

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

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August 2023



Pastor Kent

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
(Matthew 4:4 ESV)

The verse above shares with us the words of Jesus, as he was tempted by the devil in the wilderness. They were shared by Jesus, after fasting for forty days, as Satan tempted him to turn stones into bread. And he quoted these words from Deuteronomy 8:3.

His point, of course, is that life is found not only in bread. It's not only food that provides life for us. It's received also from the Word of God.

This life, however, is not physical in nature. And it is not worldly in nature. It's the eternal life that God has provided for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Realizing this, our tendency to neglect God's Word becomes troublesome. If it's true that life is received from the Word of God, why would we neglect it? Doing so would mean denying ourselves the opportunity to receive the life that God has to offer.

That being said, I want to introduce you to two of the opportunities you'll have to dig into God's Word this upcoming fall. There are many others, of course. Look for opportunities to join together with the WMF (Women's Missionary Federation) study, our men's breakfast and study, and the numerous small groups that meet both here at the church and outside of it.

Typically, during our Adult Sunday School hour, I have taught from a curriculum. And they have usually been topical in nature. This year, however, we'll be going through the Gospel of Luke verse by verse.

Luke's intent, with his gospel, is to bring his reader to a certainty of faith. He wants us to have an assurance of faith. And as we read about all that Jesus said and did, we are given this blessing.

This study will begin on Sunday, September 10th. If you like to prepare ahead of time, I'll have copies of the first lesson available on Sunday, September 3rd.

During our Wednesday night Bible study, we'll look at the other writing of Luke, the book of Acts, verse by verse. We'll see what happened to the Church after Jesus' resurrection from the grave and his ascension into heaven. And we'll see how the Holy Spirit empowered his Church to carry out his work.

This study will begin on Wednesday, August 30th. And, again, I'll have copies of the first lesson available a week ahead of time.

Although none of us are able to take advantage of every opportunity to hear and study God's Word, my hope and prayer is that each of us will get involved in at least one. We can expect that, as we do so, not only will we learn. We'll also receive the blessing of life that is given to us by the Word.

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Pastor Kent Sperry
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Beulah, ND



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



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.



Sunday School Corner

Our first day of SS September 10th. We are looking for helpers, substitutes and possibly a teacher. If you feel God's leading to help please step out in faith. You will never regret helping plant the seed of faith in Jesus Christ. Christianity is one generation from extinction. If we aren't willing to teach our own children about our faith, who will?

In His Hands, Donna Bierl

Children's Message

Our Children's message for the month of August will be Sunday, August 20.



From Hunger to Hope

Our packing event is scheduled for September 7-9. We are still working on the details of the packing shifts, and we will need some volunteers. This year the Beulah HS students will be packing 2 shifts during the day on Friday September 8th which will help, but we will still need a few hundred volunteers to help in the other sessions to reach our goal of packing 124,416 meals. We still have some fundraising to do also. We will be hosting a drive through fleshkuchkle feed on September 17. Please mark your calendars for both events. Also, if you would please pray for the children who will receive these meals, the volunteers, and our fundraising efforts.

In His Hands,
Donna Bieri



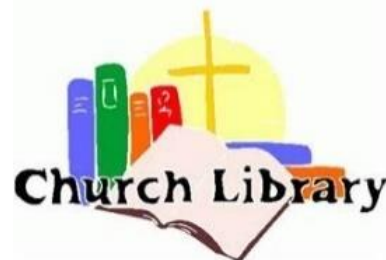
Radio Broadcast

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 August 6, 13, 20, & 27 and September 3, 10, 17, & 24. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.

Community
Coat
Closet



The CCC is ready for your donations of new or gently used winter gear (children through adult sizes)! This ministry has grown and we need HELP! Please call the church office if you are interested in helping with this ministry that serves our local community. We will have a seasonal opener this fall as soon as we get some volunteers 😊



There are so many good things to check out in our church library! Here is the website to look at it online. Stop in and check out all the good things to read or watch!

Library website: www.libib.com/u/poplibrary

Communion prep for August

Carl & Bev Sorensen

Communion prep for September

Gary & Susan Miller

POP Worship Attendance

06-04 - 120
06-11 - 125
06-18 - 108
06-25 - 112
07-02 - 116
07-09 - 127
07-16 - Beulah Community Service @ BHS



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.*

The first time I read through the Bible it was with a whole group of people. We were challenged by the wife of our youth worker. She sent the challenge out over email. She was attempting to get a certain friend of hers involved. That friend didn't join in but those of us who did wrote notes to each other when something stood out to us or spoke to us in a special way. It was so good to read the word with other believers!

One verse that really struck me the first time I read through it was Job 19:25 **"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth."** (NIV) I couldn't believe that it was Job saying such a thing. I'm still amazed at Job's faith in God!

I am reading through the Bible again, following the Our Daily Bread devotional. Just got through Job. He says the same thing every time. This time I noticed something that Job says regarding his understanding of God's will to his friends in verse 28:28, **"And (God) said to man, 'the fear of the Lord-- that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.'"** Job loved and trusted God before his suffering and losses. He is going to remain faithful and obedient even in this difficult time.

Thanks for letting me share my thoughts. I miss having that old connection with others who are reading at the same time.

We will have **WMF Bible Study on Monday, August 21**, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. It will be lesson 7, **Naomi, Where you Go, I Go**, A lesson in Relationships.

We get together every Wednesday at 10:30 in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshing!

Consider helping with Sunday School. We have so many eager kids. It is so fun and rewarding. Find a friend and share a class. Pray about it.

With His love for you, Judy

Fellowship for August 2023

August 6 : Jim & Chris Alt, Sodie Peabody, Betty Unruh

August 13: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Randy & Beth Zimmerman

August 20: Ryan & Brandi Tolosky, Sperry family

August 27: Worship in the park

Fellowship for September 2023

September 3 : Jared & Kelsey Glynn, Carey Matheis, Kendra Finck

September 10: Tad & Gina Feist, Kevin & Margie Lee

September 17: Kacey & Michelle Klaudt, Don & Teresa Buck

September 24: Jim & Joan Schumaier, Wes & Jane Gunsch

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, August 20. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will benefit our local BackPack Club.

Usher for August 2023

August 6 : Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Angie Wanzek

August 13: Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei, Nancy Wright

August 20: Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Steve & Krystal Finsass

August 27: Dan & Rebecah Martin, Garrett Sayler, Jim Wenning

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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

<https://www.youtube.com/@princeofpeacefreelutheranc1973/streams>



Christ in YOU

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 1 John 4:15

Paul said, "It is no longer I who live, But Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20. When grace happens, Christ enters. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

For many years I missed this truth. I believed all the other prepositions: Christ for me, with me, ahead of me. And I knew I was working beside Christ, under Christ, With Christ. But I never imagined that Christ was in me.

No other religion or philosophy makes such a claim. No other movement implies the living presence of its founder in his followers. Influence? Instruct? Entice? Yes. But occupy? No.

Yet Christians embrace this inscrutable promise, "The mystery is a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you" (Colossians 1:27 msg). The Christian is a person in whom Christ is happening.

We are Jesus Christ's we belong to him. But even more, we are increasingly him. He moves in and commandeers our hands and feet, requisitions our minds and tongues. He repurposes bad decisions and squalid choices. Little by little a new image emerges. "He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son" (Romans 8:29 msg).

Christ lives and works and moves in you.

In Christ Marvin C. Sigman



You don't heal from the loss of a loved one because time passes, you heal because of what you do with the time." Carol Crandell

SMC Hospice is sponsoring a grief class starting Tuesday, August 8 and continuing every Tuesday for 10 weeks. This class will meet at the Cornerstone Community Fellowship hall in Hazen (404 Divide St.) from 1-2:30pm. Please register by August 1st @ 748-6380



Sunday August 27 @ 9am!

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

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.
Send me your updated family photo!!!



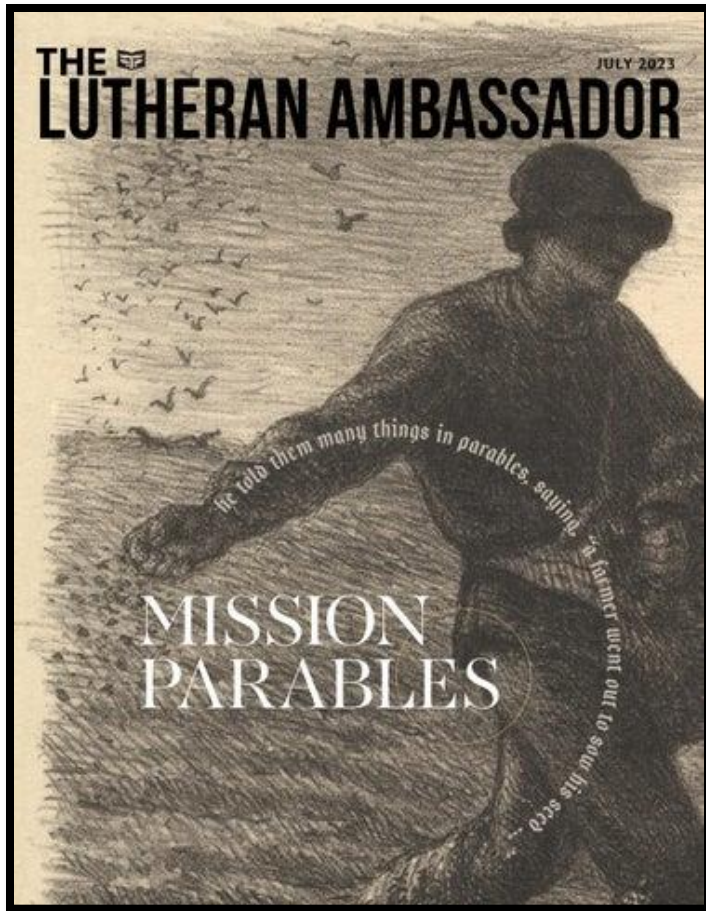
OCC Donation schedule

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 boys for both boys and girls

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



Warehouse Report

With August starting we begin to plan for the changing of the season. Not just the change in the temperature, but for many of you the business of life. We look ahead to practice starting for fall sports, getting new backpacks and shoes for the new school year. The crazy life of getting the kids off to school on time is almost here.

Yet as much as we can prepare for the coming fall schedule we will never truly be ready. We plan for as many things as we can and then at the end of the day life throws a monkey wrench in to the middle of it and messes everything up again.

I would like to stop you and ask you a question. Do you have a plan when you die? I'm not talking about a last will and testament. I'm talking about where your soul is going to go. If your plan doesn't include Jesus I can tell you where the final destination is going to be and I'm going to tell you it's not going to be a very fun place. Yet for those that trust in Jesus the plan is set and nothing can change that. We can trust in Jesus to take care of the plans for after our deaths. This is so comforting because we stress about planning for everything and in reality we have nothing to fear.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Did you know that you can access the Lutheran Ambassador magazine online? You can go to our website and click on the tab at the top on the right!

2023 POP Church Council

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

MSBS on Thursdays 3-5pm

Coming up in Aug

Middle School Lake day Aug 5

High School Lake day Still working on a day for sure.

August Birthdays

1-Aug	Robin Richter
4-Aug	Perry Saylor
5-Aug	Jason Doe
5-Aug	Loren Novak
5-Aug	Jim Wenning
6-Aug	Olivia Ternes
7-Aug	Karla Boehm
7-Aug	Cruz Buchmann
7-Aug	Darcee Wenning
8-Aug	Ray Mattheis
14-Aug	Lucas Schnaidt
15-Aug	Lacey Biggs
15-Aug	Derek Boeshans
17-Aug	Kevin Lee
18-Aug	Brynlee Holen
19-Aug	Arlett Gerde
20-Aug	Kristine Keller
22-Aug	Leona Mattheis
22-Aug	Carmen Mohl
23-Aug	Darrin Olin
23-Aug	Nate Wiedrich
27-Aug	Rhett Glynn
27-Aug	Tyler Hoffner
29-Aug	Joel Bergstedt
29-Aug	Courtney Sandness
31-Aug	Ethan Finck
31-Aug	Deb Saylor

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 13, 2023

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin has been in Spokane for his sister's burial and he went to Idaho for family get together. He has been busy with family birthdays, reunions and their 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended our deacons meeting and staff meetings.

Participated in ministerial prayer, as able.

I communed our residents at KRCC.

I attended the AFLC Annual Conference from June 14th-16th in Sioux Falls.

My family and I visited my father in Iowa from June 17th-25th.

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

Youth Director's Report – Cody Halverson

Sunday School

I have ordered 2 curriculums for the upcoming school year. I will be going through them this summer. They look really good and hopefully the youth will enjoy them also. One teaches about how God used teenagers in the Bible, showing that you don't have to wait until you are an adult to serve. The other is ways a youth can share faith with friends.

High School Youth Group

We are very thankful for the opportunity to start planning for the upcoming fall. We have not had the youth come for weekly meetings like I had hoped, but we are thankful for the interest in coming to events like paintball and fly, and lake days.

Middle School Bible Study

We have been enjoying having MSBS so far, we have had about 6-8 youth as the average each week. It is awesome to see the youth want to come have fun and have bible studies.

FLY Convention Report

We had a few changes to our plans and that is ok, we ended up having 8 go from our original 12 that planned on going. We are grateful for the interest and we understand life happens. That being said. The 8 that went from our congregation had an incredible time! One youth has already mentioned how they want to invite all their friends that don't really even have much to do with church.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$	-2,132.24
Building Fund	\$	35,794.31
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	225.88
Intern Fund	\$	8,243.16
Radio Broadcast	\$	4,625.96
Van/Storage Fund	\$	150.00
Total Bank Acct	\$	83,680.23

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings –Pastor has talked with Pastor Randy Nelson, from the AFLC Dept. of Evangelism and Discipleship. They have a workshop on Living Out Your Faith in a Post Christian World. We scheduled for November 5th-8th.

Pastor has spoken to the Jore's, missionaries to Uganda, and to Matthew & Ednay Abel, missionaries to Paraguay, to visit us during their furloughs. He has no dates set as of yet.

POP is scheduled to serve Wednesday evening supper at Family Camp, and breakfast for the men's retreat.

Steve has an idea to begin a men's accountability group, targeted at working men, which would meet for lunch once a month.

Christian Ed – Angie Wanzek

VBS: Went very well. The meals were a big hit. We had almost 100 kids our highest night and close to 90 most nights! The crafts turned out very nice. The sign-up genius worked well for parents to sign up kids and for food sign up. We will use this again next year.

Christian Ed would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who helped, and donated to make VBS a success!

Next month we will be beginning prep for Sunday school.

Aug 27th is church in the park with a potluck. Meat will be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe - We approved giving our Tithe of \$2,047.19 to AFLC Parish Ed

Community Coat Closet Ministry – The ministry has outgrown it's space. Council recommended using the Sunday school room by the double Sunday school room in the fellowship hall in addition to the current room by the Christian Ed storage room near the library. The ministry needs to be confined to these 2 rooms. We also recommended going through all items to get rid of too many of one size and announcing the halt donations of the sizes we have to many.

Church Community Safety Meeting – This community church meeting has been moved to August 23. It was approved at our June Council Meeting to be held in our Fellowship Hall. Police Chief Senn will present information. This meeting will be informal discussing who is doing what, who is considering new safety measures and what kind of response there has been within their church body. The meeting would not be geared for the entire church but for a few people that represent their safety teams or the people interested in putting together a team for their church.

Correspondence

Thank you note was received from AFLC Home Missions with an update on Hope Free Lutheran Church in Killdeer. Their church has closed on a building of their own and they have had more people attending church. They are planning VBS in early August.