

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!

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, November 20, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 25984 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

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.

Honoring Our Heros

Please join us on November 8th following the 11:00 a.m. service when we will dedicate our new flag and pole in memory of Ron Filkill. We would love to honor and recognize our veterans and those who have served our country. We hope you'll join us for this special time of remembrance and gratitude.

November 6th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, November 6th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 7th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 8th
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
10:00 am Travel Quest Planning Committee
11:00 am Traditional Service
12:00 pm Flag Pole Dedication

Monday, November 9th
9:00 am Herb Guild
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, November 10th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11th
Veterans Day
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday, November 12th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practce

Friday, November 13th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 14th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 15th
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 16th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, November 17th
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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

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

Lifeline Story

LIVELIHOOD

"Our past doesn't define our destiny"


Your gifts helped Justina Kanyata strengthen her professional skills and her sense of self.

Justina Kanyata grew up in a family of eight in a shantytown in Lusaka, Zambia. After her father died, her mother struggled to make ends meet. Even though things were hard, Justina says, "I had dreams of a better life." However, those dreams grew more distant when Justina became pregnant in her 20s. Her baby's father and his family rejected her, and Justina became a single mother struggling to support her son. She began a small business, offering hairdressing services and selling wigs, but in the beginning, she was barely breaking even.

Everything began to change when Justina learned about InfoHut through her church. The program, supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, offers free technology and life skills courses. As soon as Justina heard about it, she says, "I saw an opportunity to change my life."

At the InfoHut facility, Justina found state-of-the-art equipment — provided by your gifts — and a place where she could thrive. She took classes in office technology, information technology and computer management. She also received life skills training that taught her valuable lessons about health and practices for safer sex.

Justina loves being part of the community at InfoHut. "I take pride in our collective learning experience," she says. She helps clean the computer lab every day and looks forward to Thursdays, when she and her fellow students share presentations and talk about what they're studying. She has invited her friend Lillian to take classes with her.

With her new IT skills, Justina found a job as a data entry clerk. That income, combined with the income from her growing beauty business, has enabled her to provide for herself and her son. InfoHut has strengthened not only Justina's professional skills but her sense of self. "I am a changed person," she says. "InfoHut has taught me invaluable lessons: forgiveness, self-love, goal setting and resilience."

Your gifts have helped Justina feel the renewing power of God's grace. "Our past doesn't define our destiny," she says. "Instead we can learn from our mistakes and forge a better path." Through your generosity, you are showing up for Justina and others like her who dream of a better life — breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty and turning more of those dreams into reality.



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—Justina Kanyata

You support programs, including education and vocational training, that help people facing hunger, homelessness and other challenges to access jobs, increase their earning potential and break the cycle of poverty for good.

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SISTERS IN SPIRIT

2026-2027 PLANS

	ADVENT TEA, SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH FROM 2-4 PM. ORGANIZED BY JUDY KAZAK CHRISTMAS TOAST WITH BUDS & SUDS, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL.
	MOVIE NIGHT AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD AT 5:30 PM. BRING YOUR DINNER AND A DONATION FOR SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK (ITEMS NEEDED TBA)... ORGANIZED BY JOAN DROBNAK AND BETH COMNICK.
	WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO PARTY AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY APRIL 10TH FROM 2-4 PM. BRINGA WRAPPED WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT AND A SNACK TO SHARE. WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS FOR FRIENDSHIP APL, ITEMS TBA. ORGANIZED BY LINDA THOMPSON AND BETH COMNICK
	HUNTINGTON BEACH, WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST AT 5 PM, BRING YOUR OWN DINNER & DRINK, MEET RAIN OR SHINE. BE READY TO SIT FOR A BIT AND THEN SWITCH SEATS! CAR POOLING IS SUGGESTED AS THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO ENJOY THE MUSIC AFTER DINNER. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT PLEASE DO! CONTACT ANY OF US WITH QUESTIONS... JOAN DROBNAK JDROBN@GMAIL.COM, MONICA DRAGONY MKMONICA66@GMAIL.COM, LINDA THOMPSON LTHOMPSON416@GMAIL.COM, LAUREL COVELL THECOVELLS@GMAIL.COM, BETH COMNICK BCOMNICK@OUTLOOK.COM

Prayer LIST

Sunday, November 8th, 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)
Liz Jones (Daughter 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:

October 23
Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
October 30
Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Bob and Judi (Family Members of Mel and Sue Grunau)
Holly Kirshbaum (Friend of Fran and Gerry Wilhelm)
Monica Dragony and Family (PoP Member)
Family of Nichole Lochner (Daughter of Cindy Streiter's Friend)
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)

Thank you for all your cards and prayers. Becky's surgery went well- she has a rod in her broken arm and now back in rehab at Brookdale Westlake Village. Your continued prayers are appreciated. - Ron Kear

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
11/01/2016	155	168	341
10/25/2026	180	153	333
10/18/2026	78	143	221
10/11/2026	185	118	283

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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.