

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 Director: Seth Larson	slarson@princeofpeacebeulah.org	815-351-7063
Intern Pastor Kevin Hall	khall@princeofpeacebeulah.org	
Church Website	www.princeofpeacebeulah.org	

November 2019



Pastor Kent

"And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal."
(Hosea 2:8 ESV)

Although it's hard to believe, Thanksgiving is almost upon us. And even though Thanksgiving is almost lost to us today, even though it's looked upon as nothing more than the beginning of the Christmas season, it is a very important holiday. It's very important because of the truth of which it reminds us.

Thanksgiving is a day of thanks. And being thankful implies that someone has helped us, that someone has blessed us, in some way. So, this thanksgiving is directed toward someone. It's directed toward someone who is the source of our blessing.

Most of us understand, in our society, that as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are offering our thanks

to God. We are acknowledging that he is the source of our blessing. We are acknowledging that we would have nothing apart from him.

As simple as this truth may seem, it's very important. It's very important because, if we fail to understand this, we will not continue to trust in the Lord. If we fail to understand this, we will place our trust in someone or something else that we view as the source of our blessing.

Our Wednesday night Bible study recently began our look at Hosea. Hosea was sent to tell the people of Israel that they'd been faithless to God. They had been an adulterous people. And, for this reason, God's punishment was coming upon them.

They were chasing after other gods, believing that these deities were the source of their blessing. They credited these false gods with the provisions they enjoyed. They failed to understand, as we see in the above verse, that it was the Lord who had provided these blessings.

Even though the practice of idolatry seems archaic to us, in many ways, we have the same tendency. We have all of these wonderful blessings that have been lavished upon us by God. However, we chase after other gods, giving them the credit for the blessings we enjoy.

It could be a false religion or a false god. It could be nature, or the earth itself. It could be science or technology. It could even be ourselves, and our sense of hard work. But, whatever the case, we see this person or thing as the source of our blessing. And, for this reason, we pursue it and trust in it rather than God.

God planned to remove this delusion from the Israelites by withdrawing his hand of blessing. He would no longer grant to them his provision. And, in this way, they would come to see that these false gods had done nothing for them. They would come to see that these false gods could do nothing for them.

Although it seems harsh, this punishment was meant to accomplish something good. It was meant to draw them back to himself. As they once again recognized the Lord as the source of their blessings, they would worship him and trust in him alone.

My prayer is that we would never come to this point. My prayer is that God would never have to withdraw his hand of blessing from us. My prayer is that we would continue to acknowledge him as the source of our blessing, that we would continue to trust in him, and that we'd give him the glory for the marvelous grace he bestows upon us.

However, as we see the ways in which we're guilty of this sin, we must seek the Lord's forgiveness. We must confess to him our sin, asking for his mercy, trusting in the atonement provided by Jesus. We must look to him not only for provision of our worldly needs, but also for his provision of forgiveness and mercy, which is promised to all who trust in him.



Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

One Body with Many Members

Romans 12:4-6 (ESV) 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

The Congregation, along with being the right form of the Kingdom of God on earth, is the body of Christ here on earth, commissioned to work together for the mission of Christ in the world.

It is the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that call people to the Congregation. They do this through Baptism and through the preaching of God's Word, because these are the means of grace that make dead sinners spiritually alive in Christ, and so also, they knit the different members together to make one body.

And so, it is also the members that look after body and serve the other parts of the body, just like a hand takes care of a body's hair, or a mouth is responsible to make sure the rest of the body is fed. We're all connected, we're all interdependent, and we all need each other.

This is part of why our Congregation keeps a membership roster. When we need a "foot," it's helpful for us to have a defined list of "feet" we can call on to serve us.

Our roster also helps us to define our area of responsibility. The spiritual leaders of our Congregation (Deacons, Elders, Pastors) are responsible to watch over the whole body, and so for them, knowing if a member is part of our body or not helps those leaders to know who they are responsible for and who they are not. It's kind of like how it'd be pretty weird if you randomly started combing someone else's hair, but it's also pretty noticeable if you never comb

your own. We, as a spiritual body, are responsible to assess and take care of the spiritual needs of our body.

(Incidentally, if someone is not part of another Christian Congregation, then they are still part of our mission field, and so while they are not part of our “responsibility” in the same way as members of the body, we still have a duty to love them and share the Gospel with them.)

So we can praise the Lord for all this, because He has given every single member of our Congregations their own unique gifts with which to serve our Congregation, and together we can form our body and grow up into our Head, Christ Jesus.



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 3,10, 17, and December 1,8,15,22 & 29. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



November Food Shelf Challenge

The goal is to collect 500 food items from November 1 – 17 to potentially receive \$500 from Trivent for WARC food pantry. There is a table at the back of the sanctuary for your non-perishable food donations.

Ushers for November

- 11-03-2019:** Mark Gerde*, Kenny Klein, Don & Teresa Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner
- 11-10-2019:** Brad* & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl
- 11-17-2019:** Marvin* & Jan Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Horning family
- 11-24-2019:** Jerry* & Marlys Reichenberg, Klautd family



Fellowship service for November

- 11-03-2019:** Klautd family, David & Steph Hottman, Kenny & Michelle Klein
- 11-10-2019:** Jeremy & Heather Brandt, Ron & Milda Frei, Les & Joette Buchmann
- 11-17-2019:** Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Jeff & Chris Rotundo, Del & Linda Schnaidt
- 11-24-2019:** Tad & Gina Feist, Seth & Becca Larson, James & Angie Faut



Library news...

Fall reading time is here. Snuggle up with a good book while the leaves are falling and the weather is cooler. We have lots of new books on the end cap and so much great stuff on the shelves.



We are looking for people to lead our hymns on third Sundays. If you would be willing to share your gifts with the congregation and lead the hymns – please let me know in the office and we will get you signed up!



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 are almost to the end of 2019. I've thought of, quoted and heard the saying, "Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father." That is from the Bible verse James 1: 17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation of shadow of turning." And I would like to add for this month of Thanksgiving, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Saturday, November 9 at 9:30 WMF Coffee House will gather in the fellowship hall to sort through the items for the OCC boxes and get things set up for the packing of them on the 10th during SS hour.

Monday, November 18 we will have WMF Bible Study at 10:30 am and 6:30pm. We will be studying Lesson 11, Dorcas...Showing My Love For Jesus In Practical Ways. Please come join us. We will also be ordering books for the 2020 WMF Bible study.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
With His love, Judy

Fall Spiritual life Meetings
With Pastor Tim Johnson
Nov 3 -6, 2019

Make plans to join us for each session!

Living Free!

Sunday Morning 9am– Born Free? (John 8:30-32)

Sunday Evening 7pm– Freedom from Sin (John 8:33-35)

Monday Evening 7pm– Freedom from Self (Matthew 11:28-30 & 6:33)

Tuesday Evening 7pm– Freedom to Love (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Wednesday Evening 7pm– Freedom to Serve (Galatians 5:13-18)

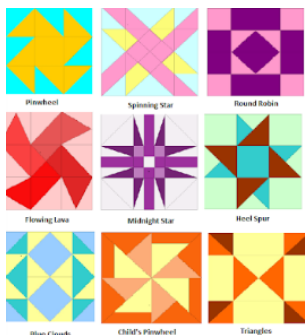
Missed a Sunday church service?

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, on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings and live on our facebook page.

Worship Attendance

09-08 - 197
09-15 - 201
09-22 - 171
09-29 - 172
10-06 - 177
10-13 - 195
10-20 - 151





Ladies of the church,
Please join **Threads
of Love** for quilting.
We meet on
Wednesdays from 9-
1. If you have old
sheets – we can use
them. If you have a

Thrivent Action team card and would like to
use it – we would love your contribution.
We need someone who can sew around the
quilts!!! If you have any question, call
LaRue Schwarz 748-216.



Sunday School

Corner

The kids sang for church on Oct 6 and did a
great job! We had close to 20 kids
participate in our alternative Sunday. We
learned a Bible story and plan to perform it
on Oct 27 during church and played Bible
trivia. Looking ahead into November, the
calendar says Thanksgiving break Nov 24
but it should be Dec 1. So we will have
lesson 10 on November 24. On November
10th we will be packing shoe boxes for
Operation Christmas Child during the
Sunday School hour. The kids are doing
awesome! Thanks parents for taking the
time to help your child learn their memory
verse and for bringing them to Sunday
School! We appreciate that you trust us to
teach your child about Jesus.

Donna Bieri

November Birthdays!!!

Mildred Hanks	11/1
Mandi Mohl	11/1
Sylvia Zeiszler	11/1
Jay Seibel	11/3
Brad Klipfel	11/5
Carey Mattheis	11/5
Jay Olsen	11/5
Margaret Rosaaen	11/5
Donna Zastawniak	11/5
Jeffrey Rotondo	11/6
Brynleigh Fandrich	11/7
Angela Wanzek	11/8
Krosby Plienis	11/9
Titus Sayler	11/10
Kevin Hall	11/11
Ryan Tolosky	11/11
Thomas Wanzek	11/13
Marlene Buehner	11/14
Sandy Goetz	11/15
Anna Novak	11/16
Mira Sayler	11/17
Lizzie Sperry	11/18
Spencer Mattheis	11/19
Isaak Barbot	11/21
Gage Doe	11/21
Ayden Sandwick	11/21
Ayden Finck	11/22
Steve Schaper	11/24
August Schriefer	11/24
Denny Bauman	11/25
Ron Frei	11/25
Jaida Doe	11/26
Emma Miller	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
Ciara Hausauer	11/29



Youth

One Door Shuts...

The classic saying always runs around in my head during times like this, “When God shuts one door, He usually opens another.” Now this “saying” is definitely true and a good one at that, but I think there is more to the story than just that.

Recently, Becca and I had planned to go to Mexico. We had been planning this for at least 6 months now and we were excited! We have a friend down there that is a missionary and we looked forward to helping her with her mission work and helping the church and doing some sightseeing in the specific part of Mexico that she was in.

However, the morning of our flight, I got an email and a phone call at 1 AM saying that our plane flight was canceled and there was no hope of rescheduling. It was a sad moment for myself and Becca, not to mention our friend in Mexico that was looking forward to seeing us. Without our consent, and completely out of our hands God changed the plan, even though we were sure this is what God wanted us to do with our time and money. He shut one door and other doors opened just like they were supposed to. I got much needed rest, Becca got many projects done that she had forgotten about, and we both had a fun week at home. All was well...

But here’s the thing, we liked our first door. We were excited to walk through our

“door” to Mexico and see friends and help with the church and see their culture, and we missed that door. It’s ok to be sad and miss that the first door didn’t happen. Sometimes God changes the plan and that’s a good thing, but we were still sad that it won’t happen and that is necessary to move on. We need to understand why we are disappointed before we move on to appreciate the things that this new door that God has opened for us has in store. And if we don’t (understand), then we won’t ever be able to be fully grateful and understand why God changed the game plan, and we won’t thank Him for the better life that He wants for us.

Nov 8th- Youth Go to Soup Kitchen in Bismarck

Nov 24th- Youth Bake Sale



A polite reminder - those who use the kitchen are responsible for washing the dishcloths and towels and returning them to the drawers! (this includes **fellowship and potlucks!**)

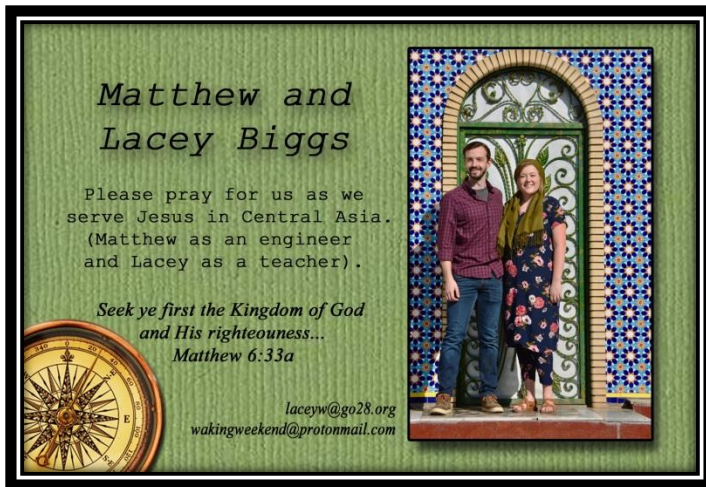


Prayer Request

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

2019 POP Church Council

President	Delton Schnaidt (2019)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2019)
Secretary	Deb Saylor (2019)
Deacons	Riley Schriefer (2019) Garrett Saylor (2019) Kevin Lee (2020) Don Buck (2021)
Trustees	Randy Schneider (2019) Les Buchmann (2020) Keith Peterson (2021) Ryan Tolosky (2021)
Christian Education	Michelle Klaudt (2019) Kelsey Timmer (2019) Angie Wanzek (2020) Donna Bieri (2021)



Please keep Matt & Lacey Biggs in your prayers as they continue their work in Central Asia through May 2020.



Hunter Keller

I have the opportunity to take the Gospel to the nations on a 'Vision Trip' with Cru to East Asia this coming November 23-30. On this weeklong trip our group will be meeting up with long-term overseas Cru missionaries to assist with their work on college campuses and to gain a 'vision' of what ministry and Christianity looks like in a completely different country and culture. The purpose of this trip is to share the love of God with these people, hopefully opening the door for more connections to the long-term staff, and for future longer-term trips. I am also excited to meet and encourage our full-time missionaries in the work they are doing.

Please keep Hunter in your prayers as she is preparing/going on this mission trip!!!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Del Schnaidt

Here are a few of the things I have been up to this past month. Two weeks ago, knowing that winter is right around the corner, I checked to see if the Sanctuary furnaces were working. Neither one would ignite. As suspected, I found a bird's nest plugging the 3" exhaust pipes from each furnace. This also happened a few years ago. With the help of a fish tape, banner stick, 24' extension ladder, and a leaf blower I was able to clear both nests from the furnace exhaust pipes in the Sanctuary. Both furnaces fired up after the nests were removed.

In John chapter 3, Jesus shares a profound statement with Nicodemus, the Pharisee of the Jewish ruling council. In verse 3 Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

To me, that statement gives me hope. And it should give every person on earth hope as well. It's never too late for salvation until the last breath is taken. I

confess that I fall short of living a lifestyle of a Christian role model in my own power. This is probably most true in my younger years of life. Maybe some of you could say the same. To be born again means that I have asked for forgiveness, repented of my sins, and intentionally try to live a lifestyle pleasing to our Lord. I believe that when I asked God for forgiveness with a meaningful heart, my past sins are washed clean from me and are now "as white as snow," as described in Isaiah 1. What a wonderful God we serve, that He does this for me....., and He does this for you. Jeremiah chapter 31 tells us that when we know the Lord, He will forgive our wickedness and will **remember** our sins **no more**.

However, I confess that living within my sinful nature, I continue to sin....., as we all were born with this sin problem. Our sins are probably different from those of our past, but they still need to be dealt with..., and we still need to confess and ask for forgiveness.... Every day...for the new sins we have just committed. I believe to help us with our sinful nature, we must be diligent to be an active believer, taking part in regular worship and learning in Sunday School and bible study, helping others, and helping the church in all areas of works and ministry, and striving to be obedient to biblical principles in our Christian walk of faith.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to Pastor Sperry, Intern Pastor Kevin, and to our Youth Director, Seth, for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to teaching the Word of God to our congregation as well as our youth. Many of us know there are many things you do behind the scene that we are not even aware of. You are all a blessing to this congregation and this community. Even though October is typically recognized as Clergy Appreciation month, we as a congregation always appreciate you for the many things that you do to build us up in faith.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Attended staff meetings & deacon's meeting.

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings and business meeting.

Communion at KRCC.

Confirmation instruction is going well. We've currently worked through the first half of the Ten

Commandments. The first quiz is right before Thanksgiving.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients. I've also made a couple of visits for them.

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

I attended meetings of the AFLC World Missions Committee in Minneapolis as well as the Pastor's Conference from September 15th-19th. I was also elected to a second, and final, term on the World Missions Committee which is another five year commitment.

I will be gone from Wednesday through Saturday next week. I'm flying to Iowa for my dad's surgery. As Kevin will also be gone, Wednesday night Bible study is canceled. However, nothing else will be affected.

Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

September was a month of new experiences for me. I got to lead Youth Group Bible Study once, Adult Bible School, Men's Study, and Confirmation and all of these were totally new experiences for me. On the weeks when I'm not leading, having the opportunity to just observe our ministries in action has been very helpful, and so, despite being new to teaching, it has not been intimidating. It helps a lot that the Congregation is so supportive.

September was also busy. As I said, I'm observing many of our Bible studies throughout the week as well, and they all fired up full-steam in September, so that added a number of things to my calendar. I also preached 4 times (once here, 2 Sundays at Trinity Parish, and once in our church plant in Killdeer), so I felt busy all month.

Consequently, I didn't do much visitation this month. Sermons, Men's study preparation, Bible study preparation and internship related things kind of dominated my time. Again, it's my hope that as I grow as a preacher sermon prep time will be reduced.

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

See you at the Pole & After the Pole

Attended STEER Conference Saturday night
AFLBS Up Close – Rachel Sperry and Michael Feist
FLY Reflection with FLY Board
Becca and I in Mexico (21st-26th Not missing a Sunday)
Taking youth to soup kitchen on Nov 8th (possibly)
Gone for Thanksgiving

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 22,194.29
Building Fund	\$ 16,068.52
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 321.13
Intern Fund	\$ 40,288.81
Total Bank Acct	\$ 63,716.14
Loan Borrowed 4/2015	\$ 250,000.00
Loan Balance	\$ 122,738.12

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Website – Updates have been made. The Deacons like that there is now access to The Prince of Peace Constitution and Statement of Faith on our website.

Paul & Becky Abel visit – The Abels will be staying with Dalton and Sylvia. Paul will preach during our worship service, Becky will have a short time with the kids during Sunday School opening, and the two of them will do a mission's presentation during our adult Sunday School hour.

Spiritual life meetings: The dates are set for Nov. 3rd-6th. Pastor Tim Johnson is our speaker. He has given us an overview of his topics and texts. In his planning, he missed the Sunday School hour. Instead of asking him to add more, Pastor Kent will just have the regular Sunday School class. The Deacons will each have a night to give opening devotions before the services.

Wednesday night Bible study: We'll be finishing up our study of Galatians next week. Pastor Kent is preparing a study of Hosea for us to look at next.

Library – The librarians will be getting a new computer for library in 2020.

Trustee's Report – Randy Schneider

Randy did have someone stop to look at the concrete bid but hasn't gotten firm numbers yet. He does have prices on the north walkway and

ceiling light fixture project to bring for the annual meeting.

The propane tanks are all full and the new furnaces have been temporarily. Switched over to the propane heat side until the current storm passes. Normally they work on heat pump mode until the temperature reaches 20* above zero. Anything below 20* they will automatically switch to propane.

We have received the billing for the electrical work on the furnace project from mark Olson. However the fellowship hall furnaces still need to be connected to the heat sync. This will incur an additional charge that is not included in this billing.

Garner Sailer has already turned off and blown out the lawn sprinkler system for the winter season.

Les continues to look for a Church van and have located several good potential units. This will depend on the opinion of the voters at the annual meeting,

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

Sunday School:

- Discussed the teachers for kindergarten as we will be rotate teachers throughout the year.
- Numbers are up from last year. At opening, our Pre-K through 5th grade students totaled 40 kids.
- We are 5 cents short in our offering from getting three backpacks (\$74.50)

Youth Committee:

- The Youth Committee has not met yet this year.

-Christmas VBS day

- Angie will be going to the staff meeting to discuss Christmas VBS on Thursday, September 26 and make sure it is a go.
- 4:30 program for the parents after the day.

-*Christmas Program*

- In the works and narrowed down options.

OLD BUSINESS

Security Camera for East Door– Delton Schnaidt and Kevin Hall did look for the Cat 5 wire and a switch.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Annual Budget Proposal –Margie Lee went through the budget and we made some minor adjustments.

We have a line item of \$1,800 for a missionary family and will recommend that it go to the Jon Lee family who is in Brazil. The Home Mission Support line item of \$1,800 will be changed to go to the new Killdeer church plant and go directly to them.



Pastor Appreciation – We voted to give Amazon gift cards to Pastor Kent, Youth Director Seth Larson and Intern Kevin Hall

Tithe - We voted to split our tithe: \$2,000.00 to H.I.S. Fund, \$500.00 to the Killdeer church plant, \$287.81 to Paul and Becky Abel and \$300 to Lacey Wenning Biggs for her mission trip.

Correspondence

Thank you notes from First Choice Women's Care Center, Lutheran Bible Translators, AFLBS and AFLC World Missions for our prayers and financial support. Thank you note from Women's Action Resource Center for 10 pounds of food donated. We received a newsletter from the missionary Andrew Olson family. Thank you note from Ashley Feist for our prayers and scholarship to attend AFLBS.

Prince of Peace

Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, November 17 with a potluck after Sunday School!



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.



If you have not subscribed to Rightnow Media - please let the office know and I will resend your invitation. Lots of great content - if you have questions, call the office.

If you have accessed a study or other content that you really appreciated and think it would be great for others - we would love your recommendations! Let me know in the office and I will get the word out.

If you need help getting connected to our online church directory – just call me (Darcee) and I will help you get set up. Each email supplied within the directory can have access. Please send me updated information and photos for your family – some of your children have grown up and moved out on their own, some of you have had babies, and some families have just grown and changed! The photos do NOT have to be professional – candid and cell phone pictures are fine. Please check birthdays and anniversaries also.