



PEACE CONNECTIONS

January 8, 2020

Epiphany Adventure 1

The journey of the magi -- perhaps it reminds us of other journeys we have taken. Family vacations, anniversary cruises, treks back and forth across the country in joy and in sorrow -- all sorts of travel for all sorts of reasons.

But what about our spiritual travels? Where have you journeyed in your spiritual life this past year? The beginning of January is a good time to take stock -- it's the beginning of the calendar year, and a time for reflection in the church year.



The magi rode a long way on the backs of camels -- have you addressed any challenges of faith in your life? The magi brought gifts -- what of yourself have you given to God in the past year? The magi demonstrated that Jesus is for all people -- where have you seen that truth in action in the last year? I don't imagine that the magi sent postcards from Baghdad or Damascus back to Persia, but we ourselves do send them, and I'd welcome one from you! Send me an email or a REAL postcard and let me know something about your faith travels in 2019. I'm hoping for a full mailbox!

Blessings, Pastor Robin

2019 Annual Reports



Ministry Leaders

Please note that copies of Annual Reports are due on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. Please send a digital copy to the church office: princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

Christmas Undecorating

Come help us with Christmas Undecorating and pack up. This Saturday, January 11th at 9:30 am.





Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Monthly Sponsors Needed! Consider becoming a Love INC sponsor for 2020. 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. Please sign up in lower lobby.

Coffee House & Open Mic

Saturday, January 11, 2020

This event is open to the community. Music starts at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend, invite friends to join you! Enjoy great entertainment in a Coffee House setting with a variety of performers sharing their music. This is a free event. Join us for desserts and aromatic coffee in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere!



Member Profile

Liz is a recent new member, but she started attending Prince of Peace about a year ago. She was born in Cleveland, raised in Cleveland then lived in the towns of Berwyn and Broadview, which are west side suburbs of Chicago. Her family moved back to Rocky River when she was eight years old, and she attended public schools there. After high school, she attended and graduated from Kent State University with a degree in education in 1975. She came from a family of four kids: two older brothers, and a younger brother. Being the only girl, Liz said the boys were kind of tough on her, but she managed. It also helped that her youngest brother was 10 years younger. Her father was a regional manager and traveled a lot. [Read More](#)



Eucharistic Ministers Needed!



We are in need of more people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Arden Court, Bickford of Rocky River and Westlake Village. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to those folks who are unable to get to church. If you are interested, please contact Judy Kazak or Pastor Robin. Training will be provided and you will have the opportunity to shadow one of the current Eucharistic Ministers.

Calendar



January 8-19, 2020

Wednesday, January 8

9:30 am Fidget Quilters/FH

7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, January 9

6:30 pm Pastoral Partners

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 10

Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, January 11

10:00 am Organ Practice

6:30 pm Open Mic/FH

Sunday, January 12

Adult Forum

9 am Contemporary Worship

10:10 am Christian Education

11:00 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg

6:00 pm Council Meeting/CR

Monday, January 13

6:00 pm All Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

10:00 am Discovery Group/Library

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, January 16

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 17

Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, January 18

10:00 am Organ Practice

5:30 pm Bunco/FH

Sunday, January 19

9 am Blood Drive

9 am Contemporary Worship

10:10 am Christian Education

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Prince of Peace Youth

Blood Drive

January 19, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sign up to make your donation online or in person Sunday mornings. 21 spots available. Let's try to fill them all and then some! Invite your neighbors and friends. Together we can save lives. Sign up online at Red Cross or call 800/733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome too!



January 30th - February 3rd

Youth and Christian Ed. Conference for Hilary and Beverly. No Faith Impact class this weekend.

Lock-In February 15th - 16th at POP. Open to all middle school and high school students and friends! Meet at POP at 5pm Saturday. Bring any crock pots and soup recipes to make for the soup lunch fundraiser the next day. Bring board games, movies, video games and we will have a big sleepover at the church! Further details to come soon!

February 16th - Soup and Grilled Cheese Lunch Fundraiser for National Gathering

Youth will provide a soup and grilled cheese lunch during the congregational meeting. Youth families are asked to bring a soup to share and all congregational members are welcome to attend the lunch!

February 23rd - Join the high school and adult education classes in the charter room from 10-10:50 am to learn more about "What is Human Trafficking" and "How is it affecting our community".

Presentation by the [Collaborative to End Human Trafficking](#)

LYO 2020!

This weekend 5 youth participated in the Lutheran Youth Organization's annual Winter Gathering. The weekend included performances from the Allen Scott Band, speakers from the ELCA World Hunger offices and local pastor. The theme verse was Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you*", declares the Lord, "*plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*". Our very own Rachel Drobnek concluded her time as President of the LYO Board and Kate Weaver joined the LYO Board as the "Definitely Abled" representative! Congratulations Kate!



Get on Board and Follow Us!

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

email: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

Buds and Suds

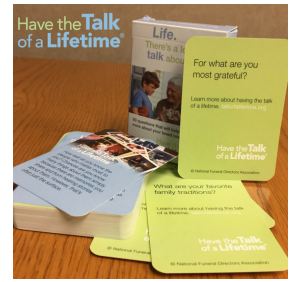
Now that the Christmas season is over many charities are forgotten. Not by us!!!!

Buds and Suds has started a sock drive to help out families who utilize Redeemer Crisis Center. The box for socks is located under the Buds and Suds mirror in the education wing. It is currently a third of the way full.

Please find it in your heart to donate socks of all sizes and types to this worthy cause. When the box is full we will deliver it to Redeemer Crisis Center. Thanks, Dave Covell

Join Us for The Talk of a Lifetime Adult Forum Sunday, January 12 Between Services

Although we may know about some of the significant people, places and events that have shaped the lives of our loved ones, we don't know everything. Sitting down with loved ones to talk about their lives can be rich and satisfying. Learning about memorable events, people, places, values and lessons they have learned can help bring you closer to people you care about most. Sharing stories with loved ones can help you get to know them in new and different ways and can deepen and strengthen your relationship with them. Talking can help you (and them) better understand the life they lead – and give both of you a new appreciation for their unique life story.



Julie Graf-Skinner of Busch Funeral Homes will be here to teach us about having the Talk of a Lifetime! Please join us and learn about how to approach family members and learn their life stories.

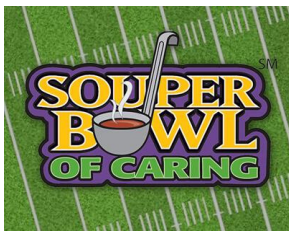


Second Harvest Food Bank

For the months of **January - March**, requested items are **Canned Beef Stew and Canned Vegetables**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Women's Re-Entry

With the cold weather there is a need for socks, gloves and scarves along with toiletries and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.



Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 2nd

Your cash donations in the soup kettles on Super Bowl Sunday will help provide food for homeless men. This enables us to serve a couple of times a year at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Homeless Men's Shelter, 2100 E. Lakeside.



Please join us! Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12:15 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at the Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, 26410 Great Northern Shopping Center in North Olmsted. See sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.

Women's Discipleship Group

The Women's Discipleship group will be starting a new book about the Holy Spirit. We share our spiritual journeys and meet the 3rd Monday of every month at POP at 7 pm in the Education wing. If you are interested please call or email Becky Kear at 440-899-0928 or BKear61695@aol.com

Sunday Adult Interact Class

You are invited to join the Interact class to discuss the film "White Right." Please pass this invitation on, if there is someone that would be interested.

We will gather at the church the night before on Saturday, January 25th, to watch the film in its entirety. The following day we will discuss the film and the topic of "Responding to Hatred with Love and Grace".

Saturday, January 25th, at 7 pm in the POP High School Education Classroom. Movie, desserts, coffee, fellowship. 55 minutes run time. Join us as we gather to watch the film.

Please RSVP by January 17, 2020 to Jon Wilhelm (everythingbutceramics@gmail.com), so we can have a headcount. Also, please reply if you can bring a small plate of snacks or desserts. After the movie, we will submit questions to discuss the following day during the Interact class. *Warning: this film contains offensive, hateful, and violent language, and depicts scenes from Charlottesville.*

Interact is a small group that wrestles with contemporary issues. We are a very informal, open group that loves having new people join our discussions introducing different perspectives on things. Please join us 10:15(ish) in the Charter Room (Administrative Wing). Classes lead by Dave Saunders.

January 12 TBD

January 19 TBD

January 26 "How to Repsond with Love in a World Filled with Hatred" led by Jon Wilhelm.

Wishing Judy Kazak Well in Retirement!



Dear POP Members and Friends,

We hope that you have all had a joyous Christmas and wonderful start to the New Year.

We begin this New Year with a major change in our lives at Prince of Peace. Judy Kazak, our Congregational Care Coordinator, has retired effective yesterday, January 1, 2020.

As you know, Judy took a fall last month, and her recovery, combined with the crush of the holiday season, created some uncertainties and delays in our making a formal announcement. However, she has officially retired, and we shall now move forward. Judy is home and improving every day, and we will find an appropriate time to honor and congratulate her once she is out and about.

All of us at POP want to express our tremendous gratitude to Judy for her loving service to our congregation as both member and staff. We know that many of you have benefited from her leadership and friendship with respect to Caring Connections, the Eucharistic Ministry, the Blossom Hill Ministry, Pastoral Partners, our visitors, and our congregants in need. She has been of great assistance to Pastor Robin in planning for events such as new members classes and receptions, special worship events, and programs such as the upcoming Talk of a Lifetime.

Your Council will discuss options for future staffing at its meeting this month. In the meantime, please direct all questions regarding Judy's responsibilities to Pastor Robin and Sue Iceman. Except in matters of pastoral confidentiality, it is most helpful if inquiries are seen by two sets of eyes. Judy and Pastor are planning to meet next Monday, after which we should have a much better idea of how to meet our interim needs.

Judy will still be with us as a member, of course, and we look forward to her return to worship and to whatever volunteer roles she decides to pursue. For now, we pray for her continuing recovery and with great thanks for all that she has done for Prince of Peace.

Wishing New Year Blessings to All of You,

Pr. Robin Craig

Dave Saunders, Council President

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Gloria Bracken (friends of Doug and Carol Leavens), Ken and Diane Joseph, Judy Kazak, Lilas Velardo (friends of Doug and Carol Leavens).

Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs: Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Joyce (sister of Diane Fortuna), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), 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), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Larry Renman (brother of Judy Kazak), Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Phil Smits, Lin Smothers (father of Judy Smothers, long time PoP visitor). *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.*

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Contemporary	Traditional	Total
01/05	115	53	168
12/29	Community Service		100
12/24	208	85	293
12/22	Community Service		145

January Birthdays!

01/08	Mara Lipschutz	01/25	Darlene Roman
01/10	Audrey Swanson	01/26	Barb Fronczak
01/11	Alex Babinski	01/27	Elizabeth Boor
01/12	Isaiah Cornick	01/27	Suzann Creech
01/13	Jessica Carimi	01/27	Dave Novotny
01/14	Pierce Gleespen	01/27	Phil Sprague
01/17	Michelle Goggin	01/28	Patty Beard
01/17	James Lehman	01/29	Molly Fortuna
01/19	Emma Andrus	01/29	Nicholas Hrouda
01/19	Don Miller	01/31	Jim Heimbuch
01/21	Beth Cornick	01/31	Ellie Sanow
01/23	Jane Wyant		

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Monday - Friday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

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.