



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

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Pastor Kent

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath

departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.”

(Psalm 146:3-4 ESV)

We are truly blessed to live in the United States of America. We have freedoms here that are enjoyed nowhere else in the world. For that, I am truly grateful. And it's for this reason that we will soon celebrate the Fourth of July.

However, as Christians, we often go to an extreme when it comes to our love of country. For many of us, our nation has become almost an idol. Even though our

Constitution guarantees us the freedom of speech, and even though men and women have died defending that freedom, we act as if anything negative said about our nation, or if people express a viewpoint other than our own, they are unpatriotic. We may even question their faith when they do so.

In the same vein, although I use it a great deal from the church standpoint, and although I love to share life with family and friends around the world on this platform, I can barely stomach Facebook any longer. A vast majority of what is posted is political in nature. And, once again, the viewpoints of many Christians border on idolatry.

Many Christians make it seem that our current president is almost equivalent to Christ himself. They make it seem that he is the Savior of our nation. Others, however,

make it seem as if he's equivalent to Satan. They make it seem as though he is drawing us away from the Lord and his will.

For these reasons, we would do well to pay attention to the above verses of Scripture. Even though the Bible does tell us that God appoints people to their positions of authority, we are told here that we are not to put our trust in princes. We are not to put our trust in men. And we are not to do so because, in them, there is no salvation.

Men are very limited. Their power is only temporary. They will one day die. And, on that day, their plans and intentions perish along with them.

Our salvation is found in Christ alone. And in Christ alone is our hope. We must look to him and only to him for the blessings and the salvation that we so desperately need.

And rather than putting so much time and energy into spouting politics, we would do better to point people to Christ. Instead of trying to convert others to our political viewpoint, we would do better to reach out to them with the gospel. As citizens of this nation, it is our God-given duty to vote and to hold the feet of our politicians to the fire. However, our primary focus must always be upon Jesus and the salvation of souls.



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

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 July 5, 12, 19, & 26 and August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. 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.



Sunday School Corner

As we think about the upcoming Sunday School year, please be prayerfully considering teaching or helping out. The kids are a joy to work with and I can't think of a better way to spend time each week than studying God's word and helping the next generation learn about Jesus. In His hands, Donna Bieri



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

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.



We have 3 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?

Lacey Wenning’s last newsletter is available. She sends her thank you to her Church family for supporting her financially and prayerfully during her 2 year mission.

POP Family Vacation Bible School!

Please join us Sunday, July 12th for Congregational Bible School at Riverside Park!

Worship will begin at 9:00 AM with games, crafts, and lunch to follow. Bring your lawn chairs, grab a blanket and enjoy a Vacation Bible School Sunday in the Park!



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 or by calling 715. 294. 2877. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Kent.

Fellowship after worship will resume on Sunday July 19 in a modified format!



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.

We certainly are well into 2020 aren't we. We went through Lesson 5 in June: "Why Do We Experience Suffering?"

1. "Just because you have problems does not mean you're out of God's will."
2. "He uses troubles to strengthen our faith, patience, character, maturity, and dependence on Him."
3. "Many things will remain a mystery." These quotes are from our WMF Bible study author, Linda Korhonen. She says that we should act on what God has revealed to us and leave the rest with Him. Deuteronomy 29:29 says, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever..." She also included this list of

HELPS FOR LIFE'S ISAPPOINTMENTS:

1. Accept the fact that life is harder than you ever imagined. It's normal to have problems.
2. You are not held prisoner by what has happened to you. God has given you His Spirit and His Word to transform you from the inside out, and to give you victory!
3. You have the freedom to choose your response in life. You didn't get to choose what happened to you, but you get to decide where you go from here. The natural tendency is to withdraw and isolate yourself, but that will only bring you down.
4. Get your focus on the right place. II Corinthians 4:18: "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is

seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

5. Treasure God's grace. It takes the sting out of disappointments!
6. Choose to count your blessings. What you look for in life is what you'll find. Being thankful changes your outlook!
7. Let God be God. Give Him your struggles, doubts, fears, questions, hopes, and plans.

We will be looking at Lesson 6, LOVE IS NOT JUST A FEELING, on Monday, July 20 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Please join us at either time. It is good to look at God's word together.

A modified coffee hour will probably resume July 19. More details will be forthcoming.

The Fall Rally will be at Beaver Creek, near Ray. It is scheduled to take place on October 3rd!

Slowly we will get back together. God has everything under control. He will never leave us or forsake us.

Happy Fourth of July! Thank you God for our founding father's wisdom in looking to Your Word as a guide when establishing our nation. Please God protect and preserve the USA and wake up Your people so that they will come back to you. We love you Lord and pray in Jesus name.

God Bless You!
Judy



You are welcome to join the WMF ladies for coffee on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the POP fellowship hall.



Youth

What's my Job?

Recently, I have started to notice a pattern in the Church. Many people don't know their job. Now I'm not talking about what occupation someone has or the way that they make money, no I'm talking about what job we have in not only our local congregation but in God's Church as a whole. What's our *vocation* so to speak, what did God give us the gifts to do in our mission field and in our congregations?

I was reading in the book of 1 Corinthians (one of my favorites) and I re-read something in a very different way than I ever had. I was reading verses 4 through 11 of chapter 12. It says, "4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are

empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."

When I was re-reading this recently I noticed something that I had never noticed before. This passage mentions a lot about who gets what gift of the spirit and what those gifts are, but almost as much as it talks about that, it mentions repeatedly that who God is and how He works. Now, why would it repeat this so much? We already know who God is and what He does and that He does it perfectly. I think the bible does this to remind us two things.

1. That no gift is better than another because they all come from the same grace of God that made us all equal under Him. So no person or their spiritual gift or how they use it is any better or more Holy than anyone else.
2. That we can only use these gifts to do the jobs that God wished us to do through Him. The same Spirit empowers us all with these gifts to do our jobs that will benefit God's kingdom as He wills.

There are many many gifts that God gives us during our time on this earth, it is our job to follow Him and allow Him to show us what is the best way for our God-given gifts to be used for His glory

Upcoming Youth Events

FLY Beyond: July 19th-23rd

HS Lake Dayz: Aug 21nd-22nd

FLY Beyond is a GO! 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.

Church Library

Our Librarians are working hard at revamping our library and its system! Please use the library card check out system when borrowing items. When you bring them back, please put them in the “return” basket and not just on a shelf. There is also a “comments & suggestions” basket – please feel free to suggest new books and movies! We have a fantastic selection of books, movies, and reference materials for **YOU**.

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)
	Chrysy 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)

July Birthdays

Sherwin Raile	7/1
DeEtta Hetzler	7/2
Jacob Klaudt	7/3
Beverly Sorensen	7/3
Chelsie Babcock	7/4
Kynleigh Richter	7/5
Rebecah Martin	7/6
Todd Seibel	7/6
James Faut	7/7
Camey Gunsch	7/7
Paris Green	7/8
Cody Hetzler	7/8
Cavin Hottman	7/8
Shelby Goetz	7/9
Betty Unruh	7/9
Garrett Sayler	7/10
Don Buck	7/12
Lynnette Flemmer	7/13
Adam Pacht	7/13
Robert Buck	7/14
Grady Fandrich	7/15
Steve Bauer	7/16
Vance Giese	7/16
Regan Hoffner	7/16
Stephanie Hottman	7/16
Jerry Reichenberg	7/16
Jared Klaudt	7/17
Cory Alt	7/18
Charnelle Duppong	7/18
Grace Sperry	7/19
Hanah Brandt	7/20
Dale Reinhardt	7/20
Chrysy Rotondo	7/20
Lily Timmer	7/21
Annelise Klein	7/22
Jennifer Seibel	7/22
Lucille Sayler	7/24
Jacob Barbot	7/25
Hella Menge	7/25
Ellen Renner	7/25
Kathryn Holen	7/26
Broderick Mohl	7/27
Jason Ulland	7/28
Trey Brandt	7/29
Bob Ferebee	7/29
Ron Gunsch	7/31
Kim Pacht	7/31

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin has been working with the Feed My Starving Children Fundraiser Committee on the fleishkekla fundraiser on June 28. He has been talking to people about an Israel trip that is being planned in November.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings, & deacon's meeting.

Participated in ministerial prayer.

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 made one in-person visit, and a couple of others by phone, for hospice.

I had one counseling session this month.

Wednesday night Bible study is going well. Attendance and participation have been good. I'm glad to have this going during the summer months.

We ended up hosting the baccalaureate service, at which I spoke.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

I was in the sound booth for May and most of June

Started having HSYG on Wednesdays at 6 pm

Becca and I are looking forward to buying a house

Youth worship team performing at Community Service (hopefully)

FLY Beyond is still scheduled

SIT with Annual Conference (31st-14th)

HS Lake days, hopefully Aug 21st

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund \$ 47,525.04

Building Fund	\$ 28,919.01
FMSC	\$ 2,587.30
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 220.83
Intern Fund	\$ 27,971.41
Church Van Fund	\$ (2,392.60)
Total Bank Acct	\$ 108,632.02

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 112,131.91

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Communion – As we typically have communion along with confirmation, and as it's been so long since we've had communion, we'll do so also at this confirmation service. We discussed how we want to do it (considering Covid precautions)? The congregation will remain seated and the servers will walk between the rows. We also want to serve communion the first Sunday in June, as it would be back to our normal schedule

Resuming activities: For now, the Kleins will do the contemporary worship music as a family to minimize close contact with others.

Vacation – Pastor hopes to travel to Iowa to see family and to have a graduation reception for Rachel with them. The dates are uncertain as we are waiting for things to reopen fully there. He does anticipate needing pulpit fill on Sunday, Sept. 6th, as he'll be moving Rachel down to FLBC that weekend.

Spiritual life meetings: Pastor sent a message to Pastor Brian Ricke. He asked to reschedule our Spiritual Life Meetings with him for October 18th-21st. He hasn't received a response yet.

Brent Raan will be here Sunday, June 21st to share about his mission work and bring us a sermon.

Feed My Starving Children – The date has been changed into early 2021 to allow time to raise money.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

Les had an Insurance Proposal from Farmer's Union Insurance. We would have both the building and church van covered together with an overall savings of \$4,211.88. We would have better coverage and it is specifically for a church. Margie will contact State Farm Ashley Baker about a bid for insurance just to get an idea of their prices also. A decision will be made after that is done.

The sprinkler system did not get blown out last year so needed to have some repair work done on that. We discussed having Bryan Tomchuck blow out the lines and the Lees will check on this.

Various people have continued to do the LED Light replacement. Ryan Tolosky would like to learn how to replace the lights so would like to be notified when someone does another set.

The church van is being stored at Carl Sorenson's storage building. We discussed having a garage built; how big it should be, what would be stored in it, if electricity would be needed, foundation and building permit. Les will talk to City Planner about specifications.

Les will contact Winkler Construction to replace the sloping sidewalk ramp on the east side first and then come back and do the north walkway. Kevin Lee will contact Garner Sailer about removing the concrete.

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

Christian Ed has not met since the self-isolation due to Covid-19. They will be meeting next week and will discuss VBS.

OLD BUSINESS

Library I-Pad or Computer – We approved the Library Committee's request of a Samsung Galaxy Tablet from Best Buy for \$300, a keyboard and case for a total of about \$400. They would be able to use apps and would only be used by the Librarians.

Policy Booklet – still working on this.

Faithlife Equip Program – Discussed if there would be any training for people to use of an information sheet with screenshots to make it a little easier to follow? There are many parts to the Faithlife Program including Faithlife E-Books and Faithlife TV.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$2,174.93 to AFLC General Fund and \$300 to Lacey Wenning Biggs for her mission trip.

Use of Church

1. **Communion** – We will continue serve communion to everyone while they are seated in their chairs. We will revisit this at our July meeting
2. **Fellowship** – We will try to a modified fellowship time beginning July 12 or 19. We will have coffee, bottled water and individually wrapped cookie and cracker options on individual tables. Margie Lee will talk to the WMF to see what they think.
3. **Ushers** – We will continue to forgo ushers at this point and people can grab their own bulletins
4. **Prayer at altar on Wednesday** – We will begin to have prayer on the next Wednesday
5. **Carpet Cleaning** – Margie will talk to Amy Haugen and have her rebid if necessary.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from Gertie Retzer for the CDs of sermons, AFLC World Missions for our financial gifts and WARC for food donations. Also received newsletters (posted on bulletin board) from Andrew Olson family who are missionaries affiliated with AFLC in Tanzania and from Seth Hart who begins mission work soon in Mongolia.