

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

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October 2020



Pastor Kent

This year has been anything but normal. For this reason, flexibility is the name of the game for 2020. We've seen this played out in many different ways.

However, that being said, we have some wonderful opportunities ahead of us. We have opportunities that will help us to grow in our faith as well as to equip us for ministry. And I hope that everyone will take advantage of as many as possible.

Sunday School has begun for the year, and we hope that it can continue. And this is an opportunity not only for the kids, but for adults. We are studying a curriculum titled *Foundations of Faith*. We're looking at the basics of our faith as a refresher for some, and as a first-time learning opportunity for others.

Our men's breakfast kicked off in September. Throughout the year, we'll be looking at discipling our family. We hope that many of the men will come out to learn how they can better disciple their own family.

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study has been looking at the Gospel of John. We're learning from this book who Jesus is and who he claimed to be. It's not too late to jump in and dig through the second half of this book with us.

In early October, we'll be hosting a Youth and Children's Ministry Training event. This is being hosted by the Western North Dakota-Eastern Montana District of the AFLC. Pastor Jason Holt, Director of Youth Ministries for the AFLC, and Marian Christopherson, Director of Parish Education, will be with us to train us how to better minister to our young people. We

hope that our Sunday School teachers, VBS helpers, youth helpers, and anyone else interested in youth or children's ministry will take part.

Our Fall Spiritual Life Meetings will also be held in October. We'll welcome Pastor Brian Ricke, from Hope Free Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and co-host of the Being Lutheran Podcast, who will share with us on the theme of worship. And this will look at much more than what we do in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. It will look at the many ways in which we worship God in our day to day lives as well.

Our district men's retreat will be held in Epping, ND at the end of the month. It's a great opportunity to gather with men from around our district to study God's Word together. Our speaker this year will be Pastor Jim Johnson, Director of Home Missions for the AFLC.

This is not an exhaustive list of all that is happening. In addition, we have WMF Bible studies. We have several small group Bible studies being held. And numerous youth activities are on the calendar and will be announced by Seth.

Please watch the announcements for specific dates and times. And, if you have any questions, feel free to call the office or shoot me a message. You will not regret taking part in any of these opportunities.

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

Ministry Workshop

The Western North Dakota District of the AFLC will be hosting a youth and children's ministry workshop October 9th-10th at Prince of Peace. It will begin on Friday evening, and continue on Saturday morning until early afternoon. Speakers will be Pastor Jason Holt, Director of Youth Ministries for the AFLC, and Marian Christopherson, Director of Parish Education for the AFLC. We encourage all of those who help with our youth ministries, Sunday School, and VBS to participate. We also invite and encourage anyone who has an interest in youth and children's ministry to take part. Please RSVP by October 1 so we can prepare enough food! This is a free event.

Fall Spiritual Life Messages

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings will be held October 18th-21st. Our speaker will be Pastor Brian Ricke, from Hope Free Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and co-host of the Being Lutheran Podcast. His theme for the week will be **Living Sacrifices**. He will be talking about what worship looks like, worshiping through God's Guidance, Worship in the Family, Worship in our Everyday Lives, and Worshiping as a Congregation. Please make plans to join us!



Men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 17th @ 7am. The study topic is about discipling families.

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 October 4, 18, & 25 and November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast! This ministry is now 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.



Sunday School Corner

Nothing submitted



Youth

Am I Reasonable?

Philippians 4:5

We live in a very opinionated society, some would say we are more full of opinions now than ever before. Every single

thing that happens in American culture, is usually followed by someone's opinion about the subject. If the discussion is religion, rather than discussing the facts of Christianity, we discuss our opinions on other religions. If the discussion is Covid, we quickly find ourselves not talking about the facts concerning it, but rather the conversation becomes political and our opinions on that matter. Don't get me wrong, there is definitely a place for all of these things. But when it replaces the finding of solutions, and when we can have a conversation about religion and not mention God once, we have a problem.

Philippians 4:5 says, "Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand." It's a fairly simple command, but so often we get lost in the small issues and we sacrifice our reasonableness for our stances on subjects that are important, but they don't matter as much as our and others' salvation. What God is really telling us to do in this verse is to be so reasonable that other people can't help but see us and see God living inside of us. I don't know what that looks like in your life, but I know it's possible. And I know that it is what God wants from us in this life so that we can represent him as best as possible.

Benefiting from God's Blessings
Youth Pastor Seth Larson

Youth and Children's Training-
A time of encouragement and learning about ministry to children and youth will be October 9th and 10th at Prince of Peace

AFLBS UP Close- Juniors and Seniors may come to Minneapolis to take a tour of the Bible School and see what it is like to live a day like a bible schooler will be October 16th.



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.

It is officially fall! My favorite time of year. Someone asked me what I like most about fall and I had to think: it is because it cools off so nicely at night. What do you like about this season? I also love autumn colors.

On Saturday, October 3 some of us will be heading to the Beaver Creek Church by Ray for the Fall District Rally. Carpooling may be available.

The WMF Bible study will be on Monday, October 19, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will be looking at Lesson 9, "**Becoming a Slave to Fear**". What are you afraid of? Where did fear begin? We must replace fear with Life-changing TRUTH! Our author, Linda Korhonen, uses a train to illustrate how our emotions can get us off track. The engine is the FACTS (God and His word), FAITH is next and the caboose is our FEELINGS. She says, "When we keep the FACTS first in our lives, our FAITH will be strengthened and our FEELINGS will be stabilized. TRUTH is the answer to our fears." This is a timely lesson. Much is going on in the world that can be frightening. Come look at God's word with us.

I have a little poem that I found in my Women's Devotional Bible.

*It is comforting to have God,
Who is as much at home
on one end of the earth as the other.
Where is the end of the earth?*

*To me, it may be in China or Africa;
to a Chinese or African, it may be New York.
Physically, the world has no end.*

But...

*When I come to the end of myself,
Wherever I am in the world,
God is there.*

*And from that seeming dead end
He can create new life,
and give new strength.*

*I never need fear that I have not
taken him along. --Gladis and Gordon
DePree*

Linda Korhonen reminds us that there is one fear we constantly need: Look up Proverbs 14:26 for the answer.

Philippians 4:6,7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. May the Lord bless you,
Judy 870-2131



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

LMS (**Lutheran Mission Society**) will be holding it's 2020 Annual Meeting at Prince of Peace on October 13th. LMS had the Alaska mission based in Naknek for many years before gifting it to the AFLC in 2008. They still support the work in Alaska. The board will meet from noon until 5PM.

An evening service is planned with Pastor Jeff Swanson, who serves as AFLC Missionary to Southeast Alaska, at 7:00 PM. This will be a great opportunity for Prince of Peace members to hear about the work in Alaska, and a solid Biblical message from Pastor Swanson.



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!

September 13th: Pencils, Flat Pencil Cases, Erasers, and Pencil Sharpeners

September 20th: Notebooks, Coloring Items, Scissors

September 27th: Combs/Brushes and Hair Accessories

October 4th: Wash Clothes, Bar Soap and Bar Soap Containers

October 11th: Toothbrushes and Toothbrush Covers

October 18th: Flashlights and Extra Batteries

October 25th: Socks and Underwear (Sizes 2T to Youth XL)

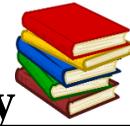
November 1st: Wow Items! (Toys, balls, and small games!)

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.



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



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**.

2020 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman (2020)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2020)
Secretary	Deb Saylor (2020)
Deacons	Kevin Lee (2020)
	Garrett Saylor (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)

October Birthdays

Rayney Klipfel	10/1
Dara Reinhardt	10/1
Paula Duppong	10/2
Eli Placke	10/2
Steve Goetz	10/3
Jan Gunsch	10/3
Ethan Johnson	10/5
Michael Finck	10/7
Taylor Funk	10/7
Shane Haugen	10/8
Roger Rosaaen	10/8
Brittney Seibel	10/9
Art Flemmer	10/10
Brock Holen	10/11
Charles Mattheis	10/11
Gertie Retzer	10/11
Mason Mattheis	10/12
Eva Murphy	10/17
Donna Bieri	10/19
Wayne Hoffner	10/21
Ella Fandrich	10/23
Michele Klein	10/24
Aria Doe	10/25
McCoy Mohl	10/29
Nancy Wright	10/29
David Schumaier	10/30
Sue Bauer	10/31
Marlene Sasse	10/31

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I attended our district pastor's meeting in New Leipzig.

The AFLC President was in the area and stopped in to visit.

I had a lengthy Go-to-Meeting with the AFLC World Missions Committee.

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 have also done a couple of spiritual assessments for them by phone, and another in-person.

Wednesday night Bible study is continuing with our look at the Gospel of John. We are currently just over half way through the book.

Confirmation has begun with six students (one of whom is from the Golden Valley church).

I'm scheduled to attend meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis on October 5th-6th (Monday-Tuesday).

The district men's retreat is scheduled for October 30th-31st. POP will provide supper on Friday night.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

- High School Lake Days
- Last day of summer youth group
- District Pastor's Meeting last Tuesday
- High and Middle school youth group has started
- Sunday School this Sunday
- See You at and hopefully After the Pole
- I will be starting training a younger Youth Director via Lead 222
- Seniors and juniors are assisting with leading High School and Middle School youth group.
- Bake sale for the youth will be November 22nd.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 46,949.98
Building Fund	\$ 32,359.01
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 258.80
Intern Fund	\$ 27,885.35
Church Van/Storage	\$ 3,671.83
Total Bank Acct	\$ 115,502.72

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 102,260.33

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

For adult Sunday School, we'll resume the series Pastor started in the fall, *Foundations of Faith*. This is our confirmation material that he'll be adapting for the adult class. We'll be using our Bibles, of course, and the Small Catechism.

Men's breakfast/study – Pastor will be developing a series about our role (as men) in discipling our family, which will start this month.

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. Also plan to invite the churches of the Eastern North Dakota District. Two tracks will run simultaneously, a youth track and a children's track.

Pastor plans to attend meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis October 5th-6th (Monday-Tuesday). He would have gone to the AFLC Pastor's Conference from Tuesday through Thursday but, as we're hosting the Youth and Children's Ministry Training beginning that Friday, he will not as it'll be too much on his plate.

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

Lutheran Mission Society (LMS) will hold a meeting for their board of directors on Tuesday October 13th at Prince of Peace. There are also plans for an evening service. LMS is the entity that gave the Alaska Mission to the AFLC and continues to pay towards the salary of Pastor Swanson in Alaska.

There was discussion about getting closer to the normal old routine for fellowship after church. It should be watched and discussed at the full Council meeting.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

The concrete work for the steps on the Southeast corner of the church should be completed by the end of the month.

Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek

Sunday School will start on September 13th and they are still looking for a 6-8th grade teacher.

OLD BUSINESS

LED Light Replacement – Kevin Lee brought to the council a grant that would cover up to 80% of the cost of the replacing all existing lights to LED's. Prince of Peace can apply for the grant and does not have to accept the grant until an estimate has been given. Kevin will proceed with the grant process.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$2,326.57 to Evangelism and \$300 to FMSC Mobile Pack

Annual Meeting – Sunday, November 22 at 1 pm.

Copy Machine – Our copier is no longer under contract and at the end of its functional life. Three options were presented to the council. Questions were raised about how long it would take to get a new one. More information will be gathered, and the item was tabled until next month.

Van Storage Building - Dustin Buchmann presented a rough estimate for a storage building for the van. Building would be 30 x 40, have two garage doors, and be tall enough to house a snow removal vehicle in case the church purchases their own. Dustin will finalize an estimate for materials and concrete that will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting for approval. Concrete will be poured by a contractor and construction of the building labor will be done by church members.

Men's District meeting in Epping will be Friday-Saturday October 30-31!!! Pastor Jim Johnson, Director of Home Missions will be speaking. Contact Pastor Kent if you are interested in going.