



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

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February 2024



Pastor Kent

"...beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."
(Luke 24:27 ESV)

As we enter into February, love is on our mind. Love is on our mind because we associate this month with Valentine's Day. However, another important day falls on February 14th this year, alongside Valentine's Day.

This is also Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. And, throughout the season of Lent, we have worship services on Wednesday evenings as we make a special effort to focus on Christ and all he's done for us.

On the Wednesdays of Lent, this year, as well as during our Holy Week and Easter services, we'll have a special focus. We'll hear a series of messages,

titled: Scripture Fulfilled. And we'll see how all of Scripture is fulfilled in Jesus.

This is something that Jesus pointed out to two of his disciples, as they traveled on the road to Emmaus following his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave. As they discussed everything that had taken place, Jesus joined them. And, although they didn't recognize him in the beginning, he told them that they were slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken.

Then, beginning with Moses and all of the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. He revealed to them how all of Scripture pointed forward to him and what he was to accomplish. And although we don't know exactly what passages he used in doing so, we're going to do something very similar.

We're going to see how all of Scripture points us to Jesus and what he was to accomplish. And we won't be looking at the prophecies which are so clear that they cannot be denied. We'll be looking at certain events and people in Scripture that reveal this to us.

On the Sundays of Lent, we'll do something a little different. We'll be looking at the armor of God, about which Paul speaks in Ephesians 6. We'll be looking at what this armor is, why God has given it to us, and how we make use of it. We'll do so because, as Paul points out, we face a very real enemy who challenges us, seeking our downfall. And this armor is what enables us to stand against both him and his schemes.

Please make every effort to be with us during this very special season. As we engage with the Word of God in these ways, we'll each be immensely blessed. I look forward to sharing it with each of you!

Children's Message

We will be having a children's message on the third Sunday – February 17.

Noisy Offering

Our Sunday School children will be collecting change in our noisy offering on Sunday, February 17. Bring your pockets full of change! 😊 This month's offering will benefit the Women's Care Center in Bismarck.



Radio Broadcast

Please contact the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday radio broadcast. **The cost is \$45.** The radio broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30am on KDKT 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are February 4, 11, 18, & 25 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31. Please email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to sponsor.



Sunday School Corner

Our Sunday School children will be singing the third Sunday in February – Feb 17.



Join Prince of Peace in our "Fill the Playpen" fundraiser for the WCC in Bismarck! Donations will

be accepted through the month of February.

*We ask that all items please be new with tags still attached.

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| • Baby wash cloths, | • Baby towels |
| • Diaper bag backpacks | • Bibs |
| • Bowls | • Brushes/Combs |
| • Baby shampoo/ wash/ lotions (Aveeno, Johnson and Johnson) | |
| • Butt paste (Boudreaux's, Aquaphor) | |
| • Swaddles | • Teethers |
| • Feeding utensils | • Sippy cups |
| • Sound machines | • Halo sleep sacks |
| • NB gender neutral onesies | • Potty chairs |
| • Ginger candies and Peggie Pops | |
| • BOYS Clothing: NB, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 months | |
| • GIRLS Clothing: NB, 12, 18, 24 month and 3T | |
| • Nursing covers | • Car seat covers |
| • Boys' socks | • Girls' socks |
| • Bottles (Avent, Dr. Browns) | • Gender Neutral Pull-Ups: |
| • Baby carriers | • Boppy Pillows |
| • Bottle drying racks | |
| • Crib sheets | • Pack and Play sheets |
| • Gender neutral pacifiers | • Bottle brushes |
| • Diapers (Pampers and Huggies): | |
| o Size Newborn, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | o Size 2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T, 5T-6T |
| • Gift cards to Amazon, Target, or Walmart to buy items for Crib Club as needed. | |

Women's Care Center Bismarck is a pro-life pregnancy resource center that supports families from cradle to kindergarten. Support from generous partners in the community makes it possible to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, and become better parents. 91% of moms choose life for their babies, because of generous people like you! Thank you for making it possible to serve every 1 in 6 babies born in our community!



Lent 2024 begins with

Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14.

Please join us for a family style meal (fundraiser for youth) at 6pm and then our worship service at 7pm.



Stop by and checkout what is going on in our Prince of Peace Library 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

The MomCommunity or MomCo

(formally MOPS/MomsNext)

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month

@ Prince of Peace fellowship hall

6:15-8:15pm *Day care is available

Contact Brandi Tolosky at 701-426-0534 for more information

About the MomCommunity: MomCo encourages and equips moms to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.

Each year we receive a curriculum from MomCo that provides us wonderful tools and resources to guide us in thoughts and discussion on relevant topics for moms and women of Christ.

Our MomCo group in Beulah is very laid back and we have always welcomed moms with kids of all ages- 0-40+!! As moms and women, we need community and fellowship. We begin by having light snacks and refreshments, visit around the table and get to know one another, watch a MomCo video that corresponds with curriculum topic (whether its soul care, how to deal with stress, etc), do some discussion questions about the video and how it relates to your life, and then either continue visiting, do a craft, or a fun activity. If you want time to get to know other moms, this is a group for you!!! Visit with Brandi about cost, as we never want that to be a factor and want everyone to feel welcome.

Brandi Tolosky



From the Chairman

Eternal Light

“You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.” Exodus 27:20-21

Light in worship has always had meaning for God’s people. The sanctuary lights are lit whenever God’s people gather. Light in worship has always had meaning for the faithful. From Old Testament times when the Lord commanded that a lamp be regularly set up to burn, then on into the early church. Our sanctuary at night glows with the red warmth of the “eternal Light,” a candle also called a chancel lamp that is burned regularly in many churches. No matter the darkness of the sanctuary it still shines on and on until we gather again beneath its flickering light! I’ve always appreciated its beauty but more than that, it’s meaning.

In worship, candle light not only brings warmth and beauty to our gathering but this candle that is never extinguished represents prayer and the presence of our Savior. In one ancient collect we pray, “We ask you to lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation...” Jesus’ visitation of grace for our world and our lives scatters the thick of darkness of sin around us. Peter describes our lives in faith as being called out of darkness into his marvelous light. This is a daily event that the Lord does in all of our lives of faith.

So, as we gather to celebrate the light of Christ we receive his word, which is a lamp unto our feet and light to our path. No matter the darkness of this world or the darkness of our own lives our Lord’s light of salvation still shines for us, burning ever so brightly until the day we finally bask in his eternal light to come!

www.saintJohnmeriden.org – submitted by Marvin Sigman)

It is to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ and is a profession of their love and affection. Also that Jesus is the light of the world and is eternal. And as a symbol of the light of Christ always burning in an otherwise sin darkened world. (submitted by Marvin Sigman)



Communion prep for February

Marvin & Joyce Bauer

Communion prep for March

Tad & Gina Feist

POP Worship Attendance

12-03 - 167

12-10 - 180

12-17 - 190 SS Christmas Program

12-24 - 83 Christmas Eve morning

12-24 - 185 Christmas Eve Candlelight

12-31 - 137

01-07 - 156

01-14 - 74 (-27 outside!)

01-21 - 147

Usher for February 2024

February 4: Fred Bieri, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Angie Wanzek, Cody & Sierra Halverson

February 11: Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei, Nancy Wright

February 18: Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Steve Finsass

February 25: Darrin & Leeta Olin, Garrett Sayler

Ushers for March 2024

March 3: Fred Bieri, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Angie Wanzek, Cody & Sierra Halverson

March 4: Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei, Nancy Wright

March 17: Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Steve Finsass

March 24: Darrin & Leeta Olin, Garrett Sayler

March 31: Kevin Lee, Jay Seibel, Vern & Karla Boehm

I love my job here. I am sad to be leaving. I am looking forward to this new adventure with my husband at this stage in our lives - but I am sad to be leaving this church and this job. Prince of Peace has been our home for 21 years. We went through the leaving of our previous church together, the search for a physical home for POP, the building and renovating process of the current establishment and this church body growing and bursting at the seams. This church body is our family. We have raised our 4 girls within this family. Our kids have been all over the world with a foundation of faith established by God and grown within this family! We pray for each other, support each other, rejoice in each other's success and comfort each other in our sorrows. This is our home. We will carry you with us!

I started work here in 2010 and have grown and learned so much in this position in the nearly 14 years that I have worked here. I know that I am a better person because of this.

I look forward to helping Sierra Halverson in this Church Coordinator/Office Secretary transition. My goal will be to show her how I have done things and encourage her to do things her own way. Change is good! I ask you to love on her and encourage her as you have taken such good care of me!

Thank you for the years of employment and the opportunities that presented.
Thank you for being our church family! We love you and will miss you all so much.

Darcee Wenning



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!



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 love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 Excellent verse for February don't you think?

We got started on the new WMF Bible study: “Exuberant Joy!” A study through the book of Philippians. The author, Angie Lombardo, suggests that we read through Philippians each month. Philippians is a short book written by Paul while in prison for boldly preaching the gospel. She says “It won't take long--about 13 minutes.” Notice the repeated words and phrases as you read it she suggests. Then she asks for your overall reaction to what you read. I challenge all women to read through Philippians. It's a Joy!

WMF Bible study will meet Monday February 19 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. There are extra books in the library on the table. Help yourself.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am all women are invited to coffee! It's a time of fellowship, sharing and caring for each other. It's good therapy, too.

In Him, Judy

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 February 2024

February 4: Tad & Gina Feist, Jay & Ashley Olson

February 11: Betty Hausauer, Paul & Sharon Sayler, Ella Fandrich

February 18: Jared & Kelsey Glynn, Jim & Chris Alt

February 25: Kacey & Michelle Klaudt, Ross & Lisa Lenzen

Fellowship for March 2024

March 3: Perry & Deb Sayler, Garrett & Michelle Placke

March 10: Sperry family, Shane & Amy Haugen

March 17: Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Sodie Peabody, Betty Unrush

March 24: Jeff & Chrisy Rotondo, Bruce Neuberger, Kayla Palmer

March 31: Easter Sunday



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



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>

Warehouse Report

When looking at Feb. this year something is different. We all remember that every four years we get this extra day in Feb. I really enjoy Feb. as a kid this would often be the month it was warm enough to actually play outside and not face the brutal cold of Jan. It was still cold, yet it had a warmer feeling with all the bright colors with celebrating the 14th. (For the husbands reading this, this is your reminder to go get the chocolate and order the flowers, for the wives reading this, it might be time to remind your husband that the chocolate is on sale at Bronson's.) Yet, when looking at the fact of adding an extra day to the month, that sent my brain down a trail of extra days. How often do we worry about the time we have left on this earth. As a kid or a young adult we think nothing of it, then the 20's hit and they turn to 30' really fast and it goes faster than you ever thought it would. Before you know it you are 70. Yet, in America lots of money is spent every year on products and research to try and extend the time on earth by a day. I'm not saying it is bad to be strive to be in good health, we are to take care of our bodies. Yet, no matter how many miles you ran, when God says time to leave earth that's it. Yet, for the followers of Jesus that is not the end of the story. I once heard somebody say something along the lines of this when asked how old they were. They said "60 going on eternity". I wish I could remember who said that and where I heard it. Yet that is the perfect attitude when looking at our age as a Christian. We have more ahead of us than we could ever dream

of. So I ask you how old are you? I hope you can add "going on eternity" to the end of that number.

1 John 5:12-13 "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

Popfly events coming up in Feb.

Lent meal fundraiser Wednesday Feb. 14
5:45pm

Ski trip Feb. 18-19

Lent meal fundraiser Wednesday Feb. 21
5:45pm

Lent meal fundraiser Wednesday Feb. 28
5:45pm



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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.

Available on the
App Store

Get it on
Google play

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!!!

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!**

2024 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	Nicole Buchmann
	Donna Bieri
	Chrisy Rotondo
	Ashley Olson
	Anna Sayler

February Birthdays

1-Feb	Edith Fandrich
1-Feb	Keith Peterson
1-Feb	Connie Schaper
3-Feb	Kelly Neuberger
4-Feb	Levi Sayler
6-Feb	Beth Zimmerman
7-Feb	Lillian Boeshans
7-Feb	Charlotte-Jo Senn
7-Feb	Vienna Tolosky
8-Feb	Noah Bieri
8-Feb	Mark Schneider
9-Feb	Hailey Palmer
10-Feb	Marvin Sigman
11-Feb	Chris Alt
12-Feb	Jim Schmit
16-Feb	Nancy Swanson
16-Feb	Ryker Tolosky
19-Feb	Stephanie Miller
22-Feb	Maria Sackman
23-Feb	Cody Halverson
23-Feb	Ashlee Sigman
25-Feb	Pauline Frank
25-Feb	Marie Kemmet
25-Feb	Gabriel Novak
25-Feb	Paul Sayler
26-Feb	Heidi Ulland
26-Feb	Billie Jo Weltikol
27-Feb	Leeta Olin
28-Feb	Eugene Hausauer
28-Feb	Gordon Hoffner
28-Feb	Everett Olsen
28-Feb	Willie Schaper
28-Feb	Jim Schumaier

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 always accepting donations of gently used winter gear or financial donations. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Peterson.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 11, 2024

President's Report – Marvin Sigman

Marvin met over the phone at the special council meeting last Thursday regarding Darcee Wenning, Church Coordinator leaving. He also met on Sunday with the Personnel committee to decide how to advertise for the Church Coordinator position.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Thank you for allowing me a few days away with my dad. It looked as if he wasn't going to make it, but he pulled through and improved a bit. His overall condition, however, has deteriorated. It's only a matter of time, and a short one at that. I may again have to go down to handle affairs when that time comes.

Activities for the past month (other than worship/sermon prep):

Attended our deacons meeting, and staff meetings.

Communed our residents at KRCC.

Conducted a memorial service for Gary Miller's son, Bien.

Confirmation has been going well. We're currently studying the Lord's Prayer.

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 at how God worked to protect David and to set the stage that he might assume the throne of Israel.

Council approved Pastor Sperry designating \$22,000 or his salary for housing allowance for tax purposes.

Youth Director's Report – Cody Halverson

Sunday School

I have really enjoyed working through the SALT study. We will have finished this study by the time of the council meeting. We will be starting a Case for Christmas on Jan 14.

High School Youth Group

Working through 1 Peter, we had a few weeks off with Christmas and New Year. We had the Christmas party and had some fun with that.

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. We will have completed the Case for Christmas today. I think we will continue in 2 Peter or start the Case for Easter.

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 1 Samuel.

Thankful for the time off around Christmas, it was good to take some time with family.

The Day Care Day fundraiser went really well!

Looking forward to and planning Lent meals.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$	22,508.43
Building Fund	\$	44,514.58
Coffee Hour Fund	\$	599.07
Coat Closet	\$	637.56
Intern Fund	\$	13,243.16
Radio Broadcast	\$	4,030.96
Van/Storage Fund	\$	731.52
Total Bank Acct	\$	143,347.04

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

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

Cody updated the deacons on the Beulah Ministerial Association discussions related to common beliefs required to be a part of the association. It is still under consideration.

Lent starts on February 14th this year, which will be the date of our Ash Wednesday service, and the start of our midweek services.

Youth ministry update: Cody gave a complete update on Middle school and High school youth happenings.

Cody will preach January 7th to cover for Pastor Kent. Steve will lead the service unless Pastor Kent makes it home in time for him to lead. Cody, Les, and Steve all offered to preach if needed during this time of need when Pastor is dealing with his ailing father.

Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky
Ryan is working on getting estimates to replace the Warehouse door. He received an estimate of \$7,088.50 from Accurate Door in Bismarck. The door is a double door and they would reuse the handicap opener. We could get a keypad to open the door.

The council discussed the best position and size for windows in the door. Touching on safety and how low the windows would need to be for a wheelchair user to see out.

Safety Team – Garrett Placke
The Safety Team didn't meet in December but will meet next Tuesday. Darcee and Jim Wenning will be leaving the Safety Team as they are moving out of state. Garrett reported the team will have three or four new members joining the team

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Booklet – They are meeting on Monday, January 15 since a few other policies were found and may need to be added.

Lighting South Parking Lot – We need to look at getting better lighting for the south parking lot. The Safety Team will talk about this at their next meeting. Bruce Neuberger mentioned that the Condos have lights installed on each side of the building and they weren't too expensive.

Combining Lots – Ryan Tolosky reported that we own 8 lots. The City Auditor would like to combine the lots that our church sits on, including the south and north parking lots, into one parcel. The auditor said we would have a parcel number and the legal description would include the individual lots.

There are 4 lots that include the garage to the north. We discussed whether we would want these lots to be combined with the other lots or keep them separate.

Marge Lee will talk with Heidi the City Auditor to get more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Darcee Wenning, Church Coordinator – Our long-time Church Coordinator, Darcee Wenning, is moving out of state. We voted to gift her \$500 from the tithe for her service as our Church Coordinator for many years.

Anna Wenning Mission Trip – Anna Wenning is going on a Mission Trip to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in May 2024 with the University of Mary. She is asking for our prayers and financial assistance. We voted to give Anna \$500 from the tithe for her Mission Trip to Ireland.

Tithe – Our total tithe this month is \$3,762.75. We voted to give the remainder of our Tithe \$2,762.75 to the AFLC General Fund.

Interview Church Coordinator Candidates – We received one resume for the Church Coordinator position-Sierra Halverson. The Interview Committee of Garrett Placke, Jeff Rotondo, Carl Sorensen and Pastor Kent Sperry have an interview set up with Sierra.

Correspondence

Thank you note was received from Darcee Wenning for the Christmas gift the church gave her. Darcee also wrote a letter expressing her thoughts about leaving her job as Church Coordinator and how Prince of Peace Church is their family (letter inserted). Amy Haugen emailed the council thanking us for the Christmas gift from POP and for the Christmas Staff supper and council party. We also received a thank you from the Association Retreat Center (ARC) for our financial gift and from the Women's Care Center for POP's continued support.