

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

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Pastor Kent

"That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all..." (Romans 4:16 ESV)

In the month of October, we celebrate the Reformation. Specifically, October 31st is recognized as Reformation Day. We do so because this date marks the beginning of the attempt of Martin Luther to reform the Catholic Church.

One of the primary tenets of the Reformation is the fact that we are saved by the grace of God alone. And this grace is received through faith in Christ alone. Our efforts and our own perceived goodness, in other words, play no role in it whatsoever.

This is a great comfort to us. However, although we know the gospel, we revert naturally back the law,

seeking our salvation. We depend, once again, upon the works of the law to attain for us the forgiveness of our sins. And it's our sinful nature that leads us to do so.

It leads us to depend upon ourselves, rather than Christ, to gain the mercy we so desperately need. And the result of this is that we have no peace. The result of this is that we have no assurance of salvation.

As we trust in the law and our obedience to it, we can never know if we're good enough, or if we've done enough, to satisfy the righteous requirements of God. This, then, leaves us in a state of doubt. It leaves us in a state of uncertainty. It leaves us worried, that we may be found to have fallen short.

It does so because, in that case, there is no guarantee. There's no sense of security. And there's no confidence when it comes to our life in eternity.

Paul, in the fourth chapter of Romans, addresses this. And he reminds us that the promise of God, given to Abraham and his offspring, came not through the law. It came, rather, through the righteousness of faith.

This promise, in other words, was not dependent upon Abraham or his obedience. Nor was it dependent upon the obedience of the people. It was, from first to last, the work of God.

As we see above, in verse 16, this leaves no room for question or doubt. And it provides to us the assurance of our salvation. Since it depends on faith, he says, since it rests on grace, it is guaranteed to all his offspring.

In this case, the promise of God is sure. It's confirmed. It's valid, steadfast, and certain.

And as he refers to Abraham's offspring, he's not merely talking about those who are physically descended from Abraham. He says that it does so for those who share the faith of Abraham. It's talking, you see, about you and me.

By faith, we have the guarantee of God's blessing. By faith, his blessing is sure. By faith we know that what he's promised to us is certain.



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.

Our members have access to the church at

<u>any time</u> – just call the office to get the code for the altar door. For safety and security that code changes regularly – so always call ahead!



<u>Sunday School Corner</u>

We are getting into the swing of Sunday School and we have a lot of kids. We could use some helpers and subs as all of the classes have over 10 children and some have almost 20 children. The kids will be singing for church October 15th. We are working on memorizing Psalm 100. I would like to thank the ones who are currently teaching and helping, and the parents who are making it a priority to have the word of God instilled in their children. There are 168 hours in a week, and we only have about an hour to teach them songs, Bible verses, Bible stories etc. The devil is working hard even during that hour, but he doesn't rest the other 167 hours eithe. Please ask your kids what they learned and continue with daily prayer, memory work, and devotions.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri

Children's Message

Our Children's message for the month of October will be Sunday, October 15.

Noisy Offering

Our Sunday School children will be collecting change in our noisy offering on Sunday, October 15. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will benefit a local family in need.



It has been a busy couple of weeks. We had at total of 302 volunteers pack this year (215 were high school students) which will feed 283 children for 1 year! THANK YOU!!!! We would like to thank you everyone for your help, whether it was prayer, volunteering, donating egg bakes, supporting us financially etc. THANK YOU! We have already started planning for next year. We sold 652 fleishkeuchkle at our drive thru fundraiser! WOW! Our next event is serving lunch at Shop 'til You Drop on October 28th.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri



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

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



Sunday, November 19



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.

WMF Bible study will be Monday, October 16, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will be looking at Lesson 9: Ruth (part 2), *Determined Faithfulness*, A lesson in God's rest. Ruth part 1 was a good study. I'm looking forward to digging into part 2. Please join us at either time.

The *WMF District Fall Rally* will be *October 7*, in *Golden Valley*. Redemption and Restoration: A Harvest-time Story

Speaker: Michele Mobley Registration begins at 10 am CT/ 9 am MT

When the rally is so close by it is nice to go. It is always a good time. Lots of fellowship and food both spiritual and physical in abundance. Car pooling is usually available.

We still gather on Wednesdays at 10:30. Quilters will be there too. The quilters start earlier. I have missed gathering together most of the summer. Looking forward to being there.

This is our new Psalm that the kids are memorizing in Sunday School. Psalm 100 (NIV) 1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. 5 For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let go and let God be in control. In His service, Judy



<u>Mission</u> <u>Presentation!</u>

Nate Jore will be speaking at Prince of Peace Sunday evening, November 12 for a mission

presentation at 7:00pm. Please join us to hear what has been going on in their ministry.



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 October 8, 15, 22, & 29 and November 5, 12, 19, & 26. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.

Communion prep for October

Jay & Karen Seibel <u>Communion prep for November</u> Wennings

POP Worship Attendance

- 08-06 126 08-13 - 109 08-20 - 140 08-27 - 116 Worship in the park! 09-03 - 118
- 09-10 175 First day of SS!
- 09-17 162

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! There are always new ones – so keep checking it out!

Fellowship for October 2023

Oct 1: Anna Novak, Kayla Palmer Jeremy & Heather Brandt Oct 8: Jay & Karen Seibel, Paul & Sharon Sayler Oct 15: Jeff & Chrisy Rotondo, Marget Rosaaen, Betty Hausauer Oct 22: Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Darrin & Leeta Olin Oct 29: Bill & Nancy Swanson, Vern & Karla Boehm

Fellowship for November 2023

November 5 : Willis & Deb Kasanke, David & Stephanie Hottman
November 12: Dan & Rebeca Martin, Carl & Bev Sorensen
November 19: Doe family, Gary & Susan Miller
November 26: Bernard & Judy Tolosky, Angie

Wanzek, Lynell Renner

Usher for October 2023

Oct 1: David & Stephanie Hottman, Jared Glynn Oct 8: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn Oct 15: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson Oct 22: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey & Michelle Klaudt Oct 29: Kevin Lee, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel, Nancy Wright

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November 19: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson
November 26: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey & Michelle Klaudt



We will be hosting a baby shower for **Joe and Sarah Larson on Sunday October 8th @** 3:00pm. They are having a baby boy. All are welcome to join us.

Ps...Joe is preaching that day too!!!



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/@princeofpe acefreelutheranc1973/streams



OCC Donation schedule

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.

The Woes of Beachfront Property

"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." Matthew 7:26-27.

Obedience leads to blessing. Disobedience leads to trouble.

Remember Jesus' parable about the two builders who each built a house? One built on cheap, easy-to-access sand. The other built on costly, difficult-to-reach rock. The second construction project demanded more time and expense, but when the spring rains turned the creek into a gulley washer . . . guess which builder enjoyed a blessing and which experienced trouble? Beachfront property doesn't make for much if it can't withstand the storm.

According to Jesus the wise builder is "whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them" (Matthew 7:24). Both builders heard the teachings. The difference between the two was not knowledge and ignorance but obedience and disobedience. Security comes as we put God's precepts into practice. We're only as strong as our obedience.

Ignore the lure of beachfront property; build your house on the RocK. (JESUS)

IN Christ Marvin C. Sigman



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!!!



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!

Community Coat Closet

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 200 19th St NW, Beulah ND

2023-2024 Season Grand Opening Saturday, October 7 2023

Free supper begins at 6:00pm

Come and get free winter gear for your entire family!

Outdoor movie begins at 7:30pm free popcorn and cotton candy

bring lawn chairs and blankets

Community Coat Closet

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 200 19th St NW, Beulah ND

CCC will once again be open for anyone to come and get free winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots etc.. on Wednesday evenings 5:30pm - 8:00pm in our fellowship hall beginning Oct 11. We are also available by appointment @ 701-873-5650.

Donations of new or gently used winter gear for the CCC are accepted Mon-Fri from 10am to 3pm or by appt. 701-873-5650. The Community Coat Closet exists to meet the needs of those in our community! Philippians 4:19 "and My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Prince of Peace LUTHERAN CHURCH AFLC



WMF District Fall Rally Golden Valley. North Dakota October 7, 2023

Registration begins at 10 am CT/9 am MT

Speaker: Michele Mobley

Warehouse Report

As this is being written, the Beulah and Hazen football teams are getting ready for the Coal Bowl. This is a fun tradition that I personally enjoy getting to see. As the teams prepare for the showdown of the year, each team doing everything in their power to out think and out play the other. Then its game time, the coaches are barking out play calls and the players are yelling and screaming to help their team get fired up. It often feels like a battle, for the mothers of the players it may seem like the other team is gunning for their child, it seems like insanity. Then regardless of the score, something special happens. The teams line up to shake hands, to say good game and then they go home, one team is happy for the victory, one team looks for next week to try and get the next win. With all that in mind think of the end of time, there is a battle going on currently and we all know it will end. Yet, this battle will not end with the shaking of hands and the chance of looking to the next battle. This battle will end with the devil and those that follow him being cast into hell for ever, this is the losing side. Then you have Jesus and those that His blood covers, they are in heaven together for ever. There will not be a shaking of hands at the end and a good game, maybe next time. This will be the end of the conflict and Jesus is the winner. We don't have to worry about the outcome, Jesus has already won. So regardless of who you cheer for in the Coal bowl, make sure you are on Jesus's team above all else.

Up coming events

Oct 19 & 20 Up Close at FLBC

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings are Nov 5-8!

October Birthdays

1-Oct	Dara Reinhardt
2-Oct	Eli Placke
3-Oct	Steve Goetz
3-Oct	Jan Gunsch
4-Oct	Heather Schmit
5-Oct	Ethan Johnson
7-Oct	Michael Finck
7-Oct	Taylor Funk
8-Oct	Shane Haugen
8-Oct	Roger Rosaaen
9-Oct	Skylar Carter
9-Oct	Brittney Seibel
10-Oct	Art Flemmer
11-Oct	Brock Holen
11-Oct	Charles Mattheis
12-Oct	Mason Mattheis
14-Oct	Cody Ungerer
15-Oct	Michelle Schmit
16-Oct	Jessica Baker
17-Oct	Eva Murphy
18-Oct	Piper Carter
19-Oct	Donna Bieri
21-Oct	Wayne Hoffner
23-Oct	Ella Fandrich
29-Oct	McCoy Mohl
29-Oct	Nancy Wright
30-Oct	David Schumaier
31-Oct	Marlene Sasse
31-Oct	Beckham West

2023 POP Church Council

President	Marvin Sigman	
Treasurer	Margie Lee	
Secretary	Deb Sayler	
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	

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 14, 2023

<u> President's Report – Marvin Sigman</u>

Marvin helped with Feed My Starving Children and they made their goal financially. They were a little short on packing meals. Thursday had 80 some adults and they packed one box per person which is what FMSC recommends. The entire Beulah High School packed on Friday. FMSC will have a fleishkekla feed to start fundraising for next year's event. Marvin went to the Deacon's meeting.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Participated in ministerial prayer, as able, as well as the ministerial business meeting.

I participated in the community church safety meeting, hosted at POP, on August 23rd.

I communed our residents at KRCC.

I conducted a service at Senior Suites.

Confirmation has begun with 12 students this year. We've had orientation and two classes at this point. Thus far, all is well.

Wednesday night Bible study has met for 3 weeks at this point. Numbers aren't huge. But things are going well as we study the book of Acts.

Adult Sunday School began last week. We had very good attendance. For this class, we're studying the gospel of Luke.

I've had a few meetings, and I've been visiting with several people regarding membership. I will likely do a group class this fall. Between adults and kids, there's the possibility of us receiving almost 20 into membership.

Men's breakfast kicks off this Saturday at 7:00 am. Our study this year will be focused on the life of David and is titled "Lessons from a King."

Joe and Sarah Larson will be visiting for the baby shower the weekend of Oct. 7th-8th. Joe will also bring the message on the 8th.

Pastor Matthew and Ednay Abel, along with their children, missionaries to Paraguay, will be with us Sunday, Sept. 24th and will give a missionary presentation at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Nate Jore, missionary to Uganda, will be with us Sunday, Nov. 12th and will give a missionary presentation at 7:00 pm.

<u>Youth Director's Report – Cody Halverson</u> High School Youth Group

Aug was a busy month for the youth. With Lake days, thanks again to the Lee's for hosting. With school, sports and youth group starting they are busy. Thankful for the group, that continues to come with the business of life.

Middle School Bible Study

With School starting there is a few more kids than what came during the summer. The youth really do have a fun time. With dodgeball and other fun games, and they are asking questions in lesson and with some small reminders to pay attention, they have been doing well with lesson.

Other things

There is a possibility of taking some youth to a FLBC VB game in Ellendale ND on Sep 29. We are also in the early stages of trying to go to Brazil in June 2024 I have been talking with Jon Nelson with journey missions. This will not be a POPFLY only trip we would be joining the journey mission trip that is already going.

<u> Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u>			
General Fund	\$	12,052.23	
Building Fund	\$	36,658.73	
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	253.42	
Coat Closet	\$	263.17	
Intern Fund	\$	10,243.16	
Radio Broadcast	\$	4,465.96	
OCC Shoeboxes	\$	351.16	
Van/Storage Fund	\$	1,500.00	
Total Bank Acct	\$	149,773.62	

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 that he will present for our fall meetings, November 5th-8th. Brant Raan, missionary to Uganda, is planning furlough beginning in January. We'll be setting up a date/time soon for a visit/presentation.

POP is scheduled to serve breakfast for the men's retreat, scheduled for October 27th-28th. It looks like prices will rise to \$60/person or a \$120 family max (a \$10/person increase).

We discussed a proposal from Ginger Volk to have POP be a site for high school youth to do odd jobs who need community service hours. The youth would be supervised 100% of the time by Ginger or Rachael Poitras. The Deacons were OK with this proposal.

Christian Education – Angie Wanzek

Sunday School teachers, we need at least 1 more and helpers. Talked about class size and students.

Church in the park is Aug 27th. Gordon has requested the fish and a Thrivent card for expenses. Hotdogs, Fish, and potluck salads and desserts will be served.

Bibles for 4th graders are here and ready.

Confirmation: Angle is checking list of kids and taking care of prayer partners. Info meeting for confirmation is Aug. 30th.

Talked about Sunday School offering destination, wanting to keep it local possibly to support one of the church plants.

Night in Bethlehem dates: 1st choice Dec. 2nd, 2nd choice Dec 9th.

Christmas program will be Dec. 17th

Safety Team

Council discussed the Community Safety Meeting in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe – Our tithe of \$2,750.56 was split: \$300 to Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for mailing expenses and \$2,450.56 to AFLC General Fund.

MOM's Group Soup Fundraiser – We approved Anna Sayler's request to use The Warehouse for the Mom's group fundraiser on Sunday October 29th from 10:30-2:00. She has checked with Youth Director Cody to use The Warehouse that day since it will coincide with High School Sunday School

Committee Members – The Nominating Committee of Jan Sigman, Marj Murray and Marvin Bauer will begin looking for people to run for election for committees and officers. Committees are encouraged to give the Nominating Committee names to contact. If church members are interested in running for a certain office or committee, they can contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

Annual Meeting – Annual meeting will be held Sunday, November 19.

Pastor Appreciation Month – we decided on gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Correspondence

Thank you note was received from Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary for our prayers, encouragement and financial support. Also received a letter from the Home Missions Board talking about Free Lutheran Association of Pilot Supporters (FLAPS) of which Kevin Lee is the director – letter is posted on bulletin board by front door