

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

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December 2023



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.



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

Children's Message

We will be having a children's message at each Sunday's Advent service during the month of December.

Noisy Offering

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



Sunday School Corner

We are in full preparation for the SS Christmas program which will be December 17th. We will have the traditional story of Jesus birth, and we will focus on the journey the Magi took to visit Jesus. The program will be during the church service that day. Each child will be offered a speaking part. If you won't be there, please let me or their teacher know so we can plan accordingly. I plan to hand out the parts during SS on the first Sunday of December. We will likely practice on Friday the 15th in the evening. I will let you know of the time as we get closer. We will be learning the first verse of several Christmas songs. We will send the words home with the kids so that you can practice with them. We will also practice during SS on the 10th, so please make sure your child is there. Also, if your child is in my 1st or 2nd grade SS class, their memory verse for Dec 3rd is either Psalm 119:9 or 1 John 4:19. They should be able to find the verse from Psalms in their Bible. We have been working on that.

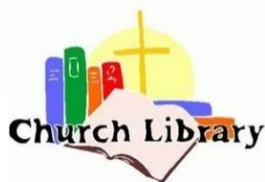
In His Hands, Donna Bieri

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



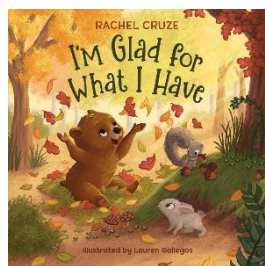
From Hunger to Hope

We have had our last fundraiser for the year. Thank you for all of your support. We haven't heard yet where our meals went to. We will start fundraising again in the spring. If you would like to join our group, please let me know, we would love to have the extra help. In His Hands, Donna Bieri



Kelsey and Joan have been continuing to work on getting the new labels on all library items. We still have a ways to go but I think we can say we have finally made some headway and that feels great! As always stop by and checkout what is going on and feel free to contact Kelsey with any questions. (701)710-0616 or Kelsey.glynn@outlook.com Kelsey continues to expand and update our wonderful library. Please prayerfully considering donating to this wonderful ministry so we can keep providing new and exciting materials to this congregation. POP Library website:

www.libib.com/u/poplibrary



NEW Item!

Rachel Cruze, daughter of Dave Ramsey, just released her FIRST children's book in November. This has been donated to the library. Great book to read with your kiddos!



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 December 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 and January 7, 14, 21, & 28. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.



From the Chairman

In Jesus' Name

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:11

The phrase "In Jesus' name" is not an empty motto or talisman. It is a declaration of truth: Cancer is not in charge; Jesus is. The economy is not in charge; Jesus is. The grumpy neighbor doesn't run the world; Jesus, you do! You, Jesus are the Head Coach, CEO, President, King, Supreme Ruler, Absolute Monarch, High and Holy Baron, Czar, Overlord, and Rajah of all history.

Just speak the word, Jesus...

Pray! Since God works, prayer works. Since God is good, prayer is good. Since you matter to God, your prayers matter in heaven. You're never without hope, because you're never without prayer. And on the occasions you can't find the words to say, pull these out of your pocket:

Father, you are good. I need help. Heal me and forgive me. Thank you In Jesus' name, amen.

Father, you are good. They need help. Heal them and forgive them. Thank you in Jesus' name, amen.

Marvin C. Sigman



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 a special WMF Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 pm. Specialty coffees and Italian sodas will be served. If you have some treats to share feel free to bring some. We will have a devotion and look at the last lesson in our WMF Bible study: **Abigail** *A lesson in Discernment*, found in 1 Samuel 25:1-35. ***There will be plenty of good fellowship as well!***

The 2024 WMF Bible study ***Philippians--Exuberant Joy!*** delves into the topic of **joy**. It was written by Angie Lombardo, a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran in Gifford, Ill. It will take us through the book of Philippians. Angie mentions in her introduction that she has noticed that some women who seem to have everything struggle to understand why true joy eludes them. "They may not realize it, but the answer to their deep need is found in the Bible--in particular this Bible study... *We will follow Paul, the prisoner of Christ, in his journey of genuine joy, love, grace, peace, and self-revelation.*" We will see Paul's journey to know Christ, to really know Him better and better...(taken from the November Lutheran Ambassador)

There is a sign-up sheet on the WMF bulletin board to order Bible study books for 2024. The cost is \$14.00. Extra books will be available in case you don't get on the list.

We are still gathering on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Also in the November Ambassador you will find an article written by Sarah Langness. It is titled **Psalms--Give thanks to Him; bless his name!** She gives a lovely personal testimony about thankfulness.

Have a blessed **Christmas**, remembering the reason for the season!

With love, Judy

Communion prep for December

Brandi Tolosky

Communion prep for January

Dena Kemmet

POP Worship Attendance

10-01 - 154 Communion
10-08 - 165
10-15 - 177 SS kids singing
10-22 - 142
10-29 - 177
11-05 - 165 Communion
11-12 - 160
11-19 - 170 SS kids singing

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!



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!



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>

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

Fellowship for January 2024

January 7 : Perry & Deb Sayler, Lillian Boeshans, Bruce Neuberger
January 14: Fred & Donna Bieri, Ryan & Brandi Tolosky
January 21: Jim & Darcee Wenning, Kevin & Margie Lee
January 28: Lynette Flemmer, Kameron & Cassie Plenis, Margret Rosaaen

Usher for December 2023

Dec 3: David & Stephanie Hottman, Jared Glynn
Dec 10: John & Carmen Mohl, Frank & Sara Senn
Dec 17: Marvin & Janice Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Vern & Lisa Pederson
Dec 24: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey & Michelle Klautt
Dec 31: Kevin Lee, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel, Vern & Karla Boehm



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!!!



Poinsettia Fundraiser!

The sign up sheet for poinsettias to decorate our altar for Christmas eve is at the back of the sanctuary. There are three sizes to choose from. The fundraiser part is for the Women's Care Center. Please have your order by December 10!

Warehouse Report

As I currently write this for the newsletter I look out and see the grass. That being said it might be covered in a foot of snow when you read this. That is how fast the weather can change and how fast our daily lives can be shifted from one normal to the new normal. We all have shifts in life much bigger and much more important than the weather. We might talk about the weather the most, but we have more important things to talk about in life. Maybe it's the birth of a new grandchild, or the buying of a new house. That new job is really working out well, or the cancer treatment for a loved one is going great. Yet, times the changes we face aren't for the better in our mind. Maybe you got sick and the doctors are struggling to help, maybe you lost a job that you thought would be the job you retire from. Normal just went to chaos really fast. Yet, in the good and the bad one thing stays the same. The fact that Jesus blood has washed your sins away, so whatever comes down the road take it in stride remembering God is with you always. Matthew 28:20b "And behold, I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Up coming events

Fundraiser "Day Care Day" Dec. 9 please talk to Cody if you have any questions.

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




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!**

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."



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.

December Birthdays

3-Dec Arlo Sailer
 4-Dec Jacey Duttenhefner
 9-Dec Sharon Schneider
 11-Dec Jake Mohl
 12-Dec Nick Kasanke
 12-Dec Brooklyn Keller
 13-Dec Judah Novak
 15-Dec Morgan Lenzen
 15-Dec Linda Schnaidt
 16-Dec Charlie Wanzek
 17-Dec Shaylyn Gunsch
 17-Dec Zachary Neuberger
 18-Dec Morgan Mattheis
 19-Dec Lynell Renner
 20-Dec Krystal Finsaas
 20-Dec Lisa Pederson
 23-Dec Jeff Gemmill
 24-Dec Tenley Behm
 25-Dec Simon Novak
 26-Dec Holly Doe
 27-Dec Sandy Weigel
 30-Dec Cheri Sperry
 31-Dec Deb Kasanke
 31-Dec Willis Kasanke
 31-Dec Brandi Tolosky

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

November 9, 2023

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin worked at shop till you Drop for Feed My Starving Children fleishkekla fundraiser. Went to Deacons and other meetings

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended our deacons meeting and staff meetings.

Attended our district meeting in Killdeer.

I communed our residents at KRCC.

Confirmation has been going well. The students have been very well behaved. We're approaching the end of our look at the Ten Commandments and will be having our first quiz prior to Christmas.

Wednesday night Bible study continues to go well as we look at the book of Acts.

Adult Sunday School is also going well. For this class, we're studying the gospel of Luke.

I participated in our men's breakfast and led our study. We're looking at the life of David. We looked this past month about his battle with Goliath and his reliance upon the Lord in the face of this enemy.



I helped coordinate and attended our fall Spiritual Life Meetings with Pastor Randy Nelson.

I baptized the children of Levi and Michaela Senn, and received them into membership.

Membership classes have concluded.

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

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

We have completed the first curriculum for the year. We are now working through the second curriculum, with some breaks to help with the Soup Fundraiser, and attending SLM.

High School Youth Group

We are continuing on in 1 Peter

Middle School Bible Study

This group of youth really wants to come to church and have fun, studying God's Word, playing games and enjoying snacks. This group can get a little crazy at times and it may take a min to get them back on track, but the amount of times I have had to do that this year are very few. They are very well-behaved youth.

Other things

Book Club has been going great we have 3 students that enjoy coming and talking about books written on Biblical topics.

Discipleship has continued with one student we have just started working through the book of Judges.

Cody reported Keith Peterson looked at the van tires and back two tires need to be replaced. Les Buchmann asked Cody to get him the size of the tires. Les can get tires at a discount and will replace tires.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 17,384.49
Building Fund	\$ 40,639.33
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 359.11
Coat Closet	\$ 255.74
Intern Fund	\$ 12,243.16
Radio Broadcast	\$ 4,225.96
Van/Storage Fund	\$ 1,325.00
Total Bank Acct	\$ 131,573.45

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

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

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Grace Evangelical Free Church on Sunday, Nov. 19th at 7:00. This also Prince of Peace's annual meeting day.

Our Prince of Peace Thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 7:00 pm with pie social to follow.

Christmas worship – Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. We are tentatively planning for our regular morning worship service at 9:00, along with our 4:30 Christmas Eve service later that day.

Youth ministry update: Cody gave a thorough update touching on all aspects of his ministry.

Christian Education – Angie Wanzek

Night in Bethlehem December 2nd @ 5 pm. Will include supper, puppets, craft, & story of Christ's birth.

Names have been submitted for nominating committee.

Had more discussion regarding Sunday school time missed for confirmation kids. We agreed that we would wait to present to council till new members are installed. To be done no later than June 2024.

Safety Team – Garrett Placke

Garrett Placke reported that the Safety Team met on October 19. Shane Haugen stepped down as chairperson but is remaining on the team as a member. Garrett Placke was nominated as chairperson.

The Team talked about the security cameras. They discussed the Community Safety Meeting that was held at POP in August. Discussed how to have communication with other churches.

The Safety Team discussed the options for locking the church during church services. They recommended this vote for the Annual Meeting. They also recommended that the vote be by secret ballot.

1. Locking the north door and the Warehouse door 10 to 15 minutes after church starts
2. No change.

They discussed the need for a new Warehouse door.
Discussed the need for south parking lot lighting.

CPR and First Aid classes will be held in the next few months.

Keith Peterson checked on the winter gear and first aid kit for the van.

A new fire extinguisher was purchased from Dakota Fire for the Van Storage garage and Keith Peterson hung it up.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Booklet – The committee has met and Deb Saylor is getting the final proof ready to be emailed to the committee soon.

Locking of doors during church services – Garrett Placke discussed what the Safety Team recommended in his report. Council agreed with the recommendation

Lighting South Parking Lot – We need to look at getting better lighting for the south parking lot

NEW BUSINESS

Tithe – We split our Tithe of \$3,500.57: \$1,000 to AFLC Evangelism, \$1,000 Parish Education, \$1,000 Youth Ministries and \$500.57 to our church library.

Budget – Margie went through the budget. The council adjusted some numbers for the recommended budget.

Correspondence

No correspondence

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 19, 2023

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee as of 10/31/2023

General Fund	\$ 15,327.39
Total Bank Acct	\$ 127,494.77

Elections

Newly elected positions beginning in 2024

President – Marvin Sigman -1-year term

Treasurer – Margie Lee-1-year term

Secretary – Deb Saylor -1-year term

Deacon – Kevin Lee – 3-year term

Deacon – Steve Finsaas – 3-year term

Trustee – Jeff Rotondo – 3-year term

Christian Ed – Anna Saylor – 3-year term

Christian Ed – Ashley Olsen – 3-year term

Auditing Committee – Wayne Hoffner – 1-year term

Auditing Committee – Kim Pacht – 1-year term

Personnel Committee – Carl Sorensen-1-year term

Nominating Committee – Jan Sigman – 1-year term

Nominating Committee – Marj Murray – 1-year term

Nominating Committee – Marvin Bauer–1-year term

Locking Church Doors –

The church council and Safety Team recommended these two options to vote for by secret ballot:

1. Lock the east Warehouse door and the north door 10 to 15 minutes after the church service begins. and then unlock during the last songs.
2. Not lock the doors during the church service.

The final vote count of secret ballots was 30 votes to lock two doors during church services (option 1), 4 votes to not lock during the church service (option 2) and 2 undetermined votes.

New Door to The Warehouse – We approved up to \$15,000 to purchase a new Warehouse door and have it professionally installed.