

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

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Pastor Kent

*"A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another: just as I
have loved you, you also are to love
one another."*

(John 13:34 ESV)

As a pastor, I'm expected to be there for people during difficult seasons of their life. This is part of my calling. And I love the fact that I can be a support and an encouragement for them.

However, I want to publicly thank my congregation, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Beulah, North Dakota, for the support they've recently shown to me.

So often, pastors are not given the level of support I've received. Unrealistic expectations are frequently placed upon them as they labor among their flock. It seems that congregation members don't realize that, although we're called to serve God and his people full-time, we too are human.

We too experience hardships. We too get tired. We too are burdened. And this often ends in pastors becoming burned out.

As my mom was suffering from terminal cancer, and as she passed away, the people of Prince of Peace were incredibly gracious. I was told at the outset of her illness that I should take as much time as I needed to be with her, and that this would in no way be counted as vacation. And these were no idle words.

Having a big family, summer is really our only opportunity to travel. And, on top of personal vacation, I also had two ministry related trips scheduled. This made it seem that my time at the church was extremely limited.

Yet, in addition to a week with my parents in late May, I was able to schedule two trips to see my mom as her condition worsened. And the church had no hesitation when, on the Friday before her death, I made a last minute decision to

jump on a plane to be with her and the rest of my family.

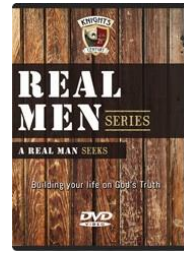
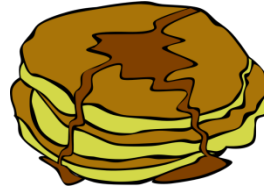
Her funeral required that I be gone yet another Sunday. And, once again, the people of Prince of Peace were so supportive. Our youth pastor jumped in to cover for me, as he always does. And I was told repeatedly that I was not to worry about anything at the church.

I so greatly appreciate the time that was given me to both be with mom and also to mourn. It's been an extremely stressful time, and the flexibility given to me made it so much easier. I did have some feelings of guilt, being away so much. But these were the result of my own sense of responsibility, and were in no way placed upon me by the church.

I also appreciate the cards that were sent, the prayers that were raised on behalf of my mom and my family, and the condolences that were expressed. I appreciate the congregational leadership who stopped by to simply check up on me and to reassure me that all would be taken care of. And I appreciate the beautiful flowers that were sent to her funeral.

I am truly blessed to labor among you. I am blessed by a congregational leadership that recognizes my needs. And I'm blessed by a supportive staff, who gladly adjust and take on additional responsibility at a moment's notice.

Now that I am home and once again engaged in ministry, I continue to grieve. I'm still a bit drained emotionally and physically. But I am eager to be a blessing to the people who have been such a blessing to me.



Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
Saturday October 15 @ 7:00am.



Community Meal

October community meal at Prince of Peace will be Saturday, October 8 from 11am to 1pm. Please consider volunteering for this event. Starting October 2016 the new hours will be 11am -1pm!

District Men's Retreat
"Being a Man of Integrity"
October 28-29 Upper Missouri Ministries Bible camp in Epping, ND. Begins with supper @ 6:00 Friday and ends at 3:00pm on Saturday. Cost \$50/person or \$100/family (7th grade & up)



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...

Nothing like cuddling up with a good book when it's cold outside. Check out what our church library has to offer.

Thank you, Bonnie & Deb



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 October 16,23, & 30 as well as November 6,13,20,& 27. The radio broadcast is a very important ministry to those that are home bound. Please consider sponsoring/funding this ministry.

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

Ushers for October

10-02-2016 Mark Gerde*, Kenny Klein, Don Buck, Robert Buck, David Hottman, and Walter Wagner

10-9-2016 Brad* & Teresa Klipfel, Eugene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

10-16-2016 Marvin* & Janice Sigman, Bill Keller family, Torie Horning, Tia Horning

10-23-2016 Jerry* & Marlys Reichenberg, Stan Miller, Klaudt Family

10-30-2016 Marvin Sigman, Lynette Flemmer, Marlene Buehner, LaRue Schwarz, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel.

Fellowship service for October

10-02-2016 Lynell Renner, Vern & Karla Boehm, Angie Wanzek

10-9-2016 Lillian Boeshans, Heidi Ulland, James & Angie Faut

10-16-2016 LaRue Schwarz, Willis & Deb Kasanke, Randy & Beth Zimmerman

10-23-2016 Sodie Peabody, Elsie Weidenmeyer, Bill & Kris Keller

10-30-2016 Kacey & Michelle Klaudt, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Marlene Buehner

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

Fall Spiritual Life Meetings

Pastor Wellumson

A Modern Day Reformation

October 9-12 @ Prince of Peace

- 1) Epistemology
- 2) Scripture Alone
- 3) Sin
- 4) Grace Alone
- 5) Faith Alone
- 6) To God be the Glory.

Luther Movie will be shown Sunday
October 2 @ 7:00pm





Sunday School Corner

Sunday School has started and we are off to an amazing start! Prince of Peace is so thankful and so blessed to have the opportunity to teach your children the Word of God! Thank you! A couple of quick reminders about the start of Sunday School: please pick up your children at their Sunday School classroom at 11:30. Also please walk to fellowship with your children if they are fourth grade or younger.

There are a few upcoming events to be aware of:

1. October 16th, the Preschool-6th grade students will be visiting KRCC during Sunday School.
2. No Sunday School October 23rd.
3. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st.

Everything third Sunday (Doughnut Sunday) is Mission Sunday for the Sunday School offering. We will be donating the funds gathered between now and Christmas to the Wagoner family who are Bible translators in Africa. Students will also have the opportunity to donate to Operation Christmas Child. Please encourage your children to participate in both of these giving opportunities.

Also please be aware and the Board of Christian Education is encouraging our Sunday School teacher to approach parents if they need to be absent on Sunday. Please be aware of this and consider if asked to help out.



Operation Christmas Child 2016

NO shoe boxes will be needed – we will be using the OCC boxes so they will be uniform in size/shape for packing.

October 2 – Hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, bar soap, wash cloth

October 9 – Hair care items: brushes, combs, barrettes, headbands, hats

October 16 – (kids at KRCC) – Clothing items – t-shirts, socks, mittens, hats

October 23 – No SS (Teachers Convention)

October 30 – Toys: yo-yos, cars, balls, marbles, etc.

November 6 – Hard candy

November 13 – Packing Day!!

October Birthdays!!!

Rayney Klipfel	10/1
Dara Reinhardt	10/1
Paula Duppong	10/2
Eli Placke	10/2
Steve Goetz	10/3
Jan Gunsch	10/3
Heather Schmit	10/4
Ethan Johnson	10/5
Michael Finck	10/7
Taylor Funk	10/7
Shane Haugen	10/8
Roger Rosaaen	10/8
Brittney Seibel	10/9
Art Flemmer	10/10
Duane Huss	10/11
Charles Mattheis	10/11
Gertie Retzer	10/11
Mason Mattheis	10/12
Cheyenne Pederson	10/13
Michelle Schmit	10/15
Shantell Hartman	10/16
Jessica Schmit	10/16
Noah Iverson	10/17
Eva Murphy	10/17
Donna Bieri	10/19
Wayne Hoffner	10/21
Ella Fandrich	10/23
Michele Klein	10/24
Zachary Pederson	10/24
Aria Doe	10/25
McCoy Mohl	10/29
Nancy Wright	10/29
David Schumaier	10/30
Sue Bauer	10/31
Marlene Sasse	10/31

Worship Attendance

08-21 - 146
08-28 - 180
09-04 - 137
09-11 - 175
09-18 - 167



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.

Even though we haven't had a WMF Coffee House gathering as I'd hoped, lots of things have been happening. Personally, I have helped on the serving side of the POP community meal the last couple of months. Getting out and seeing people in this manner are good for me. I am teaching kindergarten SS. I learn so much as I study and prepare the lessons. I certainly hope the little ones are learning something of our great God, too. I've signed up for Precept Bible study this fall. That will be a study commitment. And there is so much more out there of which I would love to be a part. But what is it God wants me to do?

The "Cry Out!" nationwide prayer event for women will be over by the time this newsletter is printed.

But that doesn't mean we are done "beseeching God to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish." I hope and pray that this will

stir up in each of us the necessity of praying to God our Father for His will to be done in our country, state, community, church, home, school, and family; knowing it starts with me. Lord, hear my prayer.

October WMF Bible study will be October 17, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. I personally won't be in town on the 17th as I will be driving to a babysitting gig in MN. Is anyone interested in facilitating the evening Bible study? We will be going through chapter 9 in our study book.

The WMF District Fall Rally will be held in Minot on October 8th. Margie Lee will be the mission speaker sharing her experiences from her trip to Naknek, Alaska this past summer. Carpooling will be available.

The Raan family that we contributed money to from our Patio Event last spring is having Visa problems. They are being told that the visas they have aren't the correct ones and they need to reapply for a different kind. They need prayer that God will take care of this situation so that they can continue their ministry there. The Raans are being attacked by the spiritual darkness they came to expose with the light of Christ. Oh, Lord God, protect them and I ask that thy will be done.

I have read some of 1 Corinthians, but not all. It is good to reread it. I tried to memorize the 13th chapter a few years ago. It is in my brain but not always easily accessible. I need to review.

Wednesday night Bible study will be 2 Corinthians. Looking forward to that. We can read through it with Pastor Kent.

In His service,
Judy Tolosky 870-2131

The First Choice Clinic Life Walk in Beulah will be October 8 @ Riverside park



They Are Woven Together Too
By Jordan Langness

“For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.”

-Psalm 193:13-14

The above listed passage is one that I find great comfort in as well as inspiration, gratitude, and awe. To think that the God of the universe who spoke everything into existence took the time to hand-craft me while inside my mother is mind boggling. Add to that the fact that while doing such work, He placed His image upon and within me. What an amazing reality. It is something that is life changing when we realize the depth of what it means for our lives. It reorients us away from a life driven by public approval to instead think upon what our Creator and Maker thinks of us and how He defines our lives.

This is a common application of these verses...to encourage our self-identity and combat the negative body images and harsh words that surround us on a regular basis. But I would like to shift this around a bit

and project this verse onto the lives of others. What do these words mean when we think of them applied to those around us? Well, in this case too, they are powerful to shift our perspectives and thoughts. For example, I am confident that most of us have one or two people that just seem to rub us the wrong way. We are tempted to just avoid them and think of all the ways they bug us, justifying our particular impression of them. But what happens to that impression when we start seeing them through the words of these verses? How does our perception change when we contemplate that God has knit them together too...made them intentionally with His image stamped upon their lives as well. Again, it changes things.

Out of this reality, I challenge each one of us to be more intentional about how we think of and see others. And, as we are currently promoting the First Choice Clinic Lifewalk, I would specifically encourage each one of us to understand this reality in the lives of the unborn. In fact, this passage takes on an even deeper meaning when we consider that these little loved ones are still in the process of being knit together by God’s hands. What a distressing image it is to consider going up to God and ripping one of His special projects right out of His hands and throwing it away. I can think of no other word but insulting; and yet, this is what happens thousands upon thousands of times a month in the form of abortion.

We have a chance as the body of Christ to stand up to this evil and be a voice of reason and truth. However, as we stand, we must also be ready to step up to the plate and put our stance in action through supporting these scared, young, and ill-prepared parents as they chose to save the life of their little blessings. First Choice Clinic is a great way of doing just that. Would you consider donating and joining us on October 8th to publicly stand for and support life?

Upcoming events

October 8th: First Choice Clinic Lifewalk

October 14-16: AFLBS Campus Days

December 1-4th: Church Family mission trip to Minneapolis (Operation Christmas Child and FMSC)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Confirmation orientation has been held

Attended ministerial prayer

Participated in Prayer at the Altar

Participated in Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

Wednesday night Bible study will resume on Sept. 21st where we'll study the book of 2 Corinthians.

Men's breakfast set to begin on Sept. 17th

Youth Pastor's Report – Jordan Langness

Middle School: Settled on Bible Studies for Life from Lifeway Media. We have some new helpers for this year which I am really excited about.

Relational Ministry: I was able to go to the Missoula children's theater play that several students of ours were in, had a few lunch dates and visits with students, and had some contact with students playing games and watching their games as well.

Other Ministry: We are still working on the restructuring of our youth committee into my team of youth advocates. The Adulting study continues to go well. Right now I have 2 students but could see myself offering it again. I have spent a fair amount of time this past month covering for pastor Kent as he has dealt with his mom's illness and passing as well. The Mobile Pack was a big success and I am grateful for your willingness to allow POP to be the host facility. It was perfect for the event!

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 42,014.69
Building Fund	\$ 12,074.48
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 181.36
Community Meal Fund	\$ 430.46
Congr. Mission Trips	\$ 21.15
Intern Fund	\$ 20,297.37
Total Bank Acct	\$ 80,745.19

Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 211,789.11

Deacon's Report – Del Schnaidt

Our fall spiritual life meetings will be held Sunday October 9 thru Wednesday October 12. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Jon Wellumson from Williston. He will share on the topic: "A Modern Day Reformation."

We had some discussion on when to offer new membership classes but no firm dates have been set.

Service around Veteran's Day to recognize military, law enforcement, fire fighters, etc. Invite to service.

Pastor Kent asked if the deacons felt that we may have laypeople in our church who might be willing to go out to pray for the sick in their homes or in the hospital. Would we be interested in implementing something like this in our church?

The deacons are in need of a dedicated communion distribution table and will request for council approval to either have one made to match existing communion rail or to purchase on line.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School Angie will make sure SS info is sent out to families. Twyla B will be leading bells and practices will only be on certain days. Project Ignite Lite will be a blanket tying party in Jan. For OCC we will only be using the official OCC boxes instead of donated shoe boxes. Confirmation kids can fold these for service hours.

Mission offering - 1st semester will go to the Wagners and 2nd semester will go to the Jores. Rebecah will find out more info on the families to share with the kids on Mission Sundays.

Confirmation Prayer Partner list - Michelle will take pics of confirmation kids on Aug 31. Michelle will ask Darcee if our prayer partners

Trunk or Treat - Went very well last year. We want to do it again but will scale time back a little. We will still have the treats, food, puppets, and a craft but no games. Will discuss this more next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update - The top arch above the altar has been installed. We still need to cover up the speakers. Discussed how the fabric will cover up the speakers. The side railings going up to the altar are installed. Flashing on roof needs to still be

reattached. Cracks in the walls haven't been fixed yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Kent & family – Council voted to send a flower arrangement to the funeral of Pastor Kent's mother. Council also voted to gift a \$250 Bronson's gift card and a \$250 gas gift card to Pastor Kent and his family.

Tithe – Our Tithe of \$2179.76 will be sent to AFLC Parish Education.

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