

PEACE CONNECTIONS

January 26, 2022



Prince of Peace Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 6, 2022

The Prince of Peace Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.



END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

Year-End Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements were emailed on January 20, 2022. If you did not receive yours, please email Megan Harber at popw.officemanage@gmail.com. Thank you, Stewardship Team

Soup-er Bowl Sunday ~ February 6th

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Pastor's Blog ~ 'Along the Way'

If you haven't seen Pr Charlie's new blog, 'Along the Way', take a look on our website! This daily blog will provide an opportunity to join Pr. Charlie in reading scripture, sharing a reflection, and offering a short prayer.

Please feel free to share them with others, and your comments and insights are welcome. You can email Pr. Charlie at pccpopwestlake@gmail.com any time.

The blog is available on our website. Check it out now! [Pastor's Blog](#)



Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



On Sundays, you can worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where we will Livestream our Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



Online Giving



Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support.

[ONLINE GIVING](#)

Second Harvest Food Bank



For the months of **January-March** requested items are Canned Beef Stew and Canned Vegetables. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

NEOSWO



We invite all women to join in a one-day retreat via ZOOM. With concern about the ongoing pandemic, yet the desire to gather as women of faith, this opportunity is being offered. Join us on Saturday, February 5th from 1:00-3:00 PM for this event.

We will spend the afternoon in Bible study, sharing, inter-acting and music. The topic is "What's My Lifesong?", with the theme verse... "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the Lord."

If you would like to be a part of this event, please call our church office to get your name on the distribution list. We would love to have you join us! Call us too if you have any questions at 440-543-5505.

Contemporary Worship Music

If you are joining us this Sunday for the 9 am Contemporary service, below are the songs we will be singing. The music can be found on YouTube. See you then!

Could Sing of Your Love Forever
Love Never Fails You
Our Hope Endures
Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)



Jan 26-Feb 6, 2022

Wednesday, January 26
10:00 am Organ Practice
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, January 27
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW
12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, January 28
Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, January 29
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, January 30
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am Gospel Study/CR
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Monday, January 31
10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, February 1
12:00 pm Bridge
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 2
10:00 am Organ Practice
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, February 3
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOWS

Friday, February 4
Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, February 5
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, February 6
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am Congregational Annual Mtg
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Blood Pressure Screening Returns!

Blood pressure screenings will resume on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** by Prince of Peace member and registered nurse, Deb Gibbons. Blood Pressure Screenings are from 10-11:00 a.m.



Volunteer Registered Nurses Are Needed to assist with a monthly Blood Pressure Screening service. Screenings are held on the First Sunday each month (exception is a holiday weekend, moved to the following Sunday) from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. All equipment and materials are provided. Currently we have 3 RN's and would like to add additional RN's to our rotation. Please contact Christie Wiedt BSN, RN if you are interested. christiesbn@aol.com or 440-773-8669

Promote Your Prince of Peace Event or Program!

If you are a committee member, outreach member or a member that has an event you would like to promote, please contact us at princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com We will promote your announcement or event on our website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and/or Peace Connections. All are available. Thank you!



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Women In Transition

There is a great need for new socks, gloves, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear.
Items can be dropped off at the donation station.

We are restarting a limited clothing collection for "Next Step Up", LMM's Westhaven Youth Shelter. We are accepting clean, usable clothing styles that are appropriate for teenagers.

We are ONLY accepting the following items at this time:

- Jeans
- T-shirts
- Hoodies
- Sweatshirts

Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.



Altar Flowers

Thanks to all who donate flowers to grace our altar. There are openings to sponsor flowers in the upcoming weeks.

Sponsors may take the flowers home following the late service that day, otherwise, the staff will deliver the flowers when making visits to members.



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February

- 6th - Congregational Meeting
- 6th - Soup-er Bowl Sunday
- 12th - Christian Ed Virtual Bingo 2pm
(supplies can be picked up at the church during SS hour, zoom link will be emailed out)
- 13th - Valentine's and Pr. Charlie's 60th Birthday Celebration, congregation wide event

March

- 10th - International Dinner Series - Das Schnitzel House - 5728 Pearl Road Parma, OH 44129
All are welcome!
- 19th - Soap Making Event Youth and CE - 11am - 4pm, lunch provided, event in Fellowship Hall
- 20th - Blood Drive



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Visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth
email: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

General Endowment Fund - Thank You!



Endowments

A big THANK YOU from the Endowment Committee for your cash contributions to match our grants of up to \$2,500. These gifts allow us to share in the mission of these organizations during these continuing trying times.

Second Harvest Food Bank received \$2,645.05 from our members along with our grant for a total of \$5,145.05 being forwarded to them.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (LMM) received \$2,350 plus the fair market value of the boots, socks, etc. meeting our matching grant for a total of \$4,850 in checks being forwarded to them.

Gifts made to our General Endowment Fund by our members enable us to make grants each year to worthwhile endeavors not in the church operating budget that are from 4% to 6% of the average of the funds last twelve quarters valuation.

In 2021 we committed grants of \$11,000. The Endowment Committee looks forward to making additional grants to help fulfill Christ's mission in 2022. Grant request forms can be found on the church website. Happy New Year!

Prince of Peace Member Profile: Diane and Walter Diekroger

Both Diane and Walter are life-long Lutherans. Diane was born on the East side of Detroit and is the oldest of four children, three sisters and a brother. Her father sold insurance and eventually owned his own agency. Her family moved from Detroit to Wayne, PA and again to Northville, MI, where she finished high school. Diane decided to attend Concordia College-Ann Arbor for two years and then Valparaiso University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.



Walter was born and grew up in the Bronx, NY, not far from the Bronx Zoo. Walter was also the oldest child in the family having three sisters. His family eventually moved to Bergenfield, NJ. His father, a banker, commuted everyday to New York City. After high school Walter attended Concordia College in Bronxville for two years and then at Concordia College in Fort Wayne, IN, for two years in preparation for entering the seminary. He attended the MO Synod St. Louis Seminary. During that time, he met Diane on a blind date, while Diane was completing her Masters degree in Social Work at Washington University. They married prior to the one year of internship, which Walter served in Denver at Trinity Lutheran Church. After the internship, Walter and Diane remained in St. Louis, while Walter was Pastor of an African American Congregation in Kinloch, MO.

They have two sons. Andrew, the oldest, is in sales and lives in Florida with his wife of three years and her son. Jim, is a family doctor at the Neighborhood Family Practice Clinic in Cleveland. Jim's wife is also a doctor in Behavioral Pediatrics at University Hospital's Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. They have two daughters ages, seven and four.

Walter decided to move on and explore other Lutheran denominations. He was a substitute Pastor in several LCA churches, worked full time for the St. Louis County, which included some bus driving, and was involved in Clinical Pastoral Education at two St. Louis hospitals. Eventually Walter accepted a call as Pastor at a Missouri Synod church in Chillicothe, OH. He remained there nine years, and then he took a position in what he found was his real passion, chaplaincy work, at the VA Hospital. Meanwhile the boys were growing up, and Diane worked several jobs including school social work, teaching piano lessons and music in a Lutheran School, and even lifeguarding and instructing swim lessons at the YMCA. She taught Ohio University Counseling courses at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution for ten years. Eventually she started taking advanced classes at Ohio University toward her PhD. After earning her PhD, she remained on the staff at Ohio University Chillicothe Campus, where she started the Institutional Equity and Education Abroad Programs and was involved in other projects as well.

Diane and Walter moved to the west side of Cleveland to be closer to son Jim and his family. They are retired now but hardly idle. Diane loves quilting and is active in POP's Comfort Quilters. She is involved in Bible Study, book discussion groups, plays clarinet with the Patriot Band, loves biking and hiking and regularly works out at the French Creek YMCA. Diane also plays the organ. She is hoping to be an AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer this year, as she has been in the past. Not to be outdone, Walter reads all kinds of books, plays the tuba in the Patriot Band, and also bikes, hikes, swims and works out at the YMCA. In Chillicothe, Walter was involved in volunteer work for a Federal Credit Union and a Home Hospice Volunteer. Along with Diane, he is currently involved in the POP Monday night SOAP Bible Study.

They usually attend the POP Traditional Service. When they were looking for a church, they were attracted to Prince of Peace because of the dynamic POP website, the traditional service, the music, and the Bible Study opportunities. When I asked them if they wanted to mention anything else, they said they have had a long and wonderful association with the AFS Foreign Exchange Student program. Walter was an exchange student himself in Germany, when he was 16, where he lived with a Pastor and his family. Walter and Diane have hosted three year-long exchange students, from Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Chile. And their son, Jim, spent a year in France as an exchange student.

I know you will love these two wonderful, active Christians. Please give them a warm welcome when you meet them.

By Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter

Charitable Donations

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and receive tax benefits in return. You can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money.



This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short. It can be used to satisfy your yearly minimum required distribution, or RMD for short, starting in the year you turn 72.

Please contact your IRA provider or financial advisor on how to make this type of donation. Let your IRA provider or financial adviser know that our legal name is Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 28455 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145 and our Tax ID number is 34-1027823.

Please contact Charlie Koch, Treasurer, (treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) if you have any questions and of your intentions to make such a donation so we can make sure POP receives it.

Chase the Dream You Always Wanted

How can you build a legacy that will last forever? How can you build something that is bigger than yourself? How can we not just know about Jesus and His story, but form a personal relationship with Him, living every day with the Joy that comes from this personal relationship. The way to do this is to partner with something bigger than ourselves. That's right, form a partnership that will reach way beyond what we are able to reach and do by ourselves.



Well, you have taken the first step. You are a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The next step is to become an active partner in your relationship with the Lord. We do that through prayer and growing in our faith and our stewardship, yes our stewardship. The giving back with our time and our money.

In Philippians 2:3-5, Paul says, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers, for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Paul was writing to the church at Philippi ten years after he first visited them. This is the thank you letter we now call Philippians in the New Testament. He was writing to encourage them as well as thank them for all the financial support they had constantly given to him during his missions over the previous ten years. Paul mentions finances and money quite often in this wonderful letter. He also uses the word "joy" 17 or 18 times as well.

When we give to our church, we expand our good will and love to others well beyond what we can do on our own. Every dollar you put into the offering goes to support an effort that tells the good news of Jesus Christ in our neighborhood and around the world. It helps feed the hungry, here at local food banks, as well as in Africa through OMNI. It supports seminary students and through our benevolence to the Synod, helps fund many, many missions and programs. How can you build something bigger than yourself? You do it with every dollar you place in the offering plate. And this act of giving helps build your relationship with the Lord.

We just finished our fall Stewardship campaign, where we made personal commitments for this giving for 2022. But let's not stop here. We are so very fortunate and blessed living in Northeast Ohio, that we can and should go beyond our pledges in 2022. Chase a dream; let's do more than that, and start living that dream in 2022, by giving beyond our pledges.

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter

January 2022 Health and Safety Update

**COVID-19
UPDATE**

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

The Health and Safety Team of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church met January 17, 2022, to review our COVID policies and procedures. Once again, our care and concern are for the health and well-being of our members and visitors, and the mission and ministry of the church.

Because of the recent surge in cases in our community, we are currently delaying opening the nursery. The choir will resume in the near future. We assess regularly and plan to move forward with these items in the coming weeks when things improve.

We continue to offer worship and education offerings and ask that we follow the protocol of masks and handwashing and social distancing when possible.

We encourage the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home. Whether you suspect a cold or flu, COVID or something else, and you show symptoms, please stay home and work on getting well!
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please let us know. As members of the church family, we want to offer any support we can. As with any health information, we will keep your information confidential.
- If you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home for five days following exposure (not five days from notification).
- Please continue to wear masks at all Prince of Peace activities and whenever you are in the buildings.

In all these things, we love one another through these challenging days! Remember that worship is live streamed every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am on our [YouTube Page](#), so that everyone can join in worship!

Thank you for understanding. Be well and take care of yourself and your family.

The Health and Safety Team plan to meet again in early February to continue to assess and adjust our policies and procedures.

God bless you all,

The Health and Safety Team

Health And Safety Team

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Retired Lorain County Health Commissioner, Council Vice President
- Mark Givens, Church Council Member
- Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Jim Dickey, Council President
- Sally Balch, Council Vice President

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Pat Blakeslee (brother of Mark Blakeslee), Cathy and Mark Blitz (family of Jann Daniels), Ron Brooks (son-in-law of Gloria Starr), Joanne Cacciatore (mother of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey), Family of Irma Cronenwett (mother of Julie Smith), William Franz (son of Susan and Paul Franz), Family of Mark Givens, Max Jensen (cousin of Jann Daniels), Howard King (friend of Jerry & Diane Karp), Dave and Kathy McCollum, Judy Splawski, Bill and Norma Sweeny (friends of Dave and Kathy McCollum). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Paul (brother of Diane Merhaut), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Pat Merhaut (step grandmother of Shawn Merhaut), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Bob Mociulewski and wife, Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham), Lois Reichert, Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella. **Please notify the office of prayer concerns. These names will be shared with our prayer chain ministry & remain on our prayer list during Sunday worship for 3 weeks.**

Giving Report

Operating Giving through December 31, 2021 \$351,482
 Percent of Annual Budget Received 100%
Thank you for your support of our ministries in 2021.

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
01/23/2022	121	61	182
01/16/2022	78	111	189
01/09/2022	77	99	176
01/02/2022	59	78	137

January 30, 2022 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Happy Birthday

01/26 Barb Fronczak	02/02 Emma Perry
01/27 Suzann Creech	02/04 Diane Christian
01/27 Dave Novotny	02/04 Tom Herren
01/27 Phil Sprague	02/04 Abigail Matalavage
01/28 Patty Beard	02/04 James Wilhelm
01/29 Molly Fortuna	02/05 Erin Jagels
01/29 Nicholas Hrouda	02/05 Bradley Pearce
01/31 Jim Heimbuch	02/05 Julia Vorobej
02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/06 Sean Biller
02/02 Rachel Drobnak	

Happy Anniversary!

02/01 Dan and Jan King
02/02 Tom and Sandy Herren
02/06 Dan and Gail Pogue

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Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am in person.

[Livestream](#)

Christian Education - Sundays 10:10 am

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.

