. People get busy and less happens at church, and I kind of feel like I missed the train.

But recently I got to do a Sunday School with the High and Middle schoolers about joy, and I kept being drawn to Philippians 4. And where Paul talks about where we find authentic joy. He says that we find it in “prayer and supplication (or asking God something), and thanksgiving.” And I think that’s when I realized that I hadn't really told God how thankful I was in a very long

time. And when I did, a natural joy came along, the kind of joy that isn’t under my control. That’s the best kind of joy, because if we are in charge of our own joy, then we run the constant risk of running out because we can’t really control anything, as we have learned with covid-19. So give your prayers and thanks to God for all He has done, and with that you will be blessed in so many ways. And your joy will be with you, because it isn’t really your joy... it’s God’s!

**FLY Beyond** has not yet been cancelled or confirmed, it is currently on hold and some more information will be announced soon as to whether everything will be as scheduled, or it will be shorter than past years ect. But for now, the deadline for FLY Beyond has been pushed until June 30th. When you sign up, go to <https://www.aflc.org/youth/fly-beyond/>, and if you have any questions feel free to contact Seth Larson anytime.

## **2020 POP Church Council**

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman (2020)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margie Lee (2020)
<b>Secretary</b>	Deb Sayler (2020)
<b>Deacons</b>	Kevin Lee (2020) Garrett Sayler (2020) Don Buck (2021) Jim Wenning (2022)
<b>Trustees</b>	Les Buchmann (2020) Keith Peterson (2021) Ryan Tolosky (2022)

	Dustin Buchmann (2022)
<b>Christian Education</b>	Angie Wanzek (2020)
	Donna Bieri (2021)
	Rebecah Larson (2022)
	Chrisy Rotondo (2022)
<b>Auditing Committee</b>	Wayne Hoffner (2020)
	Kim Pacht (2020)
<b>Personnel Committee Rep</b>	Carl Sorenson (2020)
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Marj Murray (2020)
	Marvin Bauer (2020)
	Jan Sigman (2020)

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin and his wife, Jan, have spent some time calling church members. Marvin attended the Deacons meeting. He has read Psalm 22 during this time and a lot of it related to Jesus on the cross.

### Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings, & deacon's meeting.

Conducted the funeral for Ervin Lorenz at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dodge.

Participated in one ministerial prayer time past month.

Attended the ministerial meeting for this month.

Took part in our district meeting by Go-to-Meeting.

Confirmation is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll be having a rehearsal on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

I've been trying to write and publish a couple of written devotions each week for our members.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients.

Making efforts to contact church members by phone and/or messaging.

I had a counseling session this month.

After taking a survey of the congregation, I found that several wanted to have a summer Bible study of some sort, especially with everything being closed down and with reopening going slowly. We will begin a Wednesday night Bible study, once again, on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the sanctuary, where we'll study the gospel of John.

I've been asked to speak at the Baccalaureate for Beulah High School this upcoming Tuesday.

### Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

Kevin's last service here is May 17 – he will preach at POP and then has to leave right away to preach at Golden Valley. The house at his new congregation in Minnesota is almost ready. He thanked POP for the intern experience for himself and his family. He and his family are in the process of packing and moving. Kevin discussed the need to have a sound person and a video person in the sound booth from now on. He also has made some phone calls to members.

### Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- Helping record and learning process to recording the service
- Dropped off Easter eggs for all of the youth both MS and HS
- Have had a few fun contests for the HS and MS while they are home
- Birthday gifts for youth
- Met with a few different families and some youth for counseling
- Was able to attend the deacon's meeting
- Becca and I are looking forward to buying a house
- Vacation over the 4th of July to Illinois (June 29-July 11)
- Youth worship team performing at Community Service
- FLY Beyond is still scheduled
- SIT with Annual Conference (July 31st-August 14th)
- HS Lake days, hopefully August 21st

### Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 47,158.40
Building Fund	\$ 27,214.54
FMSC	\$ 2,170.00
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 220.83
Intern Fund	\$ 27,730.90

Church Van Fund	\$ (3,535.18)
Total Bank Acct	\$ 104,682.52
Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 113,280.38

Margie noted that the General Fund shows \$47,158.40 and of that amount \$36,097 is our new Payroll Protection Program grant/loan.

Margie ran a comparison of the past 8 weeks that the church has been closed in comparison to the same 8 weeks in 2019. Our donations to the General Fund are running about 72% of what they were a year ago.

The furnace is paid off so it does not show as a Special Fund any more.

### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

After discussing the Corona Virus situation and reading medical advice from Michelle and Garrett Placke, and Stephanie Hottman, it was decided that we will begin holding church services on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the congregation present. Only one church is open in Beulah so far and a few more were expected to open on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Intern Pastor Kevin will give the message on the 17<sup>th</sup> as it will be his last official Sunday at Prince of Peace.

The Deacons discussed the following changes to services in accordance with North Dakota guidelines:

Sitting in household groups with six feet between groups; wear face masks; no passing offering plates; no hand shaking or hugs; no bulletins or hymnals or pew Bibles; hope to leave entrance doors propped open; Handwash stations at doors and extra face masks available; Library and children's nursery area closed; no toys or toy bags provided by church; nursing mothers can use nursing mother room; more than usual sanitizing of bathrooms and the rest of church.

Communion will have to be modified. Several options were considered.

Seth Larson and Caleb Sperry have been trained by Kevin Hall to record our Church services and will work in the sound booth to do this.

The Spring Spiritual Life Meetings with recorded messages from various missionaries that our church supports were a success. We voted to give \$200.00 to each of the six missionaries from the Deacon's fund.

Seth asked for guidelines on meeting with and ministering to the youth during this time. For now, we recommended meeting only outside in smaller groups and not in the youth room. Counseling can continue in one on one situations with proper social distancing.

### **Trustee's Report – Keith Peterson**

The snow blower hasn't been fixed yet – he will get parts this summer. Keith will be working on hanging bulletin boards with Angie Wanzek for Christian Ed. The trustees are dealing with some insulation in ceiling in fellowship hall. It was noted that a valve on the dishwasher is leaking. We need to install smoke alarms for insurance purposes. Jim Wenning will find the guidelines for how many smoke alarms and where we will need to install them.

### **Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek**

**Old Business:** Confirmation pictures will be taken by Justine from Natural Impressions. Flowers will be ordered for 1 female and 2 males. No cake as there is no fellowship the month of May.

**New Business:** Graduation Recognition will be Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a digital slide show of the seniors created and Pastor Kent will pray for them. Those that are in attendance will be recognized, however, we are not asking them to be present. Graduation gifts are ordered. They are a Visual Theology Guide to the Bible: Seeing and Knowing God's Word. They were highly recommended. They will be wrapped and Angie will deliver them to their homes.

**VBS:** We are looking at August 2nd-6th as possible dates. We are tabling this until we know more what is happening with COV-19.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Church Van Storage** – put on hold. The church van is currently at Carl Sorenson's shop.

**Faithlife Equip Program** – 67 households have registered.

**VBS** – It has been rescheduled in August but will hold off planning until July 1. The AFLC Bible School is not sending out summer teams this year so we will be doing it on our own.

**Annual Conference** – The annual conference has been rescheduled to August 10-13

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to split our tithe: \$2,411.56 to \$2,111.56 to AFLC Home Missions and \$300 to Lacey Wenning Biggs for her mission trip.

**Church use after May 17<sup>th</sup>** – The FMSC Mobile Pack Committee would like to plan a fleishkekla fundraiser in June. M & L Concessions would bring their food truck and prepare the fleishkekla outside. They would do pickup only or eat outside if it's nice.

We discussed other church activities. Those groups that want to meet in the church should make sure to let the office know so they can be added to the church calendar. Our janitors will then know when and where cleaning needs to be done.

We approved having WMF Bible study in fellowship hall with social distancing after May 17. We discussed youth activities being held outside for the time being and we will again discuss youth activities at the June meeting.

**Intern Kevin Hall** – Kevin Hall's ordination June 14 in Grafton. Kevin's last official day will be about May 17. We voted to pay him for entire month of May. We will be having a card shower for Kevin and Amy Hall.

### **Correspondence**

Thank you note was received from AFLC Home Missions Director Jim Johnson who would like POP to call or email him to help with planting churches – POP has been one of the 50 most-supportive churches in the AFLC Home Missions. Also received a thank you note from FLBS for our financial gift and prayers. Thank you notes were received from Eugene and Eldora Sailer for the Facebook services they can listen to and from Leona and Ray Mattheis for the CDs of the Holy Week services and other weekly services.