

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

PEACE CONNECTION
NOVEMBER 23RD, 2022

End of year reminder

Just a reminder If you are over 70 ½, that you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to Prince of Peace. Because of the high volume of year-end gifts, it is a good idea contact your IRA administrator as soon as possible to allow enough time for them to issue your gift before the end of 2022. If you are making a donation in 2022 for your 2023 pledge, let the office know so we can make sure we code it correctly.

Altar Guild Poinsettia Sale

Decorate the Sanctuary at Prince Of Peace 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! Prices are \$9 and \$24. (Prices have increased as with just about everything!) Place your completed order form and check/cash for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-455-9558 or dterstage@gmail.com) to order. We can accept your order through Sunday, November 27.



Wednesday November 23rd

Thursday November 24th
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Offices will be closed

Friday November 25th
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Saturday November 26th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 27th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday November 28th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday November 29th
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday November 30th
2:00 Book and Bible Studies
6:00 pm Women's Club Craft

Thursday December 1st
Sexton's day off
10:00 am Prepping for hanging of the greens
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday December 2nd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Saturday December 3rd
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 4th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
10:00 am Christian Education

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

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

You are invited to our congregational budget meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 11th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We are holding this meeting after the in-person service at 9 a.m.

During the meeting, we will

- Review our 2022 financial performance.
- Discuss the 2023 operating budget.
- Present the budget for approval.

A summary of the 2023 operating budget will be available for review on our website (www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) under the Members only tab by Monday, December 5th. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you. We plan to record the meeting for those unable to attend.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We have emerged from the pandemic in a good financial position and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and expand our mission. We look forward to 2023 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

We are continuing the tradition of showing appreciation for the outstanding work our Pastor and staff has done, especially this year with the continuing challenges they have faced, through the “Christmas Purse”. The Purse is an opportunity for you to make a special financial contribution towards a Christmas gift. You can designate that your gift goes to a specific staff person (or persons) or it will go into a general pool to be shared by Pastor and the entire staff.

Have blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous and safe Christmas season.

Jim Dickey

Council President

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Expanding the Heart: Art and the Imagination for Advent and Christmas led by Mike Weber



All are welcome to join us for this Advent Study on Wednesdays at 2pm starting November 30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Most of my life I have regarded visual art as “pretty pictures.” However, several years ago, all that began to change. While putting together a Christmas slide show using some of these “pretty pictures,” I noticed that there were many similarities between various artists whenever they painted the same subject. In pictures of the Annunciation, for example, the angel Gabriel invariably holds a stalk of lilies in his hand. While in many pictures of the Madonna and Child, Jesus holds a bird in his chubby little hand. “What gives?” I asked. “What do lilies or a bird have to do with the gospel narrative?”

As I sought answers to my questions, I learned that the art of the great masters was, and is, more than a “pretty picture” or a display of technical skill. Rather they contain a depth of feeling and complexity of theology that is it meant to move and inspire the viewers. The lilies, the birds and other images in the paintings have a spiritual meaning that the people of the artists’ day would have understood immediately. Unfortunately, between the Protestant Reformation (which abandoned religious art) and modern secularization (which abandoned religious thought) we no longer grasp what the artists meant to say.

As I learned to appreciate what the artists were saying, viewing art became a spiritual discipline that opened my heart and imagination to God. For me viewing art has become a kind of visual *lectio divina*.

My hope for this colloquium is to share some of what I have learned and to start you on a journey to discovering art as spiritual discipline. If you are already on that journey, I hope that you will come and share your insights with us. The format for the day will be very simple:

- 15 minutes where I will share with you some of the things I have learned.
- 30 minutes for the class to discuss one or two pictures focusing on the events surrounding the birth of Christ.
- The last few minutes will be for you to express your personal response to these pictures.



Wishing you all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Please join us for Christmas!

Saturday, December 24th

Noon Children's Worship

6:30 pm Contemporary Candlelight Service

9:15 pm Pre-Service Carol Sing

9:30 pm Festival Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25th

**10:00 am Christmas Day Worship, led by the
Praise Band**

PRINCE OF PEACE

**Join
us!**

2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Please join us for worship January 1st, 2023 at
10 am led by the Traditional Worship Team**

THE PANCAKE PROJECT



SUNDAY DEC. 4TH

10-11AM

Pick your homemade breakfast for you and the family!
No dishes to clean! Tell everyone you know!

Meals include:

3 “silver dollar” pancakes
2 pork sausage links
Scrambled eggs

Free Will offering to support Christian Education Service Projects 2023

RSVP using the link on the church website on the
“Christian Education” page or use the link here:

<https://forms.gle/3tmNL1gMjvPaM3D57>

Lean In

Our good friend Dick Hardy sent me this story. I believe that it has meaning for all of us, so I have decided to share it with you.

The title is “Lean In.” I believe that God wants us to be active Christians, to Lean In to our lives as Christians and not shy away, not back down. When I was growing up my family went to church every Sunday. I had what many would describe as loving encouragement to participate in church, Sunday School and the Church Youth Group. But in the late 50’s and 60’s, and even more so today, American society was moving away from church and away from God. As the battle for young minds was moving toward a materialistic world view, I felt the conflict to remain a Christian. Many of my friends stopped attending church when I got to college. There was no need for God or the myths of the Bible they would argue, and I was embarrassed to say I was a Christian, thinking others would look down on me.

Let me say that again, I was embarrassed by my faith in Jesus Christ. My science classes led me away from my faith in Jesus and in the nonsense of a Loving God. As I look back on those times, luckily, I remained a closet Christian. As I matured during the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s, the world views of materialistic science continued to apply a pressure to abandon my faith all together. My faith grew weaker, and I needed proof that God existed and that the story that Jesus was sent to redeem us from our sins was real. My faith seemed more and more silly.

Then something changed. As I dug more into why I should believe in the truth of the Bible, I began to find that most of the things that I had accepted as true were really fake news. And, I learned that many top scientists felt the same way. I read in the Bible, Paul’s first letter to the believers in Corinth that, even back 2000 years ago, people would look upon Jesus and His message as foolishness.

This battle still rages today in our society, but I am now more comfortable in my own skin as a believing Christian. I am not ashamed any more of my faith, and I want to “Lean In” to the task of showing I am a believer in Jesus Christ, and I want to tell others about the truth that I have found. My friends, become an active Christian; Lean In to your faith and use the gifts that God has given you to share this wonderful truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you Dick for your story
Tom Robinholt
Profile Reporter



Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Is the cold keeping you inside?

On Sundays, you can worship with us online!

Please visit our [website](#) where we will Livestream our Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



HAPPY Thanksgiving

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday this week!
We are thankful for all you do for the church!

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted.

The sign-up sheet is located in the lower lobby. Hope you can join us!
Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511



Young at heart

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.
at Olive Garden in North Olmsted

POP GIVING BACK WITH ADVENT

The contents can be brought to church on or before January 8. The majority of the food will be taken to Second Harvest, and the rest will be stored to stock our free food cupboard at Prince of Peace

1
Box of
cereal

2
Peanut
butter

3
Stuffing
Mix

4
Boxed
Potatoes

5
Mac and
Cheese

6
Canned
fruit

7
Canned
tomatoes

8
Canned
tuna

9
Dessert
mix

10
Apple-
sauce

11
Canned
sweet
potatoes

25

Merry
Christmas

12
Cran-
berry
Sauce

13
Canned
Beans

14
Crackers

15
Rice

16
Oatmeal

17
Packaged
Pasta

18
Pasta
Sauce

19
Chicken
noodle
soup

20
Tomato
soup

21
Can
corn

22
Canned
mixed
veggies

23
Can
carrots

24
Can
green
beans



Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

Sign up in the lower narthex so we know how much pizza to order.
Questions? Call Dineen Terstage, 440-455-9558.

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](#)

You can also just text the word **Give** to the number below to get started:
(866) 863-5410

2022 Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/week
Giving as of Oct. 31st:	\$343,438	\$7,805.41
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	86%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Budget:	\$57,062	\$7,132.75
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$101,562	\$12,695.25

Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of November, requested items are cereal and canned soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you! [Learn more](#)

PoP Choir

Choir rehearsals for the fall season are Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcomed to join us for rehearsals, and no prior experience is required.

Upcoming Youth and Christian Education Events!

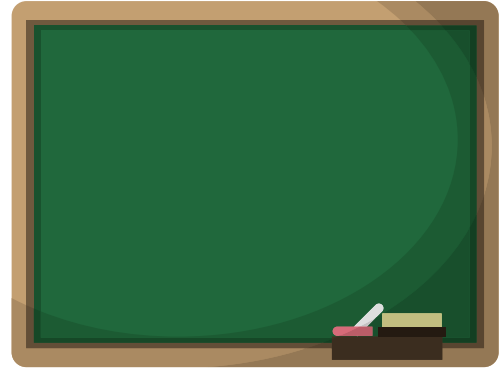
November

27th - Red Cross Blood Drive

December

1st - Monsters Game (Specific details to come)

4th - Pancake Breakfast



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 2100 E. Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter.

This is in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 20th with plans to deliver the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, contact Tom Splawski.



Orphan Medical Network International
5013C Not For Profit

www.omnimissions.com

Amazon Smile: OMNI

As Christmas shopping season is nearing, I wanted to alert you all to the fact that you can have 5% of your purchase total go to O.M.N.I. If it is your first time, you can go to smile.amazon.com and type in OMNI as your charity. Every time you shop, you need to go to smile.amazon.com. You can save it to your favorites list!

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 20th.

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 11th in time to deliver to the school on December 14th. For questions, contact Diane Merhaut at teachmeabc123@aol.com

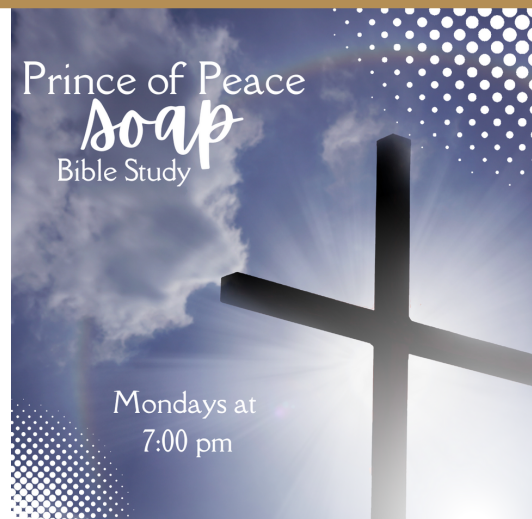


SOAP Bible Study

SOAP Bible Study will be meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm. The meetings will be in Narthex or choir area.

All are welcome!
Group Discussion using the S.O.A.P method
Scripture; Observation; Application; Prayer

For questions, please contact Mark Givens at mpgivens@ameritech.net



GIVE BLOOD *save a life*



Blood Donation

Mark your calendars!
Red Cross Blood Drive, November 27th, 7 am to 3 pm.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Joshua Seagrave's Family, Howard King's Family, Nancy O'Connor, Jack Porshe and Family, Jann Daniel's and Family, June, Zweidinger, Braun Family, Christie Wiedt, David and Kathy McCollum, Dona Hall, Emily Saunders, Family of Carol Lauterbach, Ian Faleer, Jason, Jim McDonauga, Joan Gruber, Norma, Pastor Robert Ferro, friend and loved ones of Norma Gabrielson, and Tom Fronczak. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Jaime Alspach, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Patty Doran (sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving), Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Jayne Kramic (friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham), Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke (father of Cindy Zinram), Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny (friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum), Robert Sieving (brother of Chuck Sieving), Al Tielke.

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.

Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/20/2022	24	140	164
11/13/2022	25	146	171
11/06/2022	21	169	190
10/30/2022	20	144	164

WEDNESDAYS



Happy Birthday

11/02 Mary Babinski	11/20 Laurie Green
11/02 Tony Marquardt	11/22 Anthony Matalavage
11/02 Kathleen Kettler	11/23 Lia Staff
11/03 Anne Estes	11/24 Gloria Starr
11/04 Jack Dunnick	11/24 Jean Winslow
11/05 Jane Dillon	11/24 Lowell Dillon
11/06 Austin Pogachar	11/25 Teresa Peter
11/06 Christine Tielke	11/25 Michelle Lehman
11/07 Doug Olson	11/25 Johnathon Missig
11/08 Madelyne Roman	11/26 Steve Duktig
11/10 Linda Thompson	11/26 Ezekiel Petta
11/11 John Cuciak	11/26 Pat Uber
11/12 Barb Koch	11/27 Colleen Regan
11/13 Isabella Cesare	11/28 Mary Meadows
11/15 Dan Pogue	11/29 Matthew Winar
1/15 Tami Arthur	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.
 11/18 Norm & Chris Rehark
 11/26 Dave & Jan Saunders
 11/28 Doug & Sharon Olson

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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 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.