

January 12th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Young at Heart

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, January 26., 2024 at 12:30 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



Love Inc. 2024

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. \$1500 was donated to Love, Inc. in 2023. See Tom Splawski for more information.



Please Sign Up to sponsor a Month for 2024 at the information station in the lower Narthex.

SOAP Bible Study

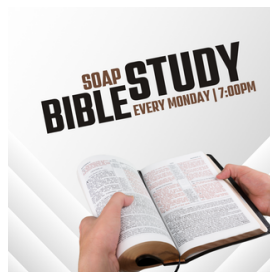
Join us for a new year! SOAP Meets Monday's at 7:00 pm. The new schedule is:

1/8/24: 2 Kings chapter 18

1/15/24 2 Kings 19-20

1/22/24 2 Kings 21-22

1/29/24 2 Kings 23-24. (25 is optional and encouraged, but not required).



Questions? Contact Mark Givens at mpgivens@ameritech.net

Friday January 12th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 13th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 14th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday January 15th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 16th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 17th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday January 18th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 19th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 20th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 21st
9 & 11 am Worship in Person
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday January 22nd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 23rd
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

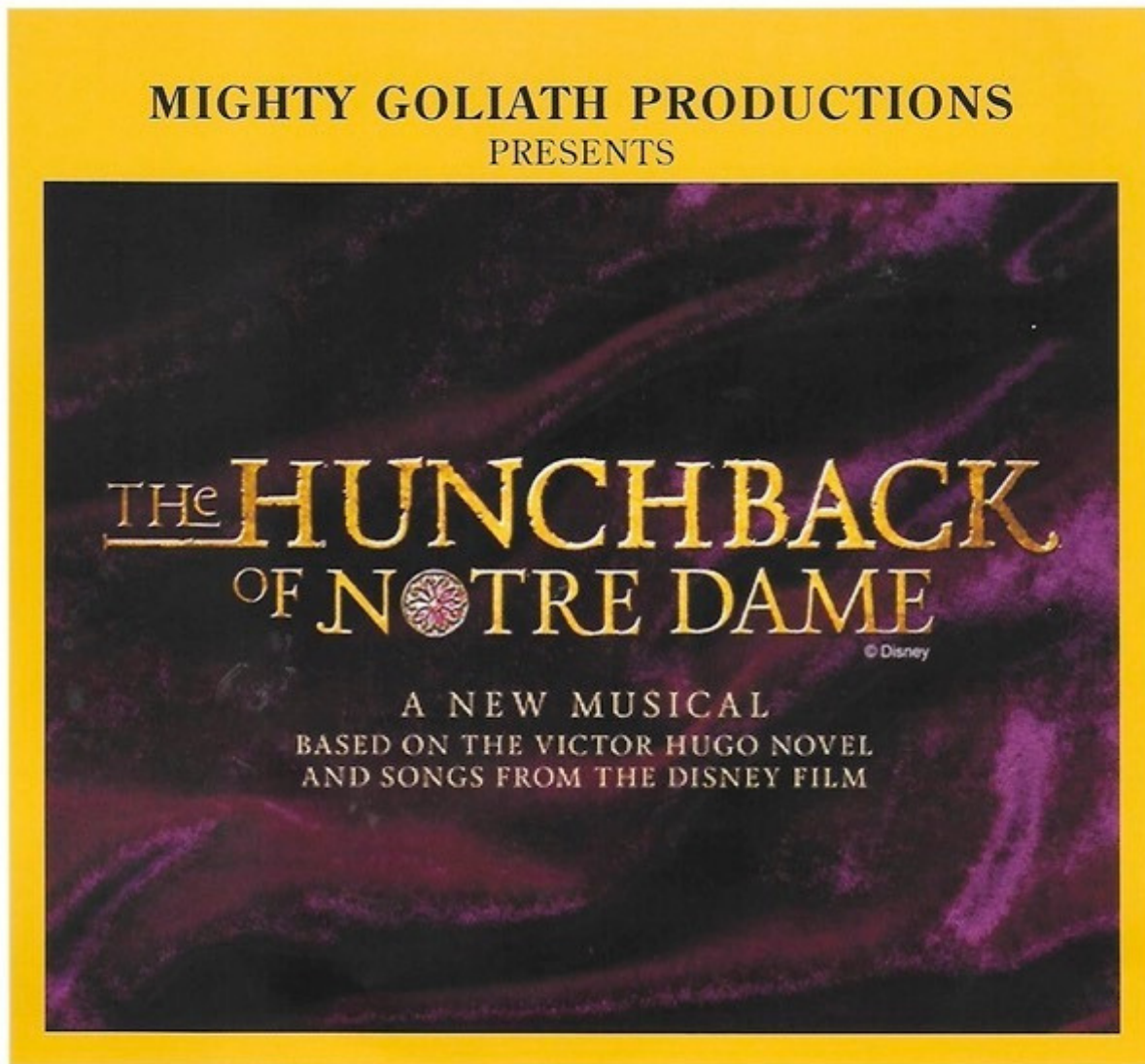
*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love *
Live In Peace*

Travel Quest Event, The Hunchback of Notre Dame!

Discounted group tickets are \$10 for seniors (60+) and students, and \$15 for adults. Seating is general admission and tickets are good for any show so if February 10 at 1:30 is not a viable option, people can attend one of the other performances taking place on February 2, 3, 9 or 10 at 7:00 p.m., or February 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Three Prince of Peace members are involved in this production: Bethany Pearce (Vocal Director), Zack Dragony (Chorus), and Natalie Pearce (Gargoyle)!

Signup is in the narthex. Payment is due by January 30th, either cash or a check made payable to Lisa Woodward.



FEBRUARY 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2024 AT 7:00PM
FEBRUARY 4* & 10, 2024 MATINEES AT 1:30 PM

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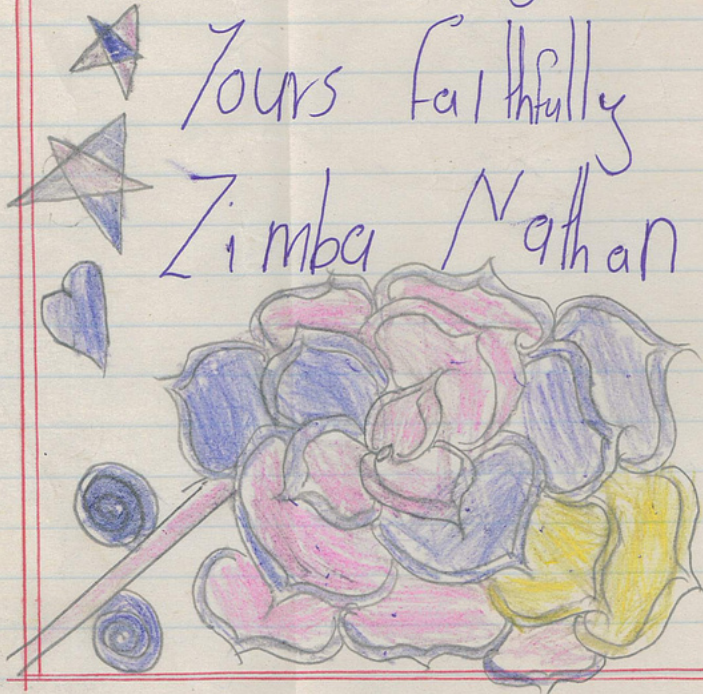
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Thank you notes from our Omni Sponsorship program!

Part 2



Hi people
How are you and the family?
I'm fine here. I'm thanking you for
the support you are giving me
such as shoes, meals and uniforms.
may god's love and blessings be
upon you and your family.



Yours Faithfully
Zimba Nathan



These students appreciate the support of
their sponsors at Prince of Peace!



Mel & Sue Grunau

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Mel was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up on the westside of the city. His family included two older brothers who have passed away. He attended Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary School and John Marshall High School. Sue was born in Toledo, Ohio and grew up in Berea. She was the middle child in her family. Her older brother has passed away. A younger brother lives in Berea. Her early education was at Central Elementary School and Berea High School. Mel started out as an engineering major at Ohio State quickly realizing that it was not where he wanted to be. He finished his undergraduate degree at Baldwin Wallace majoring in art. He then went on to earn a master's degree in Architecture from Kent State University. Mel worked as an architect for a number of area architectural firms finishing his career as a project manager for Doty and Miller Architects in Bedford, Ohio.

Sue attended Capital University in Columbus, transferred to B-W and finished a degree in elementary education there. She then attended Cleveland State University earning a master's degree in community agency counseling. Sue taught 5th grade in Columbus. After moving back to Berea, she tutored special needs children in the Berea School system. Then she went on to a position at the University of Michigan coordinating educational programs for UAW Ford workers. She finished her career as an advisor for adult students at Baldwin Wallace College. Sue and Mel met in the time-honored tradition of "cruising" at the old Bearden's Restaurant on the westside of Cleveland. They have two biological daughters, Maureen and Michelle, and one "adopted" daughter, Yungsook "Gracie". Maureen and her family live in the Chicago area. Michelle and her family live in Portland, Oregon. Gracie and her family live in Irvine, California. Sue and Mel have five grandchildren, three boys and two girls ranging in age from 7 years to 32 years. They are so happy to share a bond of Love with a far reaching family from one end of the country to the other!

Mel and Sue became associate members at POP in October of 2023. They had been searching for a church to meet their current faith journey needs. Pastor Charlie offered the possibility of an associate membership which opened the door for them. They had visited POP for several months finding a warm welcome, meaningful worship services, excellent sermons and a congregation engaged in community service! Sue continues to play the bells at her former church, and loves to sew and garden on a smaller scale now. Mel is a professional artist and an avid baker. In former days they loved to travel, but those ventures have ceased due to the limitations of age. Some things that people may not know about them is that Sue once starred in a third grade class play which officially marked the end of her acting career. Mel was voted the guy having the "prettiest hair" in his high school class. Both have a wonderful sense of humor.

As they want to contribute to the Prince of Peace community, they have some future plans that would be well received here. Future plans for Mel include the possibility of teaching a painting class. For Sue a future plan includes offering an opportunity for the quilting group to engage in a new venture. As they are always looking forward, they are called to be servants of Our Lord! Welcome them into our community, they have much to offer.

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PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



1 Samuel 3:1-21

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11 Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17 Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

19 As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. 21 The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

There are many, many stories about people who hear God's call to do something special. We hear of one such story in our readings today. From the Old Testament we heard about the little boy Samuel. Remember that his mother Hannah had prayed in the temple that God if would give her a child she would dedicate that child to God. God answered her prayer and gave her a son. When Samuel was still quite young she took him to the temple to assist Eli, the aging temple priest.

Little Samuel was fast asleep one night and he heard a voice calling him. He thought it was old blind Eli calling for help. But it wasn't. This happened three times and the fourth time he realized that this voice

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



came from God. Samuel was still a little boy but God was about to use him to carry out his work and we know what a significant role he played in choosing the first two kings for Israel – Saul and David.

So, what about you? Do you consider yourself called? Where does God call you, and what is God calling YOU to do. In many churches people experience a “disconnect” between the world of faith and their vocational callings. We tend to speak of work done in the church or for the church as “sacred.” Work not directly associated with the church is often referred to as “secular.” This ought not to be. We need to help people connect Sunday to Monday.

“Vocation” is the Latin word for “calling.” In Luther’s day the word “vocation” or “calling” had become associated almost exclusively with religious activities. It was common to think that if you really heard the “call” of God you did something that supposedly brought you closer to God. You withdrew from the world, entered some cloister, devoted yourself to a life of study and prayer. Parental responsibilities, household duties, manual labor and all other types of occupations were at the bottom of the ladder. They weren’t even on it. They counted for nothing. Luther completely reversed this way of thinking.

Luther’s new understanding of “calling” came from his rediscovery of the Gospel. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ and not by doing good works for God. Good works have no role in gaining our salvation or in drawing us closer to God. Christ does it all. He graciously forgives our sins, gives us the faith to believe. Through that faith God gives us life and salvation.

What then is the role of good works? If they count for nothing with respect to our salvation or drawing closer to God, why do them? Because our neighbor needs them. God doesn’t need our good works.

And where do we serve our neighbors? We serve them in our “callings.” Luther removed “vocation” or “calling” from the religious realm where it applied only to the few and declared that ALL Christians already had “vocations” or “callings” right where they are: *How is it possible that you are not called? You have always been in some state or station; you have always been a husband or a wife, or boy or girl, or servant.... Are you a husband, and you think you have not enough to do in that sphere to govern your wife, children, domestics, and property so that all may be obedient to God and you do no one any harm? Yea, if you had five heads and ten hands, even then you would be too weak for your task, so that you would never dare to think of making a pilgrimage or doing any kind of saintly work.*

WHERE does God call you? Right where you are!

(excerpts from a sermon by Bob Ericson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, MN – “Where Am I Called?”)

Let us pray: Almighty God, tune our ears to hear your calling, and empower us to do what you have equipped us to do – loving your Son and serving our neighbor. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations



Second Harvest

For January through March the requested items are canned beef stew, beans, and vegetables



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Nov. 30th, 2023:	\$410,597	\$8,554.10
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	92%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$35,903	\$8,975.75
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$53,903	\$13,475.75



Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane?

Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



Prayer LIST

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn	Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

December 31	David Saunders Carol Mociulewski (Lisa Woodward's mother) Eunice Reynolds (Matt Wenham's grandmother) Ron Filkill
January 7	Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's aunt) Hank Ward Larry Bennet (Marsha Regan's Brother)
January 14	George Dubitsky (Charlie Koch's brother) Gary & Hollie Andrus and family Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin)

Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/07/2024	48	155	203
12/31/2023	48	88	136
12/24/2023	123	355	478

11/3 Ashley Alspach
1/3 Chris Hallowell
1/3 Noah Katrinczak
1/5 Jan Filkill
1/6 James Braun Sr.
1/7 Jordyn Jagels
1/8 Mara Lipschutz
1/10 Audrey Swanson
1/10 Tony Perez
1/11 Alex Babinski
1/12 Isaiah Comnick
1/13 Jessica Carimi
1/14 Pierce Gleespen
1/17 James Lehman
1/17 Michelle Goggin
1/19 Emma Andrus

1/19 Don Miler
1/21 Beth Comnick
1/21 Marie Witt
1/23 Jane Wyant
1/25 Darlene Roman
1/25 Michael Pietraroia
1/26 Barb Fronczak
1/27 Dave Novotny
1/27 Suzann Creech\
1/27 Phil Sprague
1/28 Patty Beard
1/29 Molly Fortuna
1/29 Nicholas Hrouda
1/31 Jim Heimbuch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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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.



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