

Reaching an Ever-Changing World With God's Never-Changing Word

Church Office:	churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org	701-873-5650
Pastor: Kent Sperry	ksperry@princeofpeacebeulah.org	815-501-9629
Youth Pastor: Jordan Langness	jangness@princeofpeacebeulah.org	701-880-0115
Church Website	www.princeofpeacebeulah.org	

December, 2016



Pastor Kent

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."
(Galatians 4:4-5 ESV)

It seems unreal to be writing about Christmas. It seems unreal because this year has just flown by. And, perhaps, it also seems unreal because of the exceptionally nice fall we've had here in North Dakota.

However, here we are at that time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus into the world. And what a fitting event it is to celebrate. It's fitting because, in the birth of Jesus, salvation was provided for mankind. The salvation, promised by God since the fall of Adam and Eve, was now at hand.

This happened, we're told, when the fullness of time had come. This means that the

time was right. The time, determined by God for the birth of the Savior, had arrived.

What made that moment the right one is known and understood only by God. However, it was at this point that God sent his Son into the world. It was at this point that he sent his Son to redeem us.

We needed this redemption because we were under the law. Man was not only living under the law, obligated to carry out God's commands. He was also under the condemnation of the law. Because of his sin, because he'd violated the law of God, he deserved the punishment prescribed by the law. Mankind, as a whole, was deserving of both death and hell.

It's from this that Jesus came to redeem us. It's from this that he came to buy us back. He was born into the world that he might pay the necessary price that we might once again belong to him.

The price that he paid was his very life. Jesus, after living a perfect life, was put to death on the cross. He offered himself on our behalf. And,

in this way, he secured for us salvation from the penalty of the law.

This is a familiar story. It's one that we've heard many times before. Yet its meaning is often forgotten.

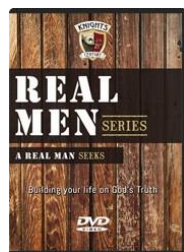
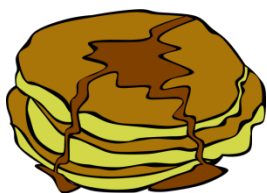
Although we celebrate Jesus' birth, we often forget the primary purpose of his coming. We, along with the rest of the world, tend to think that Jesus came for some other purpose. We think that he came primarily to teach. We think that he came only as an example for us to follow. And, for this reason, his sacrifice becomes more of an afterthought.

Others, in the liberal or "progressive" churches, go to a much greater extreme. They tell us that God would never have sent Jesus to die. They tell us that, if this were true, it's a case of divine child abuse.

However, Scripture is clear regarding Jesus' purpose in coming. As we see in the above passage, he came to redeem us. And we see clearly throughout Scripture that he did so by giving his life on the cross.

We see this, for example, in 1 Peter 1:18-19 which says: "...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

As we enter into this special time of year, let's remember what truly makes it special. Let's remember this gospel hope that we've been given. And let's celebrate the coming of our Savior who was born that he might die, who was born that he might offer himself as the atoning sacrifice for our sin.



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Saturday December 17, 2016 @ 7:00am.

Ushers for December

12-04-2016 Mark Gerde*, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, and Walter Wagner

12-11-2016 Brad* & Teresa Klipfel, Eugene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

12-18-2016 Marvin* & Janice Sigman, Bill Keller family, Torie Horning, Tia Horning

12-25-2016 No service

Fellowship service for December

12-04-2016 Jim & Darcee Wenning, Jim & Chris Alt

12-11-2016 Jim & Joan Schumaier, Heidi Ulland, Linda and Holly Doe

12-18-2016 Kevin & Margie Lee, Judy Tolosky, Marie Kemmet

12-25-2016 No service



Community Meal

December community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, December 10 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event.



Prayer Request

Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the email prayer chain or would like to receive the prayer emails – please email the church office. If it is after office hours, please email Margie Lee at lee@beu.midco.net or text Darcee @ 870-2122.



Library news...

We have a lot of new books & movies in our library. Come check them out.

Thank you, Bonnie & Deb



Sunday School Corner

December is upon us! The celebration of Christ birth is one of the most wonderful times of year! With this celebration comes the annual Sunday School Christmas program. We only have two Sundays to practice for the program so it is important for all kids to be at Sunday School December 4th and 11th. December 11th will be devoted entirely to practicing the program. Parents of students Grade 4-6th, please encourage your kids to memorize and rehearse their lines. It is very helpful. There will be a Saturday practice on December 17th. Times will be sent out on December 11th and the Friday email will also include that information. The program will take place on December 18th during the regular worship service hour. Students should be at church on December 18th at 8:40. December 18th will be the last day of Sunday School for 2016. Sunday School will resume January 8, 2017.

A new schedule for Sunday School will be sent out on December 11th for the Spring Semester. This handout will include all Sunday School classes from Preschool to adult.

Every year the Sunday School coordinates a Spring Church wide mission project. This year the Board of Christian Ed has selected Project Ignite Light. "Project Ignite Light is an organization, based out of North Dakota, through which children are provided important items needed when they are examined by their Local Advocacy Center or Hospital for Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse or Neglect." (www.ignitelight.org) They have an amazing mission and this spring we are going to support them through tying fleece blankets and having pajama drive. We wanted to give you a heads up in order for you to watch for pajamas on sale. Christmas time is great time to buy pajamas. Please make sure if you buy pajamas you are buying two piece! They will not accept one piece pajamas. Sizing can range from newborn to adult (think teenagers). In addition we will be looking for donations of fleece for the blankets and will start collecting those in March.

Important Sunday School dates to remember!

- December 4th and December 11th: Christmas Program Practice
- December 18th: Christmas Program, be there at 8:40. December 18th will also be the last day of Sunday School in 2016!
- January 8th: First day of Sunday School for 2017

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org with your email address. The newsletter is printed and ready by the fourth Sunday of the month. The newsletter is also available on our website. If you have anything you would like put in the newsletter, please email or call the office at 873-560.



RADIO BROADCAST

Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. The cost is \$35. The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are December 11, & 18 and all of January 2017. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

Missed a Sunday church service?



or



Did you know that each Sunday's Sermons are recorded? If you would like a CD copy, the cost is \$1.00. You may have the entire service or just sermon recorded onto the CD. You can get up to 2 sermons on one CD. Please call or email the office and we will get one to you! The sermon is also available on our website by the following Monday

Worship Attendance

10-02 - 184
10-09 - 205
10-16 - 208
10-23 - 160
10-30 - 198
11-06 - 203
11-13 - 188
11-20 - 194



Threads of Love Quilters

Meet on Wednesdays at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to join!

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



I will be glad to help you put the directory app on your smart phone if you are having trouble!



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.

No article submitted.

December Birthdays!!!

Arlo Sailer	12/3
Jacey Duttonhefner	12/4
Angie Faut	12/5
Briella Schmit	12/5
Chris Iverson	12/6
Logan Behm	12/7
Sharon Schneider	12/9
Savannah Johnson	12/11
Nick Kasanke	12/12
Brooklyn Keller	12/12
Judah Novak	12/13
Linda Schnaidt	12/15
Nicole Behm	12/16
Charlie Wanzek	12/16
Shane Goetz	12/17
Shaylyn Gunsch	12/17
Zachary Neuberger	12/17
Morgan Mattheis	12/18
Lynell Renner	12/19
Lisa Pederson	12/20
Aiden Green	12/22
Coleton Littig	12/22
Jeff Gemmill	12/23
Simon Novak	12/25
Holly Doe	12/26
Sandy Weigel	12/27
Haven Weltikol	12/29
Cheri Sperry	12/30
Rebecca Alt	12/31
Deb Kasanke	12/31
Willis Kasanke	12/31



**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship service is Saturday,
December 24 @ 4:30pm**



Youth

Inner Power
By Jordan Langness

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

-Jesus as quoted in Acts 1:8

When I was a young lad, there were simpler toys to entertain children than what you see today. One of those toys that was so cool contained a clown face covered with a plastic bubbly like top and filled with iron filings in the bottom. Also included in this toy was a pen with a magnet on the tip that you would use to rearrange the iron filings to give the clown various hair styles (or whatever else your creative mind would lead you to come up with). I am confident that most of us can think back to such toys, and maybe even still have one laying around the house somewhere. It was a simple way to pass the time and explore imaginative creativity.

Although the mechanics of the toy were so simple, it still contained an element of wonder. How could such a little pen have the strength to move all of those metal filings...sometimes even without touching the cardboard on the back? The answer as we later learned in science class was of course the influence of magnetic fields. Even knowing the cause behind the movement, there are still some principles we can apply to our lives based off of this toy.

First, let's consider the process of moving and arranging the metal filings. If we were to attempt to manipulate those shavings simply by hand, we would rarely end up with anything too spectacular. They are not easy to control when you can't touch them. Even with the plastic shield off, it is hard to contain those tiny bits of metal. For us, this is when we try to live the

Christian life in our own power. On our own, despite how hard we try and force ourselves or others around us, we just cannot live how God asks us to or successfully lead others to love Jesus with their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. At best, we will produce people who are civil and have the trimmings of living rightly, but even that is hollow without the personal relationship with Christ. We need the power of something greater; instead of using a magnet, we need to depend on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our next observable lesson is how the magnet works. In order to influence and manipulate the filings, you don't need to turn the magnet on, you don't need to program it, and you don't need to inform it what its purpose is. The magnet simply acts out of its nature or being. Similarly, when we live according to the Holy Spirit after putting the flesh to death in our lives, living for the Kingdom of Heaven becomes second nature. It is the essence of the presence of the Holy Spirit within us that makes this happen...that continues the work of sanctification within us and producing holy and Godly fruit in our lives on the outside.

It can be tempting to live our Christian lives in a way where we get credit because of our efforts. However, when we live this way, we burn ourselves out for results that don't last or are not nearly as fruitful as they could have been. Instead of trying to live in our own strength, let us strive to be led by the Holy Spirit and allow Him to live out His nature within us.

Upcoming events

December 1-4th: Church Family mission trip to

Minneapolis (Operation Christmas Child and FMSC)

December 21st: Middle School Marshmallow War

December 31st: Church Quick Connections game night

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Conducted worship at KRCC

Confirmation continues with a total of 10 students (one of whom now belongs to Pastor Tom, and she

is coming here for instruction). Everything seems to be going well at this point.

Visiting and keeping up with members who are ill and shut-in.

Sunday School continues to go well. Attendance has been good. I continue to enjoy the present series from Answers in Genesis.

I completed new member classes

Attended the District Men's Retreat

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: Our group has remained smaller than usual this year, but it is still full of personality. This past week I probably had some of the most fruitful spiritual conversations with students in the past year and it is always a joy to have them seeking to know Jesus better and to understand who they are in light of who He is.

Youth Group: Our journey through the Truth Project continues. Lately we have been discussing the topics of Anthropology (who is man) as well as theology (who is God). It was fun to talk through the various names of God since some of the students didn't know that He had given Himself different names throughout Scripture. Our material is not easy, but the students are doing well and it is such important stuff.

Relational Ministry: The past weeks held two joint Beulah/Hazen concerts, one band and one chorus. Several of our students are involved in both groups and it was fun to watch them perform. I was also able to capitalize on there not being school on Friday to meet with several students for an afternoon of nerf fights. I may not be as young as I used to be, but I hold my own.

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 58,798.25
Building Fund	\$ 20,250.89
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 345.42
Community Meal Fund	\$ 405.04
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 21.15
Intern Fund	\$ 22,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 108,725.55

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 207,491.65

Deacon's Report – Del Schnaidt

- New Members

Seventeen new adult members, along with some children, were received into the congregation on October 30. As always, we welcome our new members and encourage them to be involved with the different ministries at Prince of Peace.

- Small Group Bible Study

One new small group has begun meeting on Tuesday evenings. They have room for a few more members in their group. The deacon's encourage more small groups in our congregation to form and meet regularly. The study material being offered, focuses on the "major stories" of the Bible, and is available from the church. If other study material is preferred by a group, the deacon's will try to help with that too.

- Appreciation Service

Prince of Peace worship service on November 13 will recognize military, law enforcement, fire fighters, and other civic duty workers. Invitations have been sent to those groups for the worship service. The groups will be recognized and prayed for during the service. Cake & coffee will be served during our fellowship time after the service.

Trustee's Report – John Mohl

John has contacted the electrician and he stated that he'll be there next week sometime...

All furnaces have been checked out and put into service with some issues with the older rooftop units. The new furnace above the fellowship hall seems to not kick in properly. Also the North new furnace is not functioning properly.

The trustees will work on a project list

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School: KRCC has had budget cuts and will not have activity staff on Sundays. The director of activities will be coming to KRCC on her own time to help assemble the residents. We feel this is asking a lot of her so if they do not have staff on hand in the spring we may not be going again this year. Pastor, Jordan, and Darcee are doing a recognition for our police, EMTs, fire fighters, and vets. On Nov 6 our SS kids will make cards for this during the last 10 min of class.

Puppets: The black light show was awesome!! They will not be at trunk or treat.

Christmas program - We will have the preschool - 1st gr perform some songs or something like that then sit down with parents before the 2nd - 6th

perform a program. Angie has a program selected for grades 2-6. Dec 11 will be practice during entire SS time. Dec 17 will be practice for grades 2-6. The program will be on Dec 18th during the service. We want to have bells performed during the offering. We have many Christmas bags with a craft left over from last year, will use those to hand out to kids after the program.

OLD BUSINESS

FMSC Mobile Pack – We voted to go ahead and schedule the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack again in 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Cuba Mission Trip – Suggested a list in the bulletin and email for humanitarian items to take to on a January Cuba Mission trip that some of our members are going on.

Tithe – Our Tithe will be split with \$2000.00 to the AFLC All Ministries and \$1169.40 for AFLC Youth Ministries.

motion passed for trustees to work on storage room

motion passed to put off intern for another year

motion passed to accept budget

ballot vote for No Christmas Day (Sunday morning) service 2016 or Christmas eve (Sunday morning) 2017

There are extra booklets from the annual meeting in Darcee's office window. It contains Pastor & Jordan's article, each committee's article, the budget and church stats.



Quick recap of annual meeting

(no formal Congregation minutes yet)

Names in italics were voted in at the meeting for 2017 positions.

POP Chairman/President - *Del Schnaidt*

Treasurer - *Margie Lee*

Secretary - *Deb Saylor*

2017 Deacons - Don Buck, Kevin Lee,
David Hottman, Sherwin Raile

2017 Trustees - Jason Mohl, Bill Keller,
Randy Schneider and Joe Barbot

2017 Christian Ed - Rebecah Martin, Angie
Wanzek, Steph Hottman, *Kelsie Timmer,*
Michelle Klaudt