

Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This annual ministry began many years ago by POP members Jane and Jim Carlson and thankful to once again continue this important initiative in their honor. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 1st with plans to deliver to the shelter the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 20th. Donations of warm clothing are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contract Shawn Merhaut. Thank you!

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, December 18, 2026 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located at 25779 Brookpark Rd. in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

Christmas Eve

We invite you to join us this Christmas and bring your family, friends, or a neighbor! Come celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, as we gather in faith, joy, and fellowship. We will be offering three special Christmas services:

3:00 PM – Family Service
6:00 PM – Praise Service
9:00 PM – Contemporary Service



Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

We'll hanging Christmas garlands in the sanctuary (need helpers on ladders), fluffing and hanging the new garland, assembling, fluffing and placing artificial trees in the sanctuary and narthexes, checking candles for Christmas Eve and polishing the brass candle sticks. Sign up in the lower narthex or call Dineen Terstage to RSVP (440-263-6759) so we know how much pizza to order.

November 27th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, November 27th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice

Saturday, November 28th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, November 29th
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday, November 30th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, December 1st
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2nd
2:00 pm Pastor Doug Bible Study

Thursday, December 3rd
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
9:30 am Hanging of the Greens Prep
3:00 pm Organ Pracitce
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, December, 4th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
1:15 pm Organ Practice
6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, December 5th
2;00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, December 6th
9:00 am Praise Service
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Service
2:00 pm Advent Tea

Monday, December 7th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, December 8th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love * Live In Peace*

November 30, 2026

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

You are invited to our congregational budget meeting scheduled for

Sunday, December 14th following the single worship service and Christmas program in the Sanctuary (approximate start: 11:15 AM)

During the meeting, we will

- Review our 2026 financial performance.
- Discuss the 2027 operating budget.
- Present the 2027 budget for approval.
- Move to (re-)establish a line of credit to allow for large "unplanned" needs
- Provide an update on the Peace Pavilion final gifts and payments

A summary of the 2027 operating budget will be available for review on our website (www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) under the Members Only tab by Tuesday, December 1st. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We are in a good financial shape and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and expand our mission. We look forward to 2027 and beyond with exciting opportunities and (expectedly) a new Pastor to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Live in Peace.

We are continuing the tradition of showing appreciation for the outstanding work our interim Pastor and staff has done through the "Christmas Purse". The Purse is an opportunity for you to make a special financial contribution towards a Christmas gift. You can designate that your gift goes to a specific staff person (or persons) or it will go into a general pool to be shared by Pastor and the entire staff. Please write Christmas Purse in the memo line of any donation.

Have blessed Advent, as we approach the celebration of Christmas,

Mark P. Givens
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Advent Tea Update



We have filled up our advent tea but would love to add you to our waitlist if you are interested!

Please reach out to Judy Kazak at:
judykazak@yahoo.com

Christmas Toast



Join us for the 4th annual Sisters in Spirit (SIS) and Buds & Suds Christmas Toast. We will meet on Sunday, December 27th at 5pm until 9pm. The toast will be around 6:30pm.

This year the location has changed. We will meet at Arturo's (26679 Brookpark Ext, North Olmsted, OH 44070). We look forward to celebrating with you all!

Fellowship by the Fire

Thanks to all who attended the Fellowship by the Fire. We averaged between 10 and 17 people each week and had great conversations around Character, Adapting to Change, Living a Charitable Life, and Defining Success.

Sadly Northeast Ohio has told us it's time to take a break until the spring. We will start up again when the weather improves. Watch for the invitation in April. Pull up a Chair. Join the Conversation.



Walking Together

Click here to check out the lastest news from the Northeastern Ohio Synod. There is news about the news about growing in Faith, and table for Youth Gathering!

Linked here!

Walking Together
News from the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Cultivating ministry sites that equip disciples for Christ-centered living.

Thank You

Thank you to our congregation for joining us at the French Toast breakfast, hosted by Christian Ed and Youth! Your continued support helps us grow!







Parents Day Out

Need some time to finish your last-minute holiday shopping? We've got you covered!

Drop your kids off at Prince of Peace on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:30 AM–3 PM for a fun-filled day while you tackle your holiday to-do list!

Lunch will be provided! A free-will offering will support our high school youth attending the 2027 National Youth Gathering.



Children's Christmas Program

Join us on Sunday, December 13th as our children share the joy and wonder of the Christmas story! Through their songs, smiles, and celebration, we'll be reminded of the greatest gift of all — the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please note that we will have **ONE** worship service at 10 AM so our entire church family can come together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.



Happy Birthday Jesus

Join us on Sunday, December 20th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a birthday celebration honoring Jesus!

We'll have birthday cake, party favors, and plenty of fun as we celebrate the true reason for the season.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us as we share in the joy of Jesus' birthday! Let's make a joyful noise and celebrate Jesus!





Scranton Mitten Tree

Help make Christmas brighter for children at **Scranton Elementary** in Cleveland.

Teachers identify students with significant hardships, and each child has a "Mitten Tag" with gift ideas.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1 PICK UP A MITTEN TAG
From the tree in the upper lobby beginning **November 22.**

2 PURCHASE THE GIFT(S)
Use the gift ideas on the tag.

3 WRAP & ATTACH TAG
Wrap the gift(s) and securely attach the Mitten Tag.

4 RETURN BY DECEMBER 13
Bring wrapped gifts back no later than **Sunday, December 13.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Mitten Tree Available **November 22**

Gift Return Deadline **December 13**

Delivery to School **December 16**

URGENT NEED: EXTRA CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Scranton teachers have identified a critical need for extra clothing to have on hand for students throughout the school year.



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Shirts · Pants · Socks · Undergarments

New items preferred.

These items help teachers support children all year long!

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME!


Coats


Mittens & Gloves


Scarves


Hats


Socks

Want to help with delivery? Let us know!

Questions? Contact Diane Merhaut.

Together We Can Make a Difference! ♡

Prayer LIST

Sunday, November 29th, 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)
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)
Chloe Kepic and Family (Friends of Jane Dillon)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

November 13
Lois Kerklo (Friend of Doug Leavens)
Ken Peterson (Friend of Barb and Dan Fronczak)
Sue Saunders (Sister of Dave Saunders)
Natalie Saunders (Daughter-in law of Dave and Jan Saunders)
Donna Thickpenny (Friend of Dave and Jan Saunders)

November 20
Becky Kear (PoP Member)
Judy Cuciak and Family of John Cuciak (PoP Members)

November 29
Dave Pratt (Coworker of Steve Zinram)
Barbara Williams and Jen (Friends of Deb Gibbons)

Happy Birthday

Ruth Ann Whitbeck 12/01
Jackson Pogachar 12/01
Taylor Reisner 12/01
Charlie Koch 12/02
Dolph Rolik 12/02
Landon Beard 12/05
Franklin Kraps 12/06
Craig Juhn 12/07
Brian Gilbert 12/08
Christie Wiedt 12/08
Marge Jaracz 12/09
Monica Dragony 12/10
Laurel Covell 12/10
Lora Robinholt 12/10
Jann Daniels 12/11
Ian Comnick 12/13
Ruth Mortensen 12/13
Joe Rowe 12/16
Matthew Roman 12/18
Bud Zanders 12/18
Justice Strieter 12/18
Allison Peluso 12/20
Diane Schlegel 12/21
Matthew Wenham 12/21
Jim Dickey IV 12/23
Owen Marple 12/26
Roger Hauser 12/29
Russ Bauknecht 12/31
Amy Hrouda 12/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Judy Cuciak 12/11
Kirk & Kate Hartung 12/15
Dave & Carol Novotny 12/17
Diane & Walter Diekroger 12/19
Lowell & Jane Dillon 12/28
Marge & Jim Jaracz 12/29
Robert & Mary Mayer 12/30

Second Harvest

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

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of October 31st 2026:	$433,313	$10,077
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	83%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	$85,687	$9,520
We need to average $43,000 per month to reach budget!		
Please give abundantly and cheerfully!		
Total Expenses Incurred through 10/31/26	$409,151	$9,515

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Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
11/22/2026	138	142	280
11/15/2026	97	164	261
11/08/2026	127	185	312
11/01/2016	155	168	341

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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-2

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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.