



2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

**LET US BUILD A HOUSE  
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Stewardship Sunday

This Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. We encourage everyone to join us and bring their Intent Cards. For those who would like to fill out a card online, here is a link:  
<https://forms.gle/NtjJ6yinpzgtMYsA8>

## Scranton Mitten Tree



The Mitten Tree will once again be up this year! Each year, teachers identify children from Scranton Elementary with significant hardship allowing us to help make their Christmas a little brighter! Each "Mitten Tag" includes information with gift ideas for each student. The tree with the Mitten Tags will be available starting Sunday, November 26th.

Volunteers will be present for you to sign out tags. Coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks are also welcome! If you choose to participate, we ask that wrapped gifts with the tags attached be returned no later than Sunday, December 17th in time to deliver to the school later that week prior to Christmas (Date TBD). For questions, contact Diane Merhaut.

## Young at Heart

December Young at Heart Lunch  
Please join us on Friday, December 1st, 2023  
at 12:30 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at:

Red Robin Restaurant  
4949 Great Northern Blvd.  
North Olmsted, OH

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



November 17th, 2023

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday November 17th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday November 18th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 19th  
8:00 am-Noon Youth Bake Off  
9&11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:30 Arden Courts  
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Service and Pie Fest!

Monday November 20th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study  
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday November 21st  
6:15 pm Crossfire Rehearsal

Wednesday November 22nd  
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study

Thursday November 23rd  
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday November 24th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday November 25th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday November 26th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday November 27th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday November 28th  
6:15 Crossfire Rehearsal

*Grow in Faith \* Serve In Love \*  
Live In Peace*



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Community Thanksgiving

## WORSHIP AND PIE FEST

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November

19

7:00 PM

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
28455 Center Ridge Road - Westlake

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### Participating Congregations:

Dover UCC + Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
St. Ladislav Catholic Church + Westlake UMC

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Monetary and In-Kind Offerings will go to support  
the Prince of Peace Community Cupboard -  
Ensure/Boost drinks, canned food, soup and meat  
with pull tabs, pudding and apple sauce cups,  
peanut butter, mixed nuts and trail mix,  
granola/nutrition bars, crackers, etc

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**Bring a PIE to SHARE!**



## Hanging of the Greens

Altar Guild invites you to join them to decorate the church for Christmas. Friday, December 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

We'll be fluffing and hanging up Christmas garlands from the top of the brick walls in the sanctuary, assembling, fluffing and placing artificial trees in the sanctuary and narthexes, checking candles for Christmas Eve and polishing the brass candlesticks.

Sign up in the lower narthex so we know how much pizza to order. Questions? Call Dineen Terstage, 440-263-6759.



## LMM Men's Shelter Boot Drive

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of new and gently used water resistant boots and warm clothing of all sizes to benefit the men served at the 2100 E. Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter.

This is in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. We will be collecting these donations starting now until December 17th. Please drop your items off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 17th. If you have any questions, contact Tom Splawski.

### LMM Men's Shelter Boot Drive



## Decorate Prince of Peace's Sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas!

Altar Guild is looking forward to arranging poinsettia plants in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve services -- with your help by providing the plants! We are again purchasing the plants from Casa Verde Growers. Take your plant(s) home after the traditional service on Christmas Eve. Order early to be sure to get the size/color you love! Not sure what color to order?....we suggest white this year! Prices are \$9 and \$24. (Same prices as last year).

Place your completed order form and check/cash for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-263-6759 or [dterstage@gmail.com](mailto:dterstage@gmail.com)) to order. Place your order now through Sunday, November 26.







# Sean Kelly

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## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Sean was born in Pittsburgh, PA. His family included 2 older brothers. He attended Pittsburgh schools through high school. He chose John Carroll University to continue his education and majored in Accounting. His career is now growing at PwC, a firm specializing in business services such as auditing, and accounting. Currently, he has worked for 10 years in Mergers and Acquisitions.

Sean met his wife, Michelle, through a group of friends at Great Lakes Brewery. They had hung around in similar circles from a professional perspective and got to know each other before dating. They have two children, Marissa age 3 and Colin who is almost 1 year old.

They became members recently after they decided as a family that the westside of Cleveland would be their home for at least the mid-term. Sean and Michelle started looking for a permanent church for a few years as COVID had prolonged the search by years. They live in Avon Lake and visited many churches in the area, but Prince of Peace “felt” right and reminded Sean of the church he grew up with in Pittsburgh. Our welcoming community has a wide appeal and has much to offer as we grow together.

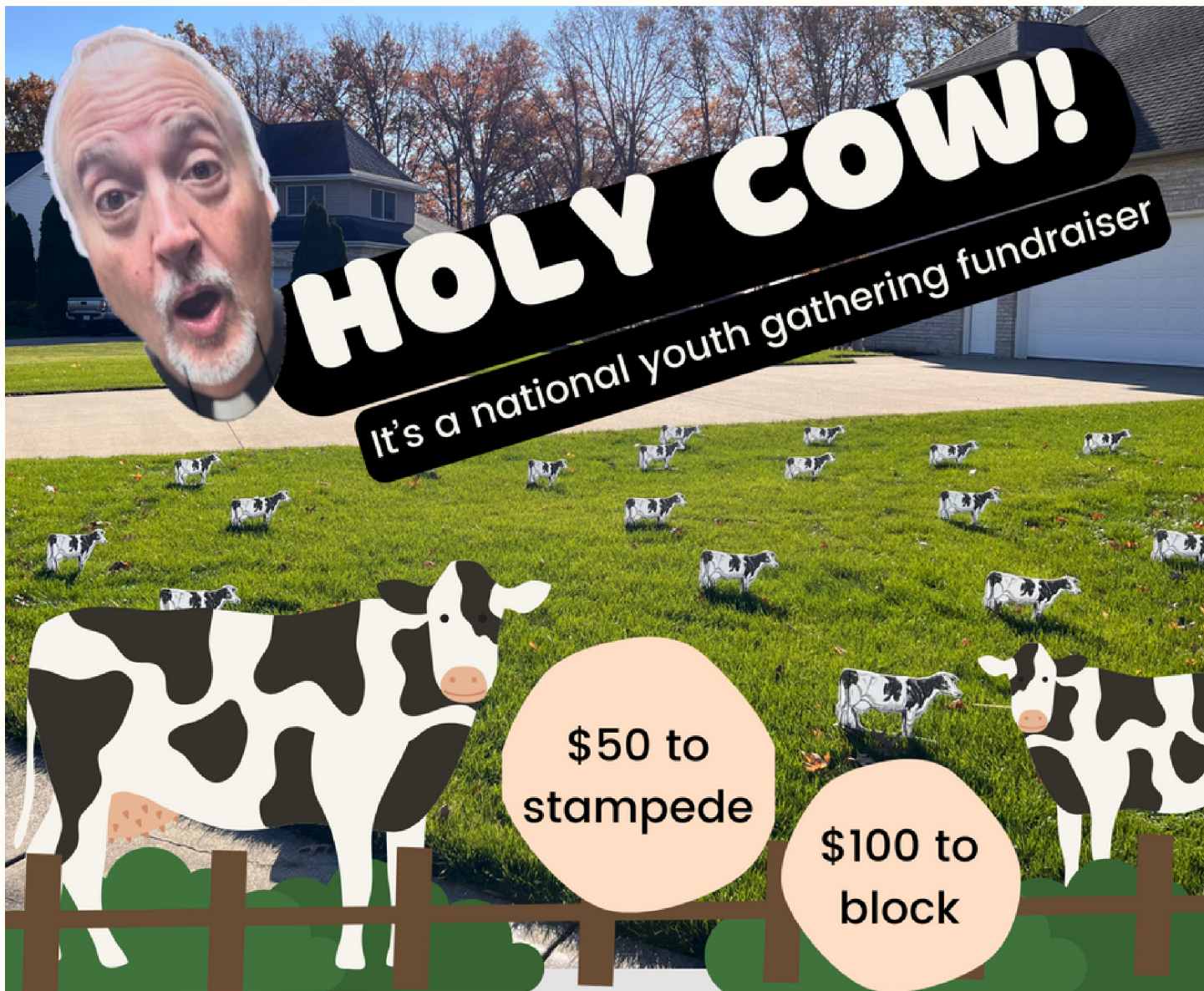
Sean would like to engage in missions and activities, and is open to suggestions . Time is fairly limited with the kiddos at this age. They will cherish these early years as young parents and remember the bond that is being created. He enjoys anything outdoors during free time. Running, skiing, biking and spending time with family outdoors are top of the list for him.

He is a Steelers fan but has become loyal to cheering the Guardians. Maybe the Buds and Suds group can offer him advice on the advantages of switching to exclusive Cleveland team support :-). Sean has lived on the east and west sides of Cleveland and is definitely a “west-sider”.

You can connect on Sundays and learn more about Sean and his family. Showing the Blessings and Love that is brought to us through Jesus is a wonderful message for their children to hear!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter





## **HOW TO STAMPEDE YOUR FRIENDS:**

To have the cows show up in someone's yard, please submit your name along the name and address of the person you want to stampede to Hilary via email [poplutheranyouth@gmail.com](mailto:poplutheranyouth@gmail.com).

First received, first stampeded

The steaks are high! To BLOCK a stampede you can get your name on the block list and when someone tries to stampede you it will be blocked!

\*Blocks can only be used once\*

\*Fundraiser running now, with last stampede of the season on December 10th.

We will resume in the spring!\*



# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Final Exhortations, Greetings, and Benediction

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; 13 esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. 15 See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Sometimes it's the simple advice that we need.

The past few weeks, we have been building up to our annual fall stewardship appeal. We have focused on the past, and how Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been a foundational place for many faith events – baptisms, weddings, confirmations, funerals and more. We focused on the present and the many, MANY outreach ministries of our congregation, as we live out our mission to grow in faith, serve in love and live in peace. And we ask the question – “What is YOUR hope for the future of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church?”

I don't know about you, but there have been many times in my faith journey when I got caught in the weeds, so to speak. I was so wrapped up in the details and the deadlines and all the stuff that needed to get done that I simply forgot the simple.

I am reminded of Jesus' answer to the question, “What is the greatest commandment?” He said, (and this is my paraphrase), “I will give you two: Love your God with all that you are, mind body and spirit, and love your neighbor as yourself. On these two hang ALL the law and ALL the prophets.” (another microphone drop would be in order here too!)

Sometimes I need to step back and keep it simple. Love God. Love each other. That is my hope for the future.

Simply that. It isn't rocket science.

Now let me say this – how we live that out is a lifelong process. It DOES take work. Simply saying it is one thing. Love and kindness are not just nice words, but also a call to action.

But let's make sure we don't forget the reason why we do what we do. We love because God first loved us.

Let us pray: Almighty God, empower us to always seek to do good to one another and to all. May we rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is Your will in Christ Jesus for us all.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen





CHRISTIAN ED AND  
YOUTH PRESENT

# PARENT DAY OUT

KIDS STAY WITH US SO  
YOU CAN GO OUT!

DECEMBER 2ND 10AM - 3PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

While you are out Christmas shopping or having a quiet day to yourself, kids will be spending time doing crafts, watching movies, and making gifts!

Lunch and snacks provided

**FREE WILL OFFERING  
TO SUPPORT NATIONAL  
YOUTH GATHERING**

## DRESS CODE:

Kids wear your comfy clothes, slippers, bring blankets etc. this is a hang out type of day



Sign Up here!

**HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE!**





# Travel Quest Family Event Planned

Sunday. Dec.10 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Vermillion  
51st annual Live Nativity Village Free will offering. Refreshments will be provided.  
Car pools will depart PoP at 3:30 pm. Please sign up in the Narthex!



## Interact is Back

The adult discussion group is back on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 10:55 in the Charter room. Come join us to talk about how our faith impacts the world around us. This fall's topic is "What is the Church's role in getting us to stop arguing with our neighbor?" Please join us. If you miss a week, no problem. You don't need to come every week to keep up. We'll help you along.



## Year End Giving

If you would like to make a gift to Prince of Peace in 2023 towards your 2024 giving, please put a note in with your contribution or let our Financial Secretary, Barb Fronczak ([bartonhab@gmail.com](mailto:bartonhab@gmail.com)), know so we can allocate it properly.

Also, if you have a required minimum distribution on your IRA, check with your financial advisor to see if it will benefit you to direct some of that distribution to Prince of Peace. -The Finance Committee

## Choir

Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.  
Please consider joining for practice and worship!



## Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

## One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations



## Second Harvest

For November and December the requested items are cereal and Canned soup.



## Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of October 31st, 2023:	\$376,905	\$8,566.02
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	84%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$69,595	\$8,699.38
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$87,595	\$10,949.38



## Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane?

Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



## Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.





# ANNUAL *Bake Off*

*A National Youth Gathering  
Fundraiser*

**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 19TH**

10AM contest  
Bake sale to follow

**Bring your best homemade  
baked goods for the  
chance to win 1st, 2nd, and  
3rd place prizes!**

Contact Beverly Braun for more  
details







**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**In Memory Of:**

Joe Hudak

**Prayer Request - Long Term**

**(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)**

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn	Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving

**Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:**

November 5	Megan Hauser & family (Roger & Melody Hauser's Daughter-In-Law) Courtney Nerad (Barb Fronczak's Daughter) Shirley (Cindy Strieter friend's Sister) Ron Filkill
November 12	Alonna Willis JFK High School Students Eunice Reynolds (Matthew Wenham's Grandmother) Gail Pogue and Family Mike Hosler Rourke (Fran Wilhelm friend's Grandson) Earl (Fran Wilhelm's Brother-In-Law)
November 19	Al Tielke Darcy (Cindy Strieter's friend) David Zinram (Steve & Cindy Zinram's Son) Cheryl Morrison (Mike Weber's Sister) Joel Morrison (Mike Weber's Grandnephew) Family of Norm Rehark Father of Elaine Messersmith by family of Joe Hudak

# Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
11/12/2023	30	163	193
11/05/2023	22	167	198
10/29/2023	45	191	236
10/22/2023	20	144	164

11/02 Kathleen Kettler  
 11/02 Mary Babinski  
 11/02 Tony Marquardt  
 11/03 Ann Estes  
 11/05 Jane Dillon  
 11/06 Austin Pogachar  
 11/06 Christine Tielke  
 11/07 Doug Olson  
 11/08 Madelyne Roman  
 11/10 Linda Thompson  
 11/11 John Cuciak  
 11/12 Barb Koch  
 11/13 Isabella Cesare  
 11/15 Dan Pogue  
 11/15 Tami Arthur  
 11/16 Anne Steinbrecher

11/20 Laurie Green  
 11/22 Anthony Matalavage  
 11/23 Lia Staaf  
 11/24 Lowell Dillon  
 11/25 Johnathon Missig  
 11/25 Teresa Peter  
 11/26 Ezekiel Petta  
 11/26 Pat Uber  
 11/26 Steve Duktig  
 11/27 Colleen Regan  
 11/28 Mary Meadows  
 11/29 Matthew Winar  
 11/30 Julia Worsencroft

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/03 Andrea & Chris Petta  
 11/12 Betsy & Chip Bailey  
 11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin  
 11/18 Tim & Marsha Regan Sr  
 11/26 Dave & Jan Saunders  
 11/28 Doug & Sharon Olson

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3  
 28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
 440/871-5565 • www.princeofpeacewestlake.org

### Sunday Worship Services

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

### Livestream

Christian Education - Sundays 10-10:50 am

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during

the Christian Education hour between services.



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