

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

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## September 2023



Pastor Kent

*"...he who is forgiven little, loves little."  
(Luke 7:47 ESV)*

Our tendency is to think we're good people. Although we acknowledge our sin, we believe we are well intentioned. And we believe that we do far more good than bad.

When we compare ourselves to others, we come off pretty good in our own eyes. We're always able to find those who are worse, or more sinful, than us. And this enables us to think more highly of ourselves.

When we err, we err on the side of minimizing our sin. We err on the side of overestimating our goodness. We err on the side of self-reliance.

The result of this is that, although we profess faith in the Lord, we have little love for him. We have little trust in him. And we have little need of him.

This is what Jesus is saying in the above passage. However, in the preceding words, he says the opposite. We find that, when we see our sin, when we acknowledge it for what it is, the opposite happens.

When we see our sin, when we understand it, and when we acknowledge it for what it is, we love much. When we trust in Christ and his promise, we love much. And when we receive his forgiveness and mercy, we love much.

This was expressed as a sinful woman came to Jesus. She wet his feet with her tears. She dried them with her hair. And she kissed his feet over and over again.

Jesus, then, assured her that her sins were forgiven. He told her that her faith had saved her. And he told her to go in peace.

This is also the Word, this is the assurance we receive when we come to Jesus. It's the assurance we receive as we confess to him our sin. And it's the assurance we receive as we look to him for deliverance.

We're assured of the forgiveness of our sins. We're assured that our faith has saved us. And we're, then, enabled to go forth in peace.

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Pastor Kent Sperry  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Beulah, ND



## Sunday School Corner

Sunday School is quickly approaching. We are looking forward to getting back into the routine. We are in need of at least one teacher or possibly two and helpers and subs. I would ask that you would prayerfully consider this. It is very rewarding! You learn about God's word while teaching the youth. Our world is harsh! We want our children to learn about the love of Jesus and that they are never alone no matter how difficult life may seem. We want to teach them and reassure them that God has the answers to our life problems just as so many people in the Bible experienced like Moses, Noah, David. Pastor Sperry said last week, sometimes the easy way isn't always the correct way. You can open your Bible to almost any page, read only a few verses and you will quickly realize that our nation has turned away from God. What our kids see as normal on the internet, isn't what God considers normal. We need people to stand in the gap and teach our youth, our legacy. Again I would ask that you prayerfully consider helping to some capacity. It will be life changing.

In His Hands,  
Donna Bieri

## Children's Message

Our Children's message for the month of September will be Sunday, September 17.

## Noisy Offering

Our Sunday School children will be collecting change in our noisy offering on Sunday, September 17. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will benefit FMSC.



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





### From Hunger to Hope

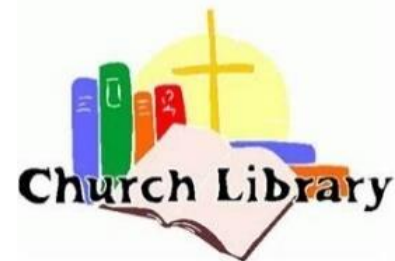
Our Mobile Pack is quickly approaching!!! We are packing September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This year is a little different. The only packing open to the public is the Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. There is room for 160 volunteers in that session. We are in need of people to help set up Thursday afternoon and clean up Friday afternoon at 3 pm. In the past we have had difficulty finding volunteers and packing our goal. If we don't complete our goal, the meals that we were unable to pack are packed in Coon Rapids I believe. It is my understanding, that due to a new rule in the state the high school students have to complete 20 hours of community service in order to qualify for certain scholarships. Unfortunately, at that age most community service projects are usually punitive. The school was looking for something fun and trackable so they asked if they could bring the high school students over to pack; so they are packing 2 sessions during the day on Friday. I know this may not work as well for some of you, but we would really like to fill that Thursday night session, set the bar high and see if we can pack more meals than high school kids!!

I think it is often said that the day the event is over, you start planning for the next year. That is probably true of our Mobile Pack too. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a drive through Fleshkeuchkle feed at the church from 10 am to 1 pm. We will also be serving lunch at Shop 'Til You Drop which is October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. We will have flyers up, but if you help spread the word of our events, we would appreciate it. If you are able to join us those days, please do.

I want to thank you for all of your help and financial support over the years. I will have to add

up the numbers again, but depending on our goal for next year, we may actually pack our 1 millionth meal! I know that we are getting really close that that many meals packed. I would ask that you pray for the volunteers, and for the kids who will receive the meals. Please pray that God will sustain those children long enough for the food (hope) to get to them. If you are interested in joining our group, please let me know. I don't think there is an age limit on volunteering. It is a great opportunity to get to know some members of our church better and help hungry children.

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



The CCC is ready for your donations of new or gently used winter gear (**children sizes only right now as we are reorganizing**)! This ministry has grown and we need HELP! Please call Chrisy Rotondo if you are interested in helping with this ministry that serves our local community. **We will have a seasonal opener Saturday October 7** 😊



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Prince of Peace  
Women's Missionary  
Federation (WMF)

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*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, Sept 18 at 10:30 and 6:30. We're on Lesson 8: **RUTH** (part 1) *Determined Faithfulness*, A lesson in God's favor. Come join us at whichever time is most convenient for you.

Come, join us for coffee and fellowship on Wednesdays at 10:30.

**Psalm 121:1-8 NIV**

"I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip--He who watches over you will not slumber;  
Indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you--the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm--He will watch over your life;  
The LORD will watch over your coming and going now and forevermore."

This is a Psalm that has been with me all summer. It was read by the chaplain in the hospital for Dad and those of us in the room with him. It was a Daily Bread devotion a day or two before that. I read it to Dad myself cause it

seemed to comfort him. Scott read it at both Mom's and Dad's funerals. My grandchildren recognized it from Sunday School. I'm still trying to get it memorized all the way through.

Enjoy the new season just around the corner.

In His service, Judy



**Mission  
Presentation!**

Matthew (Mafu) and Ednay Abel, our AFLC Missionaries in Paraguay will be here at Prince of Peace Sunday evening,

September 24 for a mission presentation at 7:00pm. Please join us to hear what has been going on in their ministry.

**Monday morning Women's Bible study**

The Monday morning Hazen Bible Study will resume Monday, September 11th. We meet at Pour Me in Hazen at 8:30 every Monday morning. We do however follow the school calendar and if school is out for a holiday, we will not meet. We will be starting the study "When You Pray" from Lifeway Publishing. It has a variety of contributors. Below you will find a link to the book. This Bible study is kid friendly ! If you would like to join us or have questions, please talk with Angie Wanzek. Thank you.



## 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 September 3, 10, 17, & 24. And October 8, 15, 22, & 29. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.

### Communion prep for September

Gary & Susan Miller

### Communion prep for October

Jay & Karen Seibel

### POP Worship Attendance

07-02 - 116  
07-09 - 127  
07-16 - Beulah Community Service @ BHS  
07-23 - 128  
07-30 - 119  
08-06 - 126  
08-13 - 109  
08-20 - 140

## 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 September 2023

**September 3 :** Jared & Kelsey Glynn, Carey Mattheis, 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

### 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

### Usher for September 2023

**Sept 3 :** Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Angie Wanzek

**Sept 10:** Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei, Nancy Wright

**Sept 17:** Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Steve & Krystal Finsass

**Sept 24:** Dan & Rebecah Martin, Garrett Sayler

### 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, Vern & Karla Boehm



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



## KEEP WALKING

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>



### Threads of Love Quilters

The Threads of Love quilting group resumed meeting in September 2022. We do not meet during the summer. This year we distributed 240 quilts. We gave 2 to veterans at the Knife River Care Center, 3 to our spiritual life special speakers and family member, 100 to Heavens Helpers Closet 701 in Bismarck, 53 to the mission in Naknek Alaska, 40 to Womens Action Resource in Beulah, 10 to the Cancer Center in Bismarck, 10 to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, 16 to the Prince of Peace Coat ministry, 1 to Kody Halverson, 1 to Joe Larson, and 4 to Prince of Peace Graduates. We had a couple of Thrivent action cards that were used for postage to Naknek and also sheets for quilt backs. We very much appreciate those. Every Wednesday morning at 9:00am we have 5-9 people that meet to quilt and fellowship. We appreciate all the donations we have received this year. Items we can always use are sheets, fabric, thread and crochet thread. Donations can be put in the quilt room in the NW corner of the fellowship hall. If you are interested in joining we will start meeting again in September. No special skills are required.

Let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong. Ephesians 6:10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4: 7. He will retreat. He must retreat. He is not allowed in the place where God is praised. Just keep praising and walking.

“But I’ve been walking a long time.” You say. Yes, it seems like it. It must have seemed that way to the Hebrews too. Joshua did not tell them how many trips they would have to make around the walls of Jericho. They just kept walking.

Our Joshua didn’t tell us either. Through Paul, Jesus urges us to” be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”(1 Corinthians 15:58)

Keep walking. For all you know this may be the day the walls come down. You may be only steps from a moment like this.

It happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people... took the city. (Joshua 6:20)

The very walls that kept them out became stepping-stones onto which they could climb.

By the way, a great shaking is coming for this world too. Our Joshua, Jesus, will give

the signal, and a trumpet will blast. He will reclaim every spoil and repel. Once and for all. Each demon.

Until he does, keep marching and believing. It's just a matter of time before your Jericho comes down.

IN Christ Marvin C. Sigman

## Warehouse Report

When you stop and look at how fast the summer went, it will make your head spin. If you just ask a 5<sup>th</sup> grader they aren't ready for school to start yet, and at the same time they talk about how boring the summer has been. How often do we have the same attitudes in our lives? We look at the passing of time like it was nothing and you wake up and you're now 25, 35, 45....? You think what did I do with those years? Time is something that passes by without us ever noticing. I'm willing to go out on a limb and say you have made the statement "I'll do that next summer" and it has now been 5 years. I could be anything from taking a tree down in the back yard, to going on that dream vacation, or maybe it is taking your faith more serious, wanting to be a better example for your kids or grandkids. Whatever you have been putting on the backburner remember that the back burner is not the place for Jesus. Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Upcoming Events in September

**First day of Sunday School – September 10**

**See you at the pole and after the pole – September 27**

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CHURCH  
DIRECTORY  
ON YOUR MOBILE  
DEVICE!

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& 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.

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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!

## September Birthdays

1-Sep	Margie Lee
2-Sep	Tel Bauman
3-Sep	Lexa Mohl
3-Sep	Karen Seibel
4-Sep	Jim Alt
4-Sep	Parker Lenzen
4-Sep	Tammy Wiedrich
5-Sep	Emery Tolosky
7-Sep	Mitchell Mattheis
8-Sep	Layton Behm
8-Sep	Claire Buchmann
8-Sep	Randy Schneider
9-Sep	Kenny Klein
9-Sep	Thea Ungerer
9-Sep	Emma Wanzek
12-Sep	Ryan Martin
14-Sep	Daxton Holen
14-Sep	Drake Holen
14-Sep	Gary Murray
15-Sep	Sodie Peabody
18-Sep	Julie Bergstedt
18-Sep	Tad Feist
18-Sep	Sierra Halverson
19-Sep	Caty Ternes
22-Sep	Kelly Aalund
22-Sep	Connor Babcock
22-Sep	Joe Wright
23-Sep	Michelle Placke
25-Sep	Emma Finsaas
25-Sep	Keith Yeager
27-Sep	Emma Neuberger
29-Sep	Bill Keller
29-Sep	Blake Martin
30-Sep	Bill Swanson



## OCC Donation schedule

**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.**

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

**August 10, 2023**

### **President's Report – Marvin Sigman**

Marvin and Janice celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary going to Medora and a get together at the golf course. They had a cousin reunion and visiting other grandchildren. Marvin went to the Deacons meeting.

Feed My Starving Children schedule is different this year. A regular packing session for the public will be held Thursday night. Two packing sessions will be Friday during the day and attended mostly by the Beulah High School. BHS has a class that requires community service and packing meals for FMSC will meet this requirement.

### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent**

I served as co-dean of our district family camp from July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

Attended our deacons meeting and staff meetings.

Participated in ministerial prayer, as able.



I communed our residents at KRCC.

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

Confirmation orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday night Bible study will also begin on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, where we'll study the book of Acts.

Adult Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, where we'll begin a study of Luke.

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

I have ordered 2 curriculums for the upcoming school year, part of one has gotten here and the other is still on its way. I will be going through them this summer.

### **High School Youth Group**

July was a busy month for the youth. With FLY and Family camp taking up a good chunk of the days. We are very thankful for the opportunities to go and hear God's Word at places like fly and family camp.

### **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.

### **Treasurers Report – Margie Lee**

General Fund	\$	3,609.98
Building Fund	\$	35,978.73
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	187.82
Coat Closet	\$	558.74
Intern Fund	\$	9,243.16
Radio Broadcast	\$	4,545.96
Van/Storage Fund	\$	1,500.00
Total Bank Acct	\$	132,291.81

### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

Family Camp report- It was a great week with the best ever attendance of 112.

Our men's breakfast Bible study will begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September.

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings – Pastor Kent has been in contact 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 asked him to present for our fall meetings. We scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

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

POP is scheduled to serve breakfast for the men's retreat this fall in Epping.

Summer Community Worship Service: We discussed how well it was attended. We are considering having our regular service at 9:00, but still encouraging people to attend the community service at 10:30.

### **Trustees – Bruce Neuberger**

The final payment was made for the van storage garage. After the last huge rain storm, Bruce Neuberger checked the garage and there was some water on the floor. Because it was such a huge rain storm, he wasn't sure if it was just a fluke so he will continue to check after rain. Council discussed the water sitting by the sill. Les Buchmann recommended having the contractor drill a hole to drain the water so it didn't sit by the sill and rot the sill.

Marvin Sigman had people talk to him about the weeds in the flowers by the front of the church. No one has been taking care of them. Bruce Neuberger will check on that.

### **Christian Ed – Angie Wanzek/Chrisy Rotondo**

Old business: Christian Ed Policy is done! Angie motioned to accept, Chrisy 2nd

Popfly Policy is done!

New Business: Sunday school teachers we will need one more plus helpers.

Reviewed class sizes and number of students. Teachers will look over supplies and let Darcee know if anything needs to be ordered.

Church in the park: Chrisy will get deposit taken care of. We will be doing a fish fry, hotdogs, salad & dessert potluck.

Angie will be ordering bibles for the 4th graders.

Gordon Hoffner has a Thrivent Card for the event and once again is coordinating the fish fry. A sign-up sheet will be set out this next week. There will be hot dogs, buns, and water provided by the church. Salad and a dessert will be "potlucked". The worship team will coordinate the music and Keven Lee is working with Garrett Saylor on the sound and trailer for that day.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Policy Booklet** – Council approved the Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Director policies.

**Locking of Doors Survey** – We will wait to send out the survey after the Community Church Safety Meeting.

At May’s council meeting the council recommended these survey questions (in italicized font):

*Survey:  
The church council would like your opinion on whether to leave the doors unlocked during worship time or lock the doors during worship time*

*Which do you prefer?*

- 1. Remain the same with the doors unlocked during worship.*
- 2. Lock the doors 15 minutes into worship and unlock the doors when the last hymn is over. The south door will be manned to let people in. The other 2 doors will have Ring doorbells for people to ring and be let in.*

*Additional Comments:*

**Coat Ministry** – Chrisy Rotondo (chairperson) met with Donna Bieri, Margaret Roseaan and Darcee Wenning. The two empty Sunday school rooms in the fellowship hall will be utilized for the coat ministry. They will empty out the current Coat Ministry room near the Nursing Mother’s Room so that room will be available for a Sunday school room if needed. The rooms will be measured for double rods mounted on walls to hang coats. We are accepting ONLY kids winter gear – no adult winter gear at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** – Our Tithe of \$2,520.40 will be given to AFLC Home Missions.

**Community Church Safety Meeting** – Will be held on August 23 at 7 pm in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall. Police Chief Senn will be speaking about situations that have been happening in Beulah.

**New computer for cameras** – At July’s council meeting, we approved purchasing a new computer for the security camera recording/backing up computer that is located in the Intern office. The computer will be ordered soon.

**Correspondence**

A thank you note was received from WARC for donation of 46 pounds of food.

**2023 POP Church Council**

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