

# PEACE CONNECTIONS

February 3, 2021

## Welcome Pr. Charlie Woodward!

### Rev. Charlie Woodward Joins Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Dear members of Prince of Peace,

It was with great excitement that I write to tell you that Rev. Charles Woodward has accepted the Call to be the next Senior Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. When I spoke with him shortly after the congregational vote, Pastor Charlie was very excited and asked that I thank each of you for the overwhelming support. He will officially begin his duties with us shortly before Palm Sunday (March 28, 2021). If you were unable to attend or view the Meet and Greet, a recording is on the ['Members Only'](#) page of the website.

This has been a long and winding road for our congregation. To no surprise of any of us, the Call Committee showed great patience and diligence throughout the process. We all thank them for their commitment and congratulate them on a job well done. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Pastor Robin and Pastor Tom for guiding us through the process as our interim pastors. Pastor Tom will now focus his attention on preparing us in welcoming our new pastor.

Finally, I would like to thank our church council for all of their hard work and counsel. The individuals who have served on council during this process have kept us on track with our goals and aspirations. Our immediate past president of council, Dave Saunders, started us down this road with great planning and a lot of faith. The planning and his reminders to have faith kept us grounded and we thank him for his vision.

In two months we will have completed this journey and will embark on another. Pastor Charlie and his wife, Lisa are ready to embrace the challenges ahead of us. Are you? I'm positive that the odds are in our favor. God bless all of you.

Steve Zinram, Council President



## A Message from Pr. Charlie Woodward

[Visit our website to see Pr. Charlie's message.](#)


## Prince of Peace Website Members Only Page

To view our 'Members Only Page', go to our website:

[www.princeofpeacewestlake.org](http://www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) Select "Login" in the upper right hand corner, then select "login by email". Enter your email and password. After you have logged on, go back to the top right corner of the page next to your profile picture. Select "My Account" and in the pop up box, select "Members Only Page".

If you do not have a login, click on "Log In" located at the top right corner of the homepage and select "New to this site? Sign up" and follow the instructions. Once you have signed up, you will need to wait for admin 'approval' before you can login.

## Sunday Online Worship Services at 8:00 am

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. 



## 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](#)

## Pick Up Your 2021 Offering Envelopes

You can still pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes in the church office on the following **Mondays** between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:30 pm: February 8, 15, and 22.

### Offering Envelopes



## Annual Meeting - Save the Date!

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held **this Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11:15 am**. The 2020 Annual Budget is on the '[Members Only](#)' page on our website.



At this time the meeting will only have online attendance via Zoom. An email with the link will be sent out later this week.

## 2020 Donation Statements

Dear members of Prince of Peace,

The 2020 year end donations statements were emailed on January 25th. Please check your SPAM if it is not received. If you have any questions, contact Sally Balch at [balchsa@aol.com](mailto:balchsa@aol.com)



## February 3-14, 2021

Wednesday, February 3  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, February 4

Friday, February 5

Saturday, February 6  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, February 7  
8:00 am Online Worship Service  
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study  
11:15 am Annual Meeting

Monday, February 8  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 9  
10:00 am Discovery Group

Wednesday, February 10  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, February 11

Friday, February 12

Saturday, February 13  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, February 14  
8:00 am Online Worship Service  
9:30 am Pancake Project!  
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study

*The mission of Prince of Peace is to inspire followers of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual growth, and hospitality.*

# Prince of Peace Youth

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!

**Sunday School 2020/2021** - Sunday School will be completely virtual.



## Pancake Project February 14th!

Drive up to POP and pick up your homemade breakfast for you and the family! Tell everyone you know! All proceeds to benefit Christian Education and Youth service projects. [Register here!](#)

## Pet Profiles!

Share your animal family with Prince of Peace! Youth and Christian Education will be hosting a special edition "Pet Takeover" of the Peace Connections the first week of March! Show your church family the furry friends that have been keeping your company at home and that bring you happiness! [Complete form here!](#)

## Red Cross Blood Drive at Prince of Peace

Thank you again to our donors that started off 2021 by saving lives!

Your team registered 26 total donors, collected 25 pints of blood!

The next drive will be held on **Sunday, March 21, 2021** from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sign up to donate at [Red Cross](#). Masks required. Appointments required.



## Get on Board and Follow Us!

[Facebook](#) ~ [Instagram](#)

email: [poplutheranyouth@gmail.com](mailto:poplutheranyouth@gmail.com)

For more information, visit our website: [www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth](http://www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth)

## Ash Wednesday Ash Kits

Dear members and friends of Prince of Peace,

**Saturday, February 13th, 2021 from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at the south side door.**

Come pick-up an Ash Wednesday at-home ashes kit! Dineen and Megan will have kit's put together for families, so you can practice the Imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, at home. The kits will include ashes, communion, and an instruction card on how to use the ashes properly.

*If you are unable to stop by between the times, we will have some available to pick up in the office on Monday, February 15th between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, or there will be kits set out to be taken by the west-side door inside the wooden chest.*

**Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the west side door.**

We will also have a drive by imposition option on Ash Wednesday. Pastor Tom will be at the West Side door practicing safe alternatives to the imposition. You will need to sign up by appointment here: [SignUp Genius](#) or call the office (440/871-5565) and leave a request for a time slot. We ask that you please stay in your car with masks on and Pastor Tom will come to you.

Thank you!

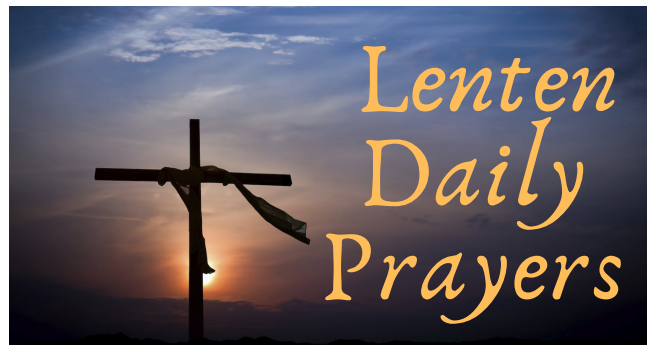




## Lenten Daily Prayers

Hello Prince of Peace members,

The daily Advent recordings were so well-received that it was suggested we do something similar for the 40 days of Lent. The ELCA is lifting up world hunger and poverty for this season and the daily prayers will reflect that concern. We would love to see as many familiar faces as possible.



We are looking for volunteers to make a video reciting a daily Lenten prayer. You will be provided with the reading for your day. The first recording will be on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

If you are interested in volunteering, email the office at [princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com). Once you volunteer, you will be assigned a prayer and will be given further instructions. All volunteers must be scheduled before the end of February.

If you are unable or uncomfortable recording yourself at home, PoP's Ben Ubienski, Sound Technician, has offered to schedule a time to record you in the sanctuary. You can email him at [benubi97@gmail.com](mailto:benubi97@gmail.com) or text/call at 330-680-1918.

Thank you for considering this way to connect with one another. We hope to hear from you soon!

Peace,

Cindy Strieter

## NEOS Women's Organization

Dear Sisters of the Cleveland West Cluster of the NEOSWO of the ELCA,

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord.

I pray this message finds you safe and well. We have gone through a difficult year and I hope and pray this year will be better for us all.

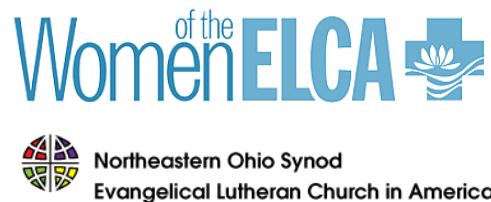
We were unable to conduct our Cluster meetings last year due to Covid-19. According to our government officials it appears we should not hold our Spring Rally this year also.

The Churchwide organization has had a significant cut in financial giving due to the pandemic. Synodical Women's Organizations were unable to hold conventions, Clusters are not gathering, Units are not meeting and the Triennial Convention and Gathering were not held last year. This has created a great deficit in the churchwide income.

We are called to give and support the Women of the ELCA where most needed. We must support OUR ongoing MINISTRIES of Leadership Development, Discipleship and Program Resources, Gather Magazine, Cafe e-zine, Racial Justice Education, Bible Studies and more.

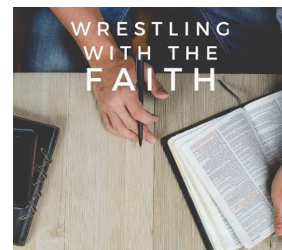
Congregational Units (CU) are called to be communities of women that support each other and act to bring about healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world. Synodical Women's Organizations (SWO) connect Congregational Units in mission with the Churchwide organization. We can help live out this MISSION by giving to the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Women of the ELCA).

If you would like to know more about the Women of the ELCA please contact Mollie Broadnax at [molliebroadnax@yahoo.com](mailto:molliebroadnax@yahoo.com) or phone 216/650-2545. She is president of the Cleveland West Cluster and a member of New Horizons Lutheran Church, Homerville, Ohio.



## Prince of Peace Podcast, "Wrestling with the Faith"

Hi everyone! We would like to thank everyone for the support we've received as we've started the WWTF podcast. As we continue grow the podcast, we would love to hear more from you! If you have any topics you would like us to cover, guests you would like us to have on, or any other feedback, please send us an email at [wwtfpodcast.pop@gmail.com](mailto:wwtfpodcast.pop@gmail.com)! We look forward to hearing from you. Keep wrestling!



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 the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith podcast](#). *We discuss Mark 1: 29-39.* 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!

## Health and Safety Message

Looking into the future with hope, at this time we will continue to pause in-person worship through the beginning of February. With no definitive date currently, please know that as soon as the Health and Safety Committee and Executive Committee feels it is safe for us all to come back together, we will let everyone know.

*The following is a message from our Health and Safety committee:*

As we continue to deal with the pandemic there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Although cases are still high, vaccines will begin to be available to older adults starting the week of January 18th. That, along with the number of cases beginning to come down, should allow us to begin to see each other in person soon. As the next few weeks unfold more people will become vaccinated and we will begin to see an end to this pandemic. I, for one, can't wait to see everyone in person. Hang in there a little longer so we can get our most vulnerable populations vaccinated.

Office hours will also continue to be limited, however, thanks to new technology if it seems no one is in the building, we encourage you to call the office phone, as it will ring through Megan and Mary's personal phone. \*This does not guarantee someone will answer right away.

If you are there and need immediate assistance please call John Cuciak.

God Bless and Be Well,

Prince of Peace Office

## Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of **February-March** requested items are Canned Beef Stew and Canned Vegetables. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing.



Thank you!

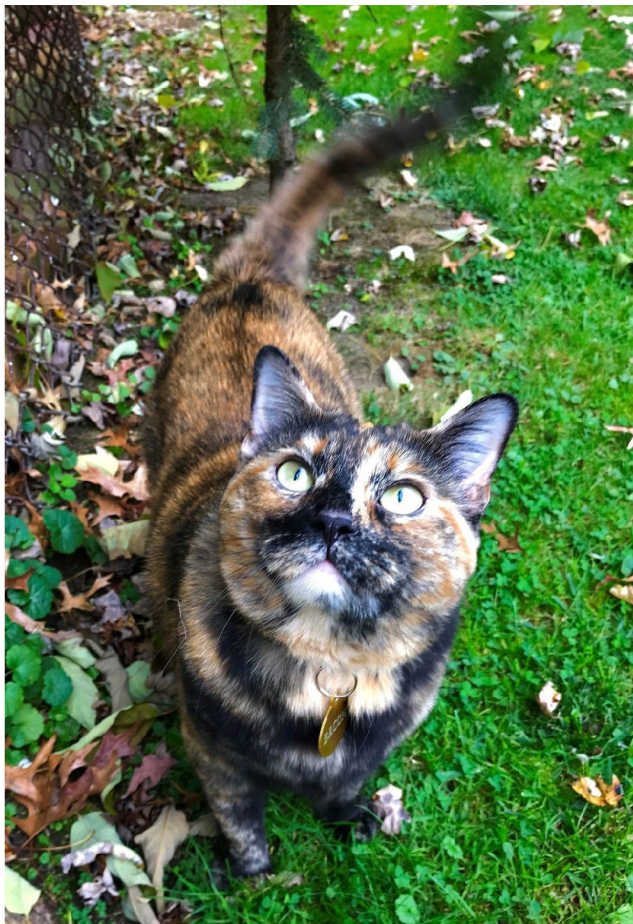


## Women's Re-Entry

Sorry, but we cannot accept any clothing other than socks at this time. Socks can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.



# Pet Profiles



## *Share your animal family with POP!*

Youth and Christian Ed will be hosting a special edition "Pet Takeover" of the Peace Connections the first week of March!

Show your church family the furry friends that have been keeping you company at home and that bring you happiness!

Fill out the form in this [LINK](#) and send your photos to: [poplutheranyouth@gmail.com](mailto:poplutheranyouth@gmail.com)  
If you have multiple pets please fill out 1 form for each pet!

"Treat your "someone special" to a hot pancake breakfast!

Drive thru and pick up three silver dollar pancakes, two pork sausage links, and scrambled eggs. We won't tell if you present it to your honey as a homemade meal!

Single for Valentines? No problem! We will give you plenty of love and a full belly!

Drive through from 9:00 am - 11:30am. Registration now open. Free will offering to benefit future Christian Education and Youth service projects.

To reserve your meal in advance, RSVP using this [LINK](#)

# THE PANCAKE PROJECT



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

9AM - 11:30AM

Drive up to POP and pick up your homemade breakfast for you and the family! No dishes to clean! Tell everyone you know! Our goal is to cook 200 meals!

All proceeds to benefit Youth and Christian Education

Meals include:

3 "silver dollar" pancakes

2 pork sausage links

Scrambled eggs



# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Annette (friend of Linda Baumbach), Ed (friend of the Merhaut family), Char Cuciak (daughter-in-law of John Cuciak), Sydney Severance (friend of Myrta Holden), Barbara Viets, Cindy Zinram. **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), Pr. Sherman Bishop, Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Gloria Bracken (friend of Doug & Carol Leavens), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Carl Grispino (friend of Gerry and Fran Wilhelm), 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), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Deanna Rose, 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.**

## Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving In 2020:	\$336,733
Budget for Operating Giving:	\$362,500
Giving Deficit to Budget In 2020:	\$(25,267)

*Although operating giving was below budget, so were operating expenses. For 2020 that resulted in a small deficit under \$5,000.*

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online Views
01/31/2021	74
01/24/2021	69
01/17/2021	53
01/10/2021	51



02/04 Diane Christian	02/09 Diane Miller
02/04 Tom Herren	02/10 Nicholas Fortuna
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/10 Sean Lavin
02/04 James Wilhelm	02/12 Melody Hauser
02/05 Erin Jagels	02/13 Chris Rehark
02/05 Julia Vorobej	02/12 Laney Ventimiglia
02/06 Sean Biller	02/13 Sally Balch
02/07 James Arrigo	02/13 Jane Carlson
02/07 Esther Wolff	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/08 Joann Burson	02/13 Kathy McCollum

## Happy Anniversary!

02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue

## Prince of Peace Staff

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Hilary Lucas, Youth Director  
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Cindy Strieter, Contemporary Music Director

Ben Ubienski, Sound Technician

Steve Zinram, Church Council President  
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### Office Hours

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

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### Sunday Worship Services

10:00 am in person by reservation  
10:00 am online worship service

Christian Education  
Sundays online

### Child Care

Child care has currently been suspended due to Covid.