

## Reaching an ever-changing world with God's never-changing Word!

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### June 2023



Pastor Kent

“Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!” Psalm 44:26 ESV

Many times, as believers, we are disappointed in God. We feel let down by him. And we feel that we've been rejected by him.

Throughout the course of our lives, we've heard how God has acted on behalf of his people. We've learned in Sunday School how God saved his people from slavery in Egypt, bringing them into the Promised Land. We've learned through sermons how God has acted in miraculous ways for the sake of his people. We've learned in Bible studies how God has intervened in situations that seemed hopeless. And we've learned through our own personal Bible reading how, in Jesus, God has both provided and promised his blessing.

This, then, has led us to trust in him. It's led us to offer to him our prayers. And it's led us to depend upon him.

However, as we go through life, God often seems absent. As we offer our prayers and requests, he remains silent. And as we experience trials and tribulations, he offers no relief.

What are we to do in times like this? What are we to do when God seems absent? What are we to do when he seems silent? And what are we to do when he seems to offer no help?

Looking at Psalm 44, a similar set of circumstances are described for us. The author expresses, first of all, how the people had heard from their fathers the deeds the Lord had performed in the days of old. And he expresses his faith in the Lord, who acted in these ways.

But then, in verse 9, his tone changes. In fact, it sounds accusatory. He seems to suggest that, although the people had not forgotten him, God had rejected and disgraced them. Although their heart had not turned back nor had they ceased to walk in

his ways, he'd caused them to be taunted and reviled.

He, then, calls upon God to awake. He asks why God is hiding his face from them. And he expresses the state of humiliation in which they found themselves.

As we read these words, I'm sure that we can relate to his feelings. We can relate to his circumstances. And we can relate to his complaint.

But, at the end of this Psalm, in the verse seen above, we find that he does not lose hope. We find that he does not turn from the Lord. He, instead, cries out to him once again.

And this, you see, is what we must do when we feel that God has let us down. This is what we must do when we feel that he's turned is back on us. We must cry out to him once again, trusting in his steadfast love.

As the apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 8:32, "*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*"

## 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.



Are you looking for an opportunity to organize a **Thrivent** Community Action Team? Give me a call in the office and we can come up with an idea for your project!

## Threads of Love Quilters



Our quilting ladies are planning on meeting through the month of May then resuming in September.



### Sunday School Corner

The SS kids raised almost \$850 in offering this year and we were able to purchase Bibles for kids in Alaska. I printed a copy of the cover of each of the 55 Bibles purchased and they are hanging in the sanctuary. If you are interested in helping with SS this fall or have a suggestion, please let me know. We are open to ideas, and we can always use more help. Even though Sunday School is over until fall, I would encourage you to sprinkle time with your children and God each day by reading a Bible story or devotional with your child, by praying before meals and at bedtime, and by listening to a Christian radio station when in the car. It is a great time to bond and learn about the God. It is the greatest investment you can ever make! And as always, the devil doesn't take a break, and neither should we!

In His Hands, Donna Bieri



### **From Hunger to Hope**

I would like to thank you for supporting our Mother's day/last day of SS brunch! Your unwavering faithfulness to FMSCMP is humbling! Please be in prayer for the children who will be receiving the meals that we will pack in September. As of right now we don't have any fundraisers being planned prior to our packing event in September, and we haven't quite reached our goal yet. We have sent letters to churches in our area and in our district requesting help to support our Mobile Pack which is scheduled for September 8th and 9th.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri

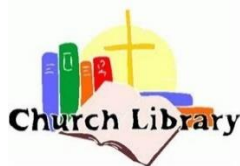


### **Radio Broadcast**

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 June 4, 18, 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.

### **Children's Message**

We will be doing a children's message on Sunday June 18.



There are so many good things to check out in our church library! Here is the website to look at it online.

Library website: [www.libib.com/u/poplibrary](http://www.libib.com/u/poplibrary)

### **Communion prep for June**

Darrin & Leeta Olin

### **Communion prep for July**

Amy Haugen

### **POP Worship Attendance**

04-09 - 42 Easter Sunrise Service  
04-09 - 207 Resurrection Service  
04-16 - 168  
04-23 - 158  
04-30 - 145  
05-07 - 182  
05-14 - 145 Grad recog, last day of SS  
05-21 - 139

### **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, June 18. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will benefit our POP family Bible camp scholarship!

## Fellowship for June 2023

**June 4 :** Garrett & Anna Sayler, John & Carmen Mohl

**June 11:** Angie Wanzek, Nancy Wright, Fred & Donna Bieri

**June 18:** Bill & Kris Keller, Carl & Bev Sorensen

**June 25:** Bernard & Judy Tolosky, Lynell Renner, Anna Novak

## Fellowship for July 2023

**July 2 :** Dena Kemmet, Lynette Flemmer, Ryan & Brandi Tolosky

**July 9:** Garrett & Michelle Placke, Marj Murray, LaRue Schwarz

**July 16:** Garrett & Anna Sayler, Lillian Boeshans, Ella Fandrich

**July 23:** Ross & Lisa Lenzen, Jay & Ashley Olson

**July 30:** Cody & Sierra Halverson, Shane & Amy Haugen

## Ushers for June 2023

**June 4 :** David & Stephanie Hottman, Jared Glynn

**June 11:** John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn

**June 18:** Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Lisa & Vern Pederson

**June 25:** Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey & Michelle Klautd

## Usher for July 2023

**July 2 :** Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Angie Wanzek

**July 9:** Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei, Nancy Wright

**July 16:** Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Steve & Krystal Finsass

**July 23:** Dan & Rebecah Martin, Garrett Sayler

**July 30:** Kevin Lee, Jay Seibell, Vern & Karla Bohem

## AFLC Annual Conference

June 14-17 2023 in Sioux Falls SD

<https://www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences/>



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.*

We will have WMF Bible study on Monday, June 19, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will look at lesson 6: Deborah, Godly Leadership Brings Rest, a lesson in leadership.

We continue to meet at 10:30 on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to come. It's a beautiful time with our sisters in Christ.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4 (ESV)  
This is my verse for my life right now.

My extended family is facing a few trials right now. Nothing different than others have gone through. But it's good to be reminded that my/our suffering brings us a stronger faith; a closeness to Jesus we may not otherwise have. I do miss my POPLC family while I'm away.

In His Love, Judy



## Mon-Dak-Ada

AFLC District family camp  
Sunday Evening, July 23 - Thursday  
noon, July 27, 2023.  
Mt. Carmel—Towner ND  
Brochures available!

## Warehouse Report

Within the past few weeks we experienced something rather odd. We were affected by the smoke that came to our area from the fire up in Canada. If I'm being honest I thought it was fog settling in before the rain. Then before long we could smell the smoke inside buildings, our eye's started to be a little itchy and for a few people breathing became more difficult than normal. This happened in a matter of hours. It came without warning and there was nothing we could do to stop it. We need to remember that sin has a very similar effect on the world. The world was plunged into a sinful state within a matter of moments when Adam and Eve sinned. There is nothing we can do to clean up the sin. The only power against sin is the Blood of Jesus. Unlike the smoke that we knew would go away with time. Sin is unfortunately not going to leave earth. Thankfully God didn't leave us in our sinful state. The question is simple, are you going to be leaving the smoke when you die? Or will you be going to eternal fire and smoke? Sin is not something we can handle on our own. Only the Blood of Jesus is strong enough to defeat it.

1 John 1:5-10 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Youth group through the summer.

Both HSYG and MSBS will be meeting throughout the summer.

HSYG Sunday nights 7pm

MSBS Thursday 3-5pm



July 2-8 in Estes Park Co – contact Cody for more information!

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FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

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.



From the Chairman

## The Inspired Word

You must remain faithful to the things you have been taught.... You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Can we believe that "all Scripture is inspired by God" (2 Timothy 3:16)? Here is why I think we can.

It is remarkable in composition. Composed over sixteen centuries by forty authors. Begun by Moses in Arabia and finished by John on Patmos. Penned by kings in palaces, shepherds in tents, and prisoners in prisons. Would it be possible for forty writers, writing in three different languages and several different countries, separated by as much as sixteen hundred years, to produce a book of singular theme unless behind them there was one mind and one designer?

It is remarkable in durability. It is the single most published book in history. Translated into at least twelve hundred languages. Bibles have been burned by governments and banished from courtrooms, but God's Word endures. The death knell has been sounded a hundred times, but God's Word continues.

It is remarkable in prophecy. More than three hundred fulfilled prophecies about the life of Christ, were all written at least four hundred years before he was born, Imagine if something similar occurred today. If we found a book written in 1900 that prophesied two world wars, a depression, an atomic bomb, and the assassinations of a president and a civil rights leader, wouldn't we trust it???

In Christ Marvin C. Sigman.



## OCC Donation schedule

**May/June** Children's socks, underwear, t-shirts: boys and girls, all sizes

**July/August** School supplies: pencils, pencil bags, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, children's scissors, erasers and pencil sharpeners

**September:** Toiletries: bar soap, soap boxes, toothbrushes, toothbrush covers, wash clothes, combs/brushes, hair accessories

**October:** wow toys, small toys for both boys and girls

**Please drop your donations off in the box in the Sunday School kitchen.**



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

## June Birthdays

1-Jun	Chris Kasanke
2-Jun	Wes Becker
2-Jun	Brooks Glynn
5-Jun	Nathan Fandrich
5-Jun	Trinity Schaner
7-Jun	Vern Boehm
7-Jun	Samantha Duttenhefner
8-Jun	Zachary Seibel
8-Jun	Anna Wenning
10-Jun	Lizzie Bieri
16-Jun	Lori Yeager
17-Jun	Milda Frei
17-Jun	Kelby Plienies
18-Jun	James Weigel
21-Jun	Walter Wagner
22-Jun	John Mohl
25-Jun	Michelle Klaudt
26-Jun	Teresa Buck
26-Jun	Dean Fandrich
26-Jun	Amy Haugen
26-Jun	Dena Kemmet
26-Jun	Kent Sperry
27-Jun	Jeremy Brandt
29-Jun	Kaylee Placke
30-Jun	Torie Horning
30-Jun	Caleb Sperry
30-Jun	Colleen Wiest

### **2023 POP Church Council**

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margie Lee
<b>Secretary</b>	Deb Saylor
<b>Deacons</b>	Kevin Lee
	Garrett Placke
	Les Buchmann
	Steve Finsaas
<b>Trustees</b>	Ryan Tolosky
	Dustin Buchmann
	Jeff Rotondo
	Bruce Neuberger
<b>Christian Education</b>	Angie Wanzek
	Donna Bieri
	Chrisy Rontondo
	Nicole Buchmann

# CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 11, 2023

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended our deacons meeting and staff meetings.

I attended a meeting of our AFLC district pastors.

I baptized the granddaughter of Vance and Shelley Giese.

Helped to plan and coordinate our spring Spiritual Life Meetings, as well as the Saturday session with the church council.

Adult Sunday School also wrapped up last week. Our yearlong study, titled Enduring Faith, looking at some of the questions people have about our faith, was enjoyable.

I helped to cook and lead our study for men's breakfast, which continued our theme: The Call. In April, we looked at the Biblical admonition to act like men, and what this means.

I've done my best to keep up with our shut-ins and nursing home residents.

I'll be attending the AFLC Annual Conference in Sioux Falls from June 13-17.

Intern Pastor's Report – Joe Larson

4/18: Excellent times of fellowship with the Lee's and then the Peterson's.

4/19: Soundboard work/balancing (always good to have more people learn it).

4/23–26: Appreciated good lessons and connections with SLM.

4/30: Had a fantastic interview at Pipestone, MN for their associate Pastor position.

5/2: Communion service at KRCC.

5/3–6: Down to Twin Cities for presentations, debrief, and graduation.

Upcoming Events or Things of Note

We are waiting for the congregational vote from Pipestone to formally extend us a call. This vote will likely be on June 4th. Sarah and I have very little reason to think that this will result in anything else than us saying yes, Lord-willing as always! With that, we would hope to accept that call and then aim to load up our moving truck on the afternoon/evening of Friday, June 9th. Then we could have a chance to clean and finalize everything with Les and Joette Saturday morning the 10th before driving down to Pipestone and moving into whatever place the Lord provides. Your generosity to Sarah and I has already been above and beyond what we could have ever imagined or deserved, so thank you!

#### Youth Director's Report – Cody Halverson Sunday School

Having finished the study of apologetics, really enjoyed that study. From what I can tell the youth where for the most part enjoying it. Have offered a fun trip in Aug. to the upcoming 7-12 grades. Will talk about that more in new business. Overall felt like a good first year of me teaching Sunday School. I learned a lot about how to teach in a Sunday morning setting. Looking forward to next year.

#### High School Youth Group

Starting on May 28 we will be moving youth group to Sunday nights, it seems that it easier for the youth to make it on Sundays than Wednesdays during the summer. Looking forward to summer activities, with paintball in the planning stages, along with camps like FLY and the Family camp.

#### Middle School Bible School

We are planning on meeting throughout the summer, keeping the time and day the same. Looking at 3-5pm on Thursdays. The youth have really enjoyed MSBS through the school year, looking to having more time in the Bible along with fun with the warmer weather.

#### Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$	16,517.84
Building Fund	\$	37,116.60
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	196.49
Intern Fund	\$	10,573.84
Radio Broadcast	\$	4,790.96
Van/Storage Fund	\$	2,450.00
Total Bank Acct	\$	138,538.38

#### Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spiritual Life Meetings – We gave feedback on the recent meetings. The deacons felt that it was a very good evangelistic series and had some of the best attendance ever.

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings – One thought came from a mailing we received in December from the AFLC Dept. of Evangelism and Discipleship. They have a workshop on Living Out Your Faith in a Post Christian World. Perhaps this would be a good idea for the fall? Pastor will look into it.

Confirmation – The three students who are being confirmed are turning in remnants of outstanding work. Two of our first-year students are done, while the other two have a few small items left to complete. One of them needs to make up the final quiz.

Pastor is planning for next fall's Wednesday night Bible study and adult Sunday School. He has gotten a couple of suggestions as possibilities that would work if we did a couple of series of smaller studies (Role of men and women, especially in the context of the family, and another on the Holy Spirit). We also have the study, sent to us by the AFLC, on the Biblical foundation of the Fundamental Principles. Finally, He has been considering studying the writings of Luke (his gospel and Acts), one in Sunday School and the other on Wednesday nights. The Luke idea appealed to us, but we left it in his hands.

Steve F. has an idea to begin a men's accountability group, targeted at working men, which would meet for lunch once a month. The Deacons thought this sounded good.

Youth ministry update- Cody explained the Easter Breakfast and thought the full meal would continue in the future. Attended Hazen youth task force and campus days. Met with two youth for book club, and one for discipleship training. Fly plans are going well with 12 youth and 3 chaperones. Plans are being made for a fire pit and volleyball court on the back lots.

Trustees – Bruce Neuberger



Bruce was going to start the sprinkler system but now that it rained, he will wait a bit. The lawn mower was worked on. Bruce asked about how often the 2 north lots should be mowed and the council felt it could be mowed once a month or so.

The shingles are redone on the Van Garage. When the contractor put the new shingles on, he said they were adhering already since it was warmer.

Christian Ed – Angie Wanzek

VBS: May 30th-June 3rd. Theme is Keepers of the Kingdom. We confirmed meal plans, crafts, we still need teachers and lots of helpers for all tasks.

Confirmation: We will be taking our own pictures; Parents will do their own. Flowers and gifts are ordered. Angie is ordering the cake.

Graduation gifts: Angie ordered these.

End of the Year Event: FMSC will serve muffins and juice. Sunday school kids will be singing. We will have graduation and teacher recognition. Puppets will perform.

New Business:

Sunday school times/length will stay the same.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Van Storage – Bruce Neuberger reported that we have the keys and the doors lock. We are on the list for Olson Electric and Bruce expects that the electrical work to connect to the new Van Garage will be started soon

Locking of Doors –

We discussed having a survey for the congregation asking them what they prefer – to lock the doors during church services or leave them unlocked like they are currently.

Decided that the survey would only have two questions – to lock or not to lock – and have a place for comments

Office Coordinator Darcee Wenning will order the Ring doorbells when we decide which ones we want and ask her to order them.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Joe Larson Housing for June – Council approved prorating Joe's salary, rent and utilities for June since he will not be moving until early June.

Youth Fire Pit – Youth Director Cody Halverson had a Fire Pit proposal he presented to the council. The fire pit would be west of the new garage on our original lots. He talked to Jim Wenning about fire code so it would be located far enough away from the new garage.

He would like this to be a joint project, with the youth group helping as they can; with labor and funding, looking to bless the congregation as a whole with this project.

The youth have already agreed to put the time in as available to make this a reality. The youth group is also willing to spend \$200 or the \$800 to help with the cost.

Tithe – We voted to split our Tithe of \$3,473.85: \$1,000 to the Youth Group for their fire pit proposal and \$2,473.85 to AFLC Seminary.

Valley Fair Youth Trip – Youth Director Cody Halverson challenged the Youth; 7th grade and up; to memorize 1 and 2 Peter. If they memorized both chapters, they would earn an all-expense trip to Valley Fair in Minnesota. If they memorized one chapter, the trip would be half paid. Cody thinks they have enough money in their Youth Account to take 5 kids. The council felt that the congregation would be supportive if extra money was needed.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from Steve and Glenda Kvale who are AFLC Missionaries on loan with Wycliffe Bible Translators for our prayers and a financial gift in November. Also received thank you notes for prayers and financial gifts from AFLC World Missions, Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary, AFLC Headquarters and AFLC Evangelism & Discipleship.

Romans 15:4–7 (ESV) — *4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through **endurance** and through the **encouragement** of the Scriptures we might have **hope**. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such **harmony** with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore **welcome** one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

In my first newsletter article after arriving here, I focused on three words from this text: instruction, harmony, and welcome. As Sarah and I prepare to move in the coming days, I wanted to share about endurance, encouragement, and hope.

Internship year may only be a year, but it can be a test of endurance. How do I stay strong when funerals and crises fill up the usual schedule? Where do I find the strength to speak the Word of God when I am utterly exhausted? When will we find out something concrete about our future? Endurance was a lesson well-taught during this year, because the call for endurance was bolstered by encouragement.

Encouragement through your prayers.  
Encouragement through times of rest.  
Encouragement through fellowship and joys to balance out the sorrows. Encouragement through the Scriptures as my own heart was ministered to so that I could share the Word. Dear saints, you have been a constant source of encouragement as I have learned the joys and burdens of ministry. This encouragement gives me hope.

Hope in the faithful promises of God that His Word is the active force in my ministry. Hope that not every week will be complete chaos,

but that God calls us to walk faithfully one day at a time. Hope that the Word we share will bear fruit even in what may seem to be the darkest or most barren of places. Hope that all of the efforts and training will be worth it when the Gospel has done its work on hearts and minds and we are all united as one in the restored Kingdom of God.

Thank you all for teaching me endurance. Thank you for your encouragement in words and Scripture. Thank you for reminding me of the hope of life now and eternal life in Christ. You have been faithful in your call to train me to serve, so I will seek by the grace of God to be faithful in my service. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, I will discover if that service will officially be at Pipestone, MN. If the congregation says yes, then we will Lord-willing load up a truck in the afternoon on that Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> and depart on the 10<sup>th</sup> for the next step of this journey. Without your prayers, generosity, and encouragement, this would not have been possible.

But the Lord who has been working through you has been faithful to carry out His work in preparing our hearts for ministry. So thank you again for your part in this larger picture. I pray that you will continue to support you sister congregations in Trinity Parish and learn to love my dear friend, the incoming Pastor Scott. I'm sure he will be just as blessed by those saints and all of you as I have been. Whenever we see each other next, be it during a visit or in the heavenly kingdom, I will be ready to greet you with joy and praise God again for your love for me and Sarah. As you endure, know that your lives are an encouragement to us about the hope of Christ and His great mercies. Thank you, dear Prince of Peace family!