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April 2023



Pastor Kent

Pastor Kent is in Uganda with the AFLC World Missions board.



Men's Breakfast/Bible study Saturday April 15 @ 7am



Holy Week Schedule

04-02-2023 9am - Palm Sunday service
04-06-2023 7pm - Maundy Thurs. service
04-07-2023 12pm - Good Friday
Community service @ New Life
04-07-2023 7pm - POP Good Friday
service
04-08-2023 11am - Community Family
Easter party
04-09-2023 6:30am - Sunrise Easter service
04-09-2023 7:30am - Breakfast
04-09-2023 9am - Resurrection service

Prayer request

Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the prayer chain –

please email or call the church office.

<u>Threads of Love</u> <u>Quilters</u>



Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesday mornings @ 9am. All are welcome! It is a wonderful time of working together and fellowship.

Men's Breakfast & Bible

<u>Study</u> Join us Saturday April 15 @ 7am for study, food and fellowship.





<u>Sunday School Corner</u>

We are nearing the end of the year already. We went to KRCC on March 19. We sang several songs, recited the 10 commandments, Psalm 1 and Psalm 121. We did a craft with the residents. I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Some of the kids commented that they made a new friend and so did the residents!

We will sing Palm Sunday and probably April 23. If not the 30th. We will also sing some songs the last Sunday of SS which is Mother's day, May 14th. Thanks for faithfully bringing your children it is great to see them grow and learn about God. In His Hands,

Donna



From Hunger to Hope

Thanks to everyone who supported our brunch! We will be serving fleshkeuchle at the Dodge Vender Show April 1st. The plan is to start serving about 10 MT. The show ends at 2 MT.

Uncomming events include:

FMSC Mobile Pack September 8 and 9.

A drive through fleshkeuchle at POP September 17 after church.

Serve fleshkeuchle at shop til you drop October 28th.

We appreciate your support as we strive to pack over 100k meals to feed hungry children.

In His Hands,

Donna Bieri

YouTube

If you can not be with us in our Sanctuary for worship, please know that our service is available on YouTube. You can access the link via our Facebook page or subscribe to Prince of Peace Free Lutheran Church Beulah ND

Communion prep for April

Wes and Jane Gunsch Communion prep for May Tad & Gina Feist

POP Worship Attendance

02-22 - 74 Ash Wednesday 02-26 - 150 03-01 - 61 Lent 03-05 - 109 03-08 - 72 Lent 03-12 - 104 03-15 - 48 Lent 03-19 - 161

Children's Message

We will be having a Lenten children's message every Sunday throughout Lent and Easter Sunday.

Devotionals

We have a large selection of devotionals for you to choose from at the back of the Sanctuary. Pick one up for yourself or someone you know!

Noisy Offering

Our Sunday School children will be collecting change in our noisy offering on Sunday, April 16. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will benefit the local Mom's Club.

Radio Broadcast

Please contact the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday radio broadcast. The cost is \$40. The radio broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30am on KDKT 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 and May 7, 14, 21 & 28. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.



Kelsey Glynn is our new Librarian. She has been working very hard in the library the last few weeks. All the items have been digitally cataloged and can be viewed on this website: https://www.libib.com/u/poplibrary. More information on checking out items will be coming in the near future once all the books have received their new barcodes to match the system. Items can still be checked out during this time. Many new items have been purchased in the last couple of months. There have also been quite a few donations. Donations are always welcome, please no VHS tapes. A fund has been set up for the library to help with some upgrades and continuing to purchase new items. If you would like to contribute to the library fund please talk to Margie Lee. Feel free to contact Kelsey Glynn (701)710-0616 with any questions or if you are available to help with a work day putting the new barcode labels on the items. Thanks!



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.

"[Do] not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

I wonder what the weather will be like this month. Worrying won't change it will it? I was born on Palm Sunday, April 6, 71 years ago. Dad says the Dr. had to be called in from golfing. Two days later Dad took Mom and me home in a snow storm. I don't remember myself but I've heard the story a few times. I don't think anyone will be golfing on April 2nd, Palm Sunday, this year, or even a week later on Easter Sunday. But we can say, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

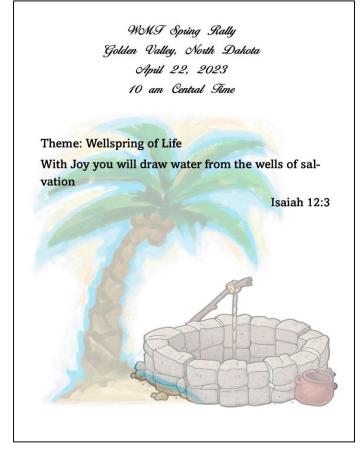
Last month we looked at Hagar, "a woman of redemption" in the Old Testament. Question 5 asked what stands out to you about that interaction between the Angel of the Lord and Hagar? (Genesis 16:7-12) I am always amazed that He knew her name, He spoke to her asking what was happening and He listened. God cared about Hagar and her child even when everything about the child's conception and life was not in His plan. He cared! And Hagar heard the Angel of the Lord and was amazed that He saw her and let her see Him. He had a plan to save her.

On Monday, March 20, at 10:30 and 6:30 WMF Bible study will meet. We will look at Lesson 3 "Leah, This Time I Will Praise the Lord, A lesson in Steadfast Love" Remember Leah? Jacob's first wife? It will be another thought provoking study. Come join us! Another date to mark on your calendar is April 22. WMF district spring rally will be held in Golden Valley. It will be so nice having it so close. We will get more details closer to the date.

Remember to come join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 for fellowship in the fellowship hall. It is a wonderful time of spending time with our sisters in Christ!

Have a blessed Easter! So thankful Jesus is ALIVE!

In His service, Judy Tolosky 870-2131





Please sign up to purchase an Easter Lily to decorate our alter for Easter Sunday.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Annual Easter Party 11:00am Saturday, April 8th

200 19th ST NW Beulah ND

We will be decorating cookies, doing a craft, an egg hunt, and hearing The Gospel story! Lunch will also be served This event is for children through 6th Grade.



Please join us at Prince of Peace for regular Sunday Services at 9am with Sunday School at 10:30. Our Easter Sunday services will be at 6:30am and 9:00am with breakfast between the services.

Fellowship for April 2023

April 2 : Don & Teresa Buck, Jeff & Chrisy Rotondo

April 9: NO fellowship due to Easter

April 16: Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Jim & Joan Schumaier

April 23: Wes & Jane Gunsch, Ryan & Brandi Tolosky

April 30: Darrin & Leeta Olin, Bill & Nancy Swanson

Fellowship for May 2023

May 7 : Jeremy & Heather Brandt May 14: Jay & Karen Seibel, Vern & Karla Boehm May 21: Gary & Susan Miller, David & Stephanie Hottman

May 28: Doe family, Dan & Rebecah Martin

Ushers for April 2023

April 2 : Hottman family, Jared Glynn
April 9: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn
April 16: Marvin & Jan Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller,
Vern & Lisa Pederson
April 23: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudts
April 30: Kevin Lee, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel, Vern & Karla Boehm

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Simply go to the App Store, search for Instant Church Directory And download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



In order to log into the POP church directory – please use the email address that you have supplied to the church office. If you have any problems, please contact the office.

Warehouse Report

We long for the winter to be finished. We know that winter is losing its power as the warmer weather gets closer and closer. It almost seems like winter knows it will be gone soon, trying to get the last few storms in before it goes away. Do we notice that it seems like the world is trying to do the same thing. The world knows that its time is running short and it seems like it is swinging a little more desperately at the church. We know that Jesus will come back and destroy the world for good. It will not be like winter where we can celebrate for the summer and deal with the winter again in November. When Jesus comes back we will rejoice in His presence forever. Never looking over our shoulder for winter to come

back. The world has known it was defeated for roughly 2,000 years. When the tomb was empty on Easter morning the world knew it was defeated. We still rejoice in the fact that the tomb was empty, because we know that Jesus lives and that He concurred sin, death and the devil. So as the snow melts away and the flowers start to bloom, remember that one day we will not have worry about winter again. We can enjoy the Son!

Luke 24:1-6 "But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

Coming up in April

Easter Breakfast April 9 serving breakfast from 7:30am-8:45am and Campus days April 14-16

Confirmation Sunday

Is May 7 during our Sunday Morning worship at 9am.

<u>April Birthdays</u>

1-Apr	Braelyn Hottman		
3-Apr	Desiree Ritter		
5-Apr	Bien Lananee		
6-Apr	Judy Tolosky		
8-Apr	Kelsey Glynn		
8-Apr	Garrett Placke		
11-Åpr	Jordan Bauman		
12-Apr	Fred Bieri		
13-Apr	Marge Murray		
13-Apr	Sophia Sayler		
14-Apr	Peyton Funk		
14-Apr	Aric Ulland		
15-Apr	Jane Gunsch		
15-Apr	Kelsey Renner		
16-Apr	Jennifer Neuberger		
16-Apr	Cassie Plienis		
16-Apr	Randy Zimmerman		
18-Apr	Lynda Doe		
18-Apr	Glenn Sasse		
19-Apr	Dustin Buchmann		
19-Apr	Jyzelle Mohl		
21-Apr	Anna Sayler		
24-Apr	Rusty Plienis		
26-Apr	Michael Feist		
26-Apr	Vern Pederson		
27-Apr	Marvin Bauer		
27-Apr	Les Buchmann		
27-Apr	Pamela Raile		
29-Apr	Lillian Hamby		
29-Apr	Tia Horning		
30-Apr	Danielle Renner		

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 13, 2023

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Met with Feed My Starving Children committee. They will have a fleishkekla feed in Dodge. Went to the Deacon's meeting.

Marvin also attended the city lot auction to bid on the 2 lots just north of us. The Beulah City Council accepted our bid of .70 per square foot for the 2 lots. Total price was \$12,107 and we put \$2,000 down. More paperwork will need to be done to complete the purchase.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

My flight got cancelled, due to weather, so I was unable to attend meetings of the AFLC World Missions Board in February.

I communed our residents at KRCC.

I led the chapel service at Senior Suites this week.

I attended the gospel team concert from FLBC that we hosted.

Lent has begun. We've already had three of our Wednesday services, along with supper served prior. Everything, thus far, has gone well.

The adult Sunday School class has continued working through our curriculum titled "Enduring Faith" which focuses on answering the difficult questions of faith with which people struggle.

Our men's breakfast and Bible study continued in our series, "The Call," looking at the many vocations of men. This month, we talked about loving others.

The Bismarck church plant meeting was cancelled due to weather. Although I'll be away, the meeting has been rescheduled for the 19th of March at 5:30 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Bismarck.

I missed the district meeting where meals for Family Camp and the men's retreat were planned. I chose from what was left, and volunteered POP to serve Wednesday evening supper at camp, and breakfast for the men's retreat.

Intern Pastor's Report – Joe Larson

2/19: Led adult SS and did preaching here at POP

2/27: Gaining some counseling experience every other week

3/1: Led Funeral service for Shad Kusler at Barbot Funeral Home

3/1: Did Lenten preaching here at POP

3/5: Leading of service and preaching at Trinity Parish

Ongoing

Prayerfully considering opportunities to interview & serve at congregations

Attending all pertinent meetings and prayer times (staff, deacons, council)

Fulfilling seminary obligations (readings, research, sermons, training)

Assisting with Sunday School and major Bible studies (Adult, Youth, MS)

Upcoming Events or Things of Note

We currently can consider and accept calls. Please keep us in your prayers!

Youth Director's Report – Cody Halverson

Senior High Youth Group We have been enjoying the fun of Lent meals/service and the chance to meet after for some fun time. We have been going through "the challenge" with some of the youth. It has been an ok start - wish that the youth would make it their own. It has been a blessing to see the youth have fun and learn at the same time.

Middle School Bible Study

We have started the study on 1 Peter, going through who Peter was and who the letter is being written to. Diving into how we can learn from the letter in our world today. We have challenged the youth to try and bring friends, hoping to get them involved with being missionaries in their daily lives.

Sunday School

We enjoy having fun games and the lesson is really fun and I believe the youth are learning a lot with the lessons.

Events -Thankful for a fun ski trip last month, everyone was safe and I feel that it was a great chance for the youth to grow in faith. We are planning on a soup kitchen for March 17 the youth don't have school so we are planning that.

FLY – We are looking good for fundraising for the youth. Thankful for the generosity of the congregation!

<u> Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u>			
General Fund	\$	7,610.04	
Building Fund	\$	42,529.36	
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	365.22	
Intern Fund	\$	16,080.02	
Radio Broadcast	\$	5,093.16	
Van/Storage Fund	\$	7,050.00	
Total Bank Acct	\$	141,687.56	

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Kelsey Glynn shared with us some of her ideas for the library. She has already catalogued over 2000 items with her excellent new library program that costs 70.00/year. She has plans to improve the Christian living and children's section.

Spiritual Life Meetings – Everything is confirmed with Pastor Michael Brandt for April 23rd-26th. Meetings will be held at typical times. We will also have the council and staff gather with him on Saturday the 22nd from 9:00-12:00.

Our Wednesday night Bible study finished up our study of Romans. As mentioned before, we are likely done for the year as spiritual life meetings will be held two weeks after Easter, which will be a bit late to begin a new study.

Intern Update – Joe updated us on his activities and how the process of interviewing for Pastor positions works. 2 of his seminary classmates are close to accepting calls.

Youth ministry update – The Lent meals are all planned. The district ski trip went good with Jason Mohl chaperoning the younger kids. Cody is planning for the Easter youth breakfast. He has been visiting online with Jordan Langness now that Jason Holt has taken the presidents executive secretary position. The youth will be nailing their sins to the cross in the youth area as a part of Lent.

Trustees – Ryan Tolosky

Ryan talked to M Construction about the slipperiness of the north walkway. M Construction said we could wait till the finish wears off a bit or put a sealer down with grit. Council recommended to wait for the finish wears off this summer and see if it's less slippery.

Christian Ed – Angie Wanzek

VBS: Sierra and Cody will oversee opening. We didn't decide what the theme would be yet. It was tabled to our next meeting.

Church in the park is scheduled for August 27^{th} , 2023.

Lenten children's sermons will cover the Lord's Prayer and each child will get a book mark with the Lord's Prayer on it.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Lunch will include hot dogs, chips, and cookies (fruit if possible). Timeline discussed was 11 am crafts, 11:30 story, 11:45 egg hung and then lunch.
Angie will contact Darcee to put the collection of candy in the bulletin

• Thrivent card for advertising and crafts **NEW BUSINESS**

Tithe – Council approved to split our Tithe of \$2,359.21: \$359.21 POP Library Fund and \$2,000.00 to Evangelism.

Library – Kelsey Glynn has weeded out books in the library and scanned them with a new program. She presented some ideas to the Deacons. The council felt that the large smart TV hung on the

wall might be able to be partially paid with a Thrivent Action Team Project card.

Jeff Rotondo indicated that he could properly dispose of the computer equipment. The older copy machine will be moved into the closet near the library – we may need to put a sign on the door.

Kelsey would like to have a wish list that people could purchase from. The council thought a wish list would be good to get people involved in stocking the library.

Electrical for Van Garage - Bruce Neuberger had bids to get electrical service to the building from Skeels Electric from Bismarck and Roughrider Electric in Hazen.

The council discussed getting a bid from Olson Electric in Hazen. This company did the electrical for the new kitchen and the new furnaces. Bruce Neuberger will call Olson Electric to get a bid from them

The Trustees and/or council should have a final inspection of the Van Storage building this summer.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from AFLC headquarters for our financial donations and prayer in 2022 and from the University of Jamestown Concert Choir for hosting their concert and for the meal.

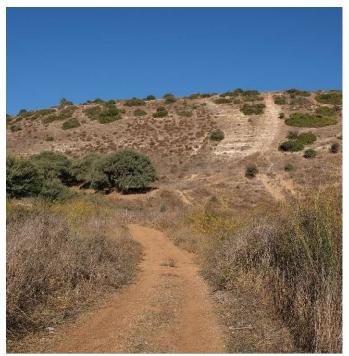
Intern's Israel Corner – Apr. 2023: Elah

After all of our wonderful adventures, our time in Israel was coming to a close. However, before we left, we had to take in one more sight: a farmer's field.



But this wasn't just any field. This field had a small brook running through it where we were given permission to take home at least five smooth stones. This field was in the Valley of Elah. A battle was fought here.

1 Samuel 17:19–23 says: 19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry. 21 And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. 22 And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers. 23 As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.



A flat valley, perfect for war, and a nice hill (similar to the ones we have out here) to serve as a commander's camp meant that this valley was well-situated for fighting off the Philistines. But Israel was afraid because of the mighty warrior that was put forth by their enemies: Goliath. But read what David did in response to Goliath's taunting of the Lord and His people.

1 Samuel 17:32-37 (ESV) - 32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock. 35 I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. 36 Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

What courage! What confidence in the Lord! To David, if the Lord had seen fit to deliver him from danger so he could carry out his duties in the pasture, why would the Lord not deliver His people so they could continue to serve Him alone? So this young man is sent out to take on a mighty giant.

1 Samuel 17:42–50 (ESV) — 42 And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. 43 And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." 45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." 48 When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

We stood in the same valley where a remarkable victory was won. But the most remarkable truth

of this text comes from how the Lord still continues to save us through means that seem unremarkable in the eyes of the world. David seemed like a stupid youth in the eyes of the warriors that day. Still, God strengthened him to slay Goliath with a simple stone (I have some of these kind of stones in my office if you want to see) and then Goliath's own sword.

Our faith might seem foolish in the eyes of the world. We gather to remember how our savior was killed. We read from a collection of ancient texts written over a long period of time. We eat bread and wine and call it flesh and blood. We splash water on people and then celebrate that God saved them. Outsiders might see this as foolish, but we have confidence in the One working.

The same God who made the valleys and the hills, the same one who smoothed the rocks that David took from that stream, He is the One who sent His only Son to die for our sins. He is the One who inspired men from across time to record His truth in His Holy Word. He is the One who sends His Spirit with that Word consistently to make those other sacraments of eating and washing efficacious (effective). May you have confidence that the God who delivers has done all that is needed to deliver you. He is and always will be our mighty Victor!