

October 9th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

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.



Donation Envelope Reorder

It is time to place our order for next year's donation envelopes. We have three envelope options:

- 1.) Weekly Envelopes (includes special envelopes for holidays and other occasions)
- 2.) Monthly Envelopes (includes special envelopes for holidays and other occasions)
- 3.) Special Envelopes Only

As more parishioners choose to make their donations online, some no longer need donation envelopes. Please contact us by October 25th if you would like to:

- Change your envelope option
- Begin receiving donation envelopes
- Stop receiving donation envelopes

Email your request to secretarypopfinancial@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. Barb Fronczak, Financial Secretary.

Wednesday, October 7th
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday, October 8th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 9th
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday, October 10th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 11th
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 12th
9:00 am Herb Guild
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, October 13th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14th
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday, October 15th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 16th
Pastor Doug's Day off
9:00 am Herb Guild

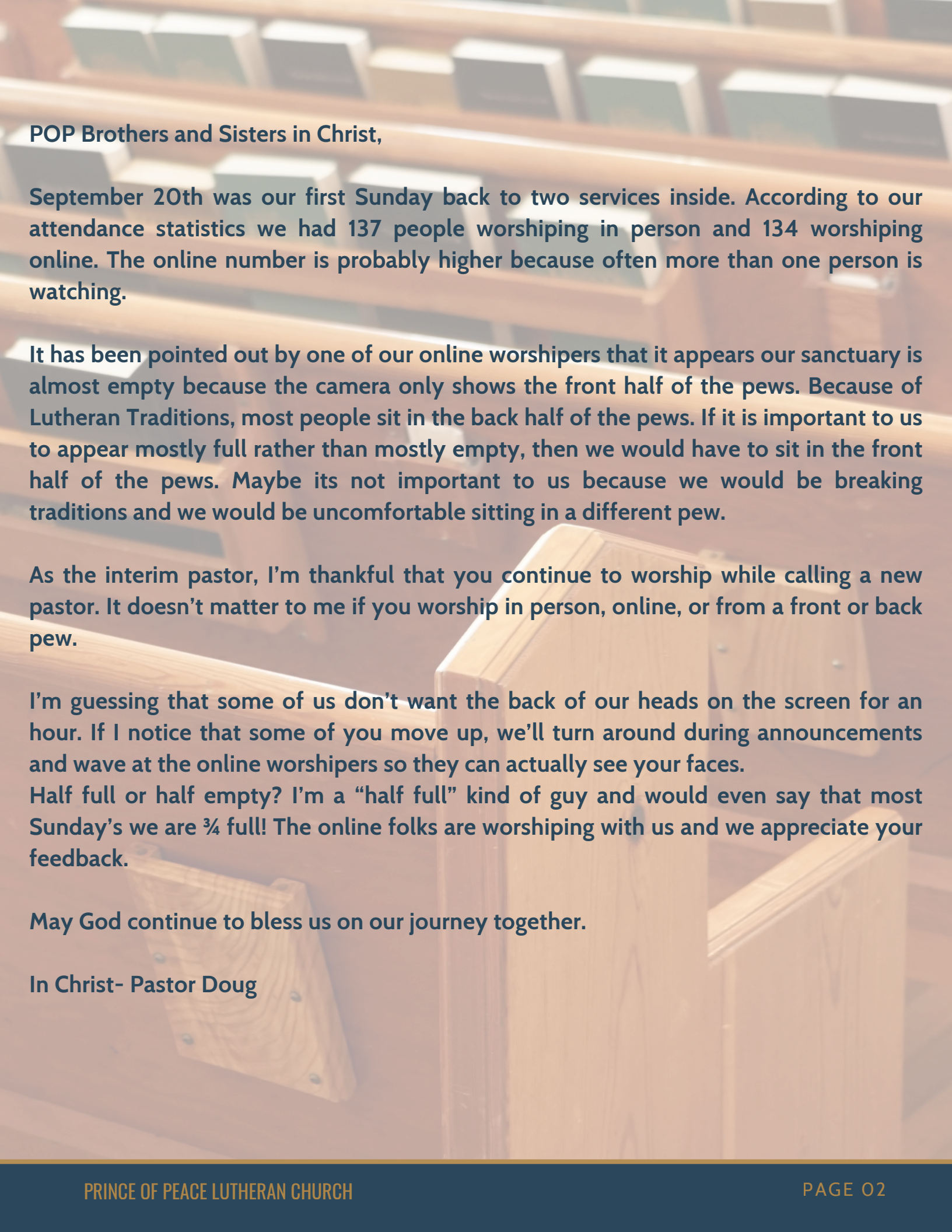
Saturday, October 17th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 18th
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
10:30 am Arden Courts
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, October 19th
9:00 am Herb Guild
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, October 20th
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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



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



JOIN PRINCE OF PEACE AS WE

HONOR OUR HEROES

**Please join us on November 8th following the
11:00 a.m. service.**

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP

Prince of Peace is an amazing congregation. With talent, time, and finances, we support ministries beyond our property, such as OMNI, Habitat for Humanity, LMM Men's Shelter, Scranton Road Elementary School, Sleep for Heavenly Peace and many others. Similarly with our operating funds we support many internal activities: Pastor and Staff, Music, Organ and Choir, Altar Guild, Christian Education for children and adults, new technology for our online outreach, and numerous others.

Further, through Property we support on-going maintenance, cleaning, and functioning of our property and building. We have increased our spending a bit with support of the Peace Pavilion. But we have even have the property/building giving and talents to take on medium-sized improvements (like the sanctuary window replacement), while maintaining an on-going positive balance in our building/property fund. For longer term Property and Ministry improvements, the Legacy fund provides a mechanism for building a cash reserve over the next several years.

My encouragement for the members of the congregation for pledging matches the intent we have in our own family – continue giving to Operating, Building, and Legacy while moderately increasing each of these line items. As we approach the new year, we will also consider specific donations to Youth, OMNI, Endowment, and short-term needs for people (LOVE INC or congregational similar, also LMM and Scranton).

As we go forward into 2027, we expect a Spirit-led call of a new Pastor. We want to be in the best overall financial possible as we continue in positive momentum, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love, and Living in Peace, for 2027 and beyond. In the current role as President of the congregation and supporter of the call process I was asked to provide a Temple Talk about Stewardship. This week, the OMNI Temple Talk takes priority. So, here are a few words about Stewardship.

-Mark Givens



Save the date - 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).

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, October 23, 2026 at 12:30pm.
We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located at [25779 Brookpark Road](#) in North Olmsted.

Please add your name to the signup sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at [\(440\)825-2674](tel:440-825-2674).



Save the Date

Enjoy an afternoon of women's fellowship, tea, refreshments, and a special Advent program as we celebrate the joy and hope of the Christmas season. We will meet on Sunday, December 6, 2026 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Additional details will be announced as we get closer to the event.



Travel Quest

Travel Quest had a great outing to the Art Museum!



Foodbank Help Day

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Monday, October 19, 2026. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5:00 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7:00 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy. We are looking for up to 15 people to help out that evening. Please contact Charlie Koch at (440) 478-9235 or email him at cakoch13@aol.com to let him know you are planning to attend. You can also use the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. A link to sign up as a volunteer on the Second Harvest web site for this repack day at secondharvestfoodbank.org will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.



“Moving Forward by Faith” Week 2

As we saw last week, faith has its source in Jesus Christ, who is the beginning and ending of all things. Even the ability to take God at His Word (which is a simple definition of faith) comes from Christ.

What does it mean to live by faith? The Scriptures are filled with examples of people who lived by faith, who walked by faith, and who did not require visible landmarks to guide them. People like Abraham, Moses, Noah, Joshua, Daniel, and Paul lived by faith because they took God at His Word. Their names are forever recorded in the annals of the faithful – not because they were always faithful (they weren't) or because they were super-human (they weren't) or even because they were super spiritual (they weren't), but because they obeyed God. Their basic heart attitude was to do what God told them to do.

They obeyed God, even when from a human perspective, it made no sense to do so. They realized a timeless principle: When God gives us direction, and we confirm that direction according to the Scriptures, we can obey, even when circumstances appear contrary. And what's more, we can be confident that God will provide a blessing in response to our obedience.

As one writer stated it so clearly, “God does not ask for our endorsement of His plan, just our obedience to it.” And that, my friends, takes faith. It takes being willing to take the first step based on what God has shown us when we cannot see the second step clearly or at all. That's what living by faith is all about. Trusting God, at his Word, obeying God – one step at a time. That kind of faith is alive and active. That kind of faith is like a vehicle that is moving forward under God's divine control, not one that is parked with its steering and transmission firmly locked in place.

That kind of faith caused the nobleman to believe that Jesus had healed his son who was back at home, so much so that John chapter 4 states that he “believes the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.” That kind of faith is what caused Daniel to trust God in the midst of Lions with gigantic appetites who saw him as a delicacy on that night's menu. That kind of faith is what caused Hudson Taylor to list the assets of the China Inland Mission as, “Ten pounds and all the promises of God.”

Or as one person described the life of faith, “Abraham didn't know where he was going, but he knew with whom he was going. He was able to live in this world... knowing the things promised ... would be fulfilled.” That kind of faith involved every area of our lives, including, as we will see next week, our giving. And that kind of faith is still available to us today. The question is whether we will take God at His Word, whether we will trust God to provide as He has promised. A six-year old boy was so moved by his pastor's challenge in a congregational meeting concerning a special missionary offering that he whispered to his mother: “I believe God wants me to give \$100.” His mother was taken aback. After all, that amount was far too much for a young boy to give. Besides, the family had already decided to make a sacrificial contribution. But the boy persisted, so the mother stood to her feet and asked if she could speak to the congregation. As she announced the boy's intentions, the boy's father quickly offered to provide that \$100. The youngster shook his head and said, “I've saved that much money, and God wants me to give it to the missionaries so that others can know Jesus.” His words convicted that congregation, and when the offering was received, the goal was easily surpassed.

Is God speaking to your heart as He did to that young boy concerning your giving here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and concerning what kind of commitment you should make as part of this year's stewardship emphasis? Will you respond by faith, trusting God to provide and to keep His promises to you?

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

2026-2027 PLANS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD FROM 1-4 PM. PAINT A PUMPKIN AND SAMPLE PINOT IN THE PEACE PAVILION. BRING YOUR LUNCH, A PUMPKIN AND A PINOT... PAINTS PROVIDED. WATCH FOR DETAILS. ORGANIZED BY MONICA DRAGONY AND RUTH MORTENSEN



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 JDROBN@GMAIL.COM, MONICA DRAGONY MKMONICA66@GMAIL.COM, LINDA THOMPSON LTHOMPSON416@GMAIL.COM, LAUREL COVELL THECOVELLS@GMAIL.COM, BETH COMNICK BCOMNICK@OUTLOOK.COM



OMNI Bluz Over Africa – This Sunday!

Please join us this Sunday, October 11, for a special presentation from Karen Throckmorton, President of OMNI. Karen will be here to share more about OMNI and the upcoming OMNI Bluz Over Africa fundraiser.

OMNI Bluz Over Africa
Sunday, October 11, 2026
5:00–9:00 p.m.
Pavilion at St. Clarence
30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, Ohio

This year's event will feature an acoustic band and an evening of concert and auction. Proceeds will help provide food, education, and medical care for vulnerable children at the OMNI Children's Village in Zambia, Africa.

Tickets are available after each service at the coffee station. Jon will also have a credit card reader available if you would like to purchase tickets or make a donation. Come learn more about OMNI and help support this important mission!



OMNI, with the support of **Prince of Peace**,
presents a fundraiser

from **5-9 pm** at the
Pavilion at St. Clarence
30106 Lorain Road
North Olmsted, Ohio

Concert & Auction

Featuring *Colin Dussault's Blues Project*

Proceeds will provide food, education & medical care for vulnerable
children at the OMNI Children's Village in Zambia, Africa.

Learn more about OMNI at www.omnimissions.com



Orphan Medical Network International
a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization



Sunday, October 11th, 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:

September 27

Chloe (Granddaughter of Jane Dillon's friend)
Family and friends of Bob Mittag (PoP Member)
Cathy Curry (Friend of PoP member, Joanne Burns)

October 2

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
Family and friends of Uwe Susemihl (PoP Member)
Gary Allie (Husband of frequent PoP visitor, Janet (Newman) Allie)
Cheryl Morrison (Sister of PoP Member, Mike Weber)
Avery Pawlak (Granddaughter of PoP Member, Fran Molnar's Friend)
Rachel Zinram (PoP Member)

October 9

Marge Jaracz (PoP Member)
Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Jack Curry (Friend of PoP member, Joanne Burns)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Jan Juhn 10/01
Allie Hallowell 10/02
Aubriella Judy 10/02
Lydia Griffin 10/03
Chrissy Frey 10/03
Mark Blakeslee 10/05
Julia Biller 10/07
Ramune Balog Dorner 10/10
Allison Hrouda 10/10
Kathleen Johnston 10/11
Arthur Hartung 10/13
Al Tielke 10/14
Sharon Lappin 10/14
Riki Wilhelm 10/15

Jerry Kreis 10/15
Ellie Marple 10/16
Mike Weber 10/18
Aidan Katrincsak 10/18
Adam Thompson 10/18
Carson Reisner 10/20
Nicholas Franz 10/22
Linda Colcord 10/22

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/04/2026	120	155	275
09/27/2026	97	150	247
09/20/2026	134	137	271
09/13/2026	62	123	185



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 August 31st 2026:	\$357,418	\$10,211
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	69%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	\$161,582	\$9,504
Total Expenses Incurred through 8/31/26	\$333,577	\$9,530



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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.