

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

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Pastor Kent

"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even

denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed."

(2 Peter 2:1-2 ESV)

Here we are, at the beginning of another school year. All of our church activities are also starting up. And, even though I know it means more work for me, it's something that I greatly enjoy.

I enjoy it because teaching and preaching God's Word is my favorite thing to do. I love teaching Sunday School. I love leading Bible study. I love teaching confirmation and leading our men's study. I love preaching the Word of God each Sunday morning. I love it because, as I do so, God

speaks to me and ministers to me. And I love it because I know that he does the same for each one who attends.

I know that, for many in the church, these activities seem like one more thing to do. They seem like another drain on our time and energy. And we don't seem to grasp the importance of our time in God's Word.

In the above verses, we see a very important reason to take part in these activities. Peter tells us that false prophets arose in the past and that, in the same way, they'll arise among us as well. He tells us that they'll bring in destructive heresies. They'll introduce false teaching that will lead others not to saving faith in Christ, but away from it. He tells us that they will even deny Christ himself.

We're also told that many will follow them. And not only will they be led astray, they will also make the Christian faith seem unattractive to those outside of the church. Because of them, Peter says, the way of truth will be blasphemed.

We may not be able to stop false teachers from arising. However, by engaging with God's Word on a regular basis, we are strengthened against them. We are better able to recognize false truths as they're being proclaimed, and we're better equipped to stand against them.

We're also equipped to provide a faithful testimony of the gospel to those around us. We're better able to share the truth of God with those who don't understand. And we're better able to correct false teaching as we encounter it within the church.

I understand that you may not have the time to take part in every opportunity the church offers. I understand that you only have so much time available to you. But I encourage you to take part in at least one of the opportunities that are offered, besides Sunday morning. Take part knowing that, as you do so, your own faith will be strengthened. And do so knowing that, in this way, you will be better equipped to bless those around you.

POP New Member Class

Our fall New Member classes will be held at 6:00pm October 1st and 8th for those coming from a non-Lutheran background and the last class on October 15 for everyone. New Member Sunday will be held October 29. Please contact Pastor Kent if you are interested in church membership.



Men's Breafast/BibleStudy

Men's breakfast/Bible study will begin Saturday, Sept 16 @ 7:00am. We will be studying the life of Abraham. Join us!



Wednesday night

Bible study begins Sept 6 @ 7:00pm. We will be studying the book of Daniel.

From the Deacons

With the summer season beginning to wind down, I would like to highlight the opportunities available to study God's word further.

The Men's breakfast and Bible Study meets the third Saturday of each month at 7:00 A.M. in the fellowship hall.

There are several women's studies available:

The WMF meets the third Monday of each month at 10:30 A.M. and also at 6:30 P.M. Non-denominational Precept Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 9:00A.M. at the Church of God. Men can attend also.

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There are currently four adult groups with couples and singles attending. These are great opportunities for fellowship and strengthening your faith. It would be great to get more involved in these studies. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for those that would like to be involved in a study beginning this fall. If you have questions talk to Darcee, Pastor Kent, or Kevin Lee.



September Community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, September 9 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event, contact Bev Sorensen. Our Community meal team is wondering if anyone has Thrivent Community Action cards/funds that they would like to apply to the Community meal. They are also always looking for available helping hands. Please contact the office and I will get you in touch!



Prayer Request

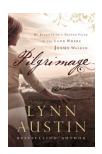
Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the email prayer chain or would like to receive the prayer emails – please email the church office. If it is after office hours, please email Margie Lee at lee@beu.midco.net or text Darcee @ 870-2122.

Ushers for September

9-3-2017 Marvin Bauer*, Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Todd Seibel, and Vern Boehm
9-10-2017 Robin Richter*, Dalton & Sylvia
Zeiszler, Shane Haugen, Ron Frei
9-17-2017 Marvin & Jan Sigman, Gary & Marj
Murray, Jim & Rusty Plienis
9-24-2017 Wennings, Martins, & Schriefers

Fellowship service for September

9-3-2017 Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis, Del & Linda Schnaidt
9-10-2017 Jim & Joan Schumaier, Kevin & Margie Lee, Betty Hausauer
9-17-2017 Joe & Twyla Barbot, Eric & Kelsey Timmer, Gary & Susan Miller
9-24-2017 Gina Feist, Wennings, Margaret Rosaan



Library news...

September library news: Back to school is a great time to brush up on your reading. Check out what our library has to offer.

POP Member Book recommendation:
Pilgrimage by Lynn Austin.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org with your email address. The newsletter is printed and ready by the fourth Sunday of the month. The newsletter is also available on our website. If you have anything you would like put in the newsletter, please email or call the office at 873-560.

RADIO BROADCAST (((C)))

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 September 3, 17, & 24 and October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

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.



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.

September is a month of start-ups: Sunday school, Confirmation, Wednesday night Bible Study, Precepts Bible Study, quilting...just to name a few at church; along with school terms, college semesters, pre-schools, home schools, not to mention all the extra-curricular activities. Oh no! How can we do it all?

Quoting Elisabeth Elliot; "One morning I was reading the story of Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. The disciples could find only five loaves of bread and two fishes. 'Let me have them,' said Jesus. He asked for all. He took them, said the blessing, and broke them before He gave them out. I remembered what a chapel speaker, Ruth Stull of Peru, had said: 'If my life is broken when given to Jesus, it is because pieces will feed a multitude, while a loaf will satisfy only a little lad.'"

I am broken into many pieces. I don't know what to do with all the pieces. Do I need to have it all together so I can do everything "correctly"? NO! The WMF Bible study: "Lessons in Acts" gives many examples of how God takes broken people and puts them where they need to be, when they need to be there, so that His purpose will be accomplished according to His will for His glory. Lesson 7 was on encouraging acts. Encouraging others in their God given gifts is a spiritual gift itself. This isn't giving everyone a participation medal, but while you are encouraging others you are teaching and correcting.

In September we will have WMF Bible Study on Monday the 18th at 10:30 and 6:30. We will be on Lesson 8 "Obedient Acts". Please join us at one of these times even if you haven't come before. Each lesson is pretty much a lesson

unto itself and you don't need to have been there before. If you don't have a lesson book, we can make a copy of the lesson for you. They have been good lessons this year!

Saturday, October 14 the WMF District Fall Rally will be held in Culbertson, MT. Think about coming along. The day is always rewarding in so many ways. We will have carpooling of some sort available.

No meeting date yet for September. Will make an announcement in church when it's scheduled!

Brent and Emily Raan and family are being sent to serve and to plant Free and Living Congregations in Jinja, Uganda to begin with. Please pray for them as they prepare for this chapter in their lives.

In His love, Judy Tolosky <u>701-870 -2131</u>

Here I stand

WMF District Fall Rally Saturday, Oct 14 2017 Bethel Community Church Culbertson MT 10:00am MT

The 5 Solas of the Protestant Reformation

AFLC District Fall Men's Retreat October 27-28 Upper Missouri Ministries Bible Camp – Epping, ND 6:00pm – 3:00pm

Worship Attendance

07-09 - 154

07-16 - Comm. Service

07-23 - 140

07-30 - 130

08-06 - 138

08-13 - 153

08-20 - 118



Sunday School Corner

Sunday School starts September 10th! Material has been ordered, classrooms are being prepped and the kids are excited. But there is one very important thing that we need, teachers! Below you will find a table with classes and the numbers of teachers we still need.

Preschool/Kindergarten	1
First/Second	1
Third/Fourth	1
Fifth/Sixth	2
Seventh/Eight	2

As you can see we are still in need of 7 teachers. The three individuals who signed up are teaching under the assumption we will have a co-teacher for them, so It is important we find them a partner. If you are considering and hesitating for any reason, please talk with Angela Wanzek.

As Sunday School starts there are a couple of guidelines that Christian Education Board follows. First, your child must be 4 by August 1st. Please be respectful of this. Our Preschool/Kindergarten class this year is very full! Second, please remember that all students Grade 4 and younger must go through the snack line with an adult. And lastly, a remember that the Warehouse is only for students Grade 5 and up.

The start of Sunday school is a wonderful time full of excitement for God and the Board of Christian Education is so excite to start another year.



September Birthdays!!!

Margie Lee	9/1
Evan McFarlin	9/3
Collin Schmit	9/3
Karen Seibel	9/3
Jim Alt	9/4
Parker Lenzen	9/4
Tammy Wiedrich	9/4
Ivan Keller	9/5
Mitchell Mattheis	9/7
Randy Schneider	9/8
Kenny Klein	9/9
Emma Wanzek	9/9
Elaine Foth	9/10
Ryan Martin	9/12
Ruth Sailer	9/12
Gary Murray	9/14
Lance Klipfel	9/15
Sodie Peabody	9/15
Julie Bergstedt	9/18
Tad Feist	9/18
Daniel Schmit	9/19
Caty Ternes	9/19
Kelly Aalund	9/22
Connor Babcock	9/22
Joe Wright	9/22
Michelle Placke	9/23
Keith Yeager	9/25
Emma Neuberger	9/27
Bill Keller	9/29
Blake Martin	9/29
Eric Schmit	9/29
Riley Schriefer	9/29
Bill Swanson	9/30



FLY Account FLY 2017 (Illuminate) Attendees

It is the beginning of a new school year which means that we are about to embark on a new season of ministry at Prince of Peace. While it is great to look to the future, it is also very significant to remember the past. For that reason, this newsletter article is going to be based upon the accounts of some students and parents who were able to participate in the FLY Convention this summer. Hear their stories. think about their testimonies, and ponder how being involved in serving or participating ended up being a blessing. Then, consider how you can be involved in a current program, small group, or ministry as well and contemplate what blessings the Lord may have in store for you if you do something different and find a new way to volunteer and serve. There is certainly no shortage of opportunities for one to give of their time and talents around here!

"I wanted thank you for opportunity to be a dorm leader at Fly this year. I had heard such good things about FLY in the past I was sure it would be a great experience. It sure didn't take long to realize what a massive event this was. I had no idea how much planning goes into such a large venue. I was overwhelmed at how every detail was taken care of so thoroughly. The speakers (yourself included) were very inspiring and

right on God's word. What a blessing this event was for everyone who got to experience it! Young and old (me) it was a thought provoking and life changing experience for many. I felt my relationship with God growing stronger every day. I also hope the relationships I made there with others will continue to last. I was very blessed with my 3 roommates to share the week with. I think this event would be a benefit to all, and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go.

Sincerely,
Dan Martin"

"When I first signed up for FLY I was a little nervous because I was the only girl my age going, but by the end of the week I was very happy I went. I not only came closer to the Lord but I also got a lot closer to the other kids that went. Throughout the week I could really feel the Lord working in my heart. Just seeing the beauty of the land and the Lord working in other people's lives showed me how amazing He really is. I really enjoyed the speakers at FLY and felt I learned so much from each one. It really showed me that there is always something to learn or study about the Lord. Two speakers that really stood out to me were Emily Johnson, who talked about being a Christian in a public school, and Kayla Russum, who spoke to only the girls and talked about many different struggles you may have in your life. I felt I could easily relate to what they said and that it really has stuck with me. During one of the bible studies, there was a verse mentioned that I've really grown to love is Psalm 27:1, it says "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation - whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?" It reminds me that no matter what I go through in life, good or bad, the Lord will always be by my side. My week at FLY has definitely brought me closer to the Lord and I am very thankful for the opportunity to be able to go and learn about and praise the Lord at such an amazing and beautiful place that really shows the beautiful work of the Lord."-Brooklyn Keller

"Every year at FLY I am amazed at how well organized everything is and how Christ centered every aspect of FLY is. I enjoyed seeing our youth experience, even for just a week, a Christ saturated environment. From waking up, to meals, to bedtime everything is fun, clean, and focused on praising the Name of Christ. That is such a blessing when our youth are bombarded with sin at every turn in the day to day life. Along with the fun activities are incredible electives and workshops that give students and adults alike tools to continue this closeness with God." -Rebecah Martin

"Fly was a lot of fun and a great time to grow closer to God. This year's theme was Illuminate, it talked about how the darkness of sin seems safer to hide in but in reality the light of God is better. There was a mandatory workshop which covered different topics and was very informative. Then there was an elective which you could choose, there were many of these and all were great. A lot of the focus of the speakers was placed on how we humans are incapable of resisting temptation and we need to ask God to help us, and that if we

trust in God to help us and ask him to He will help us. There was also talk about how it is important to step out in faith and trust God. One of the messages was about starting conversations with non-Christians about Christ, the advice given was, "to ask questions that move toward the core of their life, admire something, pay a sincere compliment to them, and admit that the reason you are a Christian is because you need a savior." -Blake Martin

Upcoming youth activities:

September 7th: Middle School Bible Study begins

September 10th: Sunday School Begins September 27th: See You At The Pole & See

You After The Pole

October 20-22: AFLBS Fall Campus Days

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Del Schnaidt - Council Chair

The 2016 World Hunger statistics show that there are 11 million people undernourished in developed countries and 780 million people in poor agricultural countries around the world. Statistics show that at least 6200 children will die of hunger related causes this year alone.

In the Feed My Starving Children Meal Pack mission, food is donated to 70 countries around the world in an effort to reduce the number of hunger casualties. Thank you to our Youth Pastor Jordan for once again leading this important drive in an effort to not only physically, but hopefully spiritually feed those who are in need. This is our call of duty as proclaimed in Matthew 25. A couple ways we can help is by helping financially to meet the \$22,000 community goal to provide the food, and we can volunteer to help pack the food at Prince of Peace on August 25th and 26th so that it can be sent to those in need. Five hundred (500) volunteers are needed.

I encourage you to please consider helping in any way you can to make this important effort of saving lives a reality. We <u>CAN</u> turn hunger into HOPE!

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings and deacon's meeting.

Participated in our ministerial prayer meetings.

Visiting and keeping up with members who are ill and shut-in.

Most of the past month was consumed by the mission trip. I spent a fair amount of time in final preparations and training of the team. We then were away for two weeks for this trip. Both the highs and the lows of the trip were a great learning experience and helped us all to focus on what's truly important. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Since my return, I've begun planning and preparation for fall classes/studies.

Confirmation orientation is on Wednesday, August 30th. Classes begin on Sept. 6th.

Wednesday night Bible study will also begin on Sept. 6th and will look at the book of Daniel.

Youth Pastor's Report - Jordan Langness

Relational Ministry: This past month contained some good time with students from our district at family camp. In addition to this, I was able to meet with a couple of college bound students to discuss their future plans and had some students over to join us for supper. Middle school lake days provided another opportunity to spend some good time with students at the lake.

Other Ministry: Over the past month I have been investing a good amount of time in the Mobilepack. We seem to be on a good pace for it this year...our funding is mostly in and registration got off to a quicker start. I filled in the pulpit at IBC while Aaron was on sabbatical and I did a sermon at the nursing home while Pastor Kent was on his mission trip. I had a baptism for the Palmer family, assisted Justo Pillman in getting set up for his time here, minor technical wizardry, and continuing efforts for the community youth services, FLY Beyond 2018 planning, Youth Board responsibilities, and ministerial partnership.

Upcoming Plans, Community Youth Group, Mobilepack, fall paintball event, Pheasant hunt, launching fall programming.

General Fund	\$ 47,292.56
Building Fund	\$ 38,821.15
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 391.36
Community Meal Fund	\$ 954.60
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 87.00
Intern Fund	\$ 31,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 181,855.04

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance \$ 181,855.04

<u>Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee</u>

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings are set for October 22nd to 25th with Creation Ministries International speaker Dr. Carter.

Gospel of John videos will be shown Sunday evening August 20th and August 27th at 7:00 PM

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will begin the third Saturday in September with Pastor Kent leading a series of Bible Studies looking at lessons from the life of Abraham.

Pastor Kent went over the basics of a Deacon leading Communion service if Pastor Kent and Jordan happen to be gone on a Communion Sunday.

Pastor Kent shared some Discipleship materials that were presented at annual conference to see if they could be used in some way at Prince of Peace.

A new member class will be held most likely in October. There are about six people that may be interested so far.

Participation in small group Bible studies will be encouraged for this fall with announcements and sign-up sheets the end of August.

Trustee's Report – Randy Schneider

Talk to electrician about wiring the bell remote.

Three names of volunteers have come in for counting money, plus one willing to be a substitute, will need to have conversations with current money counters and decide which group to put them with

West air conditioner apparently was not working well one day but seems to be doing fine now.

Update – Discussion about getting rid of metal shelving that's outside between the two buildings. We need to get rid of it before winter. Deb Sayler will put a notice in the bulletin and list on some Facebook selling sites. Shelving is free.

<u>Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt</u>

Sunday School - We will have Preschool and K together with at least two teachers every Sunday. Our goal is to have co-teachers for each class PreK - 6th. Spiritual Live Meetings are set to begin on Oct 22, however, this may change. Angie and Darcee will be ordering SS materials. Fourth graders will be presented their Bibles on Sept 17th. Angie will have Darcee order a case of Bibles for the future. To be in a SS class kids need to be 4 yrs old by Aug 1. Parents of 3 yr olds are welcome to organize a class for this age. We will supply a room for them to meet, but then parents will have to do the teaching.

Cleaning - Nursery toys and busy bags to be cleaned by Angie for July and Rebecah for Aug.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Medical Equipment – Kevin ordered the equipment and it's here.

NEW BUSINESS

Feed My Starving Children – Jordan updated us on the fundraising and it's going well. Our financial obligation is about \$22,000. Still need people for hospitality. Need 120 people per shift.

Broken Window on North Side of Fellowship Room – The trustees will look at it.

Mailbox Cluster – Trustees need to look at it the mailboxes since they are tipping back because all the snow last winter.

Fence Possibility – Discussion that kids have tried to get on the propane tanks and maybe we need to think about fencing that area.

Tithe –Tithe was split: \$2000.00 to AFLC Bible School and \$733.77 to AFLC Youth Board.

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