

October 16th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, October 16th
Pastor Doug's Day off
9:00 am Herb Guild

Saturday, October 17th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 18th
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
10:30 am Arden Courts
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, October 19th
9:00 am Herb Guild
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, October 20th
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 21st
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 22nd
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 23rd
Pastor Doug's Day Off
9:00 am Herb Guild
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday, October 24th
10:30 am Altar Guild Fall Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 25th
Reformation Sunday- **Wear Red**
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, October 26th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, October 27th
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*



Fellowship By The Fire

Sometimes the best conversations happen around a fire.

Beginning Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m., the men of Buds N' Suds will host a weekly gathering at the fire ring next to the Peace Pavilion. This isn't a class, and there's nothing to prepare ahead of time. Each week, someone will share a short devotional, story or reading to get the conversation started. From there, we'll talk about life - faith, marriage, fatherhood, work, friendships, community, challenges, successes and the lessons we've learned along the way. The goal is simple: bring men of different generations together, get to know one another better and learn from the experiences and perspectives each person brings. All men are welcome - Prince of Peace members, Buds N Suds participants, friends, neighbors, coworkers and guests from the community. No book to buy. No homework. No experience required. Just bring a camp chair, your beverage of choice and yourself. Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Beginning October 8th at the tire ring next to the Peace Pavilion. We'll meet weekly, weather permitting, until Northeast Ohio tells us it's time to head inside. Pull up a chair. Join the conversation.



Donation Envelope Reorder

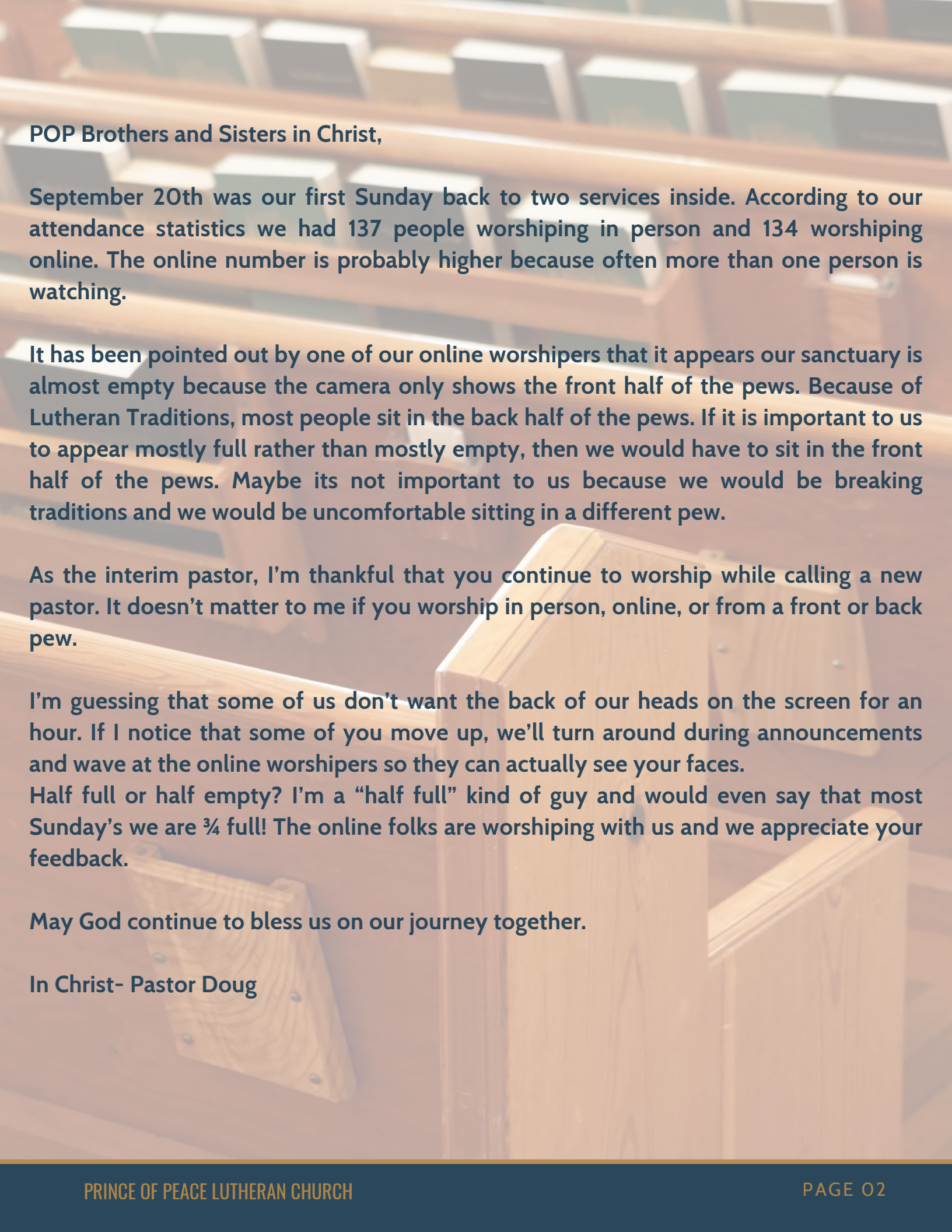
It is time to place our order for next year's donation envelopes. We have three envelope options:

- 1.) Weekly Envelopes (includes special envelopes for holidays and other occasions)
- 2.) Monthly Envelopes (includes special envelopes for holidays and other occasions)
- 3.) Special Envelopes Only

As more parishioners choose to make their donations online, some no longer need donation envelopes. Please contact us by October 25th if you would like to:

- Change your envelope option
- Begin receiving donation envelopes
- Stop receiving donation envelopes

Email your request to secretarypopfinancial@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. Barb Fronczak, Financial Secretary.



POP Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 20th was our first Sunday back to two services inside. According to our attendance statistics we had 137 people worshipping in person and 134 worshipping online. The online number is probably higher because often more than one person is watching.

It has been pointed out by one of our online worshipers that it appears our sanctuary is almost empty because the camera only shows the front half of the pews. Because of Lutheran Traditions, most people sit in the back half of the pews. If it is important to us to appear mostly full rather than mostly empty, then we would have to sit in the front half of the pews. Maybe its not important to us because we would be breaking traditions and we would be uncomfortable sitting in a different pew.

As the interim pastor, I'm thankful that you continue to worship while calling a new pastor. It doesn't matter to me if you worship in person, online, or from a front or back pew.

I'm guessing that some of us don't want the back of our heads on the screen for an hour. If I notice that some of you move up, we'll turn around during announcements and wave at the online worshipers so they can actually see your faces.

Half full or half empty? I'm a "half full" kind of guy and would even say that most Sunday's we are $\frac{3}{4}$ full! The online folks are worshipping with us and we appreciate your feedback.

May God continue to bless us on our journey together.

In Christ- Pastor Doug



JOIN PRINCE OF PEACE AS WE

HONOR OUR HEROES

**Please join us on November 8th following the
11:00 a.m. service.**

**We would love to honor and recognize our
veterans and those who have served our
country. If you are a veteran or would like to
honor a veteran, please contact Jan Filkill at
440-871-6673. We hope you'll join us for this
special time of remembrance and gratitude.**

SOAP BIBLE STUDY

Do you have a desire for reading more in-depth through the Bible? Do have interest in how Christianity grew after Jesus' resurrection and ascension? church? Starting October 26, the SOAP Bible Study begins a chapter by chapter read through of the New Testament book of Acts (The Acts of the Apostles). You are invited to join us on Monday evenings at 7 PM in the upper

narthex. SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. The SOAP method has been helpful to new Bible study participants and experienced students. Each week there will be 1 or 2 chapters to read and then discuss on Monday evening. Participants are encouraged to record their thoughts and then share them in the group discussion. We welcome all participants who want to explore further. Zoom is available for those who may prefer to stay remote or not drive after dark.

If you have interest or questions, please contact Mark Givens, Rich Balch, Walter or Diane Diekroger.

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Save the date - Fall Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, October 24, 10:30 am, Charter Room. New members (women and men) are always welcome! We invite you to please consider joining this ministry or join us for special decorating events. No specific skills required. Our work is a great way to serve the Lord and get to know other members of our church family. Lots of hands make our work much easier! At our Fall Meeting, we discuss Worship set up plans for fall and winter, as well as sign up for monthly teams for the month(s) that work best for you in 2026. See you there! Need more info? Call Dineen, [440-263-6759](tel:440-263-6759).

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, October 23, 2026 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located at [25779 Brookpark Road](#) in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at [\(440\)825-2674](tel:440-825-2674).

Women's Discipleship Group

You are invited to attend the Women's Discipleship Group, which meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. in the library near the upper entrance. Our next meeting is October 20.

This month we will be sharing a meaningful or favorite devotion that has been helpful in our spiritual walk. You can bring in the book, magazine, or the printed material from wherever it appeared or bring a xeroxed copy or both. If you would just like to come and listen, we welcome all to join us.

Save the Date

Enjoy an afternoon of women's fellowship, tea, refreshments, and a special Advent program as we celebrate the joy and hope of the Christmas season. We will meet on Sunday, December 6, 2026 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall! Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Additional details will be announced as we get closer to the event.



A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Generous Donations

Good afternoon,

I wanted to personally reach out to your church and extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in the generous donations provided to our Men's Shelter approximately two weeks ago. We received many wonderful items, including hygiene products, socks, belts, and other essentials. However, what touched me most were the beautiful Bibles that were donated. Although gently used, the Bibles were beautifully labeled and in exceptional condition. I often keep a few Bibles in my office so that I can share them with the right person at the right moment, when they may need encouragement, hope, or simply a reminder of God's love. I had the opportunity to give several of these Bibles to residents who were experiencing particularly difficult times. It was truly a blessing to be able to offer them something that carries so much meaning. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share God's Word in a place where hope, faith, and encouragement are so deeply needed. Please extend my sincere appreciation to your congregation and everyone who contributed. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of the men we serve.

God bless you all!

Warm Regards,
Ashlee Reale
Director of Shelter Operations
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry





“Moving Forward by Faith” Week 3

As we saw last week, the life of faith is one that takes God at His word. It is one which involves every area of our lives, including how we use the resources which God has entrusted to us. Living by faith involves our time, talent, and treasure. Most of us have no problem giving God our time and our talent, but some draw the line when it comes to their treasure, or their material possessions. When they do so, they demonstrate conclusively that they are unfamiliar with the first premise of total stewardship: God owns everything. We are just managers of what He has entrusted to us. Throughout Scripture, God has given certain commandments and admonitions concerning how we are to use our money and material possessions. For example, we are to glorify God in all that we do, including eating, drinking, and everything else in life. We are to honor God with our “substance,” that is, with our possessions. We are to give sacrificially, joyfully, and in direct proportion to how God has provided for us. But why should we give to a God we cannot even see? And why should we be willing to trust this God who has chosen to reveal Himself primarily through Scriptures?

It all goes back to faith. As the author of Hebrews wrote, “... whoever would approach him [God] must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” So the question is, Do you believe that God exists? If so, do you really believe He will reward

those who earnestly seek Him? Do you really believe that God will keep His promises to you? If so, then you will follow God’s leading in every area of your life, including your giving. As the little chorus says, “Yes Lord, yes, to your will and to your way. Yes Lord, yes, I will trust you and obey.” In the Old Testament, before the crop was harvested, people would take a sample that represented the best of the crop and offer it by faith in thanksgiving to God for His provision. This “first-fruits” offering was reminder of God’s ownership of everything and a way of saying, “Lord, we trust you to provide, even before we see what the harvest will really be

like.” In a similar manner, God says that we are to set aside part of what He has provided to us in direct proportion to how much He has provided for us. In one church, a worship leader had a large three-tiered chocolate cake prepared which he placed on a table at the front of the church. Beside the cake was a hand-painted sign which read, “Family Income.” Several individuals walked down the aisle of the church wearing signs such as “House Payment,” “Car Payment,” “Groceries,” “Utilities,” “Medical Bills,” “School Expenses,” and “Clothing.” Each asked for a piece of cake which he gladly gave to them. Another individual wearing a sign that read “Church,” also approached the table, seeking a piece of cake. “On, no,” was the reply, “there’ll be a piece for you, but not just yet.” Several times this was repeated with the same response. Finally, when the man had given out all of the cake, “Church” came around again. “Oh, Church,” said the man, “You know that I had you in mind and that I was thinking of you. Here -- take the crumbs that are left.” As you think of your “cake” of family income, what priority does God have? And as you think of your giving in the coming year, what priority does the Lord’s work here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church have? Do you give God the first piece of “cake” from all that you have, or do you leave the crumbs on the platter as God’s portion? You see, giving is the only subject about which God says, “Prove Me. Trust Me. Put Me to the test.” God does not say that regarding salvation, sharing our faith with others, Bible reading, or even prayer. Only about giving. Today, as you consider the offering we are going to receive, and as you consider the commitment God would lead you to make in the coming year here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, why not prove God? Why not practice “first-fruits” giving by trusting God to provide all that you need. Put God to the test. Respond to God’s leading in your life concerning your giving by saying, “Yes, Lord, Yes, to your will and to your way. Yes, Lord, yes, I will trust you and obey.”

A LEGACY OF COMPASSION: Honoring a Lifetime of Service

When someone dedicates years of their life to serving others, the impact they leave extends far beyond the walls of an organization. At LMM, that kind of dedication inspires generosity, gratitude, and lasting friendships.

In June, longtime LMM staff member Angelo Anderson retired after a 20+ year career working in our Housing & Shelter program. Earlier this year, as word of Angelo's upcoming retirement spread to family, friends, and coworkers, one friend and LMM supporter thought it was a perfect time to honor Angelo's years of dedication and service to those in need.

Angelo first met Sue and her husband, Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, many years ago when Angelo's wife Marcie catered a dinner event they were hosting back when Rev. Hollingsworth was the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. Marcie often utilized friends and family members to assist with her catering



services and that night Angelo was helping out as a bartender. Angelo and Sue struck up a conversation

where he shared with her his work at LMM and the services that LMM provided for clients at the men's shelter at 2100 Lakeside. As the event was winding down, Sue asked Angelo if they could donate leftover food from the evening to the shelter. That connection formed a bond between the Anderson's and the Hollingsworth's which led to a yearly tradition that continues to this day.

Since that first dinner event six years ago, Sue has partnered with Angelo and Marcie to host an annual Super Bowl party for over one hundred clients from the men's shelter. Sue and her family would rent shuttles for transportation, televisions, and space for the event at a local church. Marcie would prepare the meal and cater the event and Angelo would spread word of the event throughout the shelter. When reflecting on the Super Bowl parties Sue said, "I was always struck by when Angelo stands at the front of the room at the

party and speaks to the clients and they see in him someone who respects and cares for them. He has a great ability to make everyone in the room feel included."

Over the course of a remarkable career, Angelo became a trusted presence for thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness. Through compassion, patience, and unwavering commitment, he offered more than shelter. He provided hope, dignity, and encouragement during some of life's most difficult moments. Angelo's work exemplified LMM's mission and touched countless lives.

When asked about Angelo's legacy, Sue said, "Angelo is a tremendous human being. He is kind, compassionate, and extremely personable, and at the same time he commands a presence that makes him forceful and effective in all that he does. A fisherman, a devoted family man, and someone who cares deeply about other people—he embodies it all."

For Sue, recognizing that legacy was deeply personal. Having witnessed Angelo's compassion and commitment throughout the years, she wanted to celebrate a career defined by service while helping ensure that future shelter clients receive the same care and support.

When Sue heard about Angelo's retirement announcement, she contacted him and let him know that her family wanted to make a gift of \$100,000 to the Housing & Shelter program in his honor. Angelo was stunned. He said when got off the phone with Sue he told his wife, "You're never going to believe what Sue did!"

Sue and her family's generous contribution is both a touching tribute and an investment in LMM's future. The gift will strengthen programs that provide safe shelter, essential resources, and pathways to housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, allowing Angelo's legacy of compassion to continue for years to come.

This meaningful gift reflects the powerful partnership between committed supporters and dedicated staff. Together, they make it possible for LMM to fulfill our mission to challenge injustices faced by those who are oppressed, forgotten, and hurting by providing responsive solutions, voice and hope.

As we celebrate one remarkable career, we are also reminded that every act of generosity helps carry that legacy forward. We are deeply grateful to Sue and her family for honoring a life of service in such a meaningful way and for helping ensure that LMM can continue providing hope and opportunity to those who need it most.



SISTERS IN SPIRIT

2026-2027 PLANS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD FROM 1-4 PM. PAINT A PUMPKIN AND SAMPLE PINOT IN THE PEACE PAVILION. BRING YOUR LUNCH, A PUMPKIN AND A PINOT... PAINTS PROVIDED. WATCH FOR DETAILS. ORGANIZED BY MONICA DRAGONY AND RUTH MORTENSEN



ADVENT TEA, SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH FROM 2-4 PM. ORGANIZED BY JUDY KAZAK

CHRISTMAS TOAST WITH BUDS & SUDS, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL.



MOVIE NIGHT AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD AT 5:30 PM. BRING YOUR DINNER AND A DONATION FOR SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK (ITEMS NEEDED TBA)... ORGANIZED BY JOAN DROBNAK AND BETH COMNICK.



WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO PARTY AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY APRIL 10TH FROM 2-4 PM. BRING A WRAPPED WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT AND A SNACK TO SHARE. WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS FOR FRIENDSHIP APL, ITEMS TBA. ORGANIZED BY LINDA THOMPSON AND BETH COMNICK



HUNTINGTON BEACH, WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST AT 5 PM, BRING YOUR OWN DINNER & DRINK, MEET RAIN OR SHINE. BE READY TO SIT FOR A BIT AND THEN SWITCH SEATS! CAR POOLING IS SUGGESTED AS THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO ENJOY THE MUSIC AFTER DINNER. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT PLEASE DO!
CONTACT ANY OF US WITH QUESTIONS... JOAN DROBNAK JDROBN@GMAIL.COM, MONICA DRAGONY MKMONICA66@GMAIL.COM, LINDA THOMPSON LTHOMPSON416@GMAIL.COM, LAUREL COVELL THECOVELLS@GMAIL.COM, BETH COMNICK BCOMNICK@OUTLOOK.COM



Sunday, October 18th, 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)
Liz Jones (Daughter 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 2

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
Family and friends of Uwe Susemihl (PoP Member)
Gary Allie (Husband of frequent PoP visitor, Janet (Newman) Allie)
Cheryl Morrison (Sister of PoP Member, Mike Weber)
Avery Pawlak (Granddaughter of PoP Member, Fran Molnar's Friend)
Rachel Zinram (PoP Member)

October 9

Marge Jaracz (PoP Member)
Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Jack Curry (Friend of PoP member, Joanne Burns)

October 18

Paul Winslow (PoP Member)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Jan Juhn 10/01
Allie Hallowell 10/02
Aubriella Judy 10/02
Lydia Griffin 10/03
Chrissy Frey 10/03
Mark Blakeslee 10/05
Julia Biller 10/07
Ramune Balog Dorner 10/10
Allison Hrouda 10/10
Kathleen Johnston 10/11
Arthur Hartung 10/13
Al Tielke 10/14
Sharon Lappin 10/14
Riki Wilhelm 10/15

Jerry Kreis 10/15
Ellie Marple 10/16
Mike Weber 10/18
Aidan Katrincsak 10/18
Adam Thompson 10/18
Carson Reisner 10/20
Nicholas Franz 10/22
Linda Colcord 10/22

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/11/2026	185	118	283
10/04/2026	120	155	275
09/27/2026	97	150	247
09/20/2026	134	137	271



Charlie & Barb Koch 10/05
Dale & Ruth Mortensen 10/05
Thomas & Shoko Morton 10/11
Pamela & Joseph Ventimiglia 10/25

Second Harvest

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

Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of September 30th 2026:	\$389,268	\$9,981
We need giving to remain at this pace to reach our goal in 2026		
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	75%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	\$129,732	\$9,979
Total Expenses Incurred through 9/30/26	\$369,458	\$9,473



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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.