



Peace Connection 12/14/22

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

Monday December 19th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday December 20th
7:00 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday December 21st
12:15 pm Young at Heart
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday December 22nd
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
3:00 Communion Ministry Team
Meeting
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday December 23rd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 24th
Noon Children's Worship
6:30 pm Contemporary Candlelight
Service
9:30 pm Festival Candlelight Service

Sunday December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
10:00 am Christmas day Worship led
by the Praise Band

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 = 33 pairs

Socks = 600+

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!



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

Christian Education:
Join us Sunday December
18th from 10-11am in the
Sunday school wing to
celebrate the birth of Jesus
with a party!!



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!)

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Candles and Christmas go together, don't they? Candlelight Christmas Eve services are a staple of our worship life. Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, comes to shine in the darkness – the light that no darkness can overcome.

I remember serving as an acolyte one Christmas Eve, given the charge to walk down the center aisle of the church and offer the flame to those in the pews with their individual candles in hand. I came to the pew where my three brothers and my parents sat. My loving brothers thought it would be funny to try to blow out my candle as I came by. Ah, such cherished memories!

But I digress.

The story of the bridesmaids speaks of waiting for the coming of the bridegroom, and our need to be prepared. I share two Advent hymns that focus on this passage.

The first is the hymn, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers." The lyrics were written by Laurentius Luarenti, son of Herr Lorenz, or Laurenti, a burgess of Husum, in Schleswig. He was born at Husum, June 8, 1660. He entered the University of Rostock in 1681, and after a year and a half spent there, went to Kiel to study music. In 1684 he was appointed cantor and director of the music at the cathedral church at Bremen.

I love the words and sense of anticipation of the coming joy of Christmas.

Here are the lyrics from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal, #244.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising

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*and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.*

*2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.*

*The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.*

*3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.*

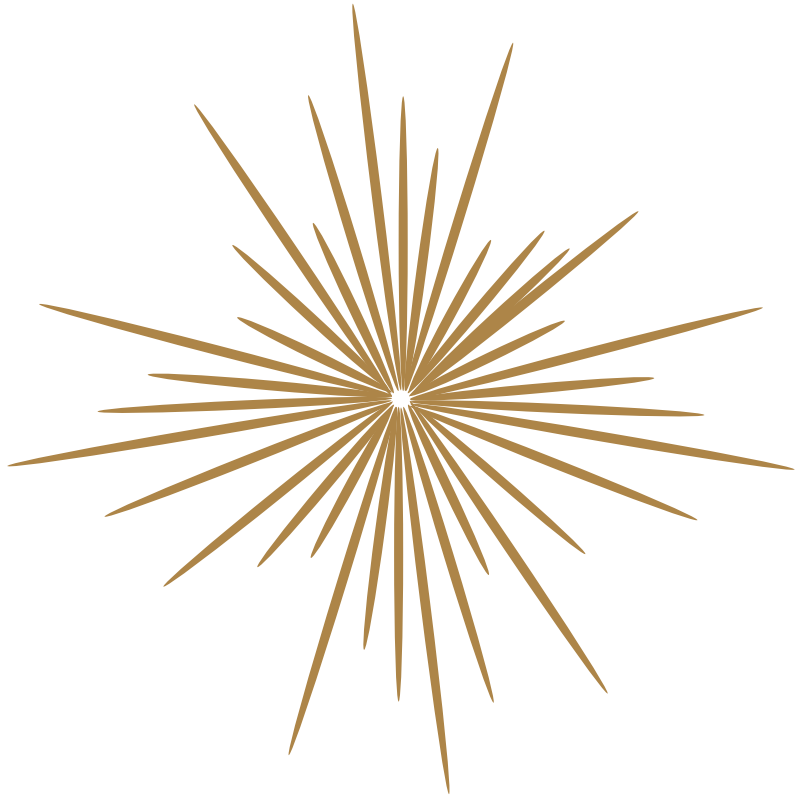
*4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!*

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907
<https://youtu.be/aAFg-4M47eQ>

And this beautiful anthem, "Keep Your Lamps"
<https://youtu.be/IWcgwUJPOFO>

As we await Christ's coming, may we light our candles and wait with hope and expectation.
Oh, how we need the light to shine in the darkness. We long for the day of redemption and freedom
from all that weighs us down and casts shadows of despair.
O Come Lord Jesus, Light of the World!

Advent



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**

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



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

"Member Profile"

This Week's Feature : Rachel Drobnak



Rachel Drobnak was born in Westlake, Ohio. She grew up with her parents Joan and Tom, with brothers Mark, and Brian in Olmsted Township. She was baptized and confirmed at POP. Attending Sunday School, performing in Christmas programs, and The Children's choir was important in her Faith Journey. Her Junior and Senior High School involvement in Band was a priority as participating in Marching, Concert, and Jazz Band along with Pit Orchestra and Baldwin Wallace Community Band was gratifying. After graduating from Olmsted Falls High School, she was accepted at Michigan State University to major in Crop and Soil Sciences. She also minors in Spanish and Environmental Studies and will graduate in May. Rachel plans to pursue her graduate degree in Crop and Soil Sciences at Michigan State University next fall, based out of a research station in Kalamazoo. This will fit in with her goal of responding to the needs of the environment. It has an effect on all citizens and knows this is how to make a difference.

She has been active in many groups and activities throughout her life. Much of her time away from her studies are focused on music, ministry and the outdoors. Rachel enjoys playing the piano, saxophone, and the bell tower carillon with an organ style keyboard used to produce beautiful music. Many members will also recall The Drobnak family performing at services over the years. She has worked in a cherry orchard, an agricultural research station, and as a teaching assistant among other positions. Hiking with friends through State Parks included a 20 mile, four day camping trip in the Upper Peninsula recently. Having a passion for Campus Ministry as a student leader started with her involvement at POP Youth events. Being active in the confirmation class here, attending Youth Gatherings and planning future events, and being elected President of the synod Lutheran Youth Organization while leading the 2020 Northeast Ohio Youth Gathering before Covid, gives her much to be proud of. Other projects are too numerous to mention here.

As a Campus Ministry Leader at MSU, Rachel attends a local Lutheran church with a focus on inclusion. Two full time pastors provide spiritual guidance. Although not directly funded by MSU, they have a robust program that has contributed to many important missions. Working with Habitat for Humanity, trips to underserved communities in South Carolina, regular Bible Study, and dinner Gatherings have worked well to spread The Good News!

Something that people may not know about Rachel is that she would like to forge a bond between Ohio and Michigan that is lacking. She wants to shut down any "Ohio Slander" when it is mentioned. The solution she offers is to be positive and show how both states are special in their own right. Visiting friends that return from an Ohio trip relate that Cleveland is an especially great city. It sounds like the effort is working

As you see her at the POP services when in town, I encourage you to learn more about Rachel. The future is in Great Hands with people like her!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



Donations

If you are making a donation in 2022 for your 2023 pledge, please mark your 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](#)

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(866) 863-5410



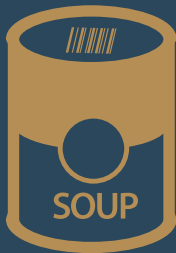
2022 Giving Report

	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.



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Family and friends of Faye Rose who passed away, Family and friends of Jean Winslow who passed away, Audrey Swanson, Sharon Detrich, and Terry and Mary, 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>
12/11/22	20	171	191
12/4/2022	25	148	173
11/27/2022	25	119	144
11/20/2022	24	155	179

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 Cornick
 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 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



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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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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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.