

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

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# November, 2015



## Pastor Kent

*"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
(1Thessalonians 5:18 ESV)*

As November begins, thoughts of Thanksgiving enter the mind. This is a holiday that we all enjoy and that most of us find very meaningful. We enjoy the time with family and friends. Without question, we enjoy the food. And we recognize the importance of offering thanks to God, who has given us all that we have.

It's often frustrating to look at our society and to see the sense of entitlement that fills the hearts of many. They feel that they're deserving of the blessings they've received and those they desire. So, instead of giving thanks, they're continually looking for more. Instead of expressing

gratefulness for the provision of God, they grumble and complain about the things they lack.

This is an attitude with which we all struggle to some degree. We find it hard to give thanks in all circumstances, as directed by Paul. We find it hard to give thanks in all circumstances, even if it is the will of God. We find this difficult because not all of our circumstances are pleasant.

When confronted with situations that are challenging, when confronted with hardship, our first reaction is to ask God why he would allow such a thing in our life. In the moment, we don't see a reason to be grateful. In fact, we often find in it cause to accuse God.

We accuse God of being unloving. We accuse him of injustice. We accuse him because we don't think ourselves worthy of such experiences.

We fail to remember that we're not deserving of any of the blessings God has bestowed upon us or those that he has to offer. Because of our sin, the only thing of which we're deserving is death and condemnation. Yet, in spite of this, God

has done everything necessary to provide for us the forgiveness of sins and eternity in a place where the evils of this life are no more.

We also fail to realize that, even in our bad experiences, God is working for our blessing. In Romans 8:28 Paul says: *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”* It doesn't say that everything that happens to us is good. But, in all things, God is able to work for our good.

Sometimes, in hindsight, we may come to understand how God was using a hardship for our blessing. In other cases, we may never fully understand. But, as believers, we have this confidence and hope.

In Romans 5, Paul tells us that we can rejoice in our sufferings. We can do so knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. God works through our sufferings to strengthen us. He works through our sufferings to transform us. He uses suffering to build within us a confident expectation that everything he's promised will come to pass.

So as we approach Thanksgiving, and as we celebrate this meaningful holiday, let us give thanks in all circumstances. Let us give thanks knowing the great blessing that God has in store for us. Let us give thanks knowing that, no matter how things may seem, he's working for our good. And let us give thanks knowing that God will use even our struggles to draw us closer to himself.

*Thank  
you*

I would like to thank the congregation of Prince of Peace, as well as several individuals within the church, for your thoughtful Pastor's Appreciation gifts. It's my joy to serve you. And even though I'm not looking for a pat on the back, the affirmation is always a blessing and an encouragement.

God Bless,  
Pastor Kent

## Community Meal

November's community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, November 14 from 11am to 2pm. Women's Mission Federation (WMF) will be hosting/serving this meal.

## 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 November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 and December 6, 13, 20 & 27. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.



## 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](mailto:lee@beu.midco.net) or text Darcee @ 870-2122.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email, please email the church office at [churchoffice@princeofpeacebeulah.org](mailto: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 873-5650.

**Annual meeting and  
Potluck will be November  
15, 2015!!!!**

## Chairman's Thoughts...

No Article submitted.



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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.*

Our Coffee House will be meeting again on November 2, at 7:00pm. Sarah Langness will be sharing information about the Operation Christmas Children Shoe Boxes Project. And as a group we will be going through the items that have been collected and getting ready to pack the shoe boxes. Of course we will have beverages and snacks and a brief business meeting.

The packing of the Shoe Boxes will be taking place during the Sunday School hour on November 8 with all classes participating from Pre-school through adult. Everyone in the congregation is welcome to help. It is a fun activity! I have helped with this before.

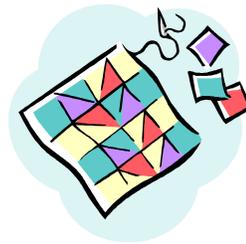
On November 14<sup>th</sup> WMF women will be responsible for the Community Meal at POPLC. The menu was planned at our last Coffee House and more information will be put out closer to the date because some food prep may take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. All food has to be prepared in the church kitchen.

December 7<sup>th</sup> will be the WMF Coffee House group Bible Study. The snack will be a pot-luck of Christmas goodies and Coffee House beverages. Everyone is invited to bring a sample of a favorite Christmas treat to share, but it is definitely NOT a requirement. We always have so much to eat. And if you haven't been involved in the WMF Bible Study this year come anyway. Each lesson is a lesson on its own.

There will be a short business meeting to keep everyone informed and to share ideas of future projects. Maybe even election of officers will take place. Please come, fellowship, and share the Christmas joy.

I said it before and I will say it again..."WE WANT YOU" and we need you to do the work as Women's Missionary Federation.

Sincerely,  
Judy Tolosky



### Threads of Love

Quilting happens Wednesdays beginning at 9am. Please bring a lunch or come & go as you like. No experience necessary. All hands are welcome.

### John & Ruby Abel

Missionaries John & Ruby Abel will be here Wednesday, Nov 11 to speak about their mission in Brazil. They are part of a large family of missionaries. It will be interesting to hear their presentation.



## Sunday School Corner

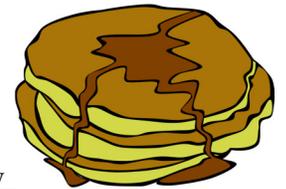
October has come and gone and it has been wonderful! The kids did a great job at the Knife River Care Center and the residents enjoyed their singing and the craft projects that they did together. Thanks to all the parents for working with us!

Operation Christmas Child has two participation Sundays during November. November 1<sup>st</sup> we are asking for donations of hard candy (avoid anything that melts). Packing of the shoe boxes will take place during the Sunday School hour on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We will still have opening on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The kids have enjoyed bringing items and it has been a great opportunity for kids to learn the importance of giving.

November also means it is time to start practicing for the Christmas program. We only have 5 practices before our Christmas program that will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. It is very important for all kids to be in attendance! If you are a parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader chances are they have a part in the Christmas play. Please be working with them on memorizing their lines. Also look for a couple of extra practices outside of regular church hours for this age group in December! If you would be willing to help with the Christmas program please call Angie Wanzek at 748-5460.

One more quick remember that there will be no Sunday School on November 29<sup>th</sup>,

the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Thanks and God Bless!



### Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

Is Saturday November 21 @ 7:00am



## Library news...

Be on the look out for new items in our library starting in November. Thanks have a good weekend!



Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 13 during the worship service.



Sunday School will be coordinating with the OCC program at POP. Each week SS students (preschool through ADULTS) will be encouraged to bring items for the OCC. We will be packing the boxes TOGETHER during the November 8<sup>th</sup> SS hour!!! So excited ☺

**October 4** – hair care items (brushes, combs, clips, pony tail holders, barettes, caps for boys, etc) socks, sunglasses,

**October 11** – small stuffed animals, dolls

**October 18** – toys (balls, yoyo, harmonica, cars, slinkies, flashlights with extra batteries, etc)

**October 25** – no SS due to teacher convention

**November 1** – hard candies,

**November 8** – shoe boxes, clear totes – PACKING DAY

**November 15** – Monetary donations for shipping (each box cost \$7 to ship) and we will be praying over the boxes before they get shipped out this week.

**Do not include these items:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

I left the list of earlier donations to let you know that you can always drop off items from earlier dates in the donation box!

### 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

9-13	-	197 (SS started)
9-20	-	174
9-27	-	179
10-4	-	188
10-11	-	204
10-18	-	199



### November Birthdays!!

Mildred Hanks	11/1
Sylvia Zeiszler	11/1
Jay Seibel	11/3
Brad Klipfel	11/5
Carey Mattheis	11/5
Margaret Rosaaen	11/5
Donna Zastawniak	11/5
Brynleigh Fandrich	11/7
Ryan Tolosky	11/11
Marlene Buehner	11/14
Sandy Goetz	11/15
Annie Pederson	11/17
Irma Keller	11/18
Stan Miller	11/18
Lizzie Sperry	11/18
Spencer Mattheis	11/19
Isaac Barbot	11/21
Gage Doe	11/21
Ayden Sandwick	11/21
Ayden Finck	11/22
Steve Schaper	11/24
Ron Frei	11/25
Jaida Doe	11/26
Emma Miller	11/26
Mason Riegel	11/26
Janice Sigman	11/26
Sarah Sperry	11/26
Pearl Miller	11/27
Carl Sorensen	11/27
Dax Doe	11/28
Freda Krieger	11/28
Dave Creel	11/29
Ciara Hausauer	11/29
Kelsa Miller	11/30

# Youth

## Why We Don't Care

By Jordan Langness

“For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

–2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

There are some things in our country and church (body of Christ in this nation...not just the body at Prince of Peace) that make me terribly sad. One of those things is how quickly we can move past something we encounter that is so terrible and wrong and get back to football, facebook, fiction, and all sorts of other things that consume our “normal” days.

As an example of this phenomenon, consider with me the multiple movies that came out in the past months regarding Planned Parenthood and the sale of baby body parts ‘harvested’ after abortions for research. First, the public outcry was pretty noticeable. People were upset and were not afraid to share their views on the matter. It was a shock to our system that not only is the abortion industry in our nation murdering these precious lives that were made in the image of God just as much as you and I, but that there was the possibility that this organization was altering procedures to maximize profitable harvest potential from these brutalized corpses. It was outrageous, astounding, and regardless if it ended up being legal or not, was morally bankrupt.

Time passed and more videos came out with more detail. Then another one, and another one. People rose in defense of P.P. claiming that the footage was highly edited and fabricated, they proclaimed how significant the work of P.P. was, and touted the rights of women to slay whatever life could be inside of them. As these messages spread, we zoned out. New videos were

released and we didn't bother to watch them because we already knew what was in them...and we didn't have time to let our lives get messy with such a contentious issue. Eventually, we blocked out the issue all together and continue on as if nothing really happened.

News Flash, babies are still being MURDERED every day...and we don't care. Sure, we can have token expressions of support for pro-life ministries...give once a year to make us feel better...but babies are being killed every day, not just once a year. How can this be? How would the world have reacted in the 1940's if similar video footage was leaked regarding Nazi prison and death camps? Do you think we would have become as quickly apathetic about that plight as we have about the unborn? I think not.

So why is this our sad reality? Consider the passage at the beginning of the article. In this passage, Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica about what it will be like as we near the end of days. He warns that God will orchestrate the mass delusion of a society that will call evil good and good evil. He writes that they will “t[ake] pleasure in wickedness”. Does this fit what we see in our world? Do we have modern examples of people declaring what God has considered wicked to be actually good...even going as far as speaking on God's behalf (apart from His Word) saying that He would undoubtedly support these things too? We are called to be His salt and light in this world which means that we are not called to be comfortable, but to defend the weak and speak for the powerless. We have seen the world around us; it might be time for us to get a little more salty.

### Upcoming Youth Events

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Girl's pheasant hunt



### Youth Baked Goods

**Silent Auction will be Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> during fellowship.**



**Don't forget to "FALL BACK" on Sunday, November 1st because Daylight Savings Time ends.**

## Ushers for November

**11-01-15** Mark Gerde\*, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

**11-08-15** Brad\* & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

**11-15-15** Marvin\* & Janice Sigman, Bill Keller family, Karen Knell

**11-22-15** Jerry\* & Marlys Reichenberg, Kacey Klaudt family, Stan Miller

**11-29-15** Marvin Sigman\*, Lynette Flemmer, Marlene Buehner, LaRue Schwarz, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel

\*denotes Head Usher

## Fellowship service for Nov.

**11-01-15** Margaret Rosaan, Betty Hausauer, Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis

**11-08-15** Lillian Boeshans, Mildred Hanks, Dave & Deb Creel, Scott & Heather Funk

**11-15-15** Vern & Karla Boehm, Willie & Della Schaper

**11-22-15** Terry & Mary K Ochsner, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszle

**11-29-15** Ruth Sailer, Del & Linda Schnaidt, Stan Miller,

**Tis the time of the year to work on our service lists** - Ushers, fellowship, Service leaders, Scripture readers, Sound System, Serving groups. If you want to get on one of these lists, or make changes to the list you are already on - please let me know in the office and I will get your recommendations to the people who actually generate those lists. Please note that these lists are created for the entire year.

# Alaska Mission trip

The deacons are working on plans for a mission trip to Naknek, Alaska. We would be going there to serve the AFLC mission through various work projects. We can't nail down specific dates at this time. It would fall during the summer of 2016. If you are interested in considering this opportunity, there is a sign up sheet on the back table. You are not obligated if you sign up. But you will be contacted with additional information as it becomes available. On Sunday, November 1, Loren Tungseth will be speaking to us @ noon about planning this mission trip.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Youth Director's Report – Jordan Langness

**Events:** Parent's seminar on youth and media, paintball event, lifewalk, SYATP, See You After The Pole.

**Sunday School:** We are off and running. I think the engagement with the students during both opening and lesson time is going fairly well. I would ask that we all try to remember to lift up our high school students in prayer; pray for the Lord to preserve them as they navigate this confusing world and pray that they would have a hunger, desire, and commitment to studying His word.

**Relational Ministry:** This past month has been pretty full of student contact in the usual venues: sporting events, weekly programming, youth events, etc. I am working out the beginning of bringing back some game nights at our house later this month. Again, any of you who would wish to participate are more than welcome! I know that I am the youth director, but the growth in the students is something that happens because of the influence of the whole congregation...not just me.

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

General Fund	\$	52,006.66
Building Fund	\$	6,688.63
Debt Reduction Fund	\$	9,600.00
Intern Fund	\$	9,297.37
New Altar Fund	\$	7,264.02
Total Bank Acct	\$	83,092.26

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance 10/2015 \$ 232,970.37

### **Deacon's Report – Del Schnaidt**

#### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

The Wednesday evening study on 1 Corinthians began on September 23. The bible study is held every Wednesday at 7pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### **District Men's Retreat**

We talked a little bit about the District Men's Retreat on Friday evening October 30 and Saturday October 31. We hope to see a fair number of men from our congregation who are interested to go to this. Prince of Peace men have been asked to serve the Saturday noon meal.

#### **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study**

Pastor Kent is leading the study titled: "*Joshua - Becoming a Man of Valor*." The first study started on Sept. 26. There were 9 men who attended the first study which is held in the POP fellowship room.

#### **Advent Services**

Pastor Kent offered, but after discussion the deacons have decided there will be no Advent services this year. The deacons have decided to not stop the Wednesday evening bible study during Advent season. Advent services, in the past have not been well attended. It was noted that when stopping the Wednesday evening bible study for Advent services, the bible study momentum drastically declined after the classes resumed.

### **Trustee's Report – Jason Mohl**

1. Crack sealing project. Belzona crack sealing project. About 60% done. We need at least 3 people to do this work and it takes about 2-3 hours each time we do this due to product priming and curing time.
2. Handicap door closers up date. Door openers are here but not installed.
3. Concrete Project for East side of buildings including new dumpster pad is finished. Bob will

check into hand railing for south east handicap entrance.

4. Outdoor Bell Ringing System. Bids were received for electronic clapper and were quite expensive. Jim mentioned possibility of just getting a wifi enabled speaker system to broadcast bell sounds and music.

5. Lawn Mowing update. Sprinkler system was drained by Garner Sailer. Some sprinkler heads need replacing but will be done in the spring.

### **Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt**

1. 1st day SS: Bells at the last 15 min. went fantastic! Twyla asked for another set to be ordered. Opening went great. Rebecah will explain where the offering goes, go over rules again, and make up a song book. Grades 3-6 will need to congregate in library before going to hand bells to limit distractions for adult study.

2. Christmas program: Angie had some great ideas! including have everything dark, 6th graders do the scripture reading, kinds in play carry candles and add light as play goes on, sing a few traditional songs. Also discussed was to decorate the fellowship hall for a birthday party when we have b-day cake during fellowship and instead of handing out treat bags, give something different like bracelet or cup with trinkets.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Building Project Update** - The carpet was ordered for the council room. Need to get the altar railing finished and installed for safety.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Trunk or Treat at POP** on October 31, 2015 from 4:30 to 7:30 will be held with Christian Ed chairing the event. They will need lots of help for the event.

**Hand rail** for east side of church – We will purchase a hand rail that's made out of plastic so it won't rust.

**Pastor Appreciation month** – We will give Pastor Kent and Jordan a cash gift in appreciation for their ministry work here at POP.

**Tithe** – Our Tithe of \$2247.89 will be sent to the H.I.S. Fund.