



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

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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)

I think it's safe to say that, when this situation with Covid-19 blows over, and when life begins to feel more like normal, we will never look at the above verses in the same way again. Let's face it, before this virus upended our lives, we took the gathering together with other believers for granted. We felt and acted as if it's no big deal.

We told ourselves, repeatedly, that going to church is not what makes us a Christian. We did so, often, to alleviate our guilt for our failure to go. We took for granted that, when things were less busy, when we were less tired, when the kids were a little older, or whatever the case might be, we'd go to church more often.

In the meantime, however, we neglected to meet together with the church. We may have done so on special days, days like Christmas, Easter, or Mother's Day. We may have done so when special events were happening in the life of a family member, things like a baptism, a confirmation, or a performance in the Christmas play. But going to church every Sunday, not to mention participation in things like Bible studies, was out of the question.

We've always had something more important going on. We've always had needs that were a

greater priority. And, quite frankly, going to church just didn't compare.

But now, in the midst of a season of isolation, we're beginning to understand that need. We're beginning to understand the need to gather together with our fellow believers. We're beginning to see what we've been missing.

As we hold to our confession and hope, we need the encouragement of our fellow believers. We need them to speak into our lives with the hope of the gospel. We need to see examples of how we can live in faith in the face of hardship. We need those who will weep with us when we weep. And we need those who will rejoice with us in our rejoicing.

We also need to be stirred up to love and good works. We need to be stirred up because our natural tendency is anything but that. Our natural tendency is selfishness. Our natural tendency is laziness.

And not only do we need these things to be provided for us by our fellow believers. Our fellow believers need us to provide these things for them as well. As we interact together, as a body, we're able to minister to one another with the grace that we, ourselves, have received from Christ.

In the meantime, however, continue to watch our services as they're shared on YouTube and Facebook. Continue to take part in our Sunday School classes on Go-to-Meeting. Continue to call or to send a message to your fellow church members in their loneliness. And, above all, anticipate the day that we can come together, once again, as the assembly of believers.



Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

⁵ Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. -3rd John 5-8 (ESV)

What a short year.

If I look back on our year with such fondness, and I look forward to my next call with such excitement, why do I look on our departure with sadness?

In the short time we've been here, you have graciously welcomed us as your brothers and sisters in Christ, and you have made us feel at home. We will always look back with joy on our time here.

But, the work of Jesus must continue, and my family and I are called to work elsewhere.

Thank you, so much, from myself and from my family, for the friendship's we've made, the bonds of fellowship we've enjoyed, and the education you have given me during our time here. I leave here with a strong feeling of support.

It's not a small thing to open your congregation to a stranger, as you have for us. There are costs involved in hosting an intern, and I only pray that your investment in me has born fruit for you. Still, my beloved brothers and sisters, regardless of if you have benefitted from my presence, or if others will benefit in the future from your investment in me and instruction of me, I know

that since you are sending me out in a manner worth of God, your efforts for me will be counted as faithful. Your support will stand as a testimony to the whole Christian Church of your love for Jesus Christ.

I hope to thank as many of you as possible, face to face, but obviously our current circumstances are unpredictable. Until God grants us that opportunity, I pray that the peace of Christ will rule in your hearts, and that you will know how great my gratitude toward you is.

CHAIRMAN

I shared this with the council last meeting it's another Psalm that I like

Psalm 63:1-8 1. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee : my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; 2. To see the power and thy glory, so as I have thee in the sanctuary. 3. Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. 4. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift, my up my hands in thy name. 5. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: 6. When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. 7. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. 8. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

This was a Psalm of David in the wilderness of Judah, I also believe we as followers of Jesus should seek the Lord with our total being because of his love for us. Like it says in verse 3. It's better than life. In the Old Testament we are to talk about God in the morning, at noon, and before we lie down, and write it where we can see it. My hope is

that we all become thirsty for our Lord in that he would be on our minds always.
In Christ Marvin Sigman



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 May 3,10,17, 24, & 31 and June 14,21, & 28. 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



Sunday School Corner

Since we aren't currently having Sunday School I would encourage you to sing some SS songs with your children. You can google songs on the internet. There are some great cd's that you can listen to on Spotify. It actually has some of the songs that we have or are currently learning. Ex. Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and Go Down Moses. Also, you can work on memory work at home as I think each student received a copy of the memory work if not let me know and I can get you a copy. Finally, we were learning the 10 commandments. I never envisioned that we may not get to #10. We did get as far as #7. We were memorizing them directly from Luther's Small Catechism so you have the same words that we were using and I can also get a list of them to you also if you like.

Stay safe and hopefully we will all be back together soon!

In His Hands, Donna

VBS Update from Christian Ed

As of April 28th, FLBC is still planning on sending VBS teams to churches during the summer of 2020. Our assigned week is June 6-12th. However, with COVID, this is subject to change. I have been informed by FBLC that they will make a final decision on or around May 1st. Once we hear from them, Christian Ed will make a decision as to how we proceed. Christian Ed will communicate with the Deacons and our health team when we make a decision how we proceed. One thing I do know is that we will have some form of VBS this summer. It may be later in the summer and with fewer kids, but we will have it! Please be in prayer as FBLC and for the Christian Ed Board as they make decisions. If you as a parent has a strong opinion about VBS and whether you would send your child or how we should proceed, please let Angie Wanzek know. Any input given will be used to guide our plans. Thank you!

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.



We have 6 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?



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.

Will we have May flowers? My perennials are coming up already. Will we get to gather with our families on Mother's Day? Or will we be able to honor our confirmation youth and our graduates together in our church building? We are definitely being challenged.

As Joan and I mentioned last month, the next WMF Bible Study, Lesson 5 is titled, WHEN I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY. Is this timely or what? Things are so strange for all of us now and yet life still goes on and God is still in control. Maybe we will be able to get together on May 18th and do this lesson. It ends with this verse from Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight". Proverbs 3:5-6

I want to share something that April brought to our family. And Like Job we can say, "I know that my Redeemer lives": I celebrated my birthday on April 6th with social distancing and a parade. On April 13th we found out that our daughter Lisa had cancer of the thyroid. She and her husband went to Fargo and she had surgery the next Tuesday, April 21st. The Dr removed the tumor and thyroid, plus a couple of lymph nodes. He felt like things looked good and she came home the next day. Lisa did end up in SMC for a day and a half due to low blood calcium. She seems to be keeping it at a good level but needs to be checked daily for a while. God put the doctors she needed at that time in the hospital. There is nothing I can do for her. Can't even visit. Do you know what is getting me through this? Knowing that so many of you were praying to God: the healer, all knowing, all powerful, in control, creator of everything, pure love, granting us peace that passes understanding... I can't name all

His characteristics that give me strength. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! I think the Proverbs verse was meant for me this time.

Wish we could get together and study the Word of God! I got through the anger lesson for April. Wish we could have discussed it. Maybe God wants me to meditate on His word instead of talking about it for a while. I don't know if you recall that I was reading through the New Testament. I finished it. I decided to start at the beginning of the Bible. Already to Leviticus. The movie "The Ten Commandments" with Charlton Heston was on TV on Easter. It veered off the story line a lot! Much was added that is not mentioned in the book of Exodus and much was left out.

I have rambled enough. Good to talk to you all. Again thank you for all your love and prayers. Happy Mother's Day!
In His strength,
Judy



Youth

When to Rest and When to Rise

"And on the seventh day God finished his **work** that he had done, and he **rested** on the seventh day from all his work that he had done." Gen 2:2

It's a tough question to answer, "When should I work like God would want me to work, and when should I rest as God did?" And I am finding that question increasingly harder to answer the further we get into quarantine. I don't know if I should work harder because sometimes I do all that I need to do and I still have half a day. Then on the other hand I find myself at times

completely exhausted and yet I feel the need to go on even though I have done more than my usual tasks. But because I am spending so much more time in my home I feel that I am not working as hard as I was before all of this... It's definitely a hard line to walk, and at times an even harder line to perceive where it is placed.

And maybe the hardest thing about this topic is that there is no straight answer that goes for everyone. For some people to work to the extent that God wants that may look like watching their kids for 2 straight days, while for another the same "work" might look like typing on a laptop for 3 hours to finish reports for their job. It is different for everyone.

The only thing we know is that God doesn't want us to **Work** more than He wants us to **Rest**, the same way God doesn't want us to **Rest** more than He wants us to **Work**. God knows what's best for us both in work and in rest. And He wants us to get to know Him, to read His work and to ask Him what's best for us. And the more we get to know Him, the more we will understand when and how much **Rest** and **Work** He wants us to take.

Seth Larson

Stay up to date with our emails, Facebook, Faithlife and Youtube so you are ready to join us here at worship when we can finally meet together!

Women's Care Clinic Baby Shower

When begin to gather back at the church, you can drop your donated items at the church and we will get them to Bismarck.

2020 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman (2020)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2020)
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2020)
Deacons	Kevin Lee (2020)
	Garrett Sayler (2020)
	Don Buck (2021)
	Jim Wenning (2022)
Trustees	Les Buchmann (2020)
	Keith Peterson (2021)
	Ryan Tolosky (2022)
	Dustin Buchmann (2022)
Christian Education	Angie Wanzek (2020)
	Donna Bieri (2021)
	Rebecah Larson (2022)
	Chrisy Rotondo (2022)
Auditing Committee	Wayne Hoffner (2020)
	Kim Pacht (2020)
Personnel Committee Rep	Carl Sorenson (2020)
Nominating Committee	Marj Murray (2020)
	Marvin Bauer (2020)
	Jan Sigman (2020)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin reported that the FMSC Mobile Pack date has been moved to April 16, 2021 due to the COVID-19 virus. The FMSC committee is still working on raising money.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings, Christian Ed meeting, & deacon's meeting.

Conducted the funeral for Judy Erickson at the Congregational Church.

Confirmation instruction just finished for the year. Currently, the kids are completing all of their work. The ninth graders are also preparing their statements of faith in anticipation of their confirmation ceremony.

Sunday School has been going decently. We have fair participation in our Go-to-meeting classes, with some people viewing them later.

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. I've also made a couple of visits for them.

I've had a couple of in-person visits for our church.

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

I delivered many gift bags, from Christian Ed, to young kids who are members of the church, as well as to some who are unchurched.

Because we had to reschedule our speaker for Spiritual Life meetings for the fall, I interviewed several of our missionaries by Go-to-Meeting, which will be put up on YouTube and Facebook next week for viewing by our members.

Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

March was a memorable time. March 1st began the time when I could entertain calls, and so much of the first week was dedicated to making that decision. After that, on March 16th, as you all well know, we decided to cease meeting together physically. Pastor Sperry asked me to work on some of the technical aspects of distributing our worship services, and since that time that has been a significant part of what I have been doing.

My graduation has not been officially rescheduled, but looks very unlikely to be on May 9th. My ordination is set for June 14th in Grafton, ND, and the week of May 24th is going to be the week I move.

My activities for March-
Preached-

At Prince of Peace- Mar. 1, 4, 17 (equipment test), 25

At Trinity Parish Mar. 15

At KRCC- Mar. 15

Taught confirmation- 1 time

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

With Covid-19 most things have changed for me. All youth groups and Sunday school are on Go to Meeting

Preached twice for Lent and helped out in the recording and live-streaming process

Delivered Easter eggs and letters to all youth with church info

AFLC Campus days is canceled

FLY Beyond registration has been pushed until the end of June to allow more time for families to decide what to do

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$	13,788.86
Building Fund	\$	26,481.44
Furnace Fund	\$	(1,805.87)
FMSC	\$	2,170.00
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	20.83
Intern Fund	\$	29,904.98
Church Van Fund	\$	(5,497.60)
Total Bank Acct	\$	69,886.81

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 114,466.65

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Due to the Corona Virus situation, church services through Easter will be held on Facebook and YouTube. Easter service will be online at 9:00 A.M. Spiritual life meetings the following week with Pastor Brian Ricke from Minneapolis will be postponed till this October.

The Deacons discussed continuing as many ongoing meetings, youth gatherings, and Bible studies as possible online.

Pastor Kent filled the Deacons in on how instead of the normal Spring Spiritual Life Meetings, he will

arrange to have recorded messages from various missionaries that our church supports available online.

It is still hoped that there will be a confirmation service in May, but we will have to watch the Corona Virus situation to see if this will be possible.

There was discussion of a possible Hymn sing from member's driveways, and also if there is any way Communion can be offered during this time of online church. No firm solution was arrived at.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

Trustees haven't met for the last couple of months. Les was able to turn down the temperatures of the furnaces at church. Les has been checking into our church insurance. Our current policy was written as a business instead of a church so it's quite a bit more expensive. Les is having American Family look at prices at changing the policy to a church instead of business. Farmers Union has a company that writes insurance just for churches and he's exploring that option. Part of the refund that we received from State Farm on our van is partly from the pandemic refund. The building for the van has been put on hold at this time.

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

VBS will stay on track as planned for now.

Easter Event has been cancelled. Instead we are going to use the 2 Thrivent cards to purchase kits through a Christian website. The plan is for Pastor Kent to have the bags available to be picked up outside on a table at parents' leisure. We felt this is the best way to spread the word of God to the community children while social distancing.

Confirmation will be postponed if necessary. Gifts have been purchased.

Seniors graduating Angie will take care of ordering their gifts. We agreed to do devotionals.

Discussed removal of quiet bags once services resume. We will look to Donna to advise on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Library I-Pad or Computer – The monitor is now in the sound booth. We could ask if anyone has an extra monitor they'd like to donate if the librarians need one right away. We'd like to encourage the librarians to decide what they want soon.

Policy Booklet – Marvin Sigman asked anyone that has any policies to please email them to him so he can begin compiling them.

Faithlife Equip Program – It's up and running. It will take some time for the membership records to be updated. The same sign in gets access to many apps. Right Now Media will be cancelled the end of this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Loan Program – This is essentially a loan or grant through the Small Business Association. As long as the money is used for salaries, it's forgiven and does not have to be paid back. Discussed ramifications of taking money from the federal government and it seems there aren't any strings attached to this money. We voted to apply for the grant money. Margie will fill out the forms and see when they need to be dropped off.

VBS – Angie Wanzek spoke about VBS having 60 to 80 kids in our church the second week of church with social distancing that we are doing currently. We will discuss at our next meeting whether or not having VBS.

Annual Conference rescheduled to August 10-

13 – It will be shorter than normal and some events will be cut. It will still be at the ARC in Wisconsin. Seth Larson will be attending. Pastor Kent may not be able to go because of a previous medical appointment. Kevin Hall reported that his ordination is still set for June 14 in Grafton. His seminary graduation has been pushed to May 2021

Family Camp – The district is moving ahead as we will have the camp. It's scheduled for the third week of July.

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$2,107.05 to ALFC Parish Ed and \$300 to Lacey Wenning for her mission trip.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.