

Whoever loves
me will keep my
word.

John 14:23

PEACE CONNECTIONS
May 18, 2022

POP Car & Motorcycle Show

Many thanks for everyone's help in making this event a success! The weather cooperated and we had a good turnout including a few motorcycles.

Donations for food served from the Peace Wagon will bring the POP Youth program a total of \$380. For The Hunger Center of Greater Cleveland, we received many non-perishable food items. Two representatives from the Hunger Network attended. Cash donations totaled \$841 so we will contribute \$1,682 with the endowment's 100% match!



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](#)

You can also just text the word **Give** to the number below to get started: (866) 863-5410

Second Harvest Food Bank



For the month of **May-June** requested items are **canned tuna fish and canned fruits**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!



Women In Transition

There is a great need for umbrellas, new socks, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Young at Heart

Please join us on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Red Lobster, located at 25615 Brookpark Road in N. Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440/734-6511.



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!

Blessed Be Your Name
Holy, Holy, Holy
Don't Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
River is Here



May 18-29, 2020

Wednesday, May 18
2 pm Book & Bible Studies/Canceled

Thursday, May 19
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 20

Saturday, May 21
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, May 22
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Monday, May 23
10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, May 24
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 25
2 pm Book & Bible Studies/Canceled

Thursday, May 26
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm Caring Connections
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 27

Saturday, May 28
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, May 29
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)



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



Senior Recognition

Prince of Peace invites you and your family to ...

Senior Recognition

Sunday June 12th
9am

All are welcome!
Stay for cake and celebration after the service

Seniors please send us the following for display:

1. Name
2. High School
3. Any awards or honors received
4. College/Vocation school you will be attending (if not applicable, share what you plan to do next, ex. military, working, etc.)
5. Course of study (if not decided you can leave blank)
6. Any special scholarships received for college (example: soccer program scholarship, leave blank if not applicable)
7. Senior Photo

email to poplutheranyouth@gmail.com
no later than May 28th

Interest Free Loans for Lutheran Students

Students, attain the life you're called to live. **The Pierstorf Memorial Fund** offers zero-interest educational loans to Lutherans living in the state of Ohio. Students must be enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.

Explore academic pursuits, discover your unique gifts, and grow in the Spirit with yearly loans of up to \$3,000. For more information and to apply, visit Pierstorf.org



Join Us In Welcoming Prince of Peace's Newest Members!

Spring New Member Class of 2022

- Kourtney and Matt Samuelson
- Kristen, Sally and Sophia Chengery
- Mike and Sherry Weber
- Erin, Phil, Bryce and Carter Bruneau

Prince of Peace Ministry of the Month ~ Second Harvest Food Bank

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 May, the ministry to be lifted up is [Second Harvest Food Bank](#).



Ongoing hardship, coupled with the rising cost of food, housing, and other basic needs, has many of our neighbors struggling to make ends meet. Right now in our community, more families than ever before are wondering where they will get their next meal. With your gift to Second Harvest, they can put food in the hands of those who need it most.

Every donation helps strengthen their efforts; for every \$10 donated Second Harvest can provide 50 meals to families struggling with hunger in our region. [DONATE NOW](#)

Interested in volunteering with Second Harvest? The schedule for volunteer events in the RePack Room are updated every Friday in Cervis, a volunteer event portal. Majority of Second Harvest's volunteer opportunities are packing assorted boxes of shelf-stable food in order to meet the increased need in our community. [SIGN UP](#)

At Prince of Peace, every quarter we collect the following requested items:

- January-March: canned beef stew and canned vegetables
- April-June: canned tuna fish and canned fruits
- July-September: peanut butter and canned meats
- October-December: cereal and canned Soup

Our collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing.



In the first three months of 2022, Prince of Peace has donated 305 pounds to Second Harvest Food Bank! You have brought a small measure of peace, comfort and hope to families in our area who are in need. Please continue your donations in 2022 so we can continue to help. Thank you!

The Food Bank is located at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, OH 44053. *Our goal is to supply one ton annually to the Food Bank.* For more information and to learn how to volunteer, contact Charlie Koch: cakoch13@aol.com



Bible Study at Prince of Peace

As you know engagement is a main issue for our congregation members. And, one of the easiest and most important activities you can be involved in at Prince of Peace is Bible Study. Currently we have three Bible Studies going on at Prince of Peace. The first is led by Pastor Charlie, the second is the Monday night SOAP Bible Study, and the third is the Gospel and Lesson study held between church services each Sunday. Three great opportunities to learn and broaden your understanding and faith.



Francis Schaeffer has said that almost all of the problems of today's world are brought about by a changing concept of truth. And, we as Christians have the absolute basis for truth in the Bible, God's word. Many of us grew up not reading the Bible, and many of us have Bibles but never open them. We all know the story of Jesus. The Christmas Story through the Easter Resurrection - but do we really know who this Jesus really was and is.

"Since becoming involved in the Monday Night SOAP Bible Study I have become stronger in my Christian Faith. When I first began the Bible study, I was worried that I would feel out of place among others who were more dedicated in reading the Bible regularly. That was not the case. We share ideas and thoughts about various verses without personal criticism. My learning will last a lifetime." Tom Robinholt

"I was so grateful when the Men's SOAP Bible Study expanded to both men and women. How do you spread the word of Jesus if you don't know it? I have heard over and over from others, 'I don't know what to say, and I am afraid I will get it wrong.' Reading and discussing the Bible with others has given me a stronger understanding and basis for my faith." Julia Castel

Happiness comes and goes; joy comes and grows. – through Bible study we can know the Joy of the Lord, and the joy of the Lord is our strength. Are you growing in your faith? Are you a stronger Christian today compared to when you first became a Christian? I encourage you to join a Bible Study at Prince of Peace, and get back on tract in your faith journey.

Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter

Summer Outdoor Services!

Save the dates!

This summer we will hold three 10:00 am outdoor services.

Sunday, June 26:	Elders of Jazz
Sunday, July 31:	Traditional Worship
Sunday, August 28:	Praise Worship



PoP Altar Guild Rummage Sale! August 6, 2022

Donation drop off days begin July 16!

No books, electronics, CD's, DVD's or video tapes this year.

- Saturdays, July 16, 23 and 30 from 10 am-noon
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 19, 21, 26 from 6-7:30 pm
- Monday-Friday, August 1-5, 9:30 am-noon (set up week)



Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Eastern Cluster Spring Gathering

June 11, 2022 8:30am-1:00pm

at Zion Lutheran Church

3300 Canfield Rd Youngstown, OH 44511

Our theme this Spring is:

**“Y” Keeping Our Eyes On Jesus
Through Yoga, Yarn & Yonna**

Featured Guest: Musician/Author Eryonna Carson

Lunch provided \$5.00 Registration

Deadline is June 5th

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: Chuck (friend of Jan Juhn), Jeff (friend of Diane DieKroger), Family of Pat Blakeslee (brother of Mark Blakeslee), Diane Christian (mother of Michelle Christian), Sean Gordon (nephew of Diane DieKroger), Family of Paul Hoffman (friend of Sally Poirer), Ron and Becky Kear, Thomas King (friend of Linda Baumbach), Michelle McGhee (daughter of Marilyn Wingfield), Joan Park (mother of Deb Gibbons), Virginia Perriello (friend of Pastor Charlie), Cindy Strieter, Fran Wilhelm, John Woodward (brother of Pastor Charlie). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Tom (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jaime Alspach, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Jayne Kramic (friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum), 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, Howard Ricke (father of Cindy Zinram), Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny (friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum), . **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 April 30:	\$ 147,349	\$ 8,668
Percent of Annual Budget:	39%	
Needed for Giving Budget:	\$ 232,651	\$ 6,647
To cover Cost Budget:	\$ 272,651	\$ 7,790

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
05/15/2022	47	123	170
05/08/2022	113	154	267
05/01/2022	70	130	200
04/24/2022	61	209	270

May 22, 2022 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67
 Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
 Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Happy Birthday

05/18 Stephanie Pogachar	05/28 Craig Jagels
05/19 Blake Beard	05/29 Jerry Karp
05/22 Ron Filkill	05/31 Jeff Babinski
05/24 Addison Kovach	05/31 Logan Vitko
05/27 Robert Mayer	

Happy Anniversary!

05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna
 05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
 05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
 05/29 Tracy & Tom Biller
 05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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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

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services. **Parent supervision only on May 22nd.**