

My sheep *hear my voice*



PEACE CONNECTIONS
May 4, 2022

Agape Feast

conversation-driven, coffeehouse-style worship service that welcomes people from all walks of life and at any point in their faith journey.



Sunday
May 15th
9 am



The Agape Feast

Join us at 9:00 am on **Sunday, May 15th** for the teaser of our Agape Feast! The Agape Feast is a conversation-driven, coffeehouse-style worship service that welcomes people from all walks of life and at any point in their faith journey. As we gather, we will discuss what the Word means in our modern-day lives. In this breaking of bread and conversation together, we share in Agape - God's unconditional love of humanity.

Following this teaser, we will gather on the third Saturday of each month at 5:00 pm, beginning July 16th. Be sure to join us and bring some friends! We look forward to sharing God's Agape with you!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Evan Saunders at epsmusic94@gmail.com.

Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show - May 14, 2022

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to join us for a charity event in support of "The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland."

A car and motorcycle show will be held on the church grounds. Dash plaques will be provided for the first fifty(50) registering after arrival. Awards are provided at the end of the show.

While there is no cost to attend, we request voluntary donations of cash or non-perishable food items which will be given to The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland. The POP Endowment Committee has approved matching funds up to \$1,000 for the event's cash donations. Thank you!



Mission- Feeding our communities' future. **Vision-** No one goes hungry. No food goes to waste.

Hunger Network has been working to end hunger and build a healthier community for over 25 years. As one of Cuyahoga County's largest emergency food providers, Hunger Network continues to lead the way through innovation and with nontraditional approaches to serving our neighbors in need.

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.



May 4-15, 2020

Wednesday, May 4
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, May 5
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 6
Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, May 7
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, May 8
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am Livestream

Monday, May 9
10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, May 10
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 11
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR
7:00 pm Council Exec Meeting

Thursday, May 12
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 13
Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, May 14
12-4:00 pm POP Car Show
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, May 15
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

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](#)

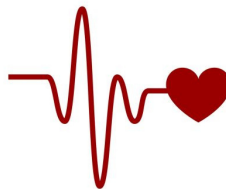
Second Harvest Food Bank



For the months of May and June requested items are **canned tuna fish and canned fruits**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be held this Sunday, May 8, 2022 by Prince of Peace member Deb Gibbons. Blood Pressure Screenings are from 10-11:00 a.m.



THEY'RE BACK! The Chardon Polka Band



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8, 2022
9:00 am & 11:00 am worship services

The Chardon Polka Band!

Join us on Mother's Day
This Sunday, May 8, 2022.

The Chardon Polka Band are coming back to Prince of Peace! They will be performing at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship services.

All are welcome!

Women In Transition

There is a great need for new socks, gloves, toiletries, hygiene products, umbrellas and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.





International Dinner Series

Join us on **Thursday, May 12th** for our International Dinner Series. Meet us for a Nepali/Indian dinner at Himalayan Restaurant, 13124 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland at 6:30 pm. No sign up required, just show up hungry and enjoy! All are welcome!

Ice Cream Shop Crawl

Join us on **Sunday, May 15th** as we close the Sunday School year with an Ice Cream Shop Crawl. Please come cheer us on at one or all of our shops. All are welcome to participate!

- 12:30 - 1:00 pm - Meet at Prince of Peace and Depart
- 1:45 pm - Malley's 23473 Lorain Rd
- 3:00 pm - East Coast Custard 22669 Lorain Rd
- 4:00 pm - Dairiview 22004 Lorain Rd



Bunco Is Back!

Join us on **Saturday, May 28th** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Beginner lesson at 6:00 pm
- Entry is \$10
- Prizes will go to 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners!
- All are welcome!
- Bring a snack to share



Senior Recognition

Prince of Peace invites you and your family to ...

Senior Recognition

Sunday June 12th
9am

All are welcome!
Stay for cake and celebration after the service

Seniors please send us the following for display:

1. Name
2. High School
3. Any awards or honors received
4. College/Vocation school you will be attending (if not applicable, share what you plan to do next, ex. military, working, etc.)
5. Course of study (if not decided you can leave blank)
6. Any special scholarships received for college (example: soccer program scholarship, leave blank if not applicable)
7. Senior Photo

**email to poplutheranyouth@gmail.com
no later than May 28th**

Prince of Peace Ministry of the Month ~ Second Harvest Food Bank

Every month, Prince of Peace will feature one of our engagement ministries. We will share information about the ministry and let you know how you can get involved. For the month of May, the ministry to be lifted up is [Second Harvest Food Bank](#).



Ongoing hardship, coupled with the rising cost of food, housing, and other basic needs, has many of our neighbors struggling to make ends meet. Right now in our community, more families than ever before are wondering where they will get their next meal. With your gift to Second Harvest, they can put food in the hands of those who need it most.

Every donation helps strengthen their efforts; for every \$10 donated Second Harvest can provide 50 meals to families struggling with hunger in our region. [DONATE NOW](#)

Interested in volunteering with Second Harvest? The schedule for volunteer events in the RePack Room are updated every Friday in Cervis, a volunteer event portal. Majority of Second Harvest's volunteer opportunities are packing assorted boxes of shelf-stable food in order to meet the increased need in our community. [SIGN UP](#)

At Prince of Peace, every quarter we collect the following requested items:

- January-March: canned beef stew and canned vegetables
- April-June: canned tuna fish and canned fruits
- July-September: peanut butter and canned meats
- October-December: cereal and canned Soup

Our collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing.



In the first three months of 2022, Prince of Peace has donated 305 pounds to Second Harvest Food Bank! You have brought a small measure of peace, comfort and hope to families in our area who are in need. Please continue your donations in 2022 so we can continue to help. Thank you!

The Food Bank is located at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, OH 44053. *Our goal is to supply one ton annually to the Food Bank.* For more information and to learn how to volunteer, contact Charlie Koch: cakoch13@aol.com



Urgent: Ukrainian Families Need You



Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

Although the situation in Ukraine is changing every day, I have an update for you on our response efforts.

Right now, our teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. [Your emergency gift today](#) will deliver urgent support and care, like:

- Food, shelter and other critically needed items
- Mission Quilts and Kits for families who fled their homes
- Medicine and supplies for clinics

I can't stress this enough. Every second counts here. With so many families displaced, and so many surrounding regions at risk from the ripple effects of this situation, we cannot wait. [We must act now to help families.](#)

We are committed to responding to the needs of the people of Ukraine. Your love, and your gift today, will reach families affected by this crisis.

I will continue to keep you updated on the situation as it unfolds. Please keep praying with us – [and please reach out to neighbors in need with an emergency gift.](#)

In Faith,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. We are committed to responding to the needs of families affected by this crisis, until your love reaches every neighbor. Please keep praying with us – and please reach out to neighbors in need with an emergency gift.



UKRAINIAN BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT

- Ukrainian Village Food and Deli
- Lviv International Food Store
- International Food and Deli
- Mama Marie's Ukrainian Kitchen
- Kolos Andros Ukrainian Bakery
- Taste of Europe
- PV Euro Market
- Yeleseyevsky Deli
- Perla Pierogies

The Patriots Symphonic Band

We would like to invite our Prince of Peace Lutheran Church friends to our Spring Concert of Broadway Musical Favorites at Lorain County Community College on Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! Diane and Walter Diekroger



It's Showtime! MUSIC OF THE GREAT AMERICAN MUSICALS

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 - 7:30PM

**STOCKER ARTS CENTER OF LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1005 N. ABBE ROAD, IN ELYRIA, OHIO**

The Patriots Symphonic Band will present a special concert featuring music from the Golden Age of Hollywood musicals and Broadway musical theatre. The band will perform unforgettable music from West Side Story, The Music Man, My Fair Lady, Porgy and Bess, The Sound of Music, Phantom of the Opera and more. The Patriots heartily welcome the return of talented soprano vocalist Laura Pedersen to both warm your heart and make you smile.



**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, BY CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE AT
(440) 366-4040, OR AT WWW.LORAINCCC.EDU/STOCKER/LCCC_EVENTS/**



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February 2022 Health and Safety Update

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Health and Safety Team met on February 26 to discuss the latest information from the CDC and reviewed our guiding principles.

On February 25, the CDC revised its guidelines regarding mask recommendations. Instead of basing mask recommendations solely on caseload, the guidance also will consider hospitalizations, current beds by COVID patients and hospital capacity.

In the past couple of weeks, the caseload and hospitalization numbers in our community have greatly improved, and based on this new guidance from CDC, our county and surrounding counties are communities where the CDC suggests masks be optional for gatherings.

Our two guiding principles at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church remain the same:

1. To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament, carrying out God's mission as God leads.
2. To be mindful of the health and safety of all.

Based on these factors, we are changing our congregational protocols to be "mask optional", effective immediately. Those who wish to remove their masks in the church, classes, meetings, and gatherings may do so; those who wish to keep them on may also do so. We have a wide range of risk tolerance and health needs in the congregation, and our aim is to provide as many options for people to participate as we can, both in person and virtually.

High priority ministries that include individuals who may have increased risk will continue to be supported by wearing masks. Communion servers and the pastor will wear masks during the distribution; nursery volunteers will wear masks.

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 consider wearing a mask to protect the possible spread to others.
- Be considerate of those who continue to wear masks. There are many reasons why masks are still the best option for many in our community.
- 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!

The pandemic has tested our patience and resilience, and we appreciate the ways in which the people, leadership, and staff of Prince of Peace have supported each other through the past two years.

God bless you all.

The 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: Susan Acord (sister of Lisa Woodward), Family of Pat Blakeslee (brother of Mark Blakeslee), Dennis Butler (friend of Myrta Holden), Family of Carol Loehrke Ellis (wife of Pr. Eugene Loehrke, former PoP pastor), Paul Hoffman and family (friend of Sally Poirer), Ron and Becky Kear, Michelle McGhee (daughter of Marilyn Wingfield), MaryAnn Oppenlander (friend of Terry and Dennis MacKenzie), Joan Park (mother of Deb Gibbons), Cindy Strieter, Jean Winslow. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Tom (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jaime Alspach, 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), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham), Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke (father of Cindy Zinram), 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.**

2022 Giving Report

| | YTD | Weekly |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Operating Giving as of March 31: | \$ 109,685 | \$ 8,437 |
| Percent of Annual Budget: | 29% | |
| Needed for Giving Budget: | \$ 270,315 | \$ 6,931 |
| To cover Cost Budget: | \$ 310,315 | \$ 7,957 |

Attendance at Prince of Peace

| Date | Online | In Person | Total |
|---------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 05/01/2022 | 37 | 130 | 167 |
| 04/24/2022 | 57 | 209 | 266 |
| 04/17/2022 | 110 | 255 | 365 |
| 04/14-15/2022 | 90 | 123 | 213 |

Happy Birthday

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| 05/06 Lois Smilor | 05/15 Brianna Lehman |
| 05/07 Ben Blakeslee | 05/16 Hailey Vitko |
| 05/07 Lillian Fortuna | 05/18 Stephanie Pogachar |
| 05/08 Dave Saunders | 05/19 Blake Beard |
| 05/09 Josh Dragony | 05/22 Ron Filkill |
| 05/12 Margaret Bailey | 05/24 Addison Kovach |
| 05/12 Diane Karp | 05/27 Robert Mayer |
| 05/12 Joyce Wood | 05/28 Craig Jagels |
| 05/14 Jason Franz | 05/29 Jerry Karp |
| 05/14 Cassandra Frey | 05/31 Jeff Babinski |
| 05/14 Gloria McClellan | 05/31 Logan Vitko |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie |
| 05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey |
| 05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony |
| 05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna |

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Office Hours

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.

