

"Jesus does all  
things well"

Mark 7:37

PEACE CONNECTIONS  
September 1, 2021

## God's Work. Our Hands.

September 2021! Wherever God is calling...our hands are ready to do God's work! Let's work together again for God's Work Our Hands MONTH...2021.

### Week 1 (Sept 1-11): Scranton Schools: 'Caught Being Good' bags for teachers. Goal: 50 of each item

- pre-packaged snacks (no peanuts)
- socks (new)
- gift cards
- simple place (Ex: McDonalds, Burger King, Wendys)
- \$5 - \$10/gift card

Prince of Peace Children's Busy Bags. Goal: as much as we receive

- Amazon wish list [click here](#): Please send directly to POP

Week 2 (Sept 12-18): Women in Transition (previously WREN).

Goal: 500 total items

- toiletries/women's hygiene
- umbrellas - HUGE need
- socks - \*\*new only\*\*

LMM Men's Shelter. Goal: 500 total items

- socks
- underwear
- pants (all sizes)
- shoes (new or gently used)

Week 3 (Sept 19-25): OMNI. Goal: \$2000 = 200 sweaters

- \$\$ can be given online, mailed in, or brought in during the service. *Please keep donations separate from regular Sunday offering.*

Week 4 (Sept 26-Oct 2): Second Harvest. Goal: 400 lbs

- boxed and canned goods can be brought in and placed on the food donation shelves in the Christian Ed hallway
- \$\$ donations can also be given - this will then be given to the shelter for food purchasing.

Drop Off Hours:

- Sunday: 8:30am - 12:00pm (we will have a time during the services that people can bring their donations forward)
- Monday and Friday: 10:00am - 3pm
- Donations will be collected down in the lower Narthex - Food donations will be collected in the C.E hallway on the food shelves. *In person financial donations can be mailed in, or collected in the upper narthex in a box. Please keep GWOH donations separate from regular Sunday offering.*

# GWOH

God's Work, Our Hands

September 1st - September 11th

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## WEEK 1 HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRY

### Scranton Schools

**What are we collecting?**

- new socks
- pre-packaged snacks (NUT FREE)
- gift cards: \$5 - \$10/card; to simple places like ex: McDonalds, Wendy's

**Goal**

50 of EACH item

\*\* financial donations can be given both in-person and online\*\*



## The Installation of Pr. Charlie

Thank you for celebrating the Installation of Pastor Charlie and our Homecoming Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, August 29th!

Thank you to The Rev. Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop for leadership, Northeastern Ohio Synod for bringing the Gospel to us. And a very special thank you to Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough for attending the service and presenting Pr. Charlie with a proclamation.

Thank you for sharing this special day with us!



# COVID Directions – August 2021 Update

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace:

The news is always changing, isn't it? We have been dealing with COVID issues for nearly 18 months, and sometimes it feels like we take two steps forward and another one back.

Even though guidelines and information continue to change, our two guiding principles at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church remain the same:

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

First of all, we offer these words of thanks.

- THANK YOU to all have been vaccinated. This is our best line of defense in addressing the virus.
- THANK YOU to all you parents who are making sure your kids are wearing masks, to keep them safe and healthy. Well done.
- THANK YOU to all of you who are wearing masks, vaccinated or not, out of care and concern for your neighbor and yourself.
- THANK YOU to those who join us for our live streaming services – either out of necessity or choice. You are a part of our worshipping family, and we are thankful for the resources to share the good news those outside of the bricks and mortar of our buildings.

We cannot tell you what to do. We will not turn people away at the door. ALL are welcome. That being said, we would encourage the following:

- If you are able to do so, get vaccinated. We ask that all our volunteers and staff are vaccinated to ensure their health and well-being as well as those they serve. We encourage you to do the same.
- We strongly encourage children to be masked, as well as all who come in contact with them in the church building.
- Masks are recommended for the times we gather in close quarters with each other. That includes the sanctuary.
- Communion will continue to be offered at the altar by Pastor Charlie and a communion assistant, both who are fully vaccinated. We will both be masked as you come forward. We will continue to offer individual pre-packaged cups for those who wish to commune using these.
- Musicians and singers will be located away from the congregation and will be masked – we will ask that the chairs be reserved only for the singers and band members at the 9 am service, while those gathered for worship sit in the pews.
- For groups meeting at the church, we encourage masks if any of those gathered are not vaccinated.

Please know this is one step forward. As other changes are possible, we will share them with you. As we move forward, let us remember that the concern is not just for ourselves, but for our neighbor as well.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

[August 2021 Health and Safety Meeting \(watch now on the POP 'Members Only Page'\)](#)

Health And Safety Team.

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Lorain County Health Commissioner
- Pastor Charlie Woodward

## HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM UPDATE

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AUGUST 2021



# Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



This Sunday, worship with us online! **You** 

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 **August and September** requested items are **peanut butter and canned meats**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you.

## Women In Transition

There is a great need for umbrellas, along with socks, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station.

*Sorry, but we are not accepting other clothing donations at this time.*

Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673. Thank you!

Learn more about [Chopping4Change](#), an innovative re-entry program for incarcerated women.



## "Wrestling with the Faith"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast. This episode, we discuss Ephesians 4:25-5:2 "Not Giving Into Anger". We were joined this week by PoP member, Mark Givens.

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



## September 1-12, 2021

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, September 2

Sexton Day Off

Friday, September 3

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, September 4

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, September 5

9 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:10 am Adult Gospel Study/CR

11 am Traditional Worship Service

9 am & 11 am [Livestream](#)

Monday, September 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Council Exec Meeting

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, September 7

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, September 9

Sexton Day Off

Friday, September 10

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, September 11

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, September 12

Red Cross Blood Drive

9 am Contemporary Worship Service

11 am Traditional Worship Service

9 am & 11 am [Livestream](#)



# Prince of Peace Youth



## Red Cross Blood Drive - September 12th from 8 am - 2 pm



American  
Red Cross

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, September 12th. [Register Now](#)

## Prince of Peace Rally Day! Sunday, September 19th

- First day of Sunday School
- All families K-12 will join together to create a special project titled "Together and Stronger than Ever" that will be displayed in the Christian Education hallway.

## International Dinners Series - September 30th

Join us in exploring international cuisines located right here in Cleveland! Your adventure will also support a local small business. Our first International Dinner will take you to the Middle East for some Falafel and Shawarma, served by a Syrian refugee on his way to citizenship in the US. Meet us at Ferris Shawarma on 13507 Lakewood Heights Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44107 on **September 30th at 6:00 pm**. [Sign up here](#)

## Pancake Project - October 10th

Our next Pancake Project will be held on October 10th, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Pancake Breakfast with French Toast, Bacon, and Eggs. Proceeds go to Christian Education. [Preregister here](#)



## Affogato Cat Cafe Visit - October 24th

Open to all K-12 students. We will visit the cat cafe and spend time with the kitties, go for lunch, and get some ice cream. Attendees will need their own money for lunch, but admission to the cat cafe will be covered by Youth/CE. We will also be delivering homemade toys for the cats to use. Meet at Prince of Peace and leave together at noon. Adult chaperones needed for kids under 10 yrs old. [Sign up here](#)

## POP Christian Education Registration

We are looking forward to seeing our Prince of Peace/Christian Education families on September 19, 2021 to begin the celebration of once again being able to have our classes in person. We will have an activity for all ages centered around the theme "We are Stronger Together"; your creative artwork will be framed and displayed in our Christian Education wing.

All children, family members, guests and teachers/volunteers/staff are asked to wear a mask while in the Christian Education area. There will be adult and child-sized masks available in each classroom along with hand sanitizer and wipes to ensure all participants will feel safe and comfortable. This will continue as long as our Prince of Peace Health and Safety committee deem it appropriate and necessary.

Please follow the [link here](#) to register your child(ren) for our Christian Education program that will begin on September 19, 2021 at 10am. A mailer and email with additional class dates and schedule of fun events will be available and sent soon so you can mark your calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Braun at [ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com) or 216-767-3427.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

In prayer and service,

Beverly Braun, Christian Education Coordinator

## Return of Open Mic - On Hold

The restart of our Coffee House & Open Mic scheduled for September has been put on hold due to Covid 19. Stay tuned for the new restart date when available. Hopefully it will not be too long!

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## The Prince of Peace Chancel Choir - Postponed

The return of the Prince of Peace Chancel Choir is currently postponed. Please stay tuned for further updates. If you have questions, please see Choir Director, Ian Faleer.

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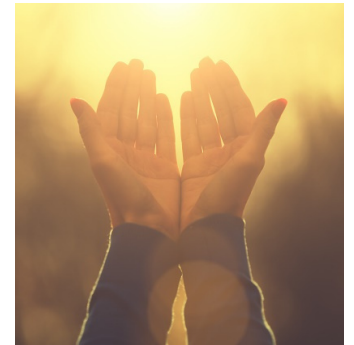
## Comfort Quilters Return!

Join us on **Monday, September 20th at 1:00 pm** when the Comfort Quilters meet for the first time this fall! Caring volunteers meet twice a month at Prince of Peace to create crib quilts and lap quilts using new and recycled materials. no sewing skills necessary. Full-size, baby and youth quilts are donated to Genesis House, a shelter in Lorain County for families that are dealing with domestic violence. Any questions please see Becky Wagoner or Diane Fortuna. See you then!



## The Need for God

We have gone through many named generations in my time here on earth. I am actually too old to be included in the post world-war II Baby Boomer Generation which went from 1946 to 1964. Then came the Generation X group that was from 1965 to 1976. The Millennial Generation followed from 1977 to 1995. Then the Gen Z group sometimes called the iGen or the Centennnials who were born from 1996 to 2015. Now it's the Generation Alpha. Different sources give somewhat different date ranges, and I was aware of all these names except the current Generation Alpha.



1901 to 1927 was called the Greatest Generation. and I caught the tail end of the Silent Generation of those born from 1926 to 1945. Much has been written about each generation of Americans, but this is a story about the faith of these generations. Starting with the Generation X'ers in the sixties, church attendance started to decline. It had a lot to do with materialism. This concept of has been around for a long time. But its emergence as a world view espoused no need for God. This world view, with its foundation of absolute freedom and the concept of everyone having the right to do what they want as long as it doesn't harm others, has continued through the succeeding generations to today.

Douglas Copeland defined Generation X, including himself, as folks who wandered in the wilderness of life without God. But surprisingly at the end of one of his books he writes a post script as follows: "Now here is my secret: I tell you with an openness of heart that I doubt I shall ever achieve again, so I pray that you are in a quiet room as you hear these words. My secret is that I need God, that I am sick and can no longer make it alone. I need God to help me give, because I no longer seem capable of giving; to help me be kind, as I no longer seem capable of kindness; to help me love, as I seem beyond being able to love."

Many who wander in this wilderness without God may never find meaning in their lives. Those whose honest search for purpose and meaning in their lives can and do find what is truly important with the help of the Lord. There is some indication today that folks are searching for answers that can only be found in the Christian Bible. Helping to build a personal relationship with the Lord is a focus for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, where we can Grow in Faith, Serve the Lord and Live in Peace. How will you grow, serve and live with the help of God?

Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter



# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Ellie (ex-sister-in-law of Myrta Holden), Lori (daughter-in-law of Mary Meadows), Nancy Weiss Havens (friend of Mary Sheridan), Joyce Hayward (friend of Fran Wilhelm), Dennis MacKenzie, Olivia Pacheco (granddaughter of Jan Juhn's friend), Maria Salinas (friend of Deb Gibbons). **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), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), 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 July 31, 2021	\$202,293
Percent of Annual Budget Received	58%
Remaining Goal	\$147,707

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
08/29/2021	Outdoor Service		160
08/22/2021	14	109	123
08/15/2021	17	108	125
08/08/2021	28	112	140

## August 29, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15  
 Second Reading: James 1:17-27  
 Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Happy Birthday*

09/01 Bill Beard	09/07 Adam Sanders
09/01 Emily Saunders	09/08 Donna Fagerhaug
09/02 Ben Hallowell	09/09 Joseph Arthur
09/03 Eileen Robinson	09/09 Scott Goggin, Jr.
09/05 Jacob Jablonski	09/11 Ken Krueger
09/05 Tim Regan Sr.	09/12 Joan Drobnak
09/06 Tessa Cornick	09/12 Caden Vinci

*Happy Anniversary!*

09/08 Mark & Rusty Blakeslee
09/09 David & Stephanie Pogachar
09/09 Matthew & Lola Wenham
09/12 Tom & Sara Vitko

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### 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.