

“Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

MARK 13:2

PEACE CONNECTIONS
November 10, 2021

Pastor's Blog ~ 'Along the Way'

A Daily Devotional / BLOG from Pastor Charlie Woodward

Back in March of 2020, when COVID came into our lives, I started a daily devotional as an opportunity to keep connected to my congregation with scripture and reflections and prayer. It became therapeutic for me and well received. I continued those devotions for over a year over 380 devotions!

In March of 2021, I moved to a new church. It was important for me to take time to get settled in before taking on this task. I put the daily devotions aside, and spent my time and energy learning the ropes at the new place.

Seven months into the new call here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westlake, we are settled in. I felt it was now time to start again.

The title of the Blog is “Along the Way.” Faith is a journey. It is a journey we do not make alone. We do it in community with God and each other. My hope is that this can be one way we can join in this journey together. I hope that as we continue down this path, some of you may share some reflections as well. That would be welcomed!

For the content, I will be sharing the readings for the coming Sunday as well as a couple of hymns or songs as the focus for the daily devotions. Please know that it is very possible that you may hear stories or insights used in these devotions in the Sunday worship sermon. Also, if you have read my devotions in the past, it is pretty likely that you will see some stories that you've seen before. Good stories deserve to be repeated.

I hope this daily blog provides you an opportunity to join me reading some scripture, sharing a reflection or two, and offering a short prayer. Please feel free to share them with others, and I always welcome your comments and insights. You can email me at pcpopwestlake@gmail.com any time.

Using the Revised Common Lectionary, the week's devotions will look like this:

- Monday – Old Testament Lesson
- Tuesday – Psalm
- Wednesday – Song or Hymn or Video
- Thursday – Epistle Lesson
- Friday - Gospel Lesson
- Saturday – Song or Hymn or Video
- Sunday – An invitation to join us for worship

The first devotion will be available on Monday, November 29. It will be for the week leading up to Advent 2, which falls on December 5, 2021.

I hope you will join me along the way!

Peace, Pastor Charlie



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

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

There is a great need for umbrellas, along with new socks, gloves, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Sorry, but we are not accepting other clothing donations at this time. Thank you!

Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.



This Week's Worship Music

If you are joining us this Sunday for the 9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service, below is the set list that we will be playing. The music can be found on YouTube. See you then!

You Shine

Hero's Quest

The Shadow Leap

Waiting Here For You

Take it to the Streets



November 10-21, 2021

Wednesday, November 10

2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, November 11

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm FLOW

Friday, November 12

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, November 13

Sunday, November 14

9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service

10:10 am Christian Education

9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, November 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, November 16

8:00 am Life Line Screening

12:00 pm Bridge Group/CE wing

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 17

10:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, November 18

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm FLOW

12:30 pm Young at Heart

Friday, November 19

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, November 20

2:00 pm Organ Practice

6:00 pm Trivia Night

Sunday, November 21

9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service

10:10 am Christian Education

9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Love INC Sponsorship Reminder

Our congregation has found a helpful way to meet the needs of those who come to our door for assistance through Love, INC. This ministry is not funded through our budget rather it comes from those of you who have chosen to sponsor a month with \$125. Individuals or ministry groups are encouraged to prayerfully consider sponsoring. May God bless this cooperative effort as we work to transform lives In the Name of Christ.



As 2021 is coming to a close, we want to remind anyone who has signed up to sponsor a month for Love INC to please submit their donation. If you did not choose to sponsor, but are interested in giving to Love INC, donations will be accepted. All checks can be made out to Prince of Peace and specified for Love INC.

If you are interested in sponsoring a month in 2022, sign ups will be available in December.

Interested in learning more about Love INC go to: [LOVE INC](#)

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! Take your plant(s) home after the traditional service on Christmas Eve. Prices are \$8 and \$21.

Place your completed order form and check/cash for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-455-9558 or dterstage@gmail.com) to order.

We are again purchasing the plants from Casa Verde Growers. We can take your order through Sunday, November 28.

The Season of Advent - Volunteers Needed

In the Scandinavian Lutheran tradition candles are lit every day during the season of Advent, not just on Sundays. Again, this year, we are looking for 23 volunteers to make a very brief video of someone/themselves in their home lighting a candle and reciting a very short prayer/reading. It does not need to be a candle in an Advent wreath. However, if you don't own an Advent wreath and would like to make your own, we've attached a [LINK](#) to a site with some creative ideas.



You will be provided with the reading for your day but should feel free to substitute your own if you prefer. Just keep it short. If you have children in your home, it would be nice to involve them. We would like to see as many familiar faces as possible. We will be posting the videos daily on our FB page. If you are interested, please [SIGN UP HERE](#)



Hanging of the Greens

Join the Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

Sign up in the lower narthex so we know how much pizza to order. ?'s, contact Dineen Terstage, 440-455-9558.



Prince of Peace Youth

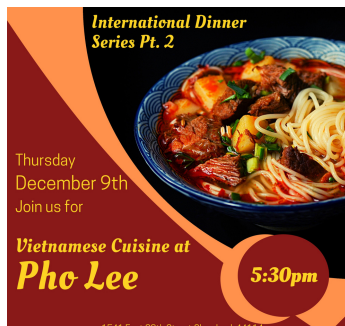
Trivia Night at Prince of Peace! Saturday, November 20th from 6:30-8:30 pm

\$5 ENTRY FEE SUPPORTS YOUTH GATHERING 2022. Teams of 6 randomly assigned All are welcome! Sign up as an individual and encourage POP members/friends to join in this event! Email your RSVP to trivia hostess, Sue Hosler at: suehosler@yahoo.com.



Prince of Peace Bake Off!

Show off your culinary skills by joining the Prince of Peace Bake Off competition! Bake sale and special collection to benefit Lorain County Food Bank. Bakery entries must be entered at 9 am on November 21st and winners will be announced after the contemporary service!



International Dinner - December 9th

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Prince of Peace Blessing Box

PoP's new Blessing Box is an emergency, self-serve FREE pantry, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's for anyone who has trouble buying things in a grocery store because of health or financial concerns. You don't need to sign up or ask permission to use the box -- just take what you need, when you need it.

POP members are encouraged to donate items in cans, boxes or plastic cartons, household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items. No perishables and no glass jars, please. Thank you!



Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be up again this year to benefit the children in need from Scranton Elementary School. ***The tree with the Mitten Tags will be available on Sunday, November 21st*** and will include information about gift ideas and items for those children in need. Volunteers will be present for you to sign out tags before and after worship services.

If you choose to participate, we ask that wrapped gifts with the tags attached be returned no later than **Sunday, December 12th**. Questions, see Diane Merhaut.

Young at Heart is Back!

Please join us on **Thursday, November 18, 2021** at 12:30 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant which is located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted, Ohio 44070. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the lower lobby. Questions, see Kathy Kettler. Hope to see you there!



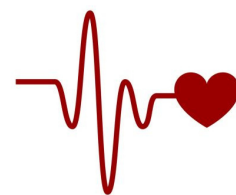
Prince of Peace Website 'Members Only' Page

To view our 'Members Only Page', go to our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org Select "Login" in the upper right hand corner, then select "login by email". Enter your email and password. After you have logged on, go back to the top right corner of the page next to your profile picture. Select "My Account" and in the pop up box, select "Members Only Page".

If you do not have a login, click on "[Log In](#)" located at the top right corner of the homepage and select "*New to this site? Sign up*" and follow the instructions. Once you have signed up, you will need to wait for admin 'approval' before you can login.

Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings

Volunteer Registered Nurses are needed to assist with a monthly Blood Pressure Screening service. Screenings are held on the First Sunday each month (exception is a holiday weekend, moved to the following Sunday) from 10am-11am.



All equipment and materials are provided. Currently we have 3 RN's and would like to add additional RN's to our rotation. Please contact Christie Wiedt BSN, RN if you are interested. christiesbn@aol.com or 440-773-8669

Time and Talent

In the old hymnal, we had this offering prayer:

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (LBW page 87)

Our time and talents are gifts given by God that we can use to give back to God what God has first given us.

I invite you to join in filling out the [Time and Talent Survey](#). A booklet describing our outreach and service opportunities can be found here on our [Engagement Page](#). Take time to look through the many ways to serve and get involved. Your gifts, your time and your talents are always welcomed and appreciated.

I encourage you to consider this as a goal - WORSHIP PLUS TWO. I hope you will make every effort to join in worship either in person online every Sunday. I also encourage you to get involved in two other areas of ministry and service. It could be worship leadership (reading, greeting, ushering, choir, assisting minister, altar guild, etc.), education (leading and/or participating), service or fellowship. Find a way to get engaged in the life and ministry of Prince of Peace. My hope is that everyone would participate in two (or more!) areas of ministry and service. Where is God calling you to join in?

The church is not a building - it is a gathering of people who are joined together in the mission of Jesus Christ. Our mission at Prince of Peace is to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Live in Peace. You are invited. All are welcome.

Thank you for joining with me in this mission. Together with God leading the way, we can do great things. Pastor Charlie

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



November 2021 Health and Safety Update

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

On November 1, we had the opportunity to meet with our Health and Safety Team. Once again, we discussed the current issues surrounding the COVID19 Pandemic and the hopeful news that a vaccine is now 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 will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines, and we plan to meet again in early December to review where things stand in our community.

So for right now, things remain the same. 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

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Deb and Hank (friends of Deb Gibbons), Joey (friend of Beverly Braun), Jean Adamcik, Paul Cunningham (grandfather of Megan Harber), Grace Dye (former PoP member), Bill Hagerty (friend of Lia Staaf), Jim Jaracz, Sally Poirier, Janice Schlegel, Larry Woodley (friend of Sue and Mike Hosler). **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.** In Death: Gail Jones

Giving Report

Operating Giving through October, 31, 2021	\$295,658
Percent of Annual Budget Received	84%
Remaining Goal	\$ 54,342

Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/07/2021	44	129	173
10/31/2021	65	148	213
10/24/2021	82	134	216
10/17/2021	55	116	171

November 14, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
 Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

Happy Birthday

11/10 Linda Thompson	11/15 Tami Arthur
11/11 John Cuciak	11/15 Dan Pogue
11/12 Barb Koch	11/20 Laurie Green
11/13 Isabella Cesare	

Happy Anniversary!

11/12 Chip & Betsy Bailey
11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin
11/18 Tim & Marsha Regan Sr.
11/18 Norm & Chris Rehack

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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.