

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

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Pastor Kent

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

(Philippians 1:3-6 ESV)

This past month, the month of October, has been observed for many years as Pastor's Appreciation Month. It's encouraged, during the month of October, for congregations, as well as individual members, to express their appreciation to their pastor for who he is and what he does. And, for as long as I've been here, Prince of Peace has done so.

Each year, the church council provides a card and a gift that is given on behalf of the congregation.

Many individuals have consistently given cards and gifts as well. And although I'm not fishing for

compliments or for gifts, they are certainly an encouragement.

This support is given to me not only during the month of October, but throughout the year. I receive encouraging notes and cards all year long. And members of the church consistently tell me of their prayers for me.

What I'm trying to say is that you, the people of Prince of Peace, have been consistently supportive throughout the years. I have never felt unappreciated as I've served you. And you have faithfully and consistently demonstrated the love and care you have for me.

For this, I want to thank you. Even if it seems like a small thing to you, it's not. And I say this because it's not uncommon for pastors to feel unappreciated. It's not even uncommon for them to feel beaten up by the very people they serve.

The past eight and a half years have been an absolute joy. Serving you and serving among you has not been a difficult thing in the least. There have been hard situations and difficult moments, of

course. But, generally speaking, I've loved every moment of my time with you. And I hope and pray that it will continue for many years to come.

As Paul expresses to the Philippians in the passage above, I thank God for all of you. I thank you for your support. I thank you for your partnership in the gospel. And I too am confident that the Lord will bring to completion the good work he began in each one of you.



Join us for our <u>Fall Spiritual Life Meetings</u> with Pastor Randy Nelson. There is also a signup sheet at the back of the Sanctuary to host Pastor Nelson for meal during those days – Nov 5-8. If you have any questions, call the church office!



Reminder If you use the
kitchen (includes
fellowship) please
take the towels and
dishcloths home to
launder, bring them
back and put them
away!



Sunday School Corner

We will starting to prepare for the Christmas program. Typically, every child has a line to recite so if you know that you will be gone, please let me know so that I can plan accordingly. The SS kids will be singing for church November 19th, and no SS November 26 which is Thanksgiving break. In His Hands, Donna Bieri

Night in Bethlehem – Saturday December 2 SS Christmas program – Sunday December 17

Children's Message

Our Children's message for the month of November will be Sunday, November 19.

Noisy Offering

Our Sunday School children will be collecting change in our noisy offering on Sunday, November 19. Bring your pockets full of change if you are interested! This month's offering will benefit Operation Christmas Child.





From Hunger to Hope

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way shape or form for our drive through fleishkeuchkle feed. I think we served over 600 fleishkeuchkle if I remember correctly. We have one last fundraiser this year. We will be serving lunch at the Stop 'til You Drop Vendor Show on Oct 28th (9 am to 2 pm). Lunch will include fleishkeuchkle, sloppy joe's (or slushburgers whichever you prefer), hot dogs, knoephla soup, water/pop, bars. When I find out where the meals we packed were shipped to, I will let you know.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri





Sunday, November 19 Potluck at Noon and ANNUAL MEETING @ 1:00pm



Thanksgiving Eve service and Pie social will be Wednesday evening November 22. Worship at 7:00pm and pie social after worship. Bring your favorite pie to share!

Happy fall!

I have been continuing to plug along with the updates to our church library. Thank you for



your patience as I work through this, it has been a big project but will be so worth it! Currently I have been working on placing the new labels on books to match the new system. I have one other person helping me which is great! Please contact me if you would be willing to help with this in your free time – can be all on your own schedule.

I have been continuing to add to our library as well as sort through donations. In addition, we also received funds this month through a Thrivent card to purchase some new things. MANY new books will be hitting the shelves this month! Some of the authors include, The Robertson Family (Duck Dynasty), Clay & Sally Clarkson, Annie F. Downs, Matt & Lisa Jacobson, Lisa Harper, Sarah Young and SO many more!!

I so enjoy this ministry and would LOVE for you to find a book you really enjoy and grow your faith! There are SO many new things over the last year I can't even list them all. I have really been focusing on growing the Christian Living section and have added many new books in the family and marriage categories. As well as I have added a homeschool family section. PLEASE, please check it out and let God speak to you in a mighty, new way!

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

- <u>Kelsey.glynn@outlook.com</u> or (701)710-0616. I usually work in the library during the Sunday School hour.

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



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.

POP WMF has changed over the years. In the past we met once a month for a business meeting. The meeting opened with devotions and prayer. There was an agenda to follow. We had elected officers. There were coffee and beverages served. We closed with the WMF Bible Study. It was much more formal, but it was a good time of fellowship. We had reports from our officers: Last months minutes were read by the Secretary, the Mission Secretary reported on the missionaries and their activities and needs, The Cradle Roll Secretary kept us current with the Baptisms, and the Treasurer gave a financial report. An offering was taken.

The offering part of WMF keeps us connected to the National WMF and is the focus of the following article. It is taken out of the Fall 2023 **WMF Helping Hand** Newsletter. It is the treasurer's report.

BE A PART OF GIVING

Written by Margie Lee, Treasurer

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God Loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

[2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ESV]

Thank you for your donations to the National WMF. We are grateful for your generous gifts to all of our Projects:

1. **World Missions.** Your gifts are given o missionaries as designated and the remaining gifts are distributed as needed by the Word Missions Department

2. **Home Missions.** Home Missions has been using your gifts to work on pod cast and other materials for planting churches

3. Christian Education:

*Parish Education is using your gifts to help publish Heritage Series Volume #6

by Pastor Robert Lee.

*FLBC continues to use your gifts to purchase new dorm room furniture.

*FLS gifts are used to give \$100 per semester to each seminarian to help with books. We also donate subscriptions for The Lutheran Ambassador to the seminarians.

4. **WMF General Fund.** During the first 7 months of 2023, you have faithfully donated \$47,147.97 to our WMF General Fund. Our expenses from the General Fund include a salary for our Executive Secretary. Stipends are available for our President and Treasurer. Our board members are able to be reimbursed for mileage and supplies. Your gifts help with the expenses of WMF Day such as speakers, printed reports and packets, and meals. Your donations help provide a gift for our Mission Festival Speaker. Your gifts also help us to select an AFLC woman/women to author our yearly WMF Bible study, and 2 pastors and 2 women to edit the Bible study. The Helping Hand is sent out twice a year. Printing, postage expenses, computers and software are also vital to our ministry which your gifts provide. Our 2023 budget for the General Fund is \$61,150.00. I would like to thank you for donating to our general fund so that we can effectively serve you as the National WMF Board.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement to us as a board, and your generous donations to WMF of the AFLC.

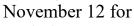
WMF Bible Study will be on Monday, November 20, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We are on Lesson 10, Hannah *In Her Deep Anguish She Prayed* A lesson in Humility.

Coffee and fellowship at 10:30 on Wednesdays. All women are invited!

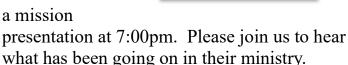
Have a thankful Thanksgiving! Judy

Mission **Presentation!**

Nate Jore will be speaking at Prince of Peace Sunday evening,



a mission







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 November 5, 12, 19, & 26 and December 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.

Communion prep for November

Wennings

Communion prep for December

Brandi Tolosky

POP Worship Attendance

09-03 - 118

09-10 - 175 First day of SS!

09-17 - 162

09-24 - 161

10-01 - 154

10-08 - 165

10-15 - 177 SS kids singing

10-22 - 142

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 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

Fellowship for December 2023

Dec 3: John & Carmen Mohl, Marj Murray, Dena Kemmet

Dec 10: Bill & Kris Keller, Nancy Wright, Lynette Flemmer

Dec 17: Larue Schwarz, Randy & Beth Zimmerman, Lillian Boeshans

Dec 24: No Fellowship due to holiday

Dec 31: Deb & Perry Sayler, Kendra Finck, Carey Matthis

Ushers for November 2023

November 5: David & Stephanie Hottman, Jared Glynn

November 12: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sarah Senn

November 19: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson

November 26: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey & Michelle Klaudt

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Dec 31: Kevin Lee, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel, Vern & Karla Boehm



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 schedule

Family boxes are due back by November 5. We pack POP boxes here on November 12. Please have your OCC donations here by Nov 5 so they can "organize".

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!





Keep the Power Supply Open

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness Romans 8:26

The Holy Spirit is not enthusiasm, compassion, or bravado. He might stimulate such emotions, but he himself is a person. He determines itineraries (Acts 16:6), distributes spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-11), and selects church leaders (Acts 13:2). He teaches (John 14:26), guides (John 16:13), and comforts (John 16:7 KJV).

"He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 16:17). Occasional guest? No sir. The Holy Spirit is a year-round resident in the hearts of his children. As God's story becomes our story, his power becomes our power. Then why do we suffer from power failures?

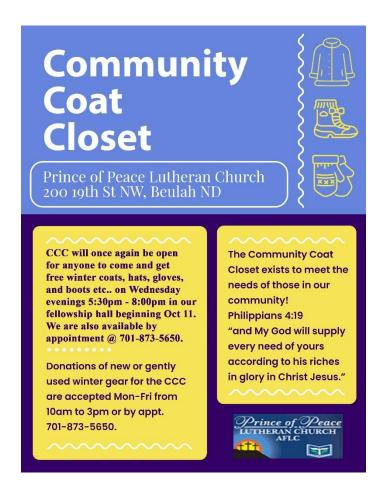
We're prone to depend on God's Spirit to save us but not sustain us. We are like the Galatians whom Paul asked, "After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?" (Galatians 3:3 niv). We turn to him to get us started, and then continue in our own strength.

The same hand that pushed the rock from the tomb can shove away your doubt. The same power that stirred the still heart of Christ can stir your flagging faith. The same strength that put Satan on his heels can, and will, defeat Satan in your life. Just keep the power supply open. (The Holy Spirit).

In Christ Marvin 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!!!



We are looking for volunteers to be our shopping attendant on Wednesday evenings. The sign up sheet is at the back of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Peterson.

Warehouse Report

How often do you take the little things in life for granted? I often do. We get used to the luxuries of living in a life style that is easy. Then one little thing goes different and we feel offended. The reason I bring this up is because it happened to me this morning as I was driving to work. With this time of year we all know that it is much darker in the morning than it was a month ago. I don't drive my car in the dark very often, frankly because I don't need to. Yet, this morning as I was driving I was reminded on just how bad the headlights are on this car. They are awful, I can only see about a cars length ahead of me. I want to see more of what's ahead then what I can. Then it occurred to me that I can see all that I need to, in order to get to work. I started chuckling as I thought about Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." This lamp gives enough light for the next step, not the next five steps. How often are we so worried about the future that we can't see, we miss the next step the Lord is showing us. I ask you to slow down and trust in the Lord, the Lord will reveal what you need to see when you need to see it.

Up Coming events



Youth bake sale Nov 19

Beulah Community Thanksgiving worship Service

Sunday, November 19 @ Grace E Free @ 7:00pm with Pastor John Fanella delivering the message.

November Birthdays

1-Nov	Mandi Mohl
1-Nov	Sylvia Zeiszler
3-Nov	Jay Seibel
5-Nov	Brad Klipfel
5-Nov	Carey Mattheis
5-Nov	Jay Olsen
- 3.7	3.6

5-Nov Margaret Rosaaen Jeffrey Rotondo 6-Nov Brynleigh Fandrich 7-Nov Angela Wanzek 8-Nov **Krosby Plienis** 9-Nov Titus Sayler 10-Nov Ryan Tolosky 11-Nov Thomas Wanzek 13-Nov Marlene Buehner 14-Nov 15-Nov Sandy Goetz Anna Novak 16-Nov 17-Nov Mira Sayler

18-Nov Lizzie Sperry
19-Nov Spencer Mattheis
20-Nov Ellery Ungerer

21-Nov Gage Doe

21-Nov Ayden Sandwick

22-Nov Ayden Finck
24-Nov Steve Schaper
25-Nov Addy Berndt
25 Nov Pon Frei

25-Nov Ron Frei

25-Nov Landon Giese

26-Nov Jaida Doe
26-Nov Emma Miller
26-Nov Janice Sigman
26-Nov Sarah Sperry
27-Nov Pearl Miller

27-Nov Carl Sorensen29-Nov Ciara Hausauer

30-Nov Kelsa Miller



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 always call ahead!

We will be decorating the altar with **poinsettias for Christmas eve** and as a fundraiser for a mission. That information will be coming out soon!





Threads of Love quilting ladies meet every Wednesday @ 9am in our POP fellowship hall. You don't have to sew to join them!



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

October 12, 2023

Pastor's Report - Pastor Kent

Let me begin by offering to you my thanks for your Pastor's Appreciation gift!

Attended our deacons meeting and staff meetings.

I communed our residents at KRCC. I conducted a worship service at KRCC.

Wednesday night Bible study continues to plug along as we look at the book of Acts. The study itself has

been good. Attendance is lower than in previous years.

Adult Sunday School is also going well. Attendance remains a bit higher than previous years. For this class, we're studying the gospel of Luke.

We had our first men's breakfast and Bible study of the year. Our study is titled *Lessons from a King*. Our focus is on the life of David and what we can learn from him

I conducted a graveside service for Alice Mohl, the aunt of John Mohl.

I had a pre-baptismal session for two children soon to be baptized.

Membership classes have begun, with seven adults present.

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> Sunday School

We are almost done with the first curriculum for the Sunday school year. I have really enjoyed it, from what I can tell the youth have liked it. It is a little hard to tell on Sunday morning what the emotions are. We will be rolling into the next one immediately. I have also ordered and gotten "A Case for Christmas and Easter", going to be going through those with approval from Christian ed. looking to do them leading up to Christmas and Easter.

High School Youth Group

I believe this group is getting a better grip that Youth Group is a place to learn about and worship God. It is cool to see youth being able to relate to what the Bible is teaching and turn and ask questions about topics that they face today. We are continuing to study 1 Peter.

Middle School Youth Group

I'm continually amazed at this group of youth. They have so much fun and laughter, and they can go from messing around, to asking questions that will make your head spin. I really can't explain what happens from 3-5 on Thursdays, it is really awesome. We have completed 1 Peter, and are working through 2 Peter. We have requests to go

through Matthew next. One youth said something like "Can we do Matthew next, I want to learn about the life of Jesus" so we are planning on Matthew at this moment.

Other things

Thanks to the congregation for the gift card, I appreciate it! Thankful for the support this congregation shows me and Sierra.

<u>Treasurers Report – Margie Lee</u>

General Fund	\$ 10,076.00
Building Fund	\$ 37,044.33
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 342.06
Coat Closet	\$ 243.92
Intern Fund	\$ 11,243.16
Radio Broadcast	\$ 4,385.96
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Total Bank Acct	\$ 149,803.82

Council approved switching to a checking account with a higher interest with our current bank.

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 Pastor Nelson will present for our fall meetings. We scheduled for November 5th-8th.

Nate Jore will be with us, to share about his work in Uganda, on Sunday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 pm. His family will not be traveling with him, and he will stay with the Sigman's.

Brant Raan, missionary to Uganda, is planning furlough beginning in January. We'll be setting up a date/time soon for a visit/presentation.

Pastor is currently working with several people regarding membership. He has scheduled classes and invited them to attend.

<u>Trustees – Ryan Tolosky</u>

Ryan has been looking at getting a new door for the east Warehouse door. He did get one estimate from Western Steel and it was \$5,000 just for the door. Ryan asked Western Steel for a cheaper option but they haven't responded back. Council recommended getting a bid for the door, install, concrete work, etc so it can be taken to the Annual Meeting for approval.

Discussed redoing the small pavement pad on the north side where the handicap parking is situated.

Also discussed having an overlay on the south parking lot in the next few years.

Trustees will discuss lawn spraying for weeds and fertilizer next summer.

Christian Ed – Angie Wanzek

Night in Bethlehem is December 2. They will have a children's message, puppets, craft and meal

Sunday School offering is going to the Killdeer Sunday School program. Killdeer is a Home Missions Church.

Christian Ed discussed the Nominating Committee, Annual Meeting and Annual Report

They have been discussing a change to the policy of Sunday School Attendance for Confirmation and have discussed it with the Deacons.

Safety Team

Garrett Placke reported that Shane Haugen sent an email resigning from chairman on the Safety Team but Shane will continue to serve on the Safety Team. The Safety Team will meet next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe – We approved splitting our Tithe of \$2,743.90: \$750 to FLAPS, \$750 to AFLC Alaska Mission, \$500 to MonDakAda Family Camp and balance of \$743.90 to H.I.S.

Budget/Annual Meeting Agenda – Christian Ed sent Margie Lee their budget numbers. The Deacons have done their budget. We went through the Trustees budget at the council meeting.

The Annual Meeting Agenda should be emailed out to the church council before our next meeting. Items for the Agenda should include a new door on the east side of church.

Correspondence

A thank you note was received from AFLC Ministries for our financial gifts and prayers. Also received letter about advertising in the 2024 Beulah Visitors Guide.