

# PEACE CONNECTIONS

September 28th, 2022



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# October

Wednesday, September 28  
2 pm Book & Bible Studies

Thursday, September 29  
*Sexton's Day Off*  
10:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 30  
*Pastor Charlie's Day Off*  
12:15 pm Young at Heart

Saturday, October 1  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 2  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service  
10:00 am Christian Education  
9 & 11:00 am Livestream

Monday, October 3rd  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm S.O.A.P. Bible Study

Tuesday, October 4th  
Noon Bridge Group  
7:00 pm Crossfire Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 5th  
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies

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## 2022 Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/week
Giving as of August 31:	\$ 281,655	\$ 8,047
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	70%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Budget:	\$ 118,845	\$ 6,991
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$ 163,345	\$ 9,609
Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):		

## Second Harvest Food Bank



For the month of **September**, requested items are peanut butter and canned meats. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you! [Learn more](#)

## Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be held **Sunday, October 9, 2022** by Prince of Peace member Shawn Merhaut. Blood Pressure Screenings are from 10-11:00 a.m.



## PoP Choir

Choir rehearsals for the fall season are Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcomed to join us for rehearsals, and no prior experience is required.



## International Dinner is this Thursday!

This Thursday Sept. 29th is the Italian edition of International Dinner Series! Join us at 6pm at Guarino's on 12309 Mayfield Rd. Text Hilary to save your seats! 216.258.1639

In need of greeting cards? In the POP library on the shelf, there is a blue tote bag filled with greeting cards for all occasions. Please help yourselves!



## Upcoming Youth and Christian Education Events!

### September

29th - International Dinner - Italian Cuisine (Specific Details on page 2)

### October

9th - Pancake Breakfast

27th - International Dinner - Iraqi Cuisine - (Specific Details TBA)

30th - Trunk or Treat 12-1:30pm

### November

13th - Pancake Breakfast

27th - Red Cross Blood Drive

### December

1st - Monsters Game (Specific details to come)

4th - Pancake Breakfast



## Christian Education Registration!

Our first day of Sunday School started on **Sunday, September 25th.**

Please complete a registration form per child to ensure we have the correct information for placement in classes and sharing information about events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone! [REGISTER NOW!](#)

## SIS (Sisters In Spirit) - Open to All Women

Service event - Saturday October 8th from 2 - 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us to help [Redeemer Crisis Center](#) with a few projects and enjoy some fellowship at the same time!

We will assemble food bags for people currently experiencing homelessness and wrap Christmas gifts. Please bring two or more non-perishable food items. Examples: cans (pull top only) of vegetables, fruit, stew or Vienna sausages; tuna fish and cracker packages; breakfast bars.

As a bonus: a private donor will give \$1 match toward a playground construction project at Redeemer for each food item collected and each dollar donated.

Questions? Contact Laurel Covell [thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com), 440 725-4237 or Beth Connick [emcom@oh.rr.com](mailto:emcom@oh.rr.com)





## Coffee House Returns!

Join us on Saturday, October 29, 2022 for the return of Coffee House & Open Mic Night!

Come 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!

Sign up will be available at 5:30pm with 10 fifteen minute performance spots available from 6:30 to 9:00pm.

The Coffee House is held on the 4th Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

## Comfort Quilters

The Comfort Quilters have resumed quilting as of **Monday, September 19th** in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. You are invited to join us and be a part of this wonderful ministry. We meet the first and third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. No sewing skills are needed!!

We are always looking for donations of cotton fabric, colored and printed sheets. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Wagoner (440-781-5229) or Diane Fortuna (440-785-8754).



## POSITION AVAILABLE: Contemporary Worship Leader

- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Westlake
- 10-12 hours - rehearsal and one worship service each week.
- For compensation information and more details contact Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Church Number: 440-871-5565
- Email: [pcpopwestlake@gmail.com](mailto:pcpopwestlake@gmail.com)



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022  
2:00PM

SHARED WORSHIP FOR ALL  
GOD'S CREATURES, GREAT AND  
SMALL!

Liturgy of prayers and blessings jointly offered by area clergy.

Animals should be on leash or in carrier while under the care of their owner for the worship.

*"The world is a great stage on which God displays his many wonders."*  
St. Francis of Assisi

LOCATION:  
BETHESDA ON THE BAY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
28607 WOLF ROAD, BAY VILLAGE

## BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



We hope to never live through another pandemic. It seems though, in the hardship, we often see what God is up to. In the midst of the turmoil and uncertainty of our world, Prince of Peace offers a place for all to be fed and nourished and sent out to do God's work in the world. Here are some ways God has impacted our members' lives:

Prince of Peace means I have a home filled with believers that Christ died and rose to save us all. My goal in life has been to serve others and I think that POP gives me the opportunity to live that out. Yes, we all have to have some type of career to be able to have a place to live and food on the table, but to serve others really seems to be the only really important goal in life. *Tom S.*

What Prince of Peace means to me is Christian Community. I see the Holy Spirit working everyday as we worship and grow together. Good works through our community; people step up when needed as we care for each other. *Sally B.*

Prince of Peace has given me the opportunity to serve others - through offering blood pressure screenings, baking cookies for those who look forward to a visit each month, offering up prayers and a communion service to the residents of the dementia unit across the street, searching for our new pastor, praying in earnest for those who are suffering, and so much more. This gives me a purpose in life that takes me outside of myself. *Deb G.*

When we came to POP we had a young family. The support while raising our kids and shaping their lives made life easier for us. The young adults our children are today came, in part, from experiences while growing up at POP. The difficulty of keeping children on a good path is so much easier with a positive influence like they had at POP. *Dave C.*

When I first came here - I knew no one. I had not been to church in a while due to a crisis in my life. I have been welcomed with open arms by all and made some awesome friends. POP has made a big impact on me and has allowed me to be a part of something amazing. *Linda G.*

What a beautiful community we are part of! God is certainly active here and we look forward to how we can help keep this ministry vibrant in the coming year.

## BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

### SEEK IN PRAYER GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR GIVING

What do we tend to do when the church asks for our support?

The common tendency is to consult our spouse, our budget, our bills, our income, our tax situation, our investments, our accountant, etc., and then determine what we can afford or spare.

Instead we should as Christians seek to discover what God's will is for us in our giving. A Christian pledge can really only be made on our knees, seeking God's will in fervent prayer.

Prayer is an integral part of the Christian life. The decision on how much to give should not be made without seeking first in prayer what God would have us do and listening for the voice of God in the prayer conversation.

Giving to the church is not a financial transaction. Instead, giving to the church is a spiritual exercise undertaken only after conversation with God.

Let us join together to pray to God and ask God to guide us, so that all that we do and say may be pleasing to God.



# Prayer Concerns

***Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:*** Mary Kay Balch (daughter of Richard and Sally Balch), Family of Jim Claus (brother of Ron Claus), Kathy Dever (sister of Jim Jaracz), Grace Dye (patient of Cindy Strieter), Howard King, Mary Meadows, , Lynette Parfitt (aunt of Beverly Braun), Al Tielke, Viv and Jenny Verda (friends of Ian Faleer). ***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, Patty Doran (sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving), Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Jayne Kramic (friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Robert Sieving (brother of Chuck Sieving), Al Tielke. ***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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
09/25/2022	23	116	139
09/18/2022	19	104	123
09/11/2022	100	133	233
09/04/2022	81	104	185





10/01 Jan Juhn	10/18 Aidan Katrincsak
10/02 Allie Hallowell	110/18 Adam Thompson
10/03 Chrissy Frey	10/18 Della Thompson
10/03 Lydia Griffin	10/20 Carson Reisner
10/04 Debbie Sanders	10/20 Jaelyn Romero
10/05 Mark Blakeslee	10/22 Linda Colcord
10/05 Tom Splawski	10/22 Nicholas Franz
10/07 Julia Biller	10/23 Richard Hardy
10/08 Mike Hosler	10/25 Dave Covell
10/08 Jan Schoch	10/25 Leah Missig
10/10 Allison Hrounda	10/29 Tom Biller
10/12 Jan King	10/29 Hannah Katrincsak
10/14 Sharon Lappin	10/29 Lindsey Kraps
10/14 Al Tielke	10/29 Lorraine Lutton
10/15 Riki Wilhelm	10/30 Alexis Griffin
10/17 Faye Rose	10/31 Bethany Pearce

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/05 Charlie and Barb Koch  
 10/5 Dale and Ruth Mortensen  
 10/11 Thomas and Shoko Morton  
 10/18 Craig and Erin Jagels  
 10/25 Pamela and Joseph Ventimiglia

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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 10-10:50 am

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.