

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

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Pastor Kent

"I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word." (Psalm 138:2 ESV)

As we enter into November, the day that stands out on the calendar, above all others, is Thanksgiving. It is one of the highest of holidays in our nation, and it's the beginning of what we refer to as the "holiday season." And even though Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, it's an important remembrance on many levels.

The first celebration of Thanksgiving took place in 1621, in the Plymouth Colony, as a day of prayer and thanks after their first successful harvest. Other colonies soon adopted this practice. And, in 1789, more than 150 years later, George Washington proclaimed November 26th of that year to be a day devoted by the American people to the service of God who has given us everything

we have, and to render to him our sincere and humble thanks. However, it wasn't until 1863 that the precedence for Thanksgiving was set on a national level. In that year, Abraham Lincoln said that, even thought he country was engaged in civil war, the American people have many reasons for thankfulness, such as the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies.

This is a truth that's essential for us to remember, and it's seen in the words of David in the above Psalm. He says that he bows down towards God's holy temple and gives thanks to his name for his steadfast love and faithfulness. He gives thanks to God for his ongoing kindness, grace, and favor.

On the surface, this seems like an obvious and appropriate course of action. We realize that, like David, we should thank God for his many blessings. We realize that we should thank him for his undeserved kindness. And this is something that we should do not only once a year, but daily. After all, we expect the gratitude of those that we help and serve.

Yet, this reality is often lost to us. It's lost to us as we encounter times of trial and struggle. In these moments, we don't feel blessed by God. We don't feel as though his love is steadfast, or unfailing. In fact, we begin to feel that he's withholding his blessing, and we begin to grumble and complain.

We fail to remember that, in spite of our trials, God continues to provide for us everything we need in this life. We fail to remember that, in spite of our hardships, God has done everything necessary to provide for us his salvation. And we fail to remember that God works through our trials and hardships for our blessing.

Having a day set aside to express our thanks often helps to center us. It forces us to take our thoughts off of our difficulties and consider God's blessings, both great and small. And it enables us to move forward with a spirit of thanksgiving into the days ahead.

My hope and prayer is that Thanksgiving will do so for each one of us. My hope and prayer is that our celebration of Thanksgiving will be sincere. I hope and pray that we will remember God's unfailing love, and give to him the gratitude and praise he deserves.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social

Thursday, November 21 @ 7:00pm. Bring your favorite pie to share!

Prince of Peace Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday November 18 @ 1:00pm after the potluck lunch.

A polite reminder - those who use the kitchen are responsible for washing the dishcloths and towels and returning them to the drawers! (this includes fellowship!)



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 4, 11, 18, & 25 and December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



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.

I Just want to remind everyone of the WMF Bible Study that will be on Monday November 19 at 10:30 and 6:30. We will be doing Lesson 10, "HOPE THROUGH PRAYER: Finding God Faithful".

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful---for He cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13 Have a thankful Thanksgiving!

Judy Tolosky

WMF Fall District Rally

Saturday October 13th 5 women from POP and one from Triniy drove to Stanley for the rally. We were blessed with 2 different sessions from Michael Rokenbrodt who is an AFLC Missionary in Uganda. He talked about the history of Uganda and why it is in the state that it is in. He shared an oral Bible story about when Peter walked on water and when Jesus cast the demons out of the man into the pigs. That man can tell a story!!!! He shared with us about the Ambassador Institute in Uganda and what it's purpose is and how it works. Michael stays in Uganda for 6 months a year and then in MN teaching the other six months a year. We had a great lunch and fellowship and sang a bit. There was a WMF district meeting in which Margie Lee was reelected as Treasurer. We thank her for fulfilling that role so well. Darcee Wenning



It is getting colder – which is a fantastic time to snuggle up with a good book from our library!



Men's breakfast/Bible study will be Saturday, November 17 @ 7:00am!

Sunday School Corner

Sunday School is going well and the kids are having blast. We are so thankful for our teachers and all of the parents who allow us to teach their kids every Sunday. November and December are busy months for the Sunday School Program. Here are some details about important events and dates:

November 4th: Operation Christmas Child packing day! All students, families and church members will pack a shoe box during the Sunday School hour. Please attend and participate! We have a blast. We are still looking for donations for the shoe boxes. Please check out the OCC angle tree and pick a tag and bring an item or help out with shipping.

November 9th: No Sunday School due to BPS long, four day weekend.

November 25th: No Sunday School due to Thanksgiving

December 9th: Christmas Program Practice during the entire Sunday School hour. It is super important for your child to attend this day if they are planning on participating in the Christmas Program!

December 15th: TBA a possible extra Christmas program practice on Saturday morning. Please watch your email and notes sent on the week prior about this possibility.

December 16th: Christmas Program during the regular Church service hour.

January 6th: Sunday School resumes.

We realize that this is a lot of information. Please watch the church calendar, emails and notes sent home with your students for any changes. Have a great November!

Ushers for November

11-4-2018: Mark Gerde, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

11-11-2018: Brad & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara

Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

11-18-2018: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris

Keller, Horning Family

11-25-2018: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg,

Kameron Plienis, Klaudt family



<u>Fellowship service for</u> November

11-4-2018: Jeremy & Heather Brandt, Ron & Milda

Frei, Bill & Nancy Swanson

11-11-2018: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Joe &

Nancy Wright, Del & Linda Schnaidt

11-18-2018: Tad & Gina Feist, Darrin & Leeta

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11-25-2018: Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey

Mattheis, Gary & Marj Murray

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 and live on our facebook page.

Worship Attendance

09-16 - 176

09-23 - 182

09-30 - 213 10-07 - 173

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10-14 - 201

10-21 - 154



Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser



Sunday, November 18 during the fellowship time (silent Auction style)
Each youth (5th-12th) is encouraged to bring 1/3 items. Bring your checkbook to take care of your holiday baking!!!

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 873-5650

President	Delton Schnaidt (2018)		
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2018)		
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2018)		
Deacons	Don Buck (2018)		
	Riley Schriefer (2019)		
	Kevin Lee (2020)		
	Garrett Sayler (2020)		
Trustees	Bill Keller III (2018)		
	Randy Schneider (2019)		
	Joe Barbot (2019)		
	Les Buchmann (2020)		
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Christian Education	Rebecah Martin (2018)		
	Michelle Klaudt (2019)		
	Kelsey Timmer (2019)		
	Angie Wanzek (2020)		



Sunday School Christmas program is during the worship service on Sunday, December 16th!!!!



Recently I was talking with an old friend how 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

November Birthdays!!!

Mildred Hanks	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
Brynleigh Fandrich	11/7
Angela Wanzek	11/8
Krosby Plienis	11/9
Titus Sayler	11/10
Ryan Tolosky	11/11
Thomas Wanzek	11/13
Marlene Buehner	11/14
Gary Allard	11/15
Sandy Goetz	11/15
Anna Novak	11/16
Stan Miller	11/18
Lizzie Sperry	11/18
Spencer Mattheis	11/19
Isaac Barbot	11/21
Gage Doe	11/21
Ayden Sandwick	11/21
Ayden Finck	11/22
Steve Schaper	11/24
August Schriefer	11/24
Ron Frei	11/25
Jaida Doe	11/26
Mason Riegel	11/26
Janice Sigman	11/26
Sarah Sperry	11/26
Pearl Miller	11/27
Carl Sorensen	11/27
Dax Doe	11/28
Freda Krieger	11/28
Ciara Hausauer	11/29



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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

Participated in our ministerial prayer meetings, as well as our business meeting.

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis on Sept. 17th & 18th. I also met with them by Go-to-Meeting on Sept. 27th.

I conducted the funeral for Phyllis Spier.

We began our men's breakfast/study this past month. We're looking at the book *Family Vocation*, by Gene Veith. It highlights our specific callings within the family and how we serve God by loving the members of our family.

I baptized the babies of Jared & Kelsey Glynn and Devan & Cindi Reinhardt.

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

Update: In addition, Pastor Kent asked that we pray, along with other churches in our district, for the possibility of a church plant in Killdeer.

Youth Director's Report - Seth Larson

- Started attending FCA at BHS
- Had See you after and at the pole (Spoke at that)
- I have started meeting with Garrett Placke for Lead 222
- Middle and High school YG goes well as always:)
- Apprenticeship is going well!

- Movie night this Saturday (13th)
- AFLBS Up Close (18th-19th)
 - How to get there and who to drive and what car?
- "Stump the Youth Pastor" (Sun 21st)
- Men's Retreat (26th-27th)
- Joining the Youth Worship Team (28th)

<u>Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u>

General Fund	*	3/,320.//
Building Fund	\$	4,365.84
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	244.82
Community Meal Fund	\$	1,229.68
Congr. Mission Trips	\$	137.00
Intern Fund	\$	45,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$	76,343.27

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00 Loan Balance \$ 135,884.75

Deacon's Report - Kevin Lee

We discussed ideas for spring Spiritual Life meetings.

Confirmation continues to go well. Even with another large class, the kids are well behaved and thinking through the material.

POP 25th Anniversary – Everything seems to be in place. Ron is prepping for his presentation during Sunday School. Pastor was thinking that, because it was the primary issue behind the formation of POP and the Zion split, he would talk about the authority of Scripture for our message (unless anyone has a better idea).

The district men's retreat will be held October 26th-27th. There will be shooting offered off-site for Saturday recreation. We have been asked to prepare supper for Friday evening.

Don B will do devotions at the annual meeting and Kevin L will write the Deacons annual report.

Trustee's Report - Les Buchmann

Randy Schneider and Les Buchmann gave an update on the furnace project.

Christian Ed Report - Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School: Teachers are; <u>Pre/K</u> - Anna Sayler & Brandi Tolosky with helpers Anna Novak & Ashley, <u>Gr 1&2</u> - Donna Bieri, <u>Gr 3-5</u> - Don Buck, <u>Gr 6-8</u> - Teresa Buck. Rebecah is doing opening with Donna playing piano.

Youth Committee: Will be meeting on Sept 20 to help Seth with planning and organizing. We talked about how it would be fun to have matching t-shirts for the youth to wear to FLY or different group events. We discussed different fundraisers that have been done in the past.

Confirmation: Off to a good start. We will have two of Pastor Tom's students joining our group for snacks and fellowship and then they will go to a different room for their instruction from Pastor Tom.

Puppets: Will be performing on third Sundays.

OCC tree - Angie will move the tree to just behind chairs so it's more visible.

Christmas program - we will have lots of little kids and only a handful of bigger kids. We all liked last year with separating the younger kids' skit from the older kids. Angie will be thinking of what kind of program to put together.

OLD BUSINESS

HVAC replacement update: Legend Air has about 2 days of work left but they have been finishing up other projects first.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Keyboard: Our current keyboard has developed sticky keys. Jacobsen music brought up a keyboard to try for a week or 2 that is around \$1000. They have another keyboard for around \$1400 that we may consider if we aren't happy with this one.

- 2. Rumba vacuum was discussed and tabled until next meeting. We would like more information on price (\$550 and \$900 were mentioned), and effectiveness in our large sanctuary with so many chair legs, and how long it takes to clean. We would need to know how long it can go without charging and how often it needs to be emptied. We may try to borrow one or demo one to try.
- 3. **Tithe**: \$1000 be given to H.I.S., \$1000 to the ARC, and \$752.01 to Youth Ministries \$300 to Lacey Wenning's mission trip.

Correspondence

Margie read correspondence from the Josh Wagners, and thank you notes from the AFLC and WARC.