

COVID Directions – The Next Steps

The good news is that things are getting better! Numbers of new cases are falling, and restrictions are being lifted in our communities, and we hope and pray things will get back to normal soon.

At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, our two main principles guide us:

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

As we move forward to provide a safe environment for all, here is an updated guideline from the Health and Safety team, effective immediately.

- We encourage all who are not vaccinated to please wear a mask. This message will replace the 'Masks Required' signs
- We invite children forward for children's sermons and to play instruments with the same guidelines. We encourage parents to have their unvaccinated children use hand sanitizer after playing the instruments.
- We will return bulletins back to the 9 am and 11 am worship services.
- We will return the attendance pads, hymnals, and bibles back to the pews.
- We will take down the large COVID banners at the entrance.
- We will live stream the 9 am (contemporary) and 11 am (traditional) services. These services will be available on our YouTube page afterwards as well.
- Communion will be offered at the altar by Pastor Charlie and a communion assistant, both who are fully vaccinated. Directions on how this will flow will be made available in a video as well as morning announcements at worship.
- We will continue to offer individual pre-packaged cups for those who wish to commune using these.
- For groups meeting at the church, we encourage those who are not vaccinated to still wear masks.

Once again, the concern is not just for ourselves, but for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

New communion instructions at Prince of Peace

Please view [Pr. Charlie's video](#) for the new communion instructions at Prince of Peace.



Ask The Pastor originally set for July 18th, 2021 has been **POSTPONED**, replacement date to be determined.

Join us on in the church parking lot with Pastor Charlie and Prince of Peace friends! Bring your lawn chairs and come for a conversation about what's happening at Prince of Peace and our plans for the coming months.

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



This Sunday, 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 month of **July-Sept**, requested items are peanut butter and canned meats. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you.

July, 8th Donation: POP collected 263lbs of food, which equates to 220 meals!



Open Mic Returns!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is planning to restart our Coffee House & Open Mic in September!

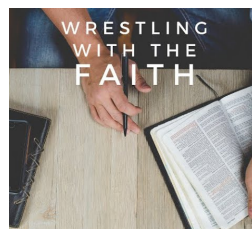
More details to follow. We have missed all of our musician friends and look forward to seeing everyone again!

Tell your friends!

"Wrestling with the Faith"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast. This episode, we discussed Amos 7: 7-15 - the title we thought of for this is "Love is the Plumb Line". We were joined this week by Phillip Bridgewater.

Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google!



July 14-25, 2021

Wednesday, July 14

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Bible Study/Charter Room

Thursday, July 15

Sexton Day Off

Friday, July 16

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, July 17

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, July 18

7:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive/POP

9am & 11 am Livestream Worship

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

10:10 am Adult Gospel Study

5:30 pm Annual Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 19

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, July 20

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Bible Study/Charter Room

Thursday, July 22

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, July 23

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, July 24

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, July 25

9am & 11 am Livestream Worship

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

10:10 am Adult Gospel Study



5th Annual Ice Cream Social!

This Sunday, July 18th from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at Prince of Peace

- Games and Prizes
- Fun for all!
- Doggies welcome too
- Presented by Christian Education and Youth

Altar Guild Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Prince of Peace Altar Guild will be holding their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

We will be collecting your donated "treasures" from Sunday, July 15 through Friday, August 6th.

Collection Dates and Times:

Tuesdays - 6:30 - 7:30pm (July 20 & 27)

Thursdays - 6:30 - 7:30pm (July 15, 22, 29)

Saturdays - 10:30am - Noon (July 17, 24 & 31)

Set-Up Week - 9:30am - Noon (August 2nd - 6th)



Rummage Sale Help Needed!

Altar Guild is requesting your assistance in making our sale a success. We need help with on collection evenings/days, set up week and assistance on sale day assisting shoppers and clean up.

Sign up on the clipboard in the lower narthex or sign up using the online Google form by [clicking here](#).

Question, contact Dineen.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas!"

Outdoor Worship Service featuring the Chardon Polka Band

Sunday, August 1st

- 9:00 am Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship Service
- Chardon Polka Band
- Christmas Carols
- "Ugly Christmas sweater/t-shirt" contest
- Cookie Exchange
- Christmas Crafts
- Cider and Cookies





Pancake Project!

Our next Pancake Project will be held on August 18, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am.
Drive-thru or pick up at Prince of Peace.
Preregister using the link: [Sunday, August 18th](#)
Proceeds go to Christian Education.



Red Cross Blood Drive

This Sunday, July 18th from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm In the Fellowship Hall

- Our next drive will be Sunday, July 18th
- [Register Now](#)

Christian Education and Youth are seeking your unused grocery bags and cardboard shipping boxes. These will be used for the Pancake Project and food donation collection to more easily transport items for distribution. Please drop off to Christian Education Office. Thank you!



Bible Study with Pr. Charlie, Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

On Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm, come and join Pastor Charlie for an hour long Bible Study focusing on the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday.

ALL are welcome! Bring your Bible. All other materials will be provided. We will meet in the Charter Room.

A Thank You From Don Jackson

It has been both an honor and a pleasure to help lead worship music for Prince of Peace these 17 years. I am grateful for all the encouragement from so many voices in the pews and for your willingness to try new things, especially after the introduction of the ELW worship book. Having new hymns called out during Pick Three events was very rewarding.

It was a joy to work with all the musical talent, from the very dedicated choir to the many instrumentalists, both members and guests, youth and experienced. The Hymn Committee meetings were always a joy. All participants should be proud of the many successes experienced with new and sometimes challenging music we offered. POP is blessed with a wonderful acoustic in its sanctuary that enhances the God given talents of the members, musical instruments, and the beauty of compositions presented. I am grateful renovations during my time preserved this musical asset.

Finally, a big thank you to all the staff I worked with over the years: supportive, collegial clergy in both Pr. Bishop, and now, Pr. Charlie; James and Lisa maintaining the building; Mary, Sue, and Megan in the office; Ben handling sound issues; and Fran, Cindy, and Ian music staff colleagues. Dineen and Altar Guild also made important contributions to our programming. It was the mutually supportive and cooperative efforts that enabled us to make our worship offerings. I could not have done it alone.

God's peace and best wishes to everyone in the next chapter. I will miss our music making.

Don Jackson, organist



Do You Care?

There was a time when I wasn't sure I cared anymore. Did it make any difference if I felt one way or another? I was just one person, one person among millions. What difference could my opinion or my caring matter in the grand scheme of things? No matter how much I read on a topic, I was never the expert. If I formed an opinion at all it probably lacked the true, informative base to ground my opinion. I knew I was just an average guy, and I had no special vantage point on what was right and what was wrong. My opinions were based on limited information, and they were simply that, only my opinions. I gave up. It didn't matter. It seemed I didn't matter.

As I matured, I did start to care. I started to set goals and cared about reaching these goals. I wanted to get a good job; I wanted to work my way up to manager, I wanted to make more money; I wanted a bigger house; I wanted a better car; I wanted people to look up to me.

When did I start to really care; I mean about other people, and not only myself? Now, don't get me wrong, I am certainly not Mother Teresa, and I am still a work in progress. But I think it started when I was introduced to a pretty blond who for some strange reason cared about me. Ilene taught me to pray; she taught me to speak from the heart and turn to the Lord to share my troubles and concerns. She helped me to become a regular church attendee. She helped me to listen to the lessons and the sermon message. In time, it seemed to me that each sermon was directed right at me.

I have had my ups and down in my faith journey. I read this author or that author to tell me what to believe. But it was Ilene who introduced me to Bible study. Over the last several years my involvement with my church, the church missions, such as Omni, faith-based organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes have moved Bible based caring to the forefront of my life. And, I can't say enough about the wonderful supportive friends at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church who have cared about me.

God gave us the inherent understanding of right and wrong, Jesus gave us the road map when he said, "Love the Lord thy God, and love your neighbors." The two greatest commandments teach us to care. The Bible, our faith in Jesus and our church keep us focused in this turbulent and fractured world.

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter

Building Faith by Connecting through the Word

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

During the spring, winter, and fall, every Sunday at 10:10 am, Prince of Peace member Mark Givens leads an Adult Bible Study focusing on the Bible readings and prayer used in our church service. (During the summer, he continues these study sessions for two Sundays a month.)

This Bible Study has strengthened our understanding of the Bible and its relevance in our lives.

Mark does considerable research in preparation for our class and conveys his knowledge in an engaging and understandable way. He frequently brings maps and other resources that enhance our knowledge about what was going on in the world at the time. Discovering and discussing the truths in each Bible reading has been helpful in building and deepening our faith.

Everyone in our class feels free to contribute thoughts and opinions. In a true spirit of fellowship, we often have an active and entertaining exchange of ideas and interpretations.

During the pandemic, especially, it has been wonderful to be in touch with fellow Christians in this class. We always begin and conclude with a prayer, remembering friends and relatives who are in need of God's help.

We encourage you to join us!

Europe and Passion Play at Oberammergau



Vienna

May 23 – June 2, 2022

Led by Pastor Charlie Woodward

Add-On Possible for Lutherland Sites

Come join us for a trip of a lifetime, as we journey to Europe in May of 2022. We will travel to Vienna, Prague and Salzburg and then make our way to Bavaria. We will attend the Passion Play at Oberammergau, then on to Munich.

For those interested in a little bit longer of a trip, we will offer a four-day add on to visit the sites of Martin Luther and the Reformation.

DETAILS

May 23 – June 2, 2022

Arrive in Vienna, Austria and Depart from Munich, Germany

Cost not including airfare is \$2295 per person

Add On: Lutherland - June 2 – June 6, 2022

Depart from Berlin, Germany

Cost for additional days is \$490 per person



Salzburg

A \$700 is required by August 1, 2021. Please make the check out to “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church” – with “Europe 2022” in the memo section.

Spots are limited so sign up soon!

Any questions, see Pastor Charlie or email at: pcpopwestlake@gmail.com

MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE: 2022 Flyer

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Family of Louis Kurtz, Bob Skufca, Dot Swislocki (friend of Jann Daniels), Casey and her baby (friend of Myrta Holden), Irma Cronenwett (mother of Julie Smith), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Olivia Pacheco (granddaughter of friend of Jan Juhn), The Woodward Family, Family of Russ and Anita Bauknecht. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & 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), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague). **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 May 31, 2021	\$148,742
Percent of Annual Budget Received	42%
Remaining Goal	\$201,258

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/11/2021	78	51	129
07/04/2021	38	116	154
06/27/2021	26	125	151
06/20/2021	50	110	160

Happy Birthday

07/14 Gail Pogue	07/19 Diane Merhaut
07/15 Daniea Beard	07/19 Kevin Olah
07/15 Garrett Duktig	07/21 Nora Franz
07/16 Luke Andrus	07/22 Lola Wenham
07/17 Brandon Duktig	07/24 Paige Dickey
07/17 Len Sjulina	07/24 Emery Lavin
17/18 Karen Hallowell	07/25 Grace Jagels
07/18 Mary Mayer	

Happy Anniversary!

07/16 Shawn & Diane Merhaut
07/21 Jon & Teresa Peter
07/24 Russ & Anita Bauknecht
07/24 Bill & Laurie Vorobej
07/25 Craig & Jan Juhn

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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, we have limited 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 online

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.