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PEACE CONNECTIONS
September 23, 2020

Sign Up to Join Us for In-Person Worship Service ~ This Sunday, September 27, 2020

Hello members of Prince of Peace,

In this ever changing world we try our best to create a safe environment for all. Prince of Peace is following all health guidelines directed by our Governor and The Ohio Department of Health. Cuyahoga County has dropped to the orange zone. As the county continues to recover, the mask order placed on July 17th will still be in effect.

We understand that these times are hard and that many people have yet to feel comfortable being in a group setting, however for anyone who does feel comfortable returning, we hope to see you this **Sunday, September 27th** for our one, in-person service at 10:00 am. Our at-risk members are still encouraged to participate through digital worship until they are comfortable worshipping in-person. There will be a limited number of “family groups” in the sanctuary so we can maintain social-distancing (a family group is 1 to 5 people).

We will not be singing in worship services. Individual communion kits will be offered before entering the Sanctuary. If the number of people wishing to attend exceeds the distancing layout, we will develop additional worship options. Please be flexible as we adapt to these new conditions. As more is known about the health and safety considerations, we will adjust our worship opportunities.

** As stated above, please remember that if you wish to socialize after worship, walk out to the parking lot to do so. We love seeing everyone come and worship together, however for the safety of everyone it is important to social distance and our Narthex does not provide proper spacing to do so. Thank you!**

RESERVATIONS: There are 19 family group spots on [SignUpGenius](#). Sign-ups are available through **Thursday, September 24 at 11:59 pm**. A family group ranges from 1-5 people. If a family group has more than five, that family will need to reserve two different family group spots to cover their whole family. Please make sure to check that the date you are signing up for is **September 27th**. 1) Scroll down to date **09/27/2020**. 2) Click the box that says “Sign Up”, a check mark should indicate that it has been chosen. 3) Once box is marked, click “Submit and Sign Up” button 4) Fill in you First and Last name, and in the comment box with the number of people you plan to attend, and if you need specific seating due to hard of hearing/vision, or preference. 5) Once everything is filled in click “Sign Up Now”.

*If you have any complications or questions please call the church office. If no one can pick up the phone at the time of your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Phone Reservations: For those who do not have access to a computer or smartphone there are five family group spots available for reservations by phone. To reserve your spot please call the office at 440/871-5565. Please leave a voicemail with your groups first and last name, the total amount of people in your group, and your phone number (so we can call back and verify your reservation was received, or to let you know that all the call reservations have been filled).

Laura Barbins elected bishop of the ELCA NE Ohio Synod

CHICAGO (Sept. 16, 2020) — The Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, Mentor, Ohio, was elected September 12 to serve a six-year term as the fifth bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during an online synod assembly.

[Read full announcement](#)



Calendar

Sept 23 - Oct 4, 2020

Wednesday, September 23
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, September 24
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, September 27
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:45 am All Grade Virtual Sunday School
12:00 pm Touched by Travel/TQ/POP Parking Lot

Monday, September 28
7:00 pm Men's Bible Group

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, October 1
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, October 4
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:15 am PreK - 2nd grade Virtual Christian Ed
7:00 pm Sundays at 7 Gathering!

Sunday Online Worship Services



This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Tom's Sunday sermon.

For those who prefer to worship earlier, our online worship service will now be available on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)



Tune Into Our New Podcast, "Wrestling with the Faith"

Welcome to the "Wrestling with the Faith" (WWTF) podcast! In this series, we will be taking lessons from upcoming Sundays and discussing what they mean to us and to our lives. These discussions will be available on the first and third week of each month on the Prince of Peace YouTube channel. Get your thinking caps ready and let's have some great conversations!"

Check out our latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast! We discuss Jonah 3:10-4:11 and if Jesus wants us to wrestle with our faith.

Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google...your choice!



Apple Podcasts



Listen on
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Thank you to all who have donated! So far we have collected:

- 386 pairs of women's socks
- 10 umbrellas
- 46 health/beauty
- 165 pairs of men's socks
- 126 pairs of men's underwear
- 192 lbs, 98 canned/boxed goods for Second Harvest
- \$475 to purchase shoes for the OMNI students



We have exceeded our goals for women's socks and men's underwear! Thank you and let's keep going! Special thanks also to Christian Education for donating 49 women's care packs!

For the week of September 27th: Let's focus on LMM Men's Shelter and see how far we can exceed our goal of 100 pairs of new men's underwear! Of course, please continue donations to Second Harvest Food Bank (goal 500 lbs) and WREN (women's socks, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, and umbrellas)! Please drop off on Sunday or in the bin outside the west entrance. Thank you!

Also, please remember our continued drive for monetary donations towards shoes for the OMNI Students!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



**Wherever God is calling...our hands are ready to do God's Work!
Let's work together for God's Work Our Hands Sunday...Month 2020!**

COVID-19 has impacted us all and our capacity to come together to serve is limited. While GWOH Sunday is September 13th, let's dedicate the month of September to GWOH service! See below for all the opportunities to serve and watch the Peace Connection for the "focus of the week." **Will be collecting donations for all ministries throughout the month and plan to celebrate on October 4th!**

**Where can we serve??
Close to home?? Near?? Far?? Anywhere?? Let's see how far our hands can reach!**

<p>Close to home...Second Harvest Food Bank Goal: 500 lbs which will feed 400 families!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food donations can be left in the usual location, by the donation station, or outside by the west entrance. 	<p>Near....Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Women's Re-Entry (WREN) Goal: 100 pairs of socks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional needs include toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and umbrellas. <p>Men's Shelter Goal: 100 pairs of new underwear (all sizes/styles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shelter is also collecting gently used men's clothing for donation.
<p>Far...OMNI Goal: \$6000 towards shoes for 240 students!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 goal with \$3000 matching from our Zambia Mission Fund <p>Please make checks out to OMNI and send into Prince of Peace!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations above \$6000 will be used for other needs: school supplies-uniforms, treated mosquito nets, PPE for COVID • Save the date "virtual" Bluz Over Africa event October 24th (details forthcoming) 	<p>Anywhere...wherever called to serve! Do you know of someone in your neighborhood that needs a hand? A favorite outdoor trail or space that needs cleaned up? A letter to share a kind word or blessing for those in need such as our first responders or those living in our local nursing homes? Or an opportunity to share your voice to ELCA advocacy causes such as funding for food supports, fair housing initiatives, climate change or other advocacy initiatives? The answer is YES to all! Serve however you feel called and serve often! Let us know if you are planning something with other groups!</p>

So many ways to serve! Choose one event or choose many over the month! Please participate however you feel called! Please share a picture or quick video if able and we can all share each other's efforts! If possible, wear your God's Work Our Hands shirts!!

Donations for all events will be collected throughout the month. Please bring during worship, Sunday evening events, or can leave in the dedicated bin outside the West Entrance.



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Prince of Peace Rally Day!

Thank you to everyone who came out for Sunday's Rally Day! About 100 of our Prince of Peace members and friends attended! What a great turnout and event for all.

And thank to all who participated in our GWOH donations as well. We have exceeded our goals for women's socks and men's underwear! Special thanks to Christian Education for donating 49 women's care packs!



Prince of Peace Youth

Youth Event

Last week Prince of Peace Youth had a pop-up service event to purchase socks for GWOH projects. Three youth enjoyed ice cream and chats of college after the event.



As you know, 2020/2021 is going to be a very unique year as far as programming and Sunday School. But don't fear! We have plenty of great things in store for you!

First things first, it's Sunday School registration time. Parents, please take 5 minutes to complete the [registration form](#).

Sunday School 2020/2021 - As of now, Sunday School will be completely virtual from September - December 2020. A schedule of classes, including times and live Google meet group links will be emailed after Rally Day.

STUDENTS THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU!

Please complete the following and send a separate email back to Hilary with the subject "Student Preferences 2020/2021"

1. What sports/music/school activities are you participating in this fall?
2. What are those activity schedules? (Please send me the details as members may like to attend and note if activities are closed to the public or have specific COVID restrictions/protocols).
3. Indicate your COVID comfort level for youth group events/activities. **RED** - I need to be very cautious and will not be attending any in person activities/events. **YELLOW** - I am being cautious and will attend some events, but I will practice social distancing and I will wear a mask at all times. **GREEN** - I am comfortable attending events in person and I will wear a mask as required.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Prince of Peace

Sunday, November 22nd from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sign up to donate at [Red Cross](#)

Masks required. Appointments required.



It is my plan to make sure everyone is as safe as possible this year and that we can still have a fun time together. Thank you in advance for your answers! - Hilary Lucas



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For more information, visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth

2020-2021 Christian Education Registration!

While the 2020-2021 Christian Education program will look different than any other in our lives, we are looking forward to beginning with online classes for grades PreK-12 on Sept. 27th.

Our classes will be PreK-2, 3-6, 7-8 and 9-12. A different class will be held each Sunday and monthly activity kits will be available for pick up at Prince of Peace or dropped off at your house once a month. We will publish class days and times as well as a sign up for the activity kits soon. [Register Now!](#)



Trinity Lutheran Seminary Grant Recipient, Morgan Walker

In late August the Endowment Committee sent a letter and a check for \$6,000 to Trinity Lutheran Seminary as a grant from the Benevolence Endowment (Seminary Scholarship) Fund for the 2020-2021 academic year to a student enrolled in their Master of Divinity program.

This fund was established and is being funded using 40% of the proceeds from the sale of the Saint Andrew property. Members, friends, and guests at Prince of Peace can also add to the fund to increase its value and future grants with current gifts, memorials, or estate gifts.



Below is a thank you letter to the congregation from the recipient of this grant. We look forward to Morgan Walker being able to visit us and share her experiences some Sunday in the future when church services return to normal.

To the People of Prince of Peace Westlake:

I would like to extend my deepest thanks and gratitude to you on behalf of the scholarship I received through your Endowment Committee. Your support means so much and I am thrilled that God has brought us together for this time of ministry and development. I look forward to a time when we can gather in person and build further relationship. Until then, I am happy to share some of my background with you.

I grew up in Vermilion, Ohio and graduated from Vermilion High School in 2015. In May 2019, I completed my undergraduate studies at Capital University with a degree in Youth Ministry and Christian Education and a minor in Psychology. In my time at Capital, I worked in the Admission Office as an intern, was president of Capital's university-sponsored campus ministry, and studied abroad for a semester in Berlin, Germany during the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. These were incredibly formative experiences and built a strong foundation for my seminary journey.

I am now in my second year at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in the Master of Divinity program, pursuing rostered leadership as a pastor in the ELCA. I am enjoying my time in the classroom, along with living in our intentional community on campus with two other classmates. Each week, we host our community common meal and work to create intentional community seminary-wide. In January, I spent two weeks on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota with the Lakota people as a cultural immersion experience sponsored by the seminary. This summer, I completed my Clinical Pastoral Education requirement and worked as a hospital chaplain in Michigan. While these experiences merely scratch the surface of my seminary journey thus far, they have been immensely rewarding and memorable. I have witnessed God's work in new and expansive ways, calling me to a career in ministry and to a vocation of lifelong learning.

Thank you for your commitment to sponsor seminary education. This support is a huge blessing to me and my colleagues as we live into the call God has placed on our lives. When you invest in students, you do not simply invest in an individual, but you invest in the future of the church. Thank you for your generosity and commitment. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time as we continually seek God's presence in our world together.

Many Blessings,

*Morgan Walker
Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Class of 2023*

Thinking of You!

As part of GWOH, Prince of Peace members can send a note to members of the congregation that you haven't seen for awhile to let them know you are thinking about them.

If you would like to send a note to members or their families who are in the fields of education, medical or essential services or are living in a senior residence or are home bound, please contact Judy Kazak for their address. What a wonderful way to bring cheer to a friend! judykazak@yahoo.com



Prince of Peace Blessing Box

Have you seen PoP's new Blessing Box? This 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.

The box is located outside POP, near the wheelchair ramp on the church's west side. It currently has food items including canned chicken, peanut butter, soup, beans, and crackers. It also has some household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.

POP members are encouraged to donate items in cans, boxes or plastic cartons. No perishables and no glass jars, please.

The box was created as an Eagle Scout project by Prince of Peace member [Nolan Gleespen], with assistance from Boy Scouts of Troop 208 and POP member John Cuciak.

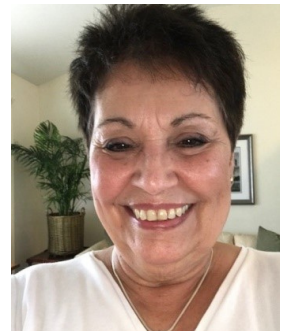


Profile Communications ~ Becky Wagoner

I recently moved to a new house in Olmsted Township, and have been busy getting things organized, learning the area, and meeting new neighbors and their dogs. I meet new neighbors easily when I walk Corky, who is 16 years old. And, I spend time, almost every day, FaceTiming with my sisters and family.

I have not returned to church yet, and won't until I think it is safe to be in larger groups for an extended time. But I have tuned into the taped Sunday services. Although I live farther away from church, I will continue as a member of POP. I continue to sew and have been sewing masks of various colors and designs. By the way, we are planning to resume the Quilters Group, because we usually have less than 10 gals present at any one time, and we can social distance easily as we spread out to work on quilts and fidget mats.

You ask, "How did I come to Christ?" Well, I grew up Catholic and had two cousins who were priests, and an aunt who was a nun. When I was younger, I thought all my non-Catholic friends were going to Hell, because that is what I was taught. I attended a Catholic girl's college, and taught in church, but I realize now that I did not have a relationship with Jesus; I had a relationship with the Catholic Church. When I prayed, the prayers were short and always memorized. But things started to change. I took a Comparative Religion Course and eventually met and married Byron, my husband, who was Lutheran. I have never had an "Aha Moment," that exact time when you know you have accepted Christ into your heart. But over the years I have definitely grown in my faith, and I now feel that God is close to me, always. And I have learned to pray openly and easily, which took some time. There was a time when Byron and I drifted away from the church, but we did rejoin, and I again feel at home with my Christian friends at POP.



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



STEWARDSHIP FALL FESTIVAL

*With social distancing and music
that will make you feel like
dancing! All are welcome!*

OCTOBER 17, 2020
6:30 PM

BONFIRE, MUSIC, DANCING,
PUMPKIN DECORATING



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Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Delaney (friend of Emma, Fronczak's granddaughter), Amy Babinski, Betty Babinski (mother of Jeff Babinski), Char Cuciak (daughter-in-law of John and Judy Cuciak), Penny Kelly, Stephanie Pogachar, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Deanna Rose, Ellie Sanow, Marilyn Wingfield. **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), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Ron Filkill, Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Midge Group (friend of Deb Gibbons), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Wendy Jenkins (friend of Deb Gibbons), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Dana Meier (friend of Deb Gibbons), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Toni Plute (sister of Charlie Koch), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague). **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. Please pray for all the Military men and women who are serving our country and for their families who are supporting them during this time of COVID-19. We pray they will be reunited soon.**

Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving - September 21, 2020: \$241,514
 Budget for 38 Sundays: \$258,000
 Giving Deficit as of September 21, 2020: \$ (16,486)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	In Person	Online	Total
September 20, 2020	41	60	101
September 13, 2020	32	48	80
September 7, 2020	23	32	55
August 30, 2020	38	40	78



09/23	Doris Horvath	09/30	Remi Bailey
09/23	Aaron Katrincsak	09/30	Deb Yandala
09/24	TJ Worsencroft	10/01	Jan Juhn
09/26	Rian Dillon	10/02	Allie Hallowell
09/26	Deb Gibbons	10/03	Chrissy Frey
09/29	Marsha Regan	10/03	Lydia Griffin
09/29	Alli Walker	10/04	Debbie Sanders

Happy Anniversary! 

09/19 Richard & Sally Balch

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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, our office hours are:
Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services

10:00 am online worship service

Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

Child Care

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.