



PEACE CONNECTIONS

July 21, 2021

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!

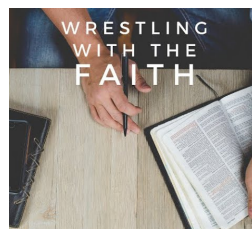
More details to follow. We have missed all of our musician friends and look forward to seeing everyone again!

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 21- Aug 1, 2021

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Bible Study/Charter Room

Thursday, July 22

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, July 23

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, July 24

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, July 25

9am & 11 am Livestream Worship

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

10:10 am Adult Gospel Study

Monday, July 26

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, July 27

10:00 am Discovery Group/Library

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 28

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Bible Study/Charter Room

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"

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



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.



"I'll Be Home for Christmas!"

Outdoor Worship Service featuring the Chardon Polka Band

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!

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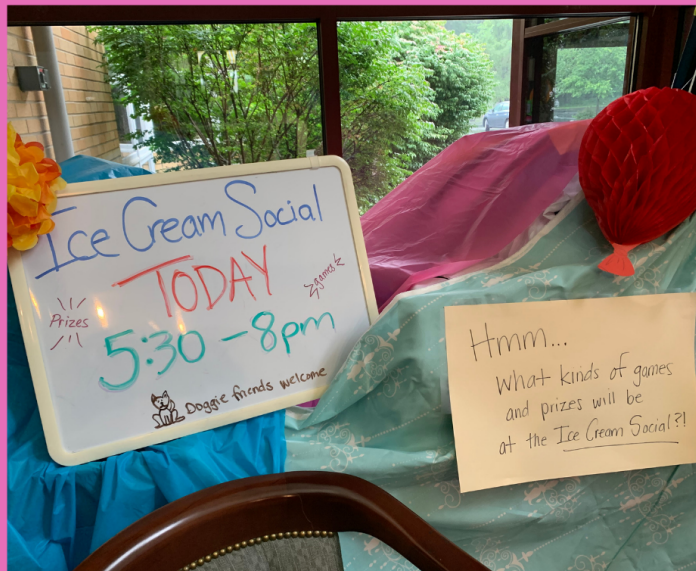


Pancake Project!

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 18th](#)
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!



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, Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

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.

A Thank You From Don Jackson



It has been both an honor and a pleasure to help lead worship music for Prince of Peace these 17 years. I am grateful for all the encouragement from so many voices in the pews and for your willingness to try new things, especially after the introduction of the ELW worship book. Having new hymns called out during Pick Three events was very rewarding.

It was a joy to work with all the musical talent, from the very dedicated choir to the many instrumentalists, both members and guests, youth and experienced. The Hymn Committee meetings were always a joy. All participants should be proud of the many successes experienced with new and sometimes challenging music we offered. POP is blessed with a wonderful acoustic in its sanctuary that enhances the God given talents of the members, musical instruments, and the beauty of compositions presented. I am grateful renovations during my time preserved this musical asset.

Finally, a big thank you to all the staff I worked with over the years: supportive, collegial clergy in both Pr. Bishop, and now, Pr. Charlie; James and Lisa maintaining the building; Mary, Sue, and Megan in the office; Ben handling sound issues; and Fran, Cindy, and Ian music staff colleagues. Dineen and Altar Guild also made important contributions to our programming. It was the mutually supportive and cooperative efforts that enabled us to make our worship offerings. I could not have done it alone.

God's peace and best wishes to everyone in the next chapter. I will miss our music making.

Don Jackson, organist

The Joy of Jesus

I have written before about the support of Prince of Peace for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I would like to tell you about another experience that I have had with this Christian group. In 2019 I again helped as a Huddle leader at Glenview High School summer football camp with the FCA. This time there were about 72 young athletes in attendance. There were also 22 of these young men who had never been baptized and had agreed to be baptized at the end of the camp in the Friendship Baptist church across the street from the practice field.



I was brought up in the Lutheran Church, and like many Lutherans and Catholics, I had never even seen an immersion baptism, except in the movies. Throughout the camp I was looking forward to being present and supporting these young men. The training went well, the Bible study Huddles went well, if not a little rowdy the first day. But three days of hot summer football practice will tend to calm even the most enthusiastic football players.

At the end of the third day of camp we all filed into the chairs set up in the fellowship hall of the Church. We all got cold bottled water and a snack. We listened to head coach Ted Ginn Sr. address the boys, who never fussed and paid strict attention, out of the tremendous respect they have for the coach. His message was that football was only temporary, and they all had a greater calling and purpose in life. The 22 young men were pulled from the room to be robed and instructed. We then filed into the church sanctuary where many of the families had already assembled.

The Pastor had a short message for the team and especially the 22 young men all robed in white. Then an Elder of the church spoke and presented the first young man by name for baptism. The Pastor then said the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." As he did so, he raised his hand high into the air with the word, Father, and again with the word, Son, and again with the words Holy Spirit. The young man was then immersed in the baptismal pool. I looked around and saw everyone in the church, the families, the coaches and the rest of the team raising their hands high into the air right along with the Pastor. I was the only one not doing so. Where was my support? With the third young man, I too was raising my hand high into the air with each proclamation.

When all the young men had been Baptized, the service concluded and the young men were brought down to an area where we all greeted them. They were all smiling and filled with Joy. Their fellow teammates congratulated them, and their parents were so proud. They had made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their savior, and now were the Lord's people. Will they fall away, especially in the neighborhoods of Cleveland's east side? I don't know for sure, but the answer is probably yes to greater and lesser extents. We all do. But, as a Christian, I know that the Lord will not give up on them. That's right. the Lord will never give up on them.

I drove home that evening thanking the Lord for allowing me to be a part of the FCA and thinking of the support that POP has given that allows them to accomplish the Lord's work. I was so excited that I started calling people and telling them all about this most wonderful day. Do our efforts and missions reach beyond our church walls? You bet they do! And the best news yet is that you can be an active part of our many missions and programs, and you too, can feel the love of Jesus.

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: Family of Louis Kurtz, Bob Skufca, Dot Swislocki (friend of Jann Daniels), Casey and her baby (friend of Myrta Holden), Irma Cronenwett (mother of Julie Smith), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Olivia Pacheco (granddaughter of friend of Jan Juhn), The Woodward Family, 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
07/18/2021	37	128	165
07/11/2021	35	126	161
07/04/2021	38	116	154
06/27/2021	26	125	151

July 25, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
 Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

Happy Birthday

07/21 Nora Franz
 07/22 Lola Wenham
 07/24 Paige Dickey
 07/24 Emery Lavin
 07/25 Grace Jagels

Happy Anniversary!

07/21 Jon & Teresa Peter
 07/24 Russ & Anita Bauknecht
 07/24 Bill & Laurie Vorobej
 07/25 Craig & Jan Juhn

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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.

