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COVID Directions – The Next Steps

The good news is that things are getting better! Numbers of new cases are falling, and restrictions are being lifted in our communities, and we hope and pray things will get back to normal soon.

At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, our two main principles guide us:

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

As we move forward to provide a safe environment for all, here is an updated guideline from the Health and Safety team, effective immediately.

- We encourage all who are not vaccinated to please wear a mask. This message will replace the 'Masks Required' signs
- We invite children forward for children's sermons and to play instruments with the same guidelines. We encourage parents to have their unvaccinated children use hand sanitizer after playing the instruments.
- We will return bulletins back to the 9 am and 11 am worship services.
- We will return the attendance pads, hymnals, and bibles back to the pews.
- We will take down the large COVID banners at the entrance.
- We will live stream the 9 am (contemporary) and 11 am (traditional) services. These services will be available on our YouTube page afterwards as well.
- Communion will be offered at the altar by Pastor Charlie and a communion assistant, both who are fully vaccinated. Directions on how this will flow will be made available in a video as well as morning announcements at worship.
- We will continue to offer individual pre-packaged cups for those who wish to commune using these.
- For groups meeting at the church, we encourage those who are not vaccinated to still wear masks.

Once again, the concern is not just for ourselves, but for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Communion instructions at Prince of Peace

Please view [Pr. Charlie's video](#) for the new communion instructions at Prince of Peace.

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



This Sunday, worship with us online! 

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 **July-Sept**, requested items are peanut butter and canned meats. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you.

July, 8th Donation: POP collected 263lbs of food, which equates to 220 meals!



Open Mic Returns!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is planning to restart our Coffee House & Open Mic in September!

More details to follow. We have missed all of our musician friends and look forward to seeing everyone again!

Tell your friends!



"Wrestling with the Faith"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast. This episode, we discussed Amos 7: 7-15 - the title we thought of for this is "Love is the Plumb Line". We were joined this week by Phillip Bridgewater.

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



July 28- Aug 8, 2021

Wednesday, July 28

9:00 am Organ Practice

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

Thursday, July 29

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, July 30

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, July 31

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, August 1

10:00 am Livestream Worship

10am I'll Be Home for Christmas Service/Outdoor service featuring "Chardon Polka Band"

Monday, August 2

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Council Exec Meeting

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, August 3

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 am Organ Practice

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

Thursday, August 5

Sexton Day Off

Friday, August 6

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, August 7

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, August 8

9am & 11 am Livestream Worship

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm Council Meeting

The Prince of Peace Nursery is Taking Donations!

In preparation for re-opening, the nursery is accepting donations of toys (please only donate toys in good working condition). Please drop off in the nursery. *Thank you!*

What we are looking for:

- large cars
- baby toys (interactive and stimulating)
- soft small/medium bouncy balls
- table and floor puzzles (preferably with 24 - 100 pieces)
- building blocks



"I'll Be Home for Christmas Sunday!" Don't you think we could all use a little Christmas?

This Sunday, August 1st

- 9:00 am Donuts and Coffee
- 10:00 am Outdoor Worship Service
- Chardon Polka Band (*sponsored by Prince of Peace's endowment fund*)
- 11:30 am Picnic
 - Hot dogs, brats, buns, condiments, ice cream, drinks and ice
- Bring your own lawn chairs, picnic food and utensils and bring a friend!



Come home for Christmas at Prince of Peace. All are welcome!



Altar Guild Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Prince of Peace Altar Guild will be holding their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

We will be collecting your donated “treasures” from Sunday, July 15 through Friday, August 6th.

Collection Dates and Times:

Tuesdays - 6:30 - 7:30pm (July 20 & 27)

Thursdays - 6:30 - 7:30pm (July 15, 22, 29)

Saturdays - 10:30am - Noon (July 17, 24 & 31)

Set-Up Week - 9:30am - Noon (August 2nd - 6th)



Rummage Sale Help Needed!

Altar Guild is requesting your assistance in making our sale a success. We need help with on collection evenings/days, set up week and assistance on sale day assisting shoppers and clean up.

Sign up on the clipboard in the lower narthex or sign up using the online Google form by [clicking here](#).

Question, contact Dineen.

Caring Connections

Caring Connections is in need of used greeting cards for our cookie bags. We just need the front of the cards.

There will be a collection box on the table next to the fireplace in the upper narthex where the cards can be left.

Thank you!



Bible Study with Pr. Charlie - Canceled July 28th



Bible Study will be canceled on Wednesday, July 28th. We will return next week on August 4th.

On Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm, come and join Pastor Charlie for an hour long Bible Study focusing on the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday.

ALL are welcome! Bring your Bible. All other materials will be provided. We will meet in the Charter Room.



Pancake Project!

Our next Pancake Project will be held on August 18, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

Drive-thru or pick up at Prince of Peace.

Preregister using the link: [Sunday, August 15th](#)

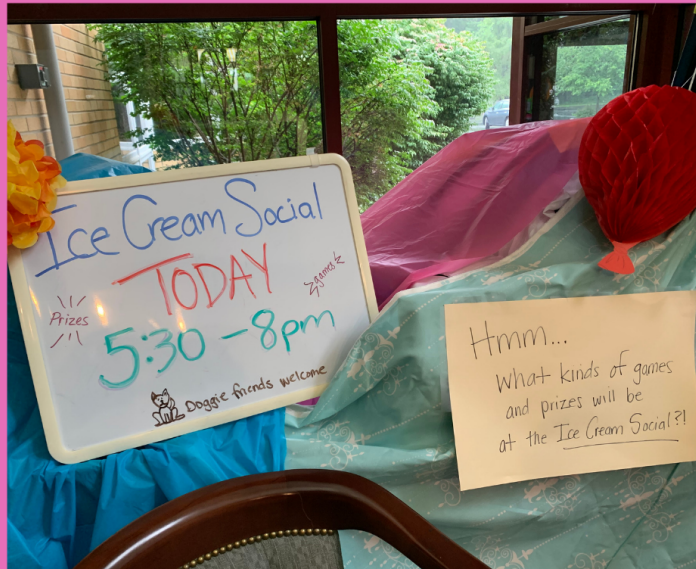
Proceeds go to Christian Education.

Christian Education and Youth are seeking your unused grocery bags and cardboard shipping boxes.

These will be used for the Pancake Project and food donation collection to more easily transport items for distribution.

Please drop off to Christian Education Office. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Sunday's Ice Cream Social!



The Smile of Love

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a loving and caring congregation. I know this because I have lived it both within our church walls and on the outside through the many missions we support. We don't always have a chance to directly see the effect our support has on others, but sometimes we get a glimpse. When we do, we should treasure those moments, because we are looking directly into their hearts.



A few years ago, I had the privilege of joining the board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cleveland Metro Area. We work with coaches and athletes to bring them the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We work in the high schools, the colleges and in our professional sports teams in the Cleveland area. You may or may not have noticed a bowling pin in the narthex. It is signed with about 15 names from our church. It represents Prince of Peace Lutheran Church's team at the 2019 FCA Fund Raiser where we financially supported this Christian focused group.

There are so many touching stories I could tell, but here is one that I was involved in. I will save some others for the future. In 2018 the Cleveland Area FCA was supporting the east side Glenville High School summer football camp. 70 high school football athletes were out on the field in the hot July sun working with the coaches on their fundamentals. I was standing with several FCA board members watching the workouts just waiting for lunch time when we would go inside the nearby church and break into groups of 10 that we call "Huddles." I was looking forward to leading a Huddle that day in prayer and a short bible study. As we watched the workout, a young teenager walked up.

Because of the stereotypes I carried, all I could think is that this kid was trouble. He said nothing, just stood there staring. Finally, one of the board members walked over and handed the young man a bible. He took it and wandered down onto the track area surrounding the field. We watched as he stretched out on a grassy area near the track and placed the open bible over his face to shield the sun. After about 10 minutes, he rolled over, and to our astonishment, he began to read. Just before the large group left the field for our lunch and bible study, I saw the teenager look up and smile. I never saw him again.

The next week at our FCA board meeting, the director, Steve Sanders, read to us a text he had received from that same teenager. I don't recall it word for word, but it was something like this: "Dear Mr. Sanders, Please thank the FCA member who gave me the bible. I now read it every day." Steve Sanders explained that the young man was the son of the leader of the largest gang on the East Side of Cleveland. Even though he was not an athlete, he hung out with them in the summer months so he didn't have to be at home, where his father conducted gang business.

I don't know the rest of the story, but I do know that for a moment we at the FCA touched a life which was in need of a life line. Through that simple smile we could see into the young man's heart. Steve stated that he was really a good kid, and it was only with the help of his friends, and now by the grace of God, that this young man would continue on this path.

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter

Europe and Passion Play at Oberammergau



Vienna

May 23 – June 2, 2022

Led by Pastor Charlie Woodward

Add-On Possible for Lutherland Sites

Come join us for a trip of a lifetime, as we journey to Europe in May of 2022. We will travel to Vienna, Prague and Salzburg and then make our way to Bavaria. We will attend the Passion Play at Oberammergau, then on to Munich.

For those interested in a little bit longer of a trip, we will offer a four-day add on to visit the sites of Martin Luther and the Reformation.

DETAILS

May 23 – June 2, 2022

Arrive in Vienna, Austria and Depart from Munich, Germany

Cost not including airfare is \$2295 per person

Add On: Lutherland - June 2 – June 6, 2022

Depart from Berlin, Germany

Cost for additional days is \$490 per person



Salzburg

A \$700 is required by August 1, 2021. Please make the check out to “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church” – with “Europe 2022” in the memo section.

Spots are limited so sign up soon!

Any questions, see Pastor Charlie or email at: pcpopwestlake@gmail.com

MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE: 2022 Flyer

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Maddi Gaier (friend of Megan Harber), Susan Prebish (sister of Beverly Braun), Christine Yee (friend of Terry MacKenzie). **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), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), 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 June 30, 2021	\$170,764
Percent of Annual Budget Received	49%
Remaining Goal	\$179,236

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/25/2021	35	121	156
07/18/2021	37	128	165
07/11/2021	35	126	161
07/04/2021	38	116	154

August 1, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7
 Second Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38
 Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Happy Birthday

08/02 Kroy Carimi	08/03 Suzann Creech
08/02 Josie Wilhelm	08/05 Chip Bailey
08/02 Paul Winslow	08/06 Dale Dragony
08/03 Jamie Alspach	08/06 Sharon Olson

Happy Anniversary!

08/02 Dan & Barb Fronczak
08/03 Bob & Debbie Thomas
08/07 Brent & Daniea Beard

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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, we have limited 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.

