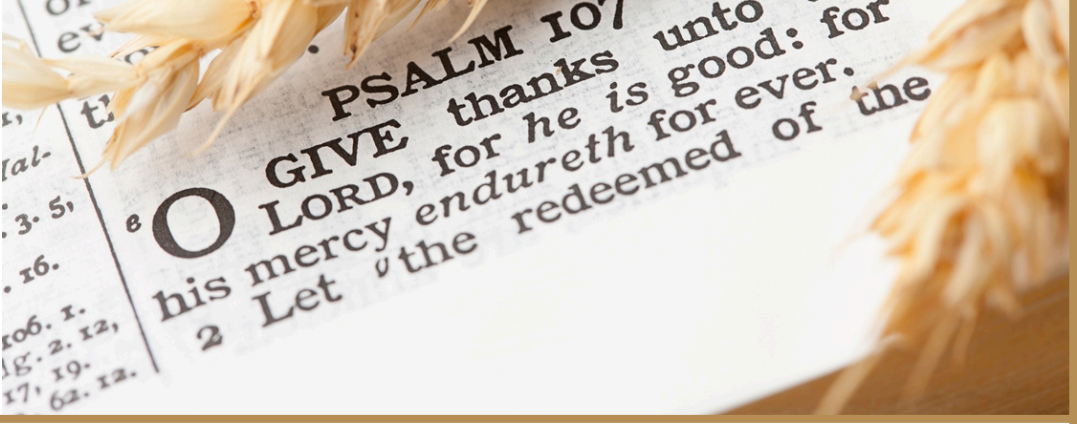


Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This annual ministry began many years ago by POP members Jane and Jim Carlson and thankful to once again continue this important initiative in their honor. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 1st with plans to deliver to the shelter the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 20th. Donations of warm clothing are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contract Shawn Merhaut. Thank you!

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, November 20, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 25984 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

Decorate Prince of Peace's Sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas!

Altar Guild is looking forward to arranging poinsettia plants in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve services -- with your help by providing the plants! The plants are purchased from Casa Verde Growers (Pettiti's). Take your plant(s) home after the traditional service on Christmas Eve. Order early to be sure to get the size/color you love! Prices are $9 and $25. Place your completed order form and payment (cash, check/or online giving) for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-263-6759 or dterstage@gmail.com) to order. Place your order now through Sunday, November 22.

Keys

If you have any church keys that you're no longer using, we would appreciate it if you could return them to the church office. Thank you so much for your help and for all you do to support our church community!

November 13th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, November 13th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 14th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 15th
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 16th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, November 17th
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18th
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday, Noevember 19th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 20th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 21st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 22nd
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 23rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, Novermber 24th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

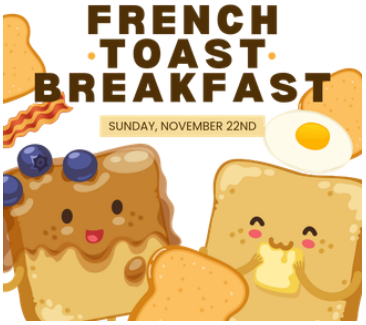
*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love * Live In Peace*

French Toast Breakfast

oin us on Sunday, November 22nd at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall, between services, for a delicious French toast breakfast!

Enjoy good food, great fellowship, and a chance to give back! A free-will offering will support the purchase of baby care supplies for a local nonprofit.

Bring your appetite and join us for a sweet start to your Sunday!



Parents Day Out

Need some time to finish your last-minute holiday shopping? We've got you covered!

Drop your kids off at Prince of Peace on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:30 AM–3 PM for a fun-filled day while you tackle your holiday to-do list!

Lunch will be provided! A free-will offering will support our high school youth attending the 2027 National Youth Gathering.



Children's Christmas Program

Join us on Sunday, December 13th as our children share the joy and wonder of the Christmas story! Through their songs, smiles, and celebration, we'll be reminded of the greatest gift of all — the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please note that we will have **ONE** worship service at 10 AM so our entire church family can come together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.



Children's Christmas Program

Join us on Sunday, December 20th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a birthday celebration honoring Jesus!

We'll have birthday cake, party favors, and plenty of fun as we celebrate the true reason for the season.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us as we share in the joy of Jesus' birthday! Let's make a joyful noise and celebrate Jesus!



Women's Discipleship Group

You are invited to attend the Women's Discipleship Group, which meets the third Tuesday ofthe month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. in the library near the upper entrance. Our next meeting is November 17.

This month we would like you to share one or two of your favorite hymns or praise songs. Think about questions like: Why do you like this hymn or song? What effect do the words and/or music have on you? How does this selection bring you closer to God or deepen your faith? Does it bring memories of a certain time or event in your life? We look forward to hearing what this part of worship means to one another. If you would just like to come and listen, we welcome all to join us.



Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

We'll hanging Christmas garlands in the sanctuary (need helpers on ladders), fluffing and hanging the new garland, assembling, fluffing and placing artificial trees in the sanctuary and narthexes, checking candles for Christmas Eve and polishing the brass candle sticks.

Sign up in the lower narthex or call Dineen Terstage to RSVP (440-263-6759) so we know how much pizza to order.



Flag Pole Installation

This Veterans Day, we
were able to give thanks to God for the brave men and women who have served our country and defended the freedoms we hold dear.







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October 16, 2026

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Friends in Christ:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of $10,000.00 to Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

It has been a joy this past year to witness the impact of gifts from donors like you. I have watched prospective students' eyes widen and mouths drop as they hear that donor gifts will fund their tuition to Trinity. So many of them describe their experience of being drawn to Trinity with phrases like "God's timing" and "Holy Spirit-driven." Gifts from donors like you directly impact our experience of God in our lives, whether that gift is towards tuition, buildings, faculty and staff, events, and beyond. This kind of faith-filled connection between strangers is a beautiful representation of the Body of Christ. Thank you for being in community with us in this way.

Trinity and its predecessor seminaries have been providing theological education in Ohio since 1830. Both Trinity and the wider world have changed since our inaugural year of "forming leaders for Christ's Church at work in the world." What remains the same is Trinity's commitment to an excellent seminary education where theological reflection and practical skills combine to equip our students for faithful and effective ministry in the contexts of today's changing world.

The Bible is full of stories of charity, gratitude, and the community and ministry that are made possible through gifts like yours. Like Paul, we thank God for you. Like Ruth, we humbly accept your help. And with you, we celebrate Jesus' call to abundant life that is offered to us all. Thank you for your support of God's mission here at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

Gratefully,

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A Big Thank you to Prince of Peace!

Thank you on behalf of all the children at the OMNI School in Zambia for your support and hosting of the Bluz Concert to benefit our school. A special thank you goes to Jon Wilhelm and all of the volunteers, donors and child sponsors that made that evening such a success!

Without your generous donations, OMNI would be unable to continue providing a quality education, school supplies, a daily hot meal, uniforms and shoes, clean drinking water, anti-malaria nets for sleeping, medical care, and a Christian atmosphere of learning. We are grateful and thank you so much!

In addition, the need for a truck at the OMNI School in Zambia, Africa was beyond critical. The school has been without a vehicle for over two years. The Rotaries of Northeast Ohio stepped up to raise nearly $30,000 in the past year to help meet this need. That funding was a cornerstone to get the purchase off the ground.

Prince of Peace deserves a big applause of appreciation for generously supporting the project with $7,500. My understanding is that these funds were generated over the past few years from a portion of contributions from your members who supported the coffee stand in the narthex of your weekly services. What a wonderful ministry!

The support that you have given over the years through donations and child support is a blessing to our children in Zambia!

In His service,

Karen Throckmorton, RN

OMNI President



Scranton Mitten Tree

Help make Christmas brighter for children at **Scranton Elementary** in Cleveland.

Teachers identify students with significant hardships, and each child has a "Mitten Tag" with gift ideas.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1 PICK UP A MITTEN TAG
From the tree in the upper lobby beginning **November 22.**

2 PURCHASE THE GIFT(S)
Use the gift ideas on the tag.

3 WRAP & ATTACH TAG
Wrap the gift(s) and securely attach the Mitten Tag.

4 RETURN BY DECEMBER 13
Bring wrapped gifts back no later than **Sunday, December 13.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Mitten Tree Available **November 22**

Gift Return Deadline **December 13**

Delivery to School **December 16**

URGENT NEED: EXTRA CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Scranton teachers have identified a critical need for extra clothing to have on hand for students throughout the school year.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Shirts · Pants · Socks · Undergarments

New items preferred.

These items help teachers support children all year long!

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME!


Coats


Mittens & Gloves


Scarves


Hats


Socks

Want to help with delivery? Let us know!

Questions? Contact Diane Merhaut.

Together We Can Make a Difference! ♡

Happy Thanksgiving

POP Siblings in Christ,

As we approach Thanksgiving, on the day before (November 25), the wider church remembers and celebrates the impact of Isaac Watts, one of the most influential hymn writers who is responsible for 10 hymns in our red Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. Although his earthly ministry drew to a close on that late November day in 1748, his words still connect nearly three centuries later. For instance, there's something about "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", especially for the fall holiday that so many of us have come to cherish:

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Thanksgiving sets off this holy interaction between giving thanks for ages past while also giving thanks for years still to come. We give thanks for good memories of turkey preparing, football watching, and family enjoying. I give thanks for the memory of my grandfather sitting at the head of a long table leading us in prayer as we each sat in a specific chair where our names had been placed in front of our plates. Sometimes we wish for just one more opportunity to dine and laugh with family from the past. But we also give thanks for the youngest, especially our new grandson, Milo, born on November 3, who gives us hope for years to come. We have much to be thankful for.

There's also something about the past with this hymn, written by Watts during a time of fear and uncertainty for his homeland of England, including with the church, adding further meaning and power to the words, "shelter from the stormy blast." Having weathered the storm of November elections, it is reassuring that God has always provided shelter from the "stormy blast".

So while we give thanks for our "eternal home", we also give thanks that we can feel and experience a bit of God's home in Jesus Christ right here and now too. There's nothing quite like the birth of a grandson or the birth of our Savior on Christmas to remind us to give thanks.

From all of us at Prince of Peace, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Pastor Doug

Advent TEA





Sunday, December 6, 2026
2:00 - 4:00

Light refreshments and, of course, tea will be served.
Please bring a tea cup and saucer.

A voluntary good will offering will be used to supply the Prince of Peace Food Cabinet.

A program featuring

Jackie Kennedy

portrayed by Rose, a Women in History actress.

RSVP by signing up in the lower lobby or ***online at this link***

Engagement Committee and Sisters in Spirit: Prince of Peace Advent Tea

Prayer LIST

Sunday, November 15th, 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)
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 30
Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Bob and Judi (Family Members of Mel and Sue Grunau)
Holly Kirshbaum (Friend of Fran and Gerry Wilhelm)
Monica Dragony and Family (PoP Member)
Family of Nichole Lochner (Daughter of Cindy Streiter's Friend)

November 6
Judi Guegold and family (Friends of Dana Gros)
Audrey Swanson (PoP Member)
Linda Thompson (PoP Member)
Kristina Peluso (Mother of PoP Member, Allison Peluso)

November 13
Lois Kerklo (Friend of Doug Leavens)
Ken Peterson (Friend of Barb and Dan Fronczak)

Happy Birthday

Kathleen Kettler 11/02
Mary Babinski 11/02
Tony Marquardt 11/02
Ann Estesen 11/03
Danette Gunkelman 11/03
Jane Dillon 11/05
Christine Tielke 11/06
Austin Pogachar 11/06
Doug Olson 11/07
Madelyne Roman 11/08
Linda Thompson 11/10
John Cuciak 11/11
Barb Koch 11/12
Isabella Cesare 11/13
Tyson Reisner 11/14
Dan Pogue 11/15
Laurie Green 11/20
Chuck Mosberger 11/22
Anthony Matalavage 11/22
Lia Staaf 11/23
Samuel Foore 11/23
Lowell Dillon 11/24
Teresa Peter 11/25
Johnathon Missig 11/25
Pat Uber 11/26
Ezekiel Petta 11/26
Colleen Regan 11/27
Colin Kelly 11/27
Mary Meadows 11/28
Matthew Winar 11/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Andrea & Chris Petta 11/03
Betsy & Chip Bailey 11/12
Sean & Liz Lavin 11/16
Norm & Chris Rehark 11/18
Tim & Marsha Regan Sr 11/18
Dave & Jan Saunders 11/26
David & Kathleen Johnston 11/29

Second Harvest

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

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of October 31st 2026:	$433,313	$10,077
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	83%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	$85,687	$9,520
We need to average $43,000 per month to reach budget!		
Please give abundantly and cheerfully!		
Total Expenses Incurred through 10/31/26	$409,151	$9,515

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Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
11/08/2026	127	185	312
11/01/2016	155	168	341
10/25/2026	180	153	333
10/18/2026	78	143	221

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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.