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PEACE CONNECTIONS

May 20, 2020

Let Us Pray

Dear Friends,

On our kitchen wall at home is a huge month-by-month calendar, which we put up to track the comings and goings of four busy people -- even Baby Granddaughter has a busy schedule of doctors' appointments! But as I glanced at the calendar this morning, I noticed that in mid-March it simply . . . stopped. One empty day after another. We've all been busy, but mostly at home. No more running from one place to another.

It's hard to remember, as our time together comes to a close, how very busy we were around here until mid-March. I want to share a few memories with you: Our magnificent Christmas Eve services, preceded by our gentle Blue Christmas services. Our children, playing tambourines and dancing at the end of each 9:00 service. The spectacular sanctuary decor, changing with each liturgical season, and moving out to the Homeless Jesus Bench during this pandemic time. The pride and joy of our confirmands and their families on Reformation Sunday. The classes we have shared together. The All-Church picnic and its games and laughter, and the fascinating evening with the Cleveland Storyteller. (Great food, too!) The Time Capsule and the Stewardship Campaign and the wonderful presentations surrounding both. The energy and excitement of God's Work Our Hands Sunday, starting with a beautiful service of worship. Our other special Sunday services with Celtic Music and the Elders of Jazz (and this week, the Chardon Polka Band). Our Lenten learnings about poverty and hunger and homelessness. Our work for Habitat and Second Harvest. The quilters and fidget makers. The youth and their pancake breakfasts. Our speakers on important life issues. Our continuing adventures in online worship!

Next week, I'll write a little bit about times of transition in church ministry. But this week: Let's look back and rejoice and be glad!

Blessings, Pastor Robin

Sunday Online Worship Services at Prince of Peace

This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Robin's Sunday sermon.

You can also subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) and view our library of videos. We encourage viewers to comment with one another online. The comment section can be found below the video. [Worship Online](#)



Thank You Pr. Robin!

Prince of Peace has a long history of and dedication to the work of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (LMM) in their Mission to seek “that people who are oppressed, forgotten and hurting be empowered, valued, and healed by our unwavering commitment to addressing chronic needs, enabling people to self-sufficiency, and advocating for system change.”

LMM continues to work tirelessly to continue vital services to those in need while navigating such difficult times during the Coronavirus pandemic. Now more so than ever our help is needed to help those who continue to help so many!

As we sadly say goodbye to Pastor Robin at the end of May, at her request and in lieu of a departing gift, we are asking for you to consider donating to support “The LMM Fund” which will honor her legacy of mission and service she leaves us with!

To support these efforts, Social Ministry (and possibly other funding) will match every dollar donated up to \$3000. Please consider this donation for LMM as a parting gift in honor of Pastor Robin!

We will accept donations from now through June 30th. Donations should be a separate check and must be payable to: “The LMM Fund” and mailed to: Prince of Peace at 28455 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Thank you for considering!

Social Ministry Committee



The Chardon Polka Band this Sunday!

We are excited to welcome the **Chardon Polka Band** to play for us this Sunday, May 24th. Their **YouTube** recordings will be incorporated into our Sunday online worship service at 10 am.

Check out their Old Time Tent Revival, "**Standing on the Promises**"



Prince of Peace Adversity Fund

POP has set up an "Adversity Fund" to aid in dealing with the Covid-19 situation. The fund will help support non-budgeted spending needed during this pandemic, as well as, efforts to move our church safely out of our lock-down situation. You can support this effort at POP by donating to the Adversity Fund at any time. Once through our current crisis, funds remaining can be used for other non-budgeted adversities, when and if they occur.



Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. **ONLINE GIVING**

Thank You Prince of Peace!



Thank you Prince of Peace for your extremely generous donations to Second Harvest Food Bank!

Along with the Endowment Committee and Thrivent matching funds, Prince of Peace has raised \$9,850! That will provide over 48,000 meals!!

Second Harvest's mission is to create pathways to nutritious food - under all circumstances. They can do these things through steadfast partners like Prince of Peace. Thank you!



Calendar

May 20 - 31, 2020

Wednesday, May 20
12:15 pm Young at Heart - Canceled
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 21
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, May 24
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive - PoP
10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26
10 am Discovery Group - Canceled
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal - Canceled

Wednesday, May 27
9:30 am Fidget Quilters - Canceled
12:00 pm Caring Connections - Canceled
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 28
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, May 31
10:00 am Online Worship Service

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregation who are in the medical and education fields, as well as those who work in residential facilities and grocery stores. We give thanks for all they are doing during this Covid-19 crisis and pray for their health and safety as well as the health and safety of their families. We also want to add the following:

- Jan Filkill, nurse
- Scott Goggin, Superintendent of Westlake Schools
- Eric Fortuna, Principal – son of Diane and Pat Fortuna
- Judy Fortuna, teacher – daughter-in-law of Diane and Pat Fortuna
- Diane Merhaut, media specialist at Scranton Elementary School

Welcome Megan!

The Pastor and Council are delighted to announce that Megan Harber, our Nursery Attendant for the past year, has accepted our new position as Interim Church Administrator. While she will need a little time to get her feet wet, we have every confidence in her ability to take on tasks involving our office and membership. She and Pastor Robin and Marketing and Communications Manager Mary Humer will be working together closely for the next few weeks so that she will also be able to assist incoming Interim Pastor Henderson in June.



Megan is a 2019 graduate of Wittenberg University, where she earned her degree in Sociology. She has been working in child care for the past year (and will continue in our nursery), and plans to attend law school in the future. Welcome to your new role, Megan!

If you need to contact Megan you can email her at: popw.officemanage@gmail.com

The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund



The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.

This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. Complete the 2020-2021 application by visiting the website: www.Pierstorf.org.

The deadline for all applications is **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**.

Chopping for Change

Reentry Week supports successful reintegration and collectively addresses policy barriers that perpetuate reinvolvement with the criminal justice system. In the past 40 years, the number of women in U.S. prisons has increased by a shocking 800%.



One of the ways LMM is tackling this is through our Chopping for Change (C4C) program, which provides women in prison with vital tools to successfully reintegrate back into society once their sentences end. LMM has continued C4C classes through distance learning tools during COVID-19. We believe education must continue so these women have the best chance possible to successfully reintegrate once released.

Graduates who have been released and are working in the hospitality industry are struggling in some cases. LMM is stepping in with care packages to help them make ends meet until restaurants reopen and they can get back to work. Through Reentry Week and beyond, LMM is here for our participants, past and present.

For more information: www.lutheranmetro.org

Prince of Peace Youth

Daily prayers are an easy part of starting and continuing your faith practice. Join in these personalized prayers with us. It only takes 5 minutes a day to pray.

[Facebook Daily Prayers](#)

[Join us for worship every Sunday!](#)

Please follow this [link](#) for a very important update from Prince of Peace

Happy Hour Hangouts - Friday, May 22nd - High school and confirmation youth! Join in a weekly Zoom meeting to get some face time with friends. We will chat, play games, etc. 30 minutes to check in with each other.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



ARE YOU READY FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING 2021?!

ELCA Youth Gathering, June 29-July 3, 2021

The theme is "[Boundless](#)" and we will be traveling to MINNEAPOLIS, MN.

Keep your eye on these newsletters as more information will be shared weekly with gathering information, registration details, Minneapolis tips and facts, and more! Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2020) are eligible).



April Showers bring May Flowers! - Keep an eye on your doorsteps in May, as Christian Education and Youth are teaming up to bring YOU a care package and ways you can help spread the love!

May 24th - Blood Drive - POP in the fellowship hall, [sign up online](#). Times available from 9am - 1pm. Don't forget to wear your mask!



[College Campus Tours](#) and More! - Curious about college? YouVisit offers college campus tours virtually and free!

[World Museums](#) - Van Gogh museum, British Museum, zoos, aquariums, you name it! Take a tour through the link on the photo, or Here, or Here. So many places to see!



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email: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

For more information, visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth

Blood Drive, May 24th

The Prince of Peace Youth will be holding a Blood Drive at Prince of Peace in the fellowship hall on May 24th.

[Sign up online](#). Times available from 9am - 1pm. Don't forget to wear your mask!



Looking forward to seeing you again...

We are thinking about you and hoping that everyone you know and love are doing well. We look forward to seeing you as soon as church resumes at Prince of Peace.

Facebook Daily Prayers

Look for Pr. Robin's Daily Prayers on the POP Facebook page. Pr. Robin is posting daily prayers at noon. The Prince of Peace Facebook page is titled: Prince of Peace Westlake

Christian Education

Take a look at this month's Prince of Peace Christian Education monthly [Newsletter!](#)

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Ellen (friend of Linda), Midge (friend of Deb Gibbons), Wendy (friend of Deb Gibbons), Kathy O'Malley (friend of Fran Wilhelm), Paul Winslow, Debbie Wood (aunt of Matt Wenham). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **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

Weekly Operating Giving as of May 17, 2020: \$137,102
 20 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: \$147,000
 Giving Shortfall as of May 17, 2020 \$ (9,898)



05/14 Jason Franz	05/24 Addison Kovach
05/14 Cassandra Frey	05/26 Jean Adamcik
05/14 Gloria McClellan	05/26 Margaret Engelbert
05/15 Brianna Lehman	05/27 Robert Mayer
05/16 Hailey Vitko	05/28 Craig Jagels
05/18 Stephanie Pogachar	05/31 Jeff Babinski
05/19 Blake Beard	05/31 Logan Vitko
05/22 Anna Boor	
05/22 Ron Filkill	

Happy Anniversary!

05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
 05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
 05/18 Pat & Diane Fortuna
 05/19 Pat & Jack Uber
 05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
 05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
 05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
 05/29 Tom & Tracy Biller
 05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am- 11:00 am
 Monday - Thursday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

Child Care

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.