

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

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"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 ESV)

Even though I should know better, I am caught off guard every year as you participate in Pastor's Appreciation Month. This practice began in 1992 and has gained wider acceptance and practice over the course of the years. And you, the members of Prince of Peace, are no exception.

Although you express your appreciation to me throughout the year, you always make a special effort each October. And even knowing that October has been set aside for this purpose, it's not something that I'm typically thinking about or anticipating. In this sense, I get caught off guard when I am called up front to receive a gift of appreciation, or when, as we saw this year, the

puppet team put their talent and energy into expressing the same.

That being said, I thank you, the congregation of Prince of Peace, for the gift that was presented to me. I also thank each of you who personally, and sometimes anonymously, delivered cards, gifts, or expressions of appreciation. As I sometimes say, tongue in cheek, "I appreciate your appreciation."

However, know also that I truly appreciate this congregation, and I appreciate each one of you. This church has been a tremendous blessing to me, as have each of you as individuals. And it's this that led my thoughts to the words expressed by Paul above.

Writing to the church at Thessalonica, Paul expressed his thanks, and that of his coworkers, for them. He shared with them that he always prayed for them. And he expressed how he always remembered before God their work of faith and their labor of love.

In the same way, I too pray for you constantly. I pray for this congregation as a whole. And I pray for you individually, especially when certain needs are apparent or when particular requests have been made known.

I also remember your work of faith and your labor of love. I remember not only the great blessing that you are to me. I remember the great blessing that you are to one another, as you use your gifts to serve within the church. I remember the great blessing you are to others as you minister to the people of our community. And I remember the great blessing you are to others as you support the ministries of the AFLC, which carry the gospel throughout this country and even the world.

Please know that I absolutely love serving you and serving among you. There are trying moments, of course. And there are times when I grow weary. But this congregation is very dear to me and holds a special place in my heart.



Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. The cost is \$40. The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are November 6, 13, 20, & 27 and December 4, 11, 18, & 25. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



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





breakfast and Bible study, <u>The Call</u>, will be Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 am. Join us for great food and fellowship, as well as a time around God's Word.



Once again, PoP will be using a Thrivent gift card to honor our military veterans on Sunday, November 13th. We will have recognition during the church service, cupcakes in the fellowship hall, and a gift bag for each of the veterans. Please join us as a veteran to receive your well-deserved recognition and gift and as a congregant member to thank the veterans for their service.

Les & Joette Buchmann



November 6



The Threads of Love quilters work their magic on Wednesdays @ 9am. All are welcome. It is a

wonderful time of working together and fellowship. Please join us!

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 available on our youtube channel and the audio is also available on our website by the following Monday, or on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings.



From Hunger to Hope

We served lunch at Shop 'til you drop October 29th. We want to thank everyone whether it be volunteering, donating food, helping prepare the food, coming to support us, and/or holding us up in prayer! We will start fundraising again after Christmas and at setting another date in the fall to host another mobile pack. We are always looking for more help. We would love more people come along side us to help feed starving children.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri

Communion prep for November

Jay & Karen Seibel

Communion prep for December

Marj & Gary Murray



Sunday School Corner

It's November already and time to think about the Christmas program. If your kids won't be able to participate, please let their teacher or myself know so we can plan for parts etc. The program is planned for December 18th during the church service. November is a busy month. We will be writing cards to give to Veterans. November 13th is usually mission project weekend. I am not sure exactly we will be doing yet. If OCC needs help packing boxes, we may do that or maybe we will go to the nursing home. We will plan to sing for church November 20th. November 27th is Thanksgiving weekend so we won't have SS that day.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri



Wednesday evening, November 23 @ 7pm followed by a pie social.



Sunday, November 20

Youth Bake sale during fellowship. Potluck @ noon and Annual meeting to follow at 1:00pm.



The Intern's Corner

Wow.

This last month I have been stunned yet again by the generosity of this congregation. Sarah and I were flooded with cards, notes, and gifts during October in a way I could have never imagined possible.

As winter emerges to blanket us in cold, it's hard not to think about how different things will be for us in the spring. Lord-willing, by the time the weather truly warms up again, we will know where the Lord has called us to serve next. As that interview and call process quickly approaches, know that we are forever grateful for your love, prayers, gifts, and support that have carried us through this year of preparation.

We quite literally have been dependent on your generosity to survive, yet the Lord has blessed us through you to <u>thrive</u> so far here in Beulah. We cannot say thank you enough.

However, we can keep doing our best to love you with our own gifts and service.

God's Word is good and there is still plenty of truth that I can share with you in these coming months.

For today, drink deeply from this Psalm.

Here, the Lord is praised for many things. This includes things I especially want to praise Him for today, like his provision

(verse 16). For you today, maybe you need to hear of His grace (verse 8) or his nearness to any who call on Him (verse 18). Maybe you can rejoice with me that each generation passes on His truth to another so faithfully, like I've seen in this congregation (verse 4).

I have marked some key words/phrases to chew on. This is an excellent Psalm to reread in full each day this month and then go back to focus on the single verse that matches the current day of the month.

Whatever your need may be, be encouraged by this Psalm and its eternal truths about our God and Savior as Sarah and I have been encouraged by God's mercies shown through you all!

Psalm 145 (ESV)

A Song of Praise. Of David.

1 I will extol you, my God and <u>King</u>, and bless your name forever and ever.

- **2** Every day I will bless you and praise <u>your name</u> forever and ever.
- **3** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- **4** One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
- **5** On the glorious splendor of your <u>majesty</u>, and on your <u>wondrous</u> <u>works</u>, I will <u>meditate</u>.
- **6** They shall <u>speak</u> of the might of your awesome <u>deeds</u>, and I will <u>declare</u> your <u>greatness</u>.
- 7 They shall pour forth the <u>fame</u> of your abundant <u>goodness</u> and shall sing aloud of your <u>righteousness</u>.
- **8** The Lord is <u>gracious</u> and <u>merciful</u>, slow to anger and abounding in <u>steadfast love</u>.
- **9** The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

- **10** All your <u>works</u> shall give <u>thanks</u> to you, O Lord, and all your <u>saints</u> shall bless you!
- **11** They shall speak of the glory of your <u>kingdom</u> and tell of your <u>power</u>,
- **12** to make known to the children of man your mighty <u>deeds</u>, and the glorious splendor of your <u>kingdom</u>.
- **13** Your kingdom is an <u>everlasting kingdom</u>, and your dominion endures throughout all <u>generations</u>. The Lord is <u>faithful</u> in all his words and <u>kind</u> in all his works.
- **14** The Lord <u>upholds</u> all who are falling and <u>raises</u> <u>up</u> all who are bowed down.
- **15** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
- **16** You <u>open your hand</u>; you <u>satisfy</u> the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The Lord is <u>righteous</u> in all his ways and <u>kind</u> in all his works.
- **18** The Lord is <u>near</u> to <u>all</u> who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- **19** He <u>fulfills</u> the desire of those who fear him; he also <u>hears</u> their cry and <u>saves</u> them.
- **20** The Lord <u>preserves</u> all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
- **21** My mouth will <u>speak</u> the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh <u>bless</u> his holy name <u>forever</u> and <u>ever</u>.

Advent begins Sunday November 27. We will need the church decorated for Christmas on Saturday November 26. Would you be willing to help? Please contact any member of council to let them know!



From the Chairman

God is in charge

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34: 3

It does us twice as much good to think about God as it does to think about anyone or anything else. God wants us to begin and end our prayers thinking of Him. The more we focus up there, the more inspired we are down here.

Magnify, When you magnify an object, you enlarge it so that you can understand it. When we magnify God, we do the same. We enlarge our awareness of him so we can understand him more. This is exactly what happens when we worship--- we take our minds off ourselves and set them on God. The emphasis is on him.

I love the way the final phrase of the Lord's Prayer is translated in the Message (Matthew 6:13:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. for ever. Amen.

> You're in Charge! You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

Could it be any simpler? God is in Charge. In Christ Marvin C. Sigman



Potluck on Sunday Nov 20 @ noon before the Annual Meeting!



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.

Our District WMF Fall Rally was held at Emmanuel Free Lutheran Church in Williston on October 15th. Our theme verse was "hold fast to the word of Life" taken from Philippians 2:14-16. Our speakers were Steve & Glenda Kvale, AFLC Missionaries on loan to Wycliffe. The Kvales work from their home in SW Minnesota as IT support/Admin Support/Bible Translators for Wycliffe. Wycliffe is currently involved in over 2400 translation projects. There are 1680 languages and 247 sign languages that don't have any translation projects started yet. Steve and Glenda feel a call to assist in sign language translation. They showed us a 3D animated avatar system for sign language. They translate texts into various sign languages and make the digital world accessible to the deaf. Steve showed us a video of a white man with a beard using sign language to "read" a bible passage. But on the screen you would see an Avatar, who looks like the native people group who the bible was being translated for, doing the sign language. Amazing stuff as dedicated people try to bring God's word to all people in their "heart language"! Our next rally in the spring will be in Golden Valley/Dodge so hopefully many of our ladies will be able to attend that rally since it will be so close!

Wednesday morning coffee is continuing at 10:30 in the fellowship hall so all ladies are welcome to come join us! WMF Bible studies are continuing the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 A.M. or 6:30 P.M.

Next year's bible study, beginning in January, will be "Women of Redemption", written by Michele Mobley and Tami Demo. More information will be coming soon on ordering. Margie Lee (National WMF Treasurer)

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **holding fast to the Word of Life**, so that in the day of Christ I may be prove that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Philippians 2:14-16

Fellowship for November

Nov 6: Willis & Deb Kasanke, Carl & Bev Sorensen

Nov 13: Dan & Rebecah Martin, Gary & Susan Miller

Nov 20: Doe family, Bernard & Judy Tolosky Nov 27: Fred & Donna Bieri, Angie Wanzek, Dena Kemmet

Fellowship for December

Dec 4: Betty Unruh, Betty Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

Dec 11: Randy & Beth Zimmerman, Kameron & Cassie Plienis

Dec 18: Lynell Renner, Marj Murray, Kevin & Margie Lee

Dec 25: No fellowship

Worship Attendance

09-04 - 140

09-11 - 174

09-18 - 135

09-25 - 135

09-28 - 80 See You After the Pole

10-02 - 127

10-09 - 158

10-16 - 170

10-16 - 48 SLM

10-17 - 46 SLM

10-18 - 52 SLM

10-23 - 132

November Birthdays

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1-Nov	Mildred Hanks
1-Nov	Mandi Mohl
1-Nov	Sylvia Zeiszler
3-Nov	Jay Seibel
5-Nov	Brad Klipfel
5-Nov	Carey Mattheis
5-Nov	Jay Olsen
5-Nov	Margaret Rosaaen
6-Nov	Jeffrey Rotondo
7-Nov	Brynleigh Fandrich
8-Nov	Angela Wanzek
9-Nov	Krosby Plienis
10-Nov	Titus Sayler
11-Nov	Ryan Tolosky
13-Nov	Thomas Wanzek
14-Nov	Marlene Buehner
15-Nov	Sandy Goetz
16-Nov	Anna Novak
17-Nov	Mira Sayler
18-Nov	Lizzie Sperry
19-Nov	Spencer Mattheis
20-Nov	Ellery Ungerer
21-Nov	Gage Doe
21-Nov	Ayden Sandwick
22-Nov	Ayden Finck
24-Nov	Steve Schaper
25-Nov	Denny Bauman
25-Nov	Ron Frei
26-Nov	Jaida Doe
26-Nov	Emma Miller
26-Nov	Janice Sigman
26-Nov	Sarah Sperry
27-Nov	Pearl Miller
27-Nov	Carl Sorensen
29-Nov	Ciara Hausauer
30-Nov	Kelsa Miller

Marehouse Report

As we look around and notice that the leaves are changing color, and the hills are covered in beautiful shades of orange and red. We often forget when looking at the beauty of the changing seasons, that the leaves are looking this way because they are dying. I also wonder how many people are already waiting for the return of the lush green color of life returning in the spring. They understand that springtime brings new life, but spring time only comes after a time of cold darkness called winter. That is why so many people love spring and summer, life is returning to our area once again. They never worry if spring will come, it may not come on the same day each year. Yet, that never shakes the faith of those waiting to see spring. How about us? Are we fearful of the day we will eventually die, of course, death is something we have never done before. Yet although we may fear the moments before death, we can trust in God at the moment of death. Because just like in spring time we will be given new life! Not only that we will be given a perfect life with Jesus our savior and King!

Popfly had fun with events like the Pumpkin Patch, Faith Family Football, and "Up Close"

We have youth already signed up for FLY!!!

If you have youth that would like to go to FLY, please get them registered before Nov. 3 for the cheapest rate. The cost will be going up Nov. 4. If you have questions about FLY please contact me.

Up Coming events for POPFLY

We have ordered T-shirts so those should be here soon.

Nov. 16-17 Dr. Holt will be visiting the youth as part of the apprenticeship program

Nov. 20 Bake Sale fundraiser

Ushers for November

Nov 6: David & Stephanie Hottman, Jim & Chris Alt

Nov 13: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn

Nov 20: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris

Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

Nov 27: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

Ushers for December

Dec 4: David & Stephanie Hottman, Jim & Chris Alt

Dec 11: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn

Dec 18: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris

Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

Dec 25: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

2022 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman	
Treasurer	Margie Lee	
Secretary	Deb Sayler	
Deacons	Jim Wenning	
	Kevin Lee	
	Shane Haugen	
	Garrett Placke	
Trustees	Ryan Tolosky	
	Dustin Buchmann	
	Jeff Rotondo	
	Bruce Neuberger	
Christian Education	Angie Wanzek	
	Donna Bieri	
	Chrisy Rontondo	
	Any takers?	

Food Shelf Challenge thrivent®

The Goal: to Collect 500 food items

from October 24 to November 13 to receive \$500 from Thrivent for our food pantry/WARC

Food Items Needed: Canned vegetables and fruit, Hamburger & Tuna Helper, Soups, Stuffing, Cereal, Cereal Bars, Crackers or any other non-perishable food

October 13, 2022

President's Report - Marvin Sigman

Marvin spent time with the Mobile Pack for FMSC. Volunteers packed almost 2 boxes per person that volunteered which is above average. Even though we did not meet our total goal of packing, we met our financial goal. The FMSC headquarters in Minnesota has a machine that will pack the remainder of our meals. FMSC will be serving food at Shop till You Drop for a fundraiser for 2023. He also attended the Deacon's meeting.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

I've also been doing my best to keep up with our shut-ins, including Joe and I taking communion to the POP residents of KRCC on two occasions.

The adult Sunday School class has also been meeting. We're digging into a curriculum titled "Enduring Faith" which focuses on answering the difficult questions of faith with which people struggle.

I conducted a memorial service for James Faut's aunt, Vanessa Schweitzer, who passed away.

We kicked off our men's breakfast/Bible study, where we began a series of studies looking at the various vocations of men, entitled "The Call."

Attended meetings of the AFLC Mission Board in Minneapolis.

Attended the AFLC Pastor's Conference at the ARC.

I conducted the special adoption service for Pastor Hallett, at Grace Evangelical Free Church, as he requested.

Joe's seminary supervisor will be with us the first Sunday in November to observe him preach and teach. He would also like to meet with several of you either on Saturday afternoon, or during the Sunday School hour if need be.

Cody's supervisor for the youth ministry apprenticeship program will also be visiting around that time, likely mid-week. But it has yet to be scheduled.

Intern Pastor's Report - Joe Larson

9/11: Helped with Puppets of Praise: skit and song (practices twice a month) +CCC

9/12: Wrote short article for AFLC Schools' "Seminary Update"

9/13: Leading Communion Service at KRCC;

9/14: Leading confirmation, youth group, and teaching MSBS (also 10/12–13)

9/17: Attended Men's Breakfast and assisted with sound for afternoon funeral

9/20: Follow-up meeting with Gideon

representatives

9/25: Leading children's sermon and adult Sunday School

Update: The council approved Joe's request for vacation time around Thanksgiving. Also approved Joe going to the Youth Worker's Weekend in January as part of his internship in conjunction with his board interviews in Minnesota during this time.

Youth Director's Report - Cody Halverson

Senior High Youth Group

Lots of things are going full speed, it is lots of fun to see the youth enjoy coming for wed. nights. We have just finished Genesis working our way through the first part of Exodus and we might shift to New Testament after that.

Middle School Bible Study

The middle school group has enough energy to power a small town. They love to play games and just buzz around the youth room.

Lessons have had its up and down days, for paying attention. We had a question day with myself, Sierra, Pastor Sperry, and almost pastor (Joe Larson). The youth have so many great questions. Thankful for the snacks provided by Margret Rosaaen.

Sunday School

Having fun going through the Apologetics Study, the youth are leaning into the topic.

Events

Oct. 16 Pumpkin Patch in Bismarck

Oct. 20-21 Up Close

Oct. 30 Faith, Food, Football

Nov. 20 Youth bake sale

FLY

Registration opens on Oct. 20

<u>Treasurers Report - Margie Lee</u>

General Fund	\$ 7,927.48
Building Fund	\$ 47,565.94
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 159.33
Intern Fund	\$ 31,847.27
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 11,419.93
Total Bank Acct	\$ 183,875.39

<u>Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee</u>

Pastor is pursuing new members classes with 5 to 7 people.

Pastor has been working on organizing small groups. A Hazen ladies' group has begun. Cody is taking charge of a younger adults group. As for the rest of the sign-ups, we'll announce a kick off on a Sunday evening (maybe Oct 30th) and see who shows up before deciding how many groups should come out of it.

For the Men's Retreat, in October, we're responsible for the Friday night meal. Dates are October 28th-29th. We should personally encourage as many men as possible to go. So far 7 or 8 have expressed an interest.

Intern Update: Joe gave a good update sharing all the activities he has been involved with.

Youth ministry update: Cody gave us a detailed report on his activities and hours. It had been a busy encouraging month.

<u>Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky</u>

We have had some furnace issues – found some dead birds in the fan which has happened before. He called Legend Air to clean if out and check the furnaces. Ryan will work on getting the railing up on north. Keith Peterson continues to work on replacing lights – he just replaced burnt out lights in the kitchen. Kevin Lee and Keith Peterson are working on the front side of the building filling in the crack between the sidewalk and the building. Lake View Services donated a pick-up load of sand. Deb Sayler will send Lake View Services a thank you note.

Shane Haugen and Kevin Lee will help with parking lot snow removal. Ryan will get a snow removal list ready to pass out for people to sign up to help clean the sidewalks.

<u>Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek</u> September Minutes

Confirmation: Prayer partners have been selected.

Youth: Cody has been doing a great job connecting with youth and attending sporting games in both Beulah & Hazen. Sunday school and youth groups are going well.

Joette Buchmann dropped off cards for the Sunday school kids to write out for Veterans' Day.

The coat closet will open October 9th. There will be supper and a movie as well starting at 5:30pm.

Names are needed for the nominating committee for Christian Ed.

Decided we will not put in for a VBS team for 2023. We all felt VBS went very well with the volunteers that we had. We talked about trying to do a district event so youth can still connect with other youth who are attending Bible college. Another idea was to "adopt" a bible college student to pray for and communicate with.

Sunday school: There are some behavior issues that were discussed and we will be following the discipline procedure to address this.

October Minutes

Coat closet and outdoor movie ministry went well. Had a nice attendance with many coats being utilized!

Noisy offering will be October 16th.

Night in Bethlehem: Chrisy will apply for a Thrivent card for advertising & crafts as well as oversee the kitchen & soups. We will be asking for donations of soups (4 roasters & 15 loaves of homemade bread) Angie is in charge of crafts. We will also have a sing along with bells being played, Christmas message and puppets.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Van Storage – The storage building is up and still waiting for garage doors. Some of the shingles have come loose on the north side of the roof and the contractor is aware of the issue and will come to repair them.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe of \$2,332.28: \$1,332.28 to the Alaska Mission and \$1,000 to H.I.S (Help in Service).

Budget – Marge Lee went through the budget line by line and we made some adjustments.

Pastor Appreciation – We voted to give a \$250 gas card at Downtown Conoco to Pastor Kent and \$200 gas card at Downtown Conoco each for Youth Director Cody Halverson and Intern Joe Larson.

Annual Meeting – We will have a potluck lunch before the Annual Meeting. Nominating Committee will begin looking for people willing to serve on committees. Committees can pass along names to them.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from AFLC Headquarters, AFLC Youth Ministries, Association Retreat Center and Steve and Glenda Kvale of Wycliffe Bible Translators for our prayers and donations. Received a newsletter from the Josh and Ruthie Wagner missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators. The Vanessa Schweitzer family sent a thank you note and donation for opening our church for her memorial service.