

*"But many who are first will be last,
and the last will be first."*

Mark 10:31

PEACE CONNECTIONS October 6, 2021

OMNI BLUZ 2021 ONLINE FUNDRAISER!

Annual Charity Benefit Fundraiser to support the
missions of OMNI

This Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 5-9:00 pm at
St. Clarence Pavilion, 30106 Lorain Rd in North Olmsted.

Great music, excellent food, live and silent auction, African crafts and gifts, and more!
Your tax-deductible donation to OMNI will support the work of OMNI in Zambia and
continued aid to the Copperbelt region.

Be a part of OMNI's biggest annual fundraiser!

Get Tickets to the October 10th Event

- \$50 Individual ticket
- \$400 Virtual Table of 10 tickets

For more info on Orphan Medical Network International, go to: [OMNI](#)



**GET BLUZ
TICKETS**

All Saints Prayers

Do you have a family member or friend who has died since last November 1st?

We can remember them by name on All Saints Sunday, November 1st during Sunday
worship service.

To share that name, contact the office by **Friday, October 29th** at 440/871-5565 or
popw.officemanager@gmail.com



September 2021 Health and Safety Update

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

We had the opportunity to meet with our Health and Safety Team on September 20th. We discussed the current issues surrounding the COVID19 Pandemic and the hopeful news that a vaccine will soon be available for children ages 5 to 11 years old. There is hope that we are heading in the right direction, even though it might not be as quickly as we had all hoped. Let's continue what we are doing, and we will get through this together.

We share again that our two guiding principles at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church remain the same:

1. To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament, carrying out God's mission as God leads.
2. To be mindful of the health and safety of all.

We continue to encourage the following:

- If you are able to do so, get vaccinated. We ask that all our volunteers and staff are vaccinated to ensure their health and well-being as well as those they serve. We encourage you to do the same.
- If a booster shot is recommended for you, consider that as another level of safety.
- Get a flu shot. Dave Covell suggests ANY time is a good time to get the flu shot. That being said, you may consider getting your shot in early November, as it will provide good defense against the flu during the holiday season and into the new year.
- Masks are recommended for the times we gather in close quarters with each other. That includes the sanctuary.
- For the time being the nursery will remain closed. That should not discourage parents from bringing their children to worship. As baptized children of God, that is where they should be!
- Online options are available for worship and many of the education offerings to provide participation remotely.

Thank you for your diligence and care for your neighbor.


If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Health And Safety Team

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Lorain County Health Commissioner
- Mark Givens, Church Council Member
- Pastor Charlie Woodward

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 **October - December** requested items are Cereal and Canned Soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

PoP Nursery Update

As we are heading into peak illness season with the flu, colds, RSV, and Covid hitting our community heavily this year, the PoP Health and Safety Committee have made the decision to keep the nursery closed on Sunday mornings.

We are hopeful that 2022 will bring a new and healthier year for our young ones, and please remember, we do continue to request masks and appropriate precautions be taken as we gather. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



"Wrestling with the Faith"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast. This episode, we discuss Mark 8: 27-38 "The Way of the Cross". We were joined this week Pr Grant Eckhart from Jacob's Porch at The Ohio State University.

Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google!



October 6-17, 2021

Wednesday, October 6

Thursday, October 7
Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW

Friday, October 8
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, October 9

Sunday, October 10
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am New Member Class/FH
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)
5:00 pm Bluz Over Africa

Monday, October 11
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Council Meeting
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, October 12
10:00 am Discovery Group/Library
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 13
2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, October 14
Sexton Day Off

Friday, October 15
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am New Member Class/FH
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Prince of Peace Youth

Kids Book Bank



In March, Prince of Peace raised \$578 for the Kids' Book Bank with our special collection envelopes and pancake breakfast. YOUR contributions along with many others allowed the Kids' Book Bank to purchase a delivery truck AND purchase over 20,000 multicultural kids books! Thanks to your generosity, kids all over the Northeast Ohio area will have books in their hands and will see themselves represented in the characters of these stories. Thank you (visit [Kids Book Bank](#) for more updates!

Pancake Project - October 10th

Our next Pancake Project will be held this Sunday, October 10th, from 9-11 am. Pancake Breakfast with French Toast, Bacon, and Eggs. Proceeds go to Christian Education. [Preregister here](#)

Affogato Cat Cafe Visit - October 24th

Open to all K-12 students. We will visit the cat cafe and spend time with the kitties, go for lunch, and get some ice cream. Attendees will need their own money for lunch, but admission to the cat cafe will be covered by Youth/CE. We will also be delivering homemade toys for the cats to use. Meet at Prince of Peace and leave together at 11:00 am and return at 2:30 pm. Adult chaperones needed for kids under 10 yrs old. [Sign up here](#)

National Youth Gathering 2022!



Get on Board and Follow Us!

Facebook ~ Instagram

email: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

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



Women In Transition

COVID has caused many things to change, including the Women's Re-Entry program. Group meetings have been suspended, access to buildings is limited and services are less available. However, the need is much greater, including domestic violence and homeless victims. I have chosen a new name to include them all - 'Women In Transition' (WIT).

Thanks for all your support - Keep it coming! Jan Filkill



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021.**



A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

Join the POP Altar Guild!

#1 JOIN ALTAR GUILD!

Looking for an opportunity to serve at Prince of Peace? Altar Guild work—preparation for worship—could be just the right ministry for you! We work in monthly teams, 1 or 2 months per year. We also host the annual Hanging of the Greens POP decorating event. Members of Altar Guild are meeting together on Saturday October 23 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to plan for Fall, Christmas and sign up for teams for 2022. We're inviting you to join us!

Questions about our group?
Call Dineen, 440-455-9558.

#2 ALTAR GUILD FALL MEETING

October 23, 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall



Invitation to Prayer

James 5:13-15

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.



On Sunday, September 26, we heard these words from the Epistle of James. I appreciate the invitation and encouragement to pray in all circumstances. This connects us to God and to those we love in a bond of compassion and care.

Starting later this month, we will be adding an opportunity for you to share aloud the names of those on your heart that you wish to lift in prayer. As I shared in the sermon on this passage, the intent is not to give a medical update or message or sermon, but simply an opportunity to speak the name or names you want to lift in prayer, if you so desire.

During the prayers, our prayer leader will list the names of those we have on our list at church, then say something like this: "... and those we now lift before you today aloud or in our hearts." The prayer leader will then pause and allow time for you to do just that.

Please note this is not a requirement! God hears what is spoken and what we lift silently as well.

For me, I have found comfort and peace in having an opportunity to do this in worship. I hope that you find it beneficial for you as well.

Peace, Pastor Charlie

Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It

Remember the old Mission Impossible TV series, or the more recent *Mission Impossible* movies with Tom Cruise?

Our missions - the "tasks" assigned to us by God - have eternal significance because they will impact the eternal destinies of other people.



Rick Warren says, "There are many priorities in your life, but none of them have eternal consequences like your mission does. Your mission is more important than any job, achievement, or goal you will reach during your life on earth. Nothing you do will ever matter as much as helping people establish an eternal relationship with God."

Warren goes on to say, "Our mission requires urgency, not just because it's important, but also because our time is limited. Here's the truth: People who don't choose to live with Jesus in this life won't live with him in the next. Where is God calling you to be the light in our dark world? Get started on your mission of reaching out to others. This does not mean you have to quit your job to become a full-time evangelist, missionary, or pastor - unless that is God's calling in your life. God wants you to share the Good News where you are. As a student, mother, preschool teacher, salesperson, manager, or whatever you do, you should continually look for people God places in your path with whom you can share the Gospel."

As members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, we can extend our missions by supporting the missions and ministries of POP. We can do this by volunteering our time and by donating our dollars. When we actively participate in these missions, we expand our ability to reach out with the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Will you actively increase your investment in expanding our Prince of Peace Missions for 2022?

Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter

Prince of Peace New Member Class!

We invite you to our...

Fall New Member/ Information Session

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace or simply would like to learn more about us, please join us on Sundays, October 10th and 17th for our New Member Classes.

Sunday, October 10th, 2021 @ 10:10 AM - Fellowship Hall
- Get to Know You
- Welcome to the ELCA

Sunday, October 17th, 2021 @ 10:10 AM - Fellowship Hall
- History of Prince of Peace
- Stewardship and Directory Information

If you plan to attend, please register using the QR code to the right.

*Registering is not necessary but always appreciated.
Walk-ins are also more than welcome.



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Johnny (friend of Myrta Holden), Sami (friend of Myrta Holden), Mary Sue Claus, Ron Claus, Ginny Halterman (friend of Jan Juhn), Phyllis Johnson (friend of Linda Baumbach), Ollie Olen (brother of Terry MacKenzie), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham). **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), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Lois Reichert, Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella. **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 August 31, 2021	\$230,377
Percent of Annual Budget Received	66%
Remaining Goal	\$119,623

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
10/03/2021	26	131	157
09/26/2021	28	119	147
09/19/2021	29	114	143
09/12/2021	27	90	117

October 10, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17
 Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16
 Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Happy Birthday

10/07	Julia Biller	10/12	Jan King
10/08	Mike Hosler	10/14	Sharon Lappin
10/08	Jan Schoch	10/14	Al Tielke
10/10	Allison Hrouda	10/15	Riki Wilhelm
10/11	Hazel Zehner	10/17	Faye Rose

Happy Anniversary!

10/11 Thomas & Shoko Morton

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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 10:10 am

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.

