

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

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Pastor Kent

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is almost upon us. This year has, in a sense, rushed by rather quickly. But, in other ways, it seems that it's just drug on and on and on.

Even though I see them approaching on the calendar, I don't find myself quite ready for them. I don't yet have a sense of excitement for the celebrations that are to come. I don't find myself yet in the spirit of Thanksgiving or Christmas.

This is partly due to the circumstances in which we find ourselves. After all, this year has been anything but normal. It's been one of difficulty. It's

been one of hardship. And, for this reason, we'd rather that it would just come to end.

Difficulties, of course, are completely normal. Because we live in a world of sin, because we live among a sinful people, and because we ourselves are sinful, our lives are full of hardships. And there's no way to keep ourselves from them. They are simply the reality in which we live.

Yet, even though they are normal, and even though they are to be expected, they can also leave us in a state of discouragement, frustration, and despair. They affect our attitude. They affect our mood. They even affect our faith.

When this takes hold of us, we're told by multiple sources that we're to focus on the positive rather than the negative. We hear this from mental health experts. We hear this from counselors. We hear this from our religious leaders. And, although he doesn't state it in this way, the apostle Paul says something very similar.

In the above passage, he encourages his readers to rejoice always. And because we're to do this always, this is something that we're to do not only when we feel like it. It's something we're to do even when our circumstances do not seem like a cause to rejoice.

He tells us to pray without ceasing. This means that we're to never stop praying. We are to pray often. We're to pray regularly. In fact, we're to be in a continual state of prayer as we live in a constant state of dependence upon God and trust in him. We're to do so even when we don't feel like praying. We're to do so even when it doesn't seem that he's working for our blessing.

We're told to give thanks in all circumstances. And, again, because he tells us to do so in all circumstances, this means that we're to give thanks even when we don't feel like it. It means that we're to give thanks even when we don't feel all that thankful. It means that we're to do so even when our circumstances don't give us reason for thanksgiving.

This, Paul says, is God's will for us in Christ Jesus. In other words, because of Jesus, and because of the hope we have in him, this is what God desires of us. He wants these practices to be a part of our everyday life.

Although we might say that this is easier said than done, and although we might find it easier to grumble and complain, we do have good reason to rejoice, to pray, and to give thanks. We have good reason because, in Jesus, God has provided us with everything we need that we might experience his blessing. He's provided for us everything necessary that we might receive his forgiveness and salvation.

As we, then, approach the holidays, may we keep this in mind. Regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves, we have received God's blessings. Regardless of the difficulties we're facing, we're living in God's blessing. This has been

provided for us in Jesus, and it gives to us every reason to rejoice, to pray, and to offer up our thanksgiving.

Please join us for fellowship after church on Sundays! Please sign up to serve a Sunday – call Margie Lee.



Men's breakfast will be Saturday, November 21 @ 7am. The study topic is about discipling families.



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

November 22 @ 1:00pm

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.



From the Chairman

First I would like to thank the congregation for their support of the FMSC. Program. You have been so generous in your giving, thank you. We hope to have a date for the FMSC work shop around April 2021, should get that after the first of the year.

Next month is our annual meeting and time to fill positions on the council. Please consider if called. Rom: 12: 3-8, tells us we all have different Gifts, differing according to the grace that is given to us, all are for fulfilling the body of Christ or the Church. Also Hebrews: 2:4, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will. Also 1 Corinth. 12: 4-7, says now there are diversities of Gifts, but the same spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord, and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all, but the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Verses -12 goes on to tell about different Gifts of the Spirit. My point is that we all have a Gift given to us by God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to build up the body of Christ, the Church. So I pray that we all will search through prayer to find our gift, to help build up the Body of Christ.

In Christ Marvin C. Sigman



Sunday School Corner

Our first Sunday of Sunday School was on Sept 20th. Opening is at 10:30 until 10:50 and then we conclude with the classroom material at 11:45. During opening we sing some songs and we are learning or relearning the 10 commandments (we worked on them last year but didn't quite get through them all with our abbreviated year.) Once we have them mastered, we will review the books of the Bible and learn a Psalm hopefully.

Angie Wanzek is teaching 6-8 grade so we have teachers for all of our classes.

We had Sunday School every Sunday in October and last Sunday we had alternative Sunday School where we played Bible Trivia and had prizes. On October 18th, the SS kids sang a couple songs for church.

Due to Covid we aren't doing attendance awards this year. We decided to give weekly awards for memory work so each classroom will have a prize box that your child can choose a prize if they complete their memory work for the week. Some classes may not have a verse every week to learn as sometimes it takes more than 1 week to get through a lesson.

This year our SS offering will be going to the Miriam Infant Home again to purchase backpacks for orphans. We send them our offering money and they purchase the items there to avoid the cost of shipping.

This is what our upcoming schedule looks like:
Nov 1 Sunday School
Nov 8- Packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child for opening and then we will do a lesson to finish out the Sunday School hour
Nov 15 Sunday School
Nov 22 Sunday School

Nov 29 Thanksgiving break

In December we plan to practice the Christmas program on the 13th with the program Dec 20 during the church service.

I think that about covers everything. If you have any questions, please let me know or ask your child's teacher



Youth

Looking at Our Past

Recently I was talking with an old friend about his past and my past and how certain events that happened in each of our lives affected us differently. And we got to talking more and more and he started mentioning that he wasn't terribly happy with where he was and how he had wished certain areas of his past just simply hadn't happened. And that kind of got me thinking, I think a lot of us, including myself, think that way too. We think that there are parts of our past that not only are not fun, but areas that we simply just wish would never have happened. But I think we may be looking at it wrong. It brings to mind a verse in 2nd Timothy 1 verse 8. It says "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord". I think we often spend too much time feeling ashamed and guilty for our past and our testimony to others in our life. But here it says to not be ashamed of the testimony about Jesus. Because Jesus had some of the worst things happen to him that could have

happened. He was conceived out of wedlock, born into poverty, poor all of his life and died on the cross. And yet he used his testimony for the betterment of God's Kingdom. And I think that's what this verse in 2nd Timothy means. Not to be ashamed of Our Testimony but to be proud of it and to be joyful in where we have been and to be grateful for where God has taken us. Because once we are thankful to God for where he's brought us, it's only then that we can share our past with others so that they might have an easier time getting out of the trials that we just got out of. And more importantly I believe it's what God calls us to do, he knows better than we have what he's done for us and he wants us not to be ashamed of our lives and what Jesus has done for us!

Youth Director, Seth Larson



Youth Bake Sale during the fellowship hour on Sunday November 22!



Thanksgiving Eve service @ 7:00pm on Wednesday Nov 25.



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.

In October we looked at fear in our WMF Bible study. The only fear we constantly need is the fear of God. In Proverbs 14:26 it says, "...In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge." This month we will look at chapter 10, "The Infection of Bitterness." The third Monday is November 16, and we will meet at the usual times, 10:30 and 6:30. As we enter this season of Thanksgiving I think this may be one of those topics that will give us a God perspective of our attitudes. The author makes this statement: "Bitterness hardens the heart, darkens the mind and takes the joy out of life." David reminds us: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head... It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows His blessing, even life forevermore." Psalm 133
Now I will share a little poem that I found in my Women's Devotional Bible

REJOICE

*Each day, upon my daily round,
I find myself on holy ground--
The morning-glories on my fence
Inspire quiet reverence.
Just one small, tender seedling grew,
And now, this miracle in blue.
A robin in the apple tree
Sings out his glad doxology.
I hear the pure, unsullied joy
Of laughter from a little boy;
I bow before the firm belief
And faith of one who lives with grief;
I watch the benedictive rain
On low-bowed heads of flower and grain.
A friend drops in, a neighbor calls,
The lamps are lit, night gently falls;
Contentment settles with the sun
In labors of the day well done.*

*So many little altars there,
So many simple calls to prayer,
So many reasons for thanksgiving--
The sacraments of daily living.*
by Helen Lowrie Marshall
Happy Thanksgiving!
Love, Judy

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



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



Prince of Peace will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child in November 2020. To reach our goal of 125 shoeboxes we will once look the congregation to gather items for the shoeboxes. Every Sunday between now and packing day will have designated items. Please use this reminder to gather items for OCC. The following is only a recommendation, items will be accepted at any time!

**Pencils, Flat Pencil Cases, Erasers, and
Pencil Sharpeners
Notebooks, Coloring Items, Scissors
Combs/Brushes and Hair Accessories
Wash Clothes, Bar Soap and Bar Soap Containers
Toothbrushes and Toothbrush Covers
Flashlights and Extra Batteries
Socks and Underwear (Sizes 2T to Youth XL)
Wow Items! (Toys, balls, and small games!)**

In addition to the items needed for each box, shipping is also an important part of OCC. Every box requires \$9 to ship the box to its destination. Please consider donating! Shipping donation envelopes will be available on the Christian Ed bulletin board.

Our packing party is NOVEMBER 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 November 8, 15, 22, & 29 and December 6, 13, 20, & 27. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast! This ministry is now more important than EVER!

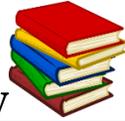
2020 POP Church Council

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)

November Birthdays

Mildred Hanks	11/1
Mandi Mohl	11/1
Sylvia Zeiszler	11/1
Jay Seibel	11/3
Brad Klipfel	11/5
Carey Mattheis	11/5
Jay Olsen	11/5
Margaret Rosaaen	11/5
Donna Zastawniak	11/5
Jeffrey Rotondo	11/6
Brynleigh Fandrich	11/7
Angela Wanzek	11/8
Krosby Plienis	11/9
Titus Sayler	11/10
Ryan Tolosky	11/11
Troy Meier	11/13
Thomas Wanzek	11/13
Marlene Buehner	11/14
Sandy Goetz	11/15
Anna Novak	11/16
Mira Sayler	11/17
Lizzie Sperry	11/18
Spencer Mattheis	11/19
Isaak Barbot	11/21
Gage Doe	11/21
Ayden Finck	11/22
Steve Schaper	11/24
August Schriefer	11/24
Denny Bauman	11/25
Ron Frei	11/25

Jaida Doe	11/26
Janice Sigman	11/26
Sarah Sperry	11/26
Pearl Miller	11/27
Carl Sorensen	11/27
Dax Doe	11/28
Ciara Hausauer	11/29



Church Library

Our Librarian is 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**.

The SS Christmas program will be during the worship service on December 20.

Christmas Eve service will be December 24 @ 4:30pm.

Women’s Care Clinic Poinsettia fundraiser

The altar at Prince of Peace looks so beautiful on Christmas eve when it is covered in poinsettias! I am selling poinsettias for a fundraiser to raise money for the Bismarck Women’s Care Clinic. The poinsettias will be delivered to Prince of Peace and put all around the altar the week of Christmas. I am ordering through the Bloom’n House (keeping it local!) Again, all proceeds will be donated to the Bismarck Women’s Care Center helping women in pregnancy crisis situations choose **life!** I am partnering with Thrivent Community Action.

They are RED POINSETTIAS

8” pot for \$35

10” pot for \$55

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or you can email the church @

churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org and let my mom know what you would like. The order deadline is December 1, 2020.

Thank you!

Anna Wenning

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin attended meetings with the Deacons and the Personnel committee. He helped with FMSC fleishkekla meal. The FMSC committee is running a silent auction for a week to raise money also. Marvin is getting together a program to take to the community churches to challenge donations for FMSC.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I've conducted two counseling sessions this past month.

I've been doing my best to visit and keep up with our shut-ins and older 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 had a couple of spiritual assessments that I've done for them, one by phone and the other in-person.

Wednesday night Bible study is continuing with our look at the Gospel of John. We're nearing the end of this study.

Confirmation has grown to nine students (one of whom belongs to the Golden Valley church).

For adult Sunday School, we've been working our way through the curriculum, *Foundations of Faith*. We've had two introductory lessons, and we began our look at the Ten Commandments this past Sunday.

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis earlier this week.

We were able to baptize five young people up at Beulah Bay this month.

I helped to cook and led our first Bible study for the men's group this month, where we're focusing on Discipling Our Family.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- See You At and After the Pole
- Started mentoring and being mentored by through LEAD 222

- I was able to be present and help during the baptisms recently of 5 Prince of Peace youth!
- There are 5 youth that will be attending the Youth and Children's ministry conference here in Beulah this weekend.
- FLBC Up Close is next weekend. There are 4 youth that want to go but will see how the COVID situation plays out.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 44,144.51
Building Fund	\$ 33,949.01
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 152.88
Intern Fund	\$ 28,885.35
Van Storage Fund	\$ 5,132.98
Total Bank Acct	\$ 113,832.85

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 99,138.57

Deacon's Report – Garrett Saylor

District Youth and Children's Ministry Training to be held Oct. 9-10 at POP. This event is for the churches of the Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana District of the AFLC. We do plan to invite the churches of the Eastern North Dakota District as well. Two tracks will run simultaneously, a youth track and a children's track.

Spiritual life meetings: Pastor Brian Ricke, October 18-21. Everything is arranged, other than meals. We'll begin promoting them soon.

Pastor visited with Pastor Wade Mobley when he was in Minneapolis last week. Although we don't have firm dates, he affirmed that it should work in his schedule to come from our Spring Spiritual Life Meetings.

February Men's Conference. Pastor visited with Paul Nash and decided on February 6th would be the best time for this.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

We should look for a different contractor to do the cement work on the Southeast corner of the church. In regards to the new building for the van storage, I'm not sure if we want to go ahead with it. Cost of materials is high right now because of all the California fires.

I believe Garner Sailer has some people that could do that cement work for us.

Kevin Lee reported that it will be awhile before we know about the LED light grant.

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

Sunday school as postponed 1 week, classes will start Sunday September 20th. We are still in need of 1 more teacher and subs. We are staying with our original Covid Plan as was outlined in our letter previously posted. 4th Grade bibles will also be given out.

It was decided that the Teacher Appreciation funds for the 2019-2020 Sunday school year would be donated to Feed my Starving Children on behalf of those who assisted with teaching/helping last year in the amount of \$225.00.

Christmas program will be held December 20th.

Dates were discussed for our Night in Bethlehem event. Possibly December 5th or 12th.

Angie is going to look into purchasing a library cart for OCC items.

OLD BUSINESS

Use of Church – The nursery will be opened up, but families will need to bring their own toys and take them home so toys would not need to be cleaned each week. Janitor, Amy Haugen, has said she will clean the room

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe of \$1,878.54: \$526.18 to Help in Service Fund (HIS Fund), \$526.18 to AFLC Youth Ministries and \$526.18 to AFLC Christian Education and \$300 to FMSC Mobile Pack

Annual Meeting - Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 1 pm.

Quarantining – We will make an announcement “In the interest in keeping our church doors open, please follow your quarantine guidelines.” Discussed how we would pay our hourly employees if they needed to quarantine. Since there is so much uncertainty during this time, we will treat each situation as it comes up but are supportive of our employees to work their normal hours. Some work can be done at home and other work may wait until our employees are able to be back at the church. Discussed what may need to be done at the church by other members (i.e. folding bulletins, cleaning bathrooms)

A Night in Bethlehem – Council recommended having it only for our church this year since so many events have had to be cancelled at the last minute due to COVID.

Ministry Appreciation Month – We approved purchasing gift cards to Bronson’s and Country Kettle to present to Pastor Kent Sperry and Youth Director Seth Larson for Ministry Appreciation month.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from AFLC Office of President, AFLC World Missions, AFLC Youth Ministries and Our Daily Bread for our prayers and financial gifts. Received newsletters and thank you notes from Steve and Glenda Kvale of Wycliffe and Andrew and Alexis Olson who are AFLC missionaries in Tanzania for our prayers and financial gifts