



Peace Connection

12/7/22

Wednesday December 7th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies

Thursday December 8th
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 9th
Pastor Charlie's Day off

Saturday December 10th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 11th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Annual Budget Meeting
Final day to return mitten tree presents

Monday December 12th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 13th
Mitten Tree Delivery
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday December 14th
2:00 Book and Bible Studies

Thursday December 15th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 16th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 17th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:00 pm Agape Feast

Sunday December 18th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Happy Birthday Jesus Party
Children's Christmas Program During
Worship

Grow in Faith * Serve In Love *
Live In Peace

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.

Update!
We currently have:
Boots = 17 pairs
Socks = 500+
Miscellaneous Clothing items : 100+

Totals for last year's boots were 70 pair.
We are in need of boots if you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated!

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Christmas Cookies!

We would like to ask you all to bring your Christmas cookies to church service on Christmas day!

We would love to have you share your favorite cookies for after church fellowship.



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.



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

Prince of Peace
Soap
Bible Study

Mondays at
7:00 pm

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

Travel Quest

Save the date: January 15, 2023

Event planning meeting
10:00 am in the Narthex.

Everyone welcome. Suggestions welcome.
Event coordinators needed.

Save the Date

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



From PC's PC (Pastor Charlie's Personal Computer!)

Luke 1:39-45, 56-58

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

56 And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Elizabeth doesn't get much press in this story, but what a special witness she is. Of all the players involved, Elizabeth is the only one who doesn't get the benefit of an angel telling her what is going on. Her husband does, in a dramatic scene in the Temple in Jerusalem. Mary gets a visitor, and Joseph receives the angel message in a dream.

Elizabeth is old. She is beyond the child-bearing age. The hope for a child had long since departed her. So imagine her surprise when her husband comes out of the Temple unable to speak, and tries to share with her that an angel told him they would soon have a baby, and his name would be John.

Imagine her surprise when this message comes true.

Then there is the visit of her cousin, Mary, who has quite a story to tell her! But before the details are shared, we have this beautiful encounter of Mary and Elizabeth. When Mary arrives, with the Christ-child in her womb, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and greets her with a loud cry. John leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb!

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PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG CONTINUED

Read again Elizabeth's words to Mary. I can only imagine that these words were nothing but comfort and blessing to the young Mary, who was trying to figure it all out. Blessed are you, Mary.

Elizabeth provides a comfort to Mary, and a safe haven for her until it was time for Elizabeth to deliver the child.

Elizabeth – a prophet (a prophet is one who speaks the word of God), a support, a wife and mother, a beloved cousin, a Spirit-filled witness to God's greatness.

I imagine she didn't expect her child to be one who was impossible to get out of the bathtub and kept eating bugs off the ground... just kidding.

Thank God for Elizabeth, the Mother of John the Baptist, who comes to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

A song for today written by Ken Medema. Ken Medema is an incredible song writer and musician. He led music at two youth gatherings of the ELCA about 25 years ago. At those events, he would write a song on the spot based on what the speaker at the gathering had just shared. Powerful. One of his more popular songs we have sung in worship is "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying."

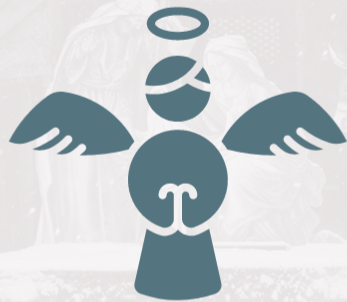
In this song, Medema shares a vision of what Mary might have been thinking, and her desire to go be with Elizabeth.

<https://youtu.be/x2xMnalGzv4>



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



Hangings of the Greens



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Advent Food Items can be dropped off at Prince of Peace at the lower entrance by the Education Hallway.



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 			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

"Member Profile"

This Week's Feature : Sue Hesse



I was born in Brooklyn, New York. My brother, Kip, and I were raised in a family where church, music, and show biz all seemed meshed together. Dad was the Superintendent of a huge Sunday School. Each Sunday, before classes, we met as a large group, and Dad had 20 minutes to present part of the Bible in a creative way. He worked at it. He also wrote songs and crazy skits, and managed to get everyone in the Sunday School involved in an annual show. Mom was our organizer and support system. We all designed and built sets. I still remember seeing the dignified leaders of the congregation dressed as Centurions in our spinoff of Ben Hur.

Kip and I spent our youth singing and acting in Dad's productions.. We helped him write skits, stealing jokes and ideas from every available source. We had no shame. It follows that, although Kip and I became educators, we both stayed involved in music and theatre . Kip became a radio producer in Manhattan, got his doctorate, and teaches in the Communications/Theatre Dept. at Kingsborough College in NYC. He still performs and designs sets for a local theatre.

I left New York to attend Wittenberg U.,where I received my BA in English. I taught HS English and then, third grade. Along the way, my crazy youth helped me "fall" into doing summer stock, a USO tour, musicals in different towns, and working with bands and orchestras in Cleveland and other cities.

At Wittenberg, I met my husband, and we eventually came to Cleveland when he accepted a job at Baldwin-Wallace College. Our son, Tim's family lives in North Royalton,Ohio. He is a Logistics Manager for Michaels, and his wife,Chris, is a CPA. They have two daughters. Our daughter, Jenni's 'gang' is in Richmond, Virginia. She's a headhunter for CPAs. Her husband, Rick, plans business events. They also have two daughters. Currently, our granddaughters are at VA Tech,(Katie),James Madison U. (Emily), Kent State,(Alyssa) and North Royalton HS.(Amanda). Although we are geographically apart, we all work hard at spending time together with our extended families.

When I brought my parents to Ohio in 2003, we searched for a church together. They felt at home in the traditional service. I was drawn to the many ways that POP was involved in the community. However, it was the warm welcome we received on our first day that led us to make POP our new home. My only regret is that my parents were 87 when they joined POP. They would have loved to have been more involved.

Being in POP's Crossfire band has been a joy. They are talented and dedicated and have become dear friends. My other passion is working for Habitat. I've always been impressed with how Habitat regenerates its own funding. But there's so much more. It's great to be accepted as a dependable member of Ron Kear's large crew, and feel that each week, I've helped to get a family's home closer to completion. Recently, our POP gang, Tom Robinholt, Rich Balch, Julia Castell, and Barb Fronczak (who drive together, both laughing and sharing experiences), worked with a young couple," putting in their hours" on the house they had chosen. Their excitement, showing us the room they had chosen for their expected baby, couldn't help but rub off on us.. Best job ever.

*Thanks Sue for sharing your story!
Tom Robinholt: Profile Reporter*



Donations

If you are making a donation in 2022 for your 2023 pledge, please mark you donation envelope or let the office know so we can make sure we code it correctly.



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
Total Giving as of November 30th:	\$371,500	\$7,740
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	93%	
<u>Giving Required to Meet 2022 Projected:</u>	<u>\$41,100</u>	<u>\$10,275</u>
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$73,500	\$18,375



Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of December, 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.





- December 4th - Virtual Christmas Pageant photos
- December 18th - Happy Birthday Jesus party 10am - 11am
- January 22nd - Red Cross Blood Drive
- January 26th - International Dinner, cuisine TBD 6pm
- February 24th - Cleveland Monsters Game in Suite (and Beverly's Birthday!), 18 spots available for families, 7pm game
- February/March - Cleveland School of the Arts Black History Month choir performance, details TBA
- Feb - May- Guardians, Charge, and Cavs games for youth and CE - Outside events for little kids (Skyzone, Jumpyard, Play CLE, Bowling, etc.)
- June 26 - July 3rd - Cultural Immersion trip to El Salvador for upper high school and college students and graduates/young adults

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Natalie Saunders, Ali Accarino, Erika Jones, Joe Pearce, Jann Daniel's and Family, June Zweidinger, Jan Schoch, Kira Johnston, Joshua Seagrave's Family, Howard King's Family, Joyce Wood, Nancy O'Connor, and Jack Poshe & Family.

Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs: Charlotte, Ren, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey, Tony Cacciatore, Don Chrismar, Patty Doran, Marcia Drysdale, Matthew Gillbride, Chris Henry, Dawn Higgins, Jayne Kramic, Deanne Lahner, Fekete, Jenn Pitts, Eric and Nicole Quinn, Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke, Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny, Robert Sieving, and 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>
12/4/2022	25	148	173
11/27/2022	25	119	144
11/20/2022	24	155	179
11/13/2022	25	146	171

WEDNESDAYS



Happy Birthday

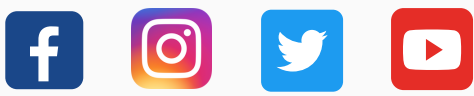


- 12/01 Jackson Pogachar
- 12/01 Ruth Ann Whitbeck
- 12/01 Taylor Reisner
- 12/02 Charlie Koch
- 12/02 Dolph Rolik
- 12/05 Landon Beard
- 12/06 Franklin Kraps
- 12/07 Craig Juhn
- 12/07 Nolan Gleespen
- 12/08 Christie Wiedt
- 12/08 Ron Claus
- 12/09 Marge Jaracz
- 12/10 Laurel Covell
- 12/10 Lora Robinholt
- 12/10 Monica Dragony
- 12/11 Jann Daniels
- 12/11 Sara Burdette
- 12/13 Ian Comnick
- 12/13 Ruth Mortensen
- 12/16 Joe Rowe
- 12/18 Bud Zanders
- 12/18 Justice Strieter
- 12/18 Matthew Roman
- 12/21 Matthew Wenham
- 12/21 Carol Lauterbach
- 12/21 Diane Schlegel
- 12/23 Jim Dickey IV
- 12/24 Uwe Susemihl
- 12/25 Matthew Alspach
- 12/29 Roger Hauser
- 12/30 Mike Gleespen
- 12/31 Amy Hrouda
- 12/31 Russ Bauknecht

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 12/11 John & Judy Cuciak
- 12/12 Don & Diane Miller
- 12/17 Dave & Carol Novotny
- 12/19 Diane & Walter Diekroger
- 12/28 Lowell & Jane Dillon
- 12/29 Marge & Jim Jaracz
- 12/30 Robert & Mary Mayer

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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.