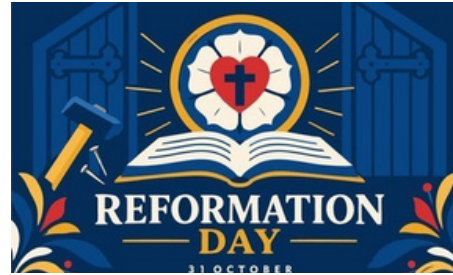




Reformation Sunday

Friendly reminder to wear red on Sunday!

We invite you to join us in the Lutheran tradition!



Faith Commitment Sunday

This Sunday is Moving Forward by Faith Commitment Sunday. If you haven't returned your intent card please bring it this Sunday and place in the offering plate.

Fall Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 10:30 am, Charter Room. New members (women and men) are always welcome! We invite you to please consider joining this ministry or join us for special decorating events. No specific skills required.



Our work is a great way to serve the Lord and get to know other members of our church family. Lots of hands make our work much easier! At our Fall Meeting, we discuss Worship set up plans for fall and winter, as well as sign up for monthly teams for the month(s) that work best for you in 2026. See you there! Need more info? Call Dineen, [440-263-6759](tel:440-263-6759).

Honoring Our Heros

Please join us on November 8th following the 11:00 a.m. service when we will dedicate our new flag and pole in memory of Ron Filkill. We would love to honor and recognize our veterans and those who have served our country. If you are a veteran or would like to honor a veteran, please contact Jan Filkill at 440-871-6673. We hope you'll join us for this special time of remembrance and gratitude.

October 23rd, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, October 23rd
Pastor Doug's Day Off
9:00 am Herb Guild
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday, October 24th
10:30 am Altar Guild Fall Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 25th
Reformation Sunday- **Wear Red**
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, October 26th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, October 27th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28th
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday, October 29th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 30th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
6:00 pm Youth Fall Festival

Saturday, October 31st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 1st
Daylight Savings Time!
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, November 2nd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, November 3rd
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love *
Live In Peace*



FALL FEST

Friday October 30th
6:00 - 8:30PM

Pre-K - 12

Fellowship Hall

Bring a small pumpkin to paint!



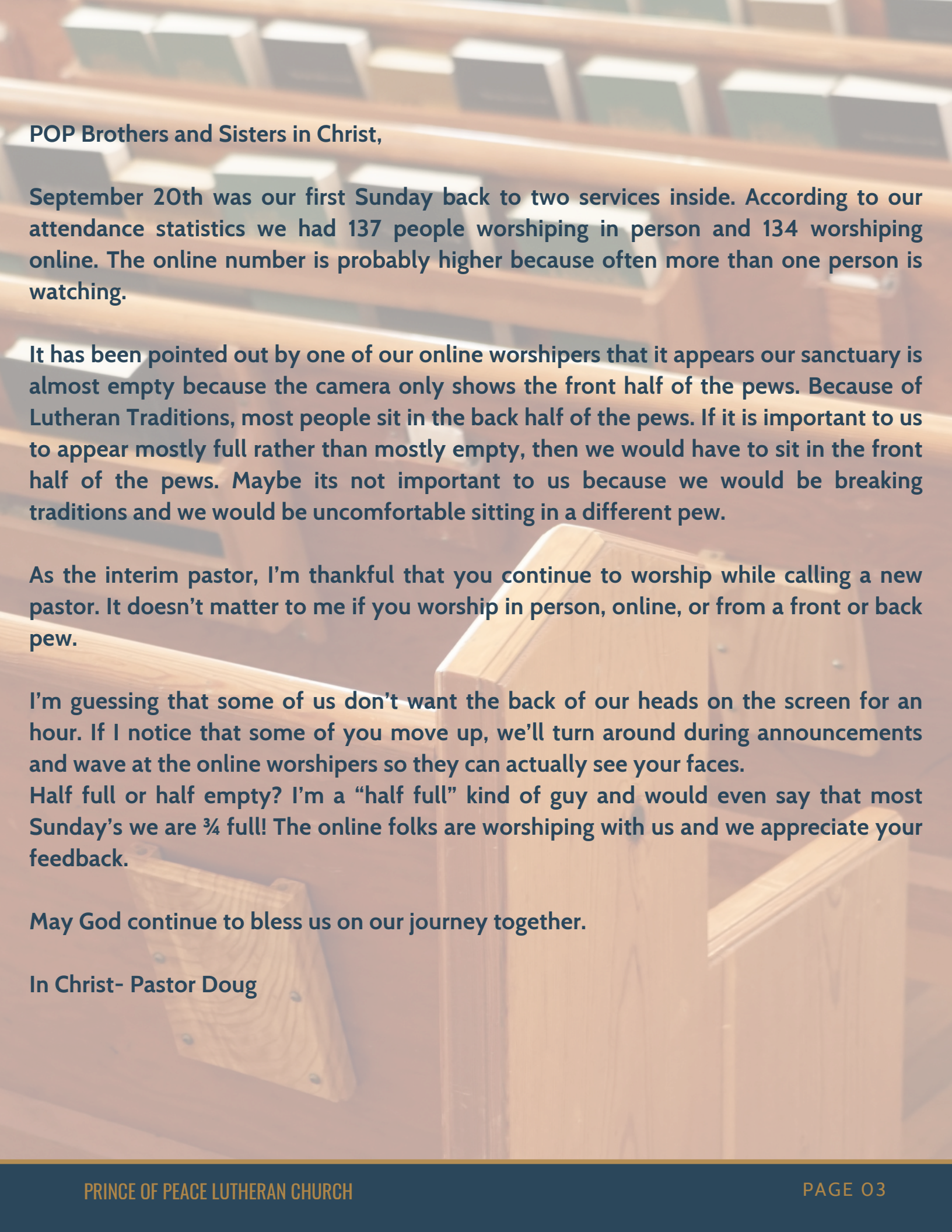
MOVIE

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POP Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 20th was our first Sunday back to two services inside. According to our attendance statistics we had 137 people worshipping in person and 134 worshipping online. The online number is probably higher because often more than one person is watching.

It has been pointed out by one of our online worshipers that it appears our sanctuary is almost empty because the camera only shows the front half of the pews. Because of Lutheran Traditions, most people sit in the back half of the pews. If it is important to us to appear mostly full rather than mostly empty, then we would have to sit in the front half of the pews. Maybe its not important to us because we would be breaking traditions and we would be uncomfortable sitting in a different pew.

As the interim pastor, I'm thankful that you continue to worship while calling a new pastor. It doesn't matter to me if you worship in person, online, or from a front or back pew.

I'm guessing that some of us don't want the back of our heads on the screen for an hour. If I notice that some of you move up, we'll turn around during announcements and wave at the online worshipers so they can actually see your faces.

Half full or half empty? I'm a "half full" kind of guy and would even say that most Sunday's we are $\frac{3}{4}$ full! The online folks are worshipping with us and we appreciate your feedback.

May God continue to bless us on our journey together.

In Christ- Pastor Doug

Fellowship By The Fire

Sometimes the best conversations happen around a fire.

Beginning Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m., the men of Buds N' Suds will host a weekly gathering at the fire ring next to the Peace Pavilion. This isn't a class, and there's nothing to prepare ahead of time. Each week, someone will share a short devotional, story or reading to get the conversation started. From there, we'll talk about life - faith, marriage, fatherhood, work, friendships, community, challenges, successes and the lessons we've learned along the way. The goal is simple: bring men of different generations together, get to know one another better and learn from the experiences and perspectives each person brings.

All men are welcome - Prince of Peace members, Buds N Suds participants, friends, neighbors, coworkers and guests from the community. No book to buy. No homework. No experience required. Just bring a camp chair, your beverage of choice and yourself. Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Beginning October 8th at the tire ring next to the Peace Pavilion. We'll meet weekly, weather permitting, until Northeast Ohio tells us it's time to head inside. Pull up a chair. Join the conversation.



Property Updates

Among the many wonderful things at Prince of Peace, one group of people I have come to appreciate most is our staff and volunteers that are involved in building and property maintenance, repair, and improvement. At last count there are over 40 recognizable activities accomplished this year by this staff and a willing set of volunteers. In general, these have been funded through the regular giving of the congregation, and with a consistent eye to limiting unnecessary spending to maintain an available surplus.

Some of the more notable highlights are:

- Replacement of one set windows in the upper part of the sanctuary.
- Weekly cleaning and facility setup within the building.
- Conceptual design for improved building exteriors and lighting, upper windows, pavilion rest rooms. (Everyone is invited to take a look at the drawings in the narthex or talk with Dan Fronczak)
- Support of setup and adjustment of the pavilion for worship, events, and community performances.
- Landscaping, lawn care, mulch and support of 3rd Place award in Westlake's annual garden judging.
- Support of annual inspections (fire, kitchen hood, elevator, etc) and repair of any findings.
- Installation of flagpole and military service memorial, to be dedicated in November
- Clearing of downed brush and a number of trees from the wooded area.
- Ongoing downspout and water control measures along the north wall and storage area near the kitchen.

Please make sure to express your appreciation to all of the people and volunteers associated with maintaining and improving the property. Especially thank Dan Fronczak, James & Lisa Arrigo, Brian Gilbert, Dan Pogue, Michael & Patricia Pietraroia, Len Skulina, Mark Stewart, Doug Levens, Debra Stewart, Mary Meadows, Bob Thompson, Bud Zanders, and probably many others whose names I may not know.



“Moving Forward by Faith” Week 4

The life of faith is one that takes God at His word. It is one which involves every area of our lives, including how we use the resources which God provided for us. Living by faith involves our time, talent and treasure. Most of us have no problem giving God our time and our talent, but some seem to have a problem when it comes to their treasure. They have forgotten the first premise of total stewardship: God owns everything. We are just managing what rightfully belongs to Him.

Accepting that premise requires us to believe what God has said concerning our material possessions. Accepting that premise requires us to exercise faith. Accepting that premise is essential if we are to give as we should. But why should we give to a God we cannot see? And why should we be willing to trust this God has chosen to reveal Himself primarily through the Scriptures? It all goes back to faith. As Hebrews 11:6 states so clearly, anyone who comes to God “... must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.” So the question is, Do you believe that God exists? If so, do you really believe that He will reward those who earnestly seek Him? Do you really believe that He will keep His promises to you?

If so, you will demonstrate the kind of faith that people in the Old Testament demonstrated in the “first-fruits” offering. Before the crop was harvested, they would take a portion – a sample- and offer it to God. This was a fresh reminder of God’s ownership of everything and a way of saying, “Lord, we trust you, even before we see what the harvest will really be like, to provide for us.” Similarly, God asks us to set aside a portion of what He has provided to us in direct proportion to our income. That takes faith. That takes a willingness to trust God to provide all that we need through what remains. That takes a recognition that we own nothing, that when we give, we are only returning to God what was His in the first place.

Giving is the only subject about which God says, in effect, “Prove me. Trust me. Put me to the test.” He does not say that about Bible reading, prayer, or even sharing our faith with others. Only about giving. As you think about your giving over the past few months and what God would have you give in the coming year here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, will you “prove” God? Will you put God to the test?” Regardless of how circumstances appear, will you move forward by faith in obedience to God’s Word and to His leading in your life concerning your giving in 2027?

Max Lucado expressed it very well when he said, “Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.” And that kind of faith moves an individual forward. That kind of faith moves a church like ours forward. That kind of faith causes us to trust God and to believe that He keeps His promises. Donald Grey Barnhouse once described an elderly lady who knew what it meant to trust God. Someone said to her, “I believe that if you thought the Lord told you to jump through a stone wall, you would jump.” She replied, “If the Lord told me to jump through a wall, it would be my business to jump, and it would be His business to make the hole.” In that spirit of doing all that God asks of us, will you move forward by faith individually and as part of this fellowship concerning your giving for the coming year? As you consider your response to that question, please ask God to speak to your heart concerning your giving of your time, talents and financial resources in the coming year.

As you do so, please remember these words from Hebrews 11: “...without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.”

This Sunday, October 25, is Moving Forward in Faith Sunday. Each family will be asked to bring to the altar their Intent Card you received in the mail.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

2026-2027 PLANS

	ADVENT TEA, SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH FROM 2-4 PM. ORGANIZED BY JUDY KAZAK CHRISTMAS TOAST WITH BUDS & SUDS, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL.
	MOVIE NIGHT AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD AT 5:30 PM. BRING YOUR DINNER AND A DONATION FOR SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK (ITEMS NEEDED TBA)... ORGANIZED BY JOAN DROBNAK AND BETH COMNICK.
	WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO PARTY AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY APRIL 10TH FROM 2-4 PM. BRING A WRAPPED WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT AND A SNACK TO SHARE. WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS FOR FRIENDSHIP APL, ITEMS TBA. ORGANIZED BY LINDA THOMPSON AND BETH COMNICK
	HUNTINGTON BEACH, WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST AT 5 PM, BRING YOUR OWN DINNER & DRINK, MEET RAIN OR SHINE. BE READY TO SIT FOR A BIT AND THEN SWITCH SEATS! CAR POOLING IS SUGGESTED AS THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO ENJOY THE MUSIC AFTER DINNER. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT PLEASE DO!
CONTACT ANY OF US WITH QUESTIONS... JOAN DROBNAK
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Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Prayer requests may be sent to Sue Hosler, chairwoman of the Prayer

Chain Ministry at: suehosler@yahoo.com or to the church office at:

princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Prayer Request - Long Term

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
Pam Rotella (PoP Member)
Al Tielke (PoP Member)
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
Paula Collister (Sister-in-law of Liz Grider)
Daniel Reisner (Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo)
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Liz Jones (Daughter of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma (Supply Pastor for PoP)
Shane Overcash (Relative of Deb Gibbons)
Cindy Kreis (PoP Member)
Angelica Brophy (Daughter-in-law of Jann Daniel's Friend)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

October 9

Marge Jaracz (PoP Member)
Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Jack and Cathy Curry (Friends of PoP member, Joanne Burns)

October 16

Paul Winslow (PoP Member)

October 23

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Jan Juhn 10/01	Jerry Kreis 10/15
Allie Hallowell 10/02	Ellie Marple 10/16
Aubriella Judy 10/02	Mike Weber 10/18
Lydia Griffin 10/03	Aidan Katrincsak 10/18
Chrissy Frey 10/03	Adam Thompson 10/18
Mark Blakeslee 10/05	Carson Reisner 10/20
Julia Biller 10/07	Nicholas Franz 10/22
Ramune Balog Dorner 10/10	Linda Colcord 10/22
Allison Hrouda 10/10	Dave Covell 10/25
Kathleen Johnston 10/11	Lindsey Kraps 10/29
Arthur Hartung 10/13	Tom Biller 10/29
Al Tielke 10/14	Lorraine Lutton 10/29
Sharon Lappin 10/14	Hannah Katrincsak 10/29
Riki Wilhelm 10/15	Alexis Griffin 10/30
	Bethany Pearce 10/31



Charlie & Barb Koch 10/05
 Dale & Ruth Mortensen 10/05
 Thomas & Shoko Morton 10/11
 Pamela & Joseph Ventimiglia 10/25

Second Harvest

The requested items for October are:
 Cereal, Juices, Applesauce & Canned Soups

Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of September 30th 2026:	\$389,268	\$9,981
We need giving to remain at this pace to reach our goal in 2026		
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	75%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	\$129,732	\$9,979
Total Expenses Incurred through 9/30/26	\$369,458	\$9,473



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/18/2026	78	143	221
10/11/2026	185	118	283
10/04/2026	120	155	275
09/27/2026	97	150	247

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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.