

PEACE CONNECTIONS

March 25, 2020

MIRACLES

EVERYONE NEEDS ONE

Let Us Pray

Dear Friends,

During this very challenging time, we can all stay connected in a variety of ways, and most especially through prayer. Mary and I have begun posting prayers for specific needs on our [Facebook](#) page. If you have something you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact me or Judy Kazak or the office.



God has seen God's people through many health crises over the centuries. Our faith does not tell us that we will not be challenged, but it does tell us that we will not be alone. I hope that you are all calling and emailing one another to overcome some of the sense of isolation we are all experiencing. Know that it is through each of us and our outreach that God ensures that we are not alone.

Grace to you, Pastor Robin



Sunday Online Worship Service

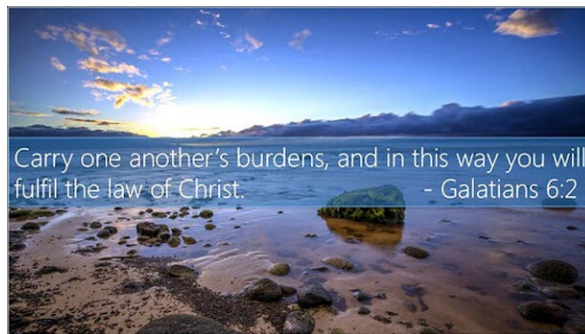
This Sunday, worship online with us! Please visit our website where you will find the Sunday Bulletin as well as Pr. Robin's Sunday sermon. You can also subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) and view our library of videos. We encourage viewers to comment with one another. The comment section can be found below the video.

[Worship Online](#)

Helping Our Congregation

Dear Prince of Peace Friends,

While we are not physically together most of the time right now, we can continue to care for one another. Judy Kazak has graciously offered to serve as our Volunteer Coordinator for needs that arise in our congregation during this time in which we are trying to protect the health of all.



First and foremost, please keep all of our members, friends, and staff in prayer.

Secondly, please text Judy at 440-476-6318 or email her at judykazak@yahoo.com if you are in need of assistance or if you know someone who is, or if you are willing to offer help. Judy will connect those who need help with those who can provide it. Possibilities include:

- Purchasing and delivering groceries
- Running other small errands, to places such as pharmacies or dry cleaners
- Driving someone to a medical appointment
- Taking dogs out – briefly!
- An hour of childcare so that mom or dad can take care of something

While we do not recommend visits at this time, the Pastor and Caring Connection Corps are all reaching out to homebound members with calls and emails. If you do visit someone, please follow all the published precautions:

- Physical distance of several feet
- Hand-washing and/or hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing any surfaces you touch, including kitchen counters, bathrooms, and pet spaces.

Thank you for all that you do to care for our congregation.

Grace and peace, Pastor Robin and Judy Kazak

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to POP. The 2019 Choice Dollars will expire on March 29, 2019. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. By directing Choice Dollars, you can recommend where Thrivent sends those funds. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace. To direct Choice Dollars log on to Thrivent.com or call (800) 847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at timothy.regan@thrivent.com.

Calendar

March 25-April 5, 2020

Wednesday, March 25

12:00 pm Lenten Lunch/St. Lads
12:00 pm Caring Connections
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, March 26

Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 27

Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, March 28

10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:15 pm W&M Meeting

Monday, March 30

5:30 pm Social Ministry - Canceled
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study - Canceled

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal - Canceled

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 pm Soup and Supper Service
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, April 2

Sexton Day Off
No FLOW
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, April 3

Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, April 4

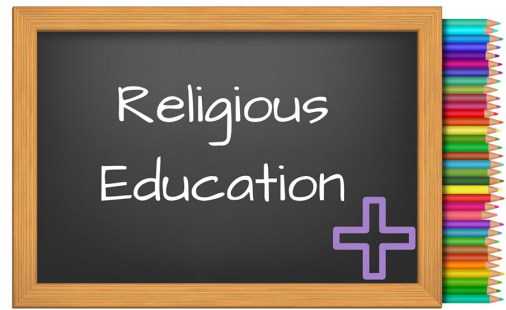
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Christian Education News

Daily thoughts about you
Daily reminder that you are important
Daily prayers for you
Daily prayers for your family
Daily prayers for our neighbors
Daily reminder that God is good
Daily thoughts that we will get through this together



Stay safe and healthy; looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible, Beverly Braun

Lets get together...using Zoom!!!

Wednesday, March 25th @ 3:00-3:30 pm



Download the Zoom app on your phone and join us for a get together using meeting number 773-195-196. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please email Beverly at ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com

Easter Activities Kit

Please contact Beverly at ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com or call/text 216-767-3427 if you would like to receive an Easter activities kit for your family.



Create a Family Prayer

Use the "[Today We Pray For](#)" form to create a personalized prayer for your family. Print the form and throughout the day write down who and what you would like to pray for. Use at meal time or bedtime for prayers. When Sunday School resumes we can bring our prayer lists and share them with each other.

Fun Activities

[Religious Coloring Pages](#)

[Author Read Aloud](#)

Thank you Dania Beard for hosting a PK-K Sunday School class using Zoom this past Sunday. It was great to see all who participated and looking forward to it again.

Please send your email address: ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com if you'd like to receive information about future classes.

For more information, visit our website at: [Prince of Peace Christian Education](#)



Thank you to everyone that made March 22nd's blood drive successful! Red Cross collected 46 units of blood!

Red Cross drive coordinator, Melissa Wess said, "We are so appreciative that you guys let us in! There were so many people there yesterday (3/22) from the communities not only in Westlake, but bordering communities as well." The Red Cross will be hosting more drives at Westlake Porter Public Library on 4/2, 4/9, and 4/30. All donors are asked to make an appointment at redcrossblood.org as walk-ins are not accepted due to COVID-19 precautions. **Thanks Prince of Peace for being a place for saving lives in the midst of crisis!**

Daily prayers are an easy part of starting and continuing your faith practice. Join in these personalized prayers with us. It only takes 5 minutes a day to pray. [Facebook Daily Prayers](#)

Facebook Daily Prayers

Look for Pr. Robin's Daily Prayers on the [Prince of Peace Facebook](#) page. Pr. Robin will be posting daily prayers at noon.



Prayer from the ELCA-NEOH Synod

Gracious God, it is good for us to gather as your beloved in community. We treasure your presence with us in word and meal, song and prayer. Be with us in these days when gathering together as often as we would like is not possible. When we must be apart for reasons of safety, we trust that you surround us with your sheltering wings. Encouraging us in connecting as we are able, reaching out to our neighbors in need and being persistent in prayer. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our constant companion. Amen.



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

[ONLINE GIVING](#)

Homeless Jesus Bench

The 'Homeless Jesus' bench is currently displayed at Prince of Peace now through **May 4, 2020**. "Jesus is portrayed as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured, hidden under a blanket but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal his identity. The statue has been described as a visual translation of the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Jesus tells his disciples, "as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me"."



The piece is "love made visible to touch our hearts, inspire kindness, love and charity." You are invited to sit on the bench and consider the possibility. The statue is on loan from Cleveland West Foundation. Artist Timothy Schmalz.



Weekly News from Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry

Community Steps Up in Time of Need

As Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry continues to make necessary adjustments to keep our clients, staff, volunteers, service partners and others safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, our community is coming forward to help. Some of our treasured volunteers are bringing sunshine during a time of challenge.

[Prince of Peace Lutheran Church](#) in Westlake was scheduled to provide and serve a meal next week at our Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside. LMM has made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend volunteering and external visitors at agency sites out of an abundance of caution, but Prince of Peace wasn't letting that stand in the way of providing meals to our residents.



The regular group of volunteers from Prince of Peace asked how they can still be of help, despite restrictions that are in place. While they love making homemade meals for residents, they will be providing pre-packaged food from a local grocer to feed the men a nutritious meal. It will be sent with just as much love as the congregation always gives. The shelter residents are an important part of the church's community outreach, and they care very much about continued support in this time of challenge.

For more information or to coordinate a donation for the Men's Shelter, please contact Lydia Bailey, Volunteer Coordinator, at lbailey@lutheranmetro.org.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Edith Dus-Garden (friend of Ellie Sanow and Lia Staaf), Ron Filkill, Diane Joseph, Kathy McCollum, Larry Renman and family (brother of Judy Kazak), Bob Skufca and friend Sylvia, Don Southam (friend of Ellie Sanow and Lia Staaf), Debbie Wood (aunt of Matt Wenham). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Larry Renman (brother of Judy Kazak), Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonneke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **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.** In Death: Ken Joseph

Giving Report

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| Weekly Operating Giving as of March 8, 2020: | \$ 74,123 |
| 10 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: | \$75,000 |
| Giving Shortfall as of March 8, 2020 | \$ (877) |

Attendance at Prince of Peace

| Date | Contemporary | Traditional | Total |
|-------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| 03/22 | Online Views | | 128 |
| 03/15 | Online Views | | 82 |
| 03/08 | 73 | 50 | 123 |
| 03/01 | 72 | 61 | 133 |



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| 03/27 | Kyle Hallowell | 04/03 | Benjamin Beard |
| 03/27 | Judy Heimbuch | 04/03 | Tracy Biller |
| 03/27 | Pamela Ventimiglia | 04/03 | Luke Ventimiglia |
| 03/27 | Fran Wilhelm | 04/04 | Anita Bauknecht |
| 03/28 | Zack Dragony | 04/04 | Samuel Dickey |
| 03/28 | Joseph Fortuna | 04/05 | Becky Rowe |
| 03/29 | Dominic Carimi | 04/05 | Cindy Zinram |
| 03/29 | William Franz | 04/05 | Steve Zinram |
| 03/29 | Deanna Rose | | |
| 03/31 | Linda Baumbach | | |
| 03/31 | Doug Leavens | | |

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am- 11:00 am
Monday - Thursday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

Child Care

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.