Profile Story

This week's feature : Kathleen Kettler



Kathy was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Parma and Parma Heights. She had a brother, Edward and a sister, Judy. Both are deceased. She attended Valley Forge High School and went on to further her education at Cleveland State University. She earned a Master of Education degree with a K-12 Reading Endorsement. Kathy taught for 30 years in the North Ridgeville School System. She taught first grade most of those 30 years.

Kathy is proud to have 4 nieces and 2 nephews. Great nephews include: Zachary 16, Lukas 16, Aithen 12, Elijah 1 month and 3 weeks along with great niece Freiya 3 years and 10 months! Her family is very important to her and has been blessed to shower her love on them!

She considered Jan Schoch as a mentor here at Prince of Peace. Kathy was looking for a Lutheran Church in the area and began attending regularly. She became a member in 1983. POP, during that time, was in the process of calling a new pastor. Pastor Landis Coffman was called.

Kathy is involved in many important ministries and activities here at POP. She participates in teaching Sunday School, straightening pew racks, Lay Reader for services, and leads the Young at Heart Lunches group. She has many interests including travel, ballroom dancing, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Something that people may not know about her is that she tried out for a play. "Cheaper by the Dozen", when she was in junior high school. Her strong dedication to travel has rewarded her with many wonderful memories. While visiting many National Parks in the U.S., Kathy says her favorite would be Rocky Mountain National Park. She has also visited many countries in Europe. She also has traveled to Australia and New Zealand. A future bucket list plan would include going on an African Safari. A group trip with POP members as well as others will include the September 2026 trip to Italy and Switzerland now being planned!

Kathy is focused on making a difference in people's lives. Continuing her desire to help children, you will see her involved in many Christian Education projects. Many parents are grateful for her contributions! We are fortunate she brings many talents and energy to POP. She knows God's Love and freely shares it with others!

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