



PEACE CONNECTIONS

April 6, 2022

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, April 10th

† Blessing of Palms and celebration of Holy Communion

9:00 am Contemporary

11:00 am Traditional

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

† Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15th

† Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17th

† 6:45 am Sunrise Service at Evergreen Cemetery

† 9:00 am Contemporary

† 11:00 am Traditional



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



Bring Your Blooms!

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS are invited to join in the Flowering of the Cross this Easter Sunday.

Bring a bloom or a bouquet of flowers to add to a cross that we will decorate together in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. Pick some from your garden or the store and join us!

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



On Sundays, you can 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 **April-June** requested items are **canned tuna fish and canned fruits**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Food Donations

We are very grateful for all the food donations to fill the shelves in the Christian Education hall. We still have lots of room for more! Our goal is 400 pounds - looks like we are working together to surpass that goal!

A very special thank you to Nora Franz (3rd grader) who has beautifully organized all the food for the past month.



Contemporary Worship Music

If you are joining us this Sunday for the 9 am Contemporary service, below are the songs we will be singing. The music can be found on YouTube. See you then!

We Want to See Jesus Lifted High
Communion
People On Your Heart
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
O, Sacred Head Now Wounded



Palm Sunday

April 6-17, 2022

Wednesday, April 6

12:00 pm Noon Soup and Study

Thursday, April 7

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm FLOW

3:00 pm Organ Practice

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, April 8

Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, April 9

Council Retreat

2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service

10:10 am Christian Education

9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, April 11

10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 pm Council Exec Meeting

Thursday, April 14

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 15

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 16

2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

6:45 am Sunrise Service

9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service

9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)



March

Soap Sales are back! - Youth and CE made more homemade soap to sell during the Easter Season again. Our famous soaps have expanded with new scents, colors, and shapes. Sales begin Palm Sunday April 10th and continue until all soap is sold! Free will donation with suggested base pay of \$5 per bag. Proceeds to benefit Lutheran World Relief.

COMING THIS MAY!

We are planning an Ice Cream Roll coming this May. Stay tuned!



Bunco Is Back!

Join us on **Saturday, May 28th** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Beginner lesson at 6:00 pm
- Entry is \$10
- Prizes will go to 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners!
- All are welcome!
- Bring a snack to share



Join Us on May 12th

INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES



NEPALI/INDIAN DINNER
THURSDAY MAY 12TH AT
6:30PM

13124 Lorain Ave Cleveland, OH 44111



No sign up required,
just show up hungry
and enjoy!
All are welcome

**Free street parking on Lorain and side streets

Save the Date! ELCA Youth Gathering 2024

save the date

ELCA YOUTH
GATHERING
JULY 16 - 20, 2024

New Orleans

PRE-EVENTS: MYLE & the tAble
JULY 13 - 16, 2024

Prince of Peace Ministry of the Month ~ Habitat for Humanity

Every month, Prince of Peace will feature one of our engagement ministries. We will share information about the ministry and let you know how you can get involved. For the month of April, the first ministry to be lifted up is Habitat for Humanity.



At Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, we build, repair and sell affordable homes to families with a 0% Interest mortgage. We also concentrate our work in focused communities so we can have a greater impact on helping revitalize neighborhoods.

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity has joined with all of Ohio's 45 Habitat affiliates to call on the state of Ohio to invest \$25 million to help build, rehabilitate and preserve 1,000 homes. But we need your help! [ACT NOW!](#)



Cleveland has once again been named the poorest, largest city in the US. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Cleveland is the poorest big city in America. Thirty percent of Cleveland residents live below the poverty level, and half earn less than \$20,000 per year.

The money raised at the Run/Walk/Mosey will fund the construction of 8 new homes on Shale Avenue. This is our rendering of the Shale homes. These are 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, and just over 1,300 square feet.



We are also starting a project on West 128th Street. It is a plot of land that was a long time ago, a school. We will be splitting it up into 5 lots. This will be very costly due to the water/sewer and utilities because it was one lot and will now be 5. Here is the rendering of these homes. These are 3 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, and just over 1,800 square feet. These are ADA-compliant homes.



We walk, run and mosey because everyone deserves a safe, decent place to call home. [Why I Walk - Watch Now](#)

To those who have joined us in the past, you might notice that there's something a little different about this year's event...

We're upping the ante as we celebrate our 35th anniversary and we're bringing our donut-friendly, family-friendly event to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Saturday, July 30th! Plus, we'll be hosting a celebratory brunch following the Walk/Run/Mosey.

Sign up today and join us July 30th for a day of fun and celebration! [Register Now!](#)



Save the Date!

THEY'RE BACK!

The Chardon Polka Band



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8, 2022



9:00 am & 11:00 am worship services

Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to join us for a charity event in support of "The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland."

A car and motorcycle show will be held on the church grounds. Dash plaques will be provided for the first fifty(50) registering after arrival. Awards are provided at the end of the show.

While there is no cost to attend, we request voluntary donations of cash or non-perishable food items which will be given to The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland.

Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show



Saturday, May 14th 12-4 pm

Urgent: Ukrainian Families Need You



Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

Although the situation in Ukraine is changing every day, I have an update for you on our response efforts.

Right now, our teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. [Your emergency gift today](#) will deliver urgent support and care, like:

- Food, shelter and other critically needed items
- Mission Quilts and Kits for families who fled their homes
- Medicine and supplies for clinics

I can't stress this enough. Every second counts here. With so many families displaced, and so many surrounding regions at risk from the ripple effects of this situation, we cannot wait. [We must act now to help families.](#)

We are committed to responding to the needs of the people of Ukraine. Your love, and your gift today, will reach families affected by this crisis.

I will continue to keep you updated on the situation as it unfolds. Please keep praying with us – [and please reach out to neighbors in need with an emergency gift.](#)

In Faith,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. We are committed to responding to the needs of families affected by this crisis, until your love reaches every neighbor. Please keep praying with us – and please reach out to neighbors in need with an emergency gift.



UKRAINIAN BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT

Ukrainian Village Food and Deli
Lviv International Food Store
International Food and Deli
Mama Marie's Ukrainian Kitchen
Kolos Andros Ukrainian Bakery
Taste of Europe
PV Euro Market
Yeleseyevsky Deli
Perla Pierogies

February 2022 Health and Safety Update

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Health and Safety Team met on February 26 to discuss the latest information from the CDC and reviewed our guiding principles.

On February 25, the CDC revised its guidelines regarding mask recommendations. Instead of basing mask recommendations solely on caseload, the guidance also will consider hospitalizations, current beds by COVID patients and hospital capacity.

In the past couple of weeks, the caseload and hospitalization numbers in our community have greatly improved, and based on this new guidance from CDC, our county and surrounding counties are communities where the CDC suggests masks be optional for gatherings.

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.

Based on these factors, we are changing our congregational protocols to be "mask optional", effective immediately. Those who wish to remove their masks in the church, classes, meetings, and gatherings may do so; those who wish to keep them on may also do so. We have a wide range of risk tolerance and health needs in the congregation, and our aim is to provide as many options for people to participate as we can, both in person and virtually.

High priority ministries that include individuals who may have increased risk will continue to be supported by wearing masks. Communion servers and the pastor will wear masks during the distribution; nursery volunteers will wear masks.

We encourage the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home. Whether you suspect a cold or flu, COVID or something else, and you show symptoms, please stay home and work on getting well!
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please let us know. As members of the church family, we want to offer any support we can. As with any health information, we will keep your information confidential.
- If you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please consider wearing a mask to protect the possible spread to others.
- Be considerate of those who continue to wear masks. There are many reasons why masks are still the best option for many in our community.
- In all these things, we love one another through these challenging days!

Remember that worship is live streamed every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am on our YouTube Page, so that everyone can join in worship!

The pandemic has tested our patience and resilience, and we appreciate the ways in which the people, leadership, and staff of Prince of Peace have supported each other through the past two years.

God bless you all.

The Health and Safety Team

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Retired Lorain County Health Commissioner, Council Vice President
- Mark Givens, Church Council Member
- Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Jim Dickey, Council President
- Sally Balch, Council Vice President

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Cyndi (friend of Jane Dillon), Frank (friend of Jann Daniels), Tom (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Dr. Rachel Abernethy (friend of Lia Staaf), Marie Herr (friend from Habitat for Humanity), Family of Paul R. DeArment (brother of Diane Merhaut), Marie Herr (friend from Habitat for Humanity), Tianyi Krupka (friend of Debbie Thomas), Howard Ricke (father of Cindy Zinram), Greg Rolitsky, (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Cindy Strieter. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Jaime Alspach, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Pastor Sherman Bishop, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), 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), Pat Merhaut (step grandmother of Shawn Merhaut), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham), Lois Reichert, Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella. **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.**

2022 Giving Report

| | YTD | Weekly |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Operating Giving as of February 28: | \$85,281 | \$9,476 |
| Percent of Annual Budget Received: | 22% | |
| Needed to Achieve Budget: | \$294,719 | \$6,271 |
| Needed to Eliminate 2022 Budgeted Deficit: | \$334,719 | \$7,122 |

Attendance at Prince of Peace

| Date | Online | In Person | Total |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 04/03/2022 | 45 | 126 | 171 |
| 03/27/2022 | 46 | 133 | 179 |
| 03/20/2022 | 57 | 133 | 190 |
| 03/13/2022 | 64 | 127 | 191 |

Happy Birthday

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| 04/07 Sarah Bruening | 04/13 Eli Hallowell |
| 04/07 Mason Reisner | 04/14 Tim Gibbons |
| 04/08 Charles Schmidt | 04/16 Mason Rowe |
| 04/10 Jacob Arthur | 04/17 Thomas Morton |
| 04/13 Mark Givens | 04/17 Mark Wiedt |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 04/06 Bob & Della Thompson |
| 04/07 Grant & Beth Comnick |
| 04/11 Dave & Laurel Covell |

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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.

