

“Truly I tell you,
whoever does not
receive the kingdom of
God as a little child will
never enter it.”

Mark 10:16

PEACE CONNECTIONS
September 29, 2021

God's Work. Our Hands.

September 2021! Wherever God is calling...our hands are ready to do God's work!
Let's work together again for God's Work Our Hands MONTH...2021.

Week 4 (Sept 26-Oct 2): Second Harvest. Goal: 400 lbs

- boxed and canned goods can be brought in and placed on the food donation shelves in the Christian Ed hallway
- \$\$ donations can also be given - this will then be given to the shelter for food purchasing.

Drop Off Hours:

- Sunday: 8:30am - 12:00pm (we will have a time during the services that people can bring their donations forward)
- Monday and Friday: 10:00am - 3pm
- Donations will be collected down in the lower Narthex - Food donations will be collected in the C.E hallway on the food shelves.

Financial donations can be mailed in, or collected in the upper narthex in a box. Please keep GWOH donations separate from regular Sunday offering.

GWOH

God's Work, Our Hands

September 26th - October 2nd

WEEK 4 HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRY

Second Harvest



SECOND HARVEST
FOOD BANK EST. 1982
OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

What are we collecting?	Goal
- canned and boxed goods	400 LBS
- \$\$\$ donations can also be made	** \$1 = 1 lb of food**

** financial donations can be given both in-person and online**



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!



Sept 29- Oct 10, 2021

Wednesday, September 29
9:00 am Organ Practice
2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, September 30
Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW

Friday, October 1
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, October 2
9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, October 3
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Monday, October 4
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH
6:00 pm Council Exec Meeting
8 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, October 5
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

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!

International Dinners Series - September 30th

Join us in exploring international cuisines located right here in Cleveland! Your adventure will also support a local small business. Our first International Dinner will take you to the Middle East for some Falafel and Shawarma, served by a Syrian refugee on his way to citizenship in the US. Meet us at Ferris Shawarma on 13507 Lakewood Heights Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44107 on September 30th at 6:00 pm. [Sign up here](#)

Pancake Project - October 10th

Our next Pancake Project will be held on 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

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



We Are Stronger Together!

We are looking forward to an amazing year of embracing and learning about God's love for us, our love for one another and our love for our community through service projects and special events that bring our Prince of Peace family together in fellowship and love. "WE ARE Stronger Together!"



Back Row: Megan Harbor, Laurel Covell, Matt Wenham
Middle Row: Beverly Braun, Chrissy Frey, Hilary Lucas
Front Row: Fran Molnar, Kathy Kettler
Not pictured: Emily Saunders, John Bontempo, Barb Koch

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

OMNI BLUZ 2021 ONLINE FUNDRAISER!

Annual Charity Benefit Fundraiser to support the missions of OMNI

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**



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.

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

Join the POP Altar Guild!

#1 JOIN ALTAR GUILD!

Looking 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



The Best Tip Investment Stewardship



There are always people who are telling me that they have found a really great investment. There are investment advisors that can help you choose what is best for you and your situation. Since investing is not my expertise, I usually listen to what they have to say, then make up my own mind.

But what if I told you there is an investment that is rock solid, always. I know, I know, “That can’t be true,” you say. And I have heard the old jokes about, “Invest in taxes, they will always go up.” But you have probably also heard the expression, “You can’t take it with you.” However, Rick Warren says, “You can send it ahead.” You can do this by investing in people’s eternal destination. The Bible tells us, in no uncertain terms, that the Lord wants us to use some of the money he gives us to help bring others to Jesus. We spend our money on all kinds of things that don’t have long term influence. But helping others find Jesus is the best use of our money. A friend of mine says his budget doesn’t allow him to give more to the church, but he buys a \$4.50 cup of coffee each morning. Yikes, don’t get me started. Come on folks, we can all invest a little more in Eternity.

Right here at Prince of Peace Church we tell people about the saving grace of Jesus Christ when they simply walk in the door and attend a Sunday worship service. We support Christian based missions that not only help people in this life, but show them the way to eternal life; missions like OMNI, LMM, Habitat for Humanity, the Lutheran Seminary, just to name a few.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 says, “Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.”

Our POP Commitment Sunday is coming up in October, how will you increase your investment in eternity? Thank you for just reading and pondering this article, but keep in mind that if you are looking for a great return in investment (ROI) it is right here at Prince of Peace.

Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter

Marriage Encounter

Your Relationship Deserves Marriage Encounter! **November 12 - 14, 2021.**
Fairfield Inn & Suites – Streetsboro, Ohio. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage](https://www.godlovesmarriage.com)



The casual, “unplugged” atmosphere of this weekend experience will enhance your time together as you learn and practice unique, loving, and effective communication techniques to help you discover a new, more joyful way to live.

Details: Two nights stay at Fairfield Inn and Suites in Streetsboro, Ohio. Three catered meals on Saturday and two on Sunday from Honey Baked Ham and Bob Evans.

Cost: \$275 per couple for lodging & meals. (Payment is required at the time of your online application using your credit/debit card, or with registration and payment offline by check.) Financial assistance is available for those in need—please contact us prior to registering.

Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen at d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net or 440-734-6312. Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations – don’t miss out!

Facility policies regarding COVID-19 will be implemented for everyone’s safety. This will therefore be a small group – so register ASAP!

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), 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, Bill Vorobej. **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: Gary Lucas (father of PoP Youth Director, Hilary Lucas) and Gail Jones.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
09/26/2020	28	119	147
09/19/2021	29	114	143
09/12/2021	27	90	117
09/05/2021	58	104	162

October 3, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8
 Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
 Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Happy Birthday

09/29 Marsha Regan	10/04 Debbie Sanders
09/29 Alli Walker	10/05 Mark Blakeslee
09/30 Remi Bailey	10/05 Tom Splawski
10/01 Jan Juhn	10/07 Julia Biller
10/02 Allie Hallowell	10/08 Mike Hosler
10/03 Chrissy Frey	10/08 Jan Schoch
10/03 Lydia Griffin	10/10 Allison Hrouda

Happy Anniversary!

10/05 Charlie & Barb Koch

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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.

