

Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This annual ministry began many years ago by POP members Jane and Jim Carlson and thankful to once again continue this important initiative in their honor. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 1st with plans to deliver to the shelter the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 20th. Donations of warm clothing are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contract Shawn Merhaut. Thank you!

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! The plants are purchased from Casa Verde Growers (Pettiti's). Take your plant(s) home after the traditional service on Christmas Eve. Order early to be sure to get the size/color you love! Prices are $9 and $25. Place your completed order form and payment (cash, check/or online giving) for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-263-6759 or dterstage@gmail.com) to order. Place your order now through Sunday, November 22.

Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

We'll hanging Christmas garlands in the sanctuary (need helpers on ladders), fluffing and hanging the new garland, assembling, fluffing and placing artificial trees in the sanctuary and narthexes, checking candles for Christmas Eve and polishing the brass candle sticks. Sign up in the lower narthex or call Dineen Terstage to RSVP (440-263-6759) so we know how much pizza to order.



November 20th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, November 20th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 21st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 22nd
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, November 23rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, November 24th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25th
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday, November 26th
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 27th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 28th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

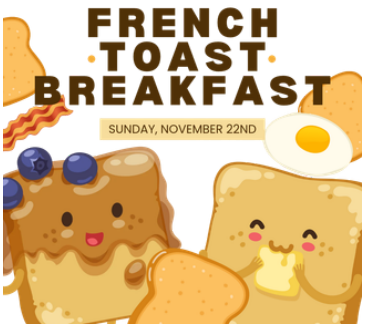
Sunday, November 29th
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, November 30th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, December 1st
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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

French Toast Breakfast



Join us on Sunday, November 22nd at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall, between services, for a delicious French toast breakfast!

Enjoy good food, great fellowship, and a chance to give back! A free-will offering will support the purchase of baby care supplies for a local nonprofit.

Bring your appetite and join us for a sweet start to your Sunday!

Parents Day Out



Need some time to finish your last-minute holiday shopping? We've got you covered!

Drop your kids off at Prince of Peace on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:30 AM–3 PM for a fun-filled day while you tackle your holiday to-do list!

Lunch will be provided! A free-will offering will support our high school youth attending the 2027 National Youth Gathering.

Children's Christmas Program



Join us on Sunday, December 13th as our children share the joy and wonder of the Christmas story! Through their songs, smiles, and celebration, we'll be reminded of the greatest gift of all — the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please note that we will have **ONE** worship service at 10 AM so our entire church family can come together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Happy Birthday Jesus



Join us on Sunday, December 20th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a birthday celebration honoring Jesus!

We'll have birthday cake, party favors, and plenty of fun as we celebrate the true reason for the season.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us as we share in the joy of Jesus' birthday! Let's make a joyful noise and celebrate Jesus!

Member Profile Story

Lindsey and Jason Kraps family



Lindsey (maiden name Buhrman) was born at Fairview Hospital and raised in Westlake with her three brothers Jason, Jake and Jesse. She graduated from Westlake High School in 2003, and from Baldwin Wallace College (now University) in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She majored in Middle Childhood Education with endorsements in reading and general education. While Lindsey has experienced all grade levels at some point in her teaching career, she found her niche teaching fourth grade. She recently stepped away from teaching to focus on family. Before teaching, she worked in retail, babysat, and had a paper route.

Her husband Jason and Lindsey typically joke when they tell others how they met that we're the "best thing that I've ever found on the internet" because they met through Match.com . Jason, is a maintenance technician (MT) at Cleveland Cliffs Steel Mill. They live in North Ridgeville, and have one son. Franklin is in second grade and will be 8 this year.

Lindsey enjoys reading, walking, baking and crafts. Jason enjoys tinkering on cars, learning electric guitar, riding BMX , and snowboarding. Franklin enjoys riding his bike, snowboarding , playing with friends, reading and math. The family also loves to travel. One of their favorite places to go is Roatan, Honduras.

Lindsey has attended Prince of Peace since she was born. She was baptized by Pastor Landis. She received her first Bible from Pastor Patty. She was taught in Sunday School by several members who still teach Sunday School today. Lindsey was given her first communion and was confirmed by Pastor Brett and Pastor Bishop. All here at POP ! She was very involved with her high school youth group and went on several mission trips and gatherings. In the past she has taught Sunday School, was an adult leader for confirmation classes , and helped with the high school youth group. Her involvement at POP also included helping with VBS as a youth and an adult.

Most Sunday mornings after attending the 9 am service, Lindsey can be found enjoying her donut and coffee near the fish tank during Sunday school hour, or helping in one of the classrooms when a substitute teacher is needed.

As young parents they have big dreams and know God will be their guide. Let us Give Thanks for all we have inherited through Him!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



Scranton Mitten Tree

Help make Christmas brighter for children at **Scranton Elementary** in Cleveland.

Teachers identify students with significant hardships, and each child has a "Mitten Tag" with gift ideas.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1 PICK UP A MITTEN TAG
From the tree in the upper lobby beginning **November 22.**

2 PURCHASE THE GIFT(S)
Use the gift ideas on the tag.

3 WRAP & ATTACH TAG
Wrap the gift(s) and securely attach the Mitten Tag.

4 RETURN BY DECEMBER 13
Bring wrapped gifts back no later than **Sunday, December 13.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Mitten Tree Available **November 22**

Gift Return Deadline **December 13**

Delivery to School **December 16**

URGENT NEED: EXTRA CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Scranton teachers have identified a critical need for extra clothing to have on hand for students throughout the school year.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Shirts · Pants · Socks · Undergarments

New items preferred.

These items help teachers support children all year long!

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME!


Coats


Mittens & Gloves


Scarves


Hats


Socks

Want to help with delivery? Let us know!

Questions? Contact Diane Merhaut.

Together We Can Make a Difference! ♡

Advent TEA





Sunday, December 6, 2026
2:00 - 4:00

Light refreshments and, of course, tea will be served.
Please bring a tea cup and saucer.

A voluntary good will offering will be used to supply the Prince of Peace Food Cabinet.

A program featuring

Jackie Kennedy

portrayed by Rose, a Women in History actress.

RSVP by signing up in the lower lobby or ***online at this link***

Engagement Committee and Sisters in Spirit: Prince of Peace Advent Tea

Prayer LIST

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026

Prayer requests may be sent to Sue Hosler, chairwoman of the Prayer Chain Ministry at: suehosler@yahoo.com or to the church office at: princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

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

Prayer Request - Long Term

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
Pam Rotella (PoP Member)
Al Tielke (PoP Member)
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
Paula Collister (Sister-in-law of Liz Grider)
Daniel Reisner (Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo)
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma (Supply Pastor for PoP)
Shane Overcash (Relative of Deb Gibbons)
Cindy Kreis (PoP Member)
Angelica Brophy (Daughter-in-law of Jann Daniel's Friend)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

November 6

Judi Guegold and family (Friends of Dana Gros)
Audrey Swanson (PoP Member)
Linda Thompson (PoP Member)
Kristina Peluso (Mother of PoP Member, Allison Peluso)

November 13

Lois Kerklo (Friend of Doug Leavens)
Ken Peterson (Friend of Barb and Dan Fronczak)
Sue Saunders (Sister of Dave Saunders)
Natalie Saunders (Daughter-in law of Dave and Jan Saunders)
Donna Thickpenny (Friend of Dave and Jan Saunders)

November 20

Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Judy Cuciak and Family of John Cuciak (PoP Members)

Happy Birthday

Kathleen Kettler 11/02
Mary Babinski 11/02
Tony Marquardt 11/02
Ann Estesen 11/03
Danette Gunkelman 11/03
Jane Dillon 11/05
Christine Tielke 11/06
Austin Pogachar 11/06
Doug Olson 11/07
Madelyne Roman 11/08
Linda Thompson 11/10
John Cuciak 11/11
Barb Koch 11/12
Isabella Cesare 11/13
Tyson Reisner 11/14
Dan Pogue 11/15
Laurie Green 11/20
Chuck Mosberger 11/22
Anthony Matalavage 11/22
Lia Staaf 11/23
Samuel Foore 11/23
Lowell Dillon 11/24
Teresa Peter 11/25
Johnathon Missig 11/25
Pat Uber 11/26
Ezekiel Petta 11/26
Colleen Regan 11/27
Colin Kelly 11/27
Mary Meadows 11/28
Matthew Winar 11/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Andrea & Chris Petta 11/03
Betsy & Chip Bailey 11/12
Sean & Liz Lavin 11/16
Norm & Chris Rehark 11/18
Tim & Marsha Regan Sr 11/18
Dave & Jan Saunders 11/26
David & Kathleen Johnston 11/29

Second Harvest

The requested items for November are:
Cereal, Juices, Applesauce & Canned Soups

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of October 31st 2026:	$433,313	$10,077
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	83%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	$85,687	$9,520
We need to average $43,000 per month to reach budget!		
Please give abundantly and cheerfully!		
Total Expenses Incurred through 10/31/26	$409,151	$9,515

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Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
11/15/2026	97	164	261
11/08/2026	127	185	312
11/01/2016	155	168	341
10/25/2026	180	153	333

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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-2

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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.