

Peace Connection

11/30/22

Wednesday November 30th
2:00 Book and Bible Studies
6:00 pm Women's Club Craft

Thursday December 1st
Sexton's day off
10:00 am Prepping for hanging of the greens
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday December 2nd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Saturday December 3rd
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 4th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday December 5th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 6th
Noon Bridge-Baumbach
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday December 7th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies

Thursday December 8th
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 9th
Pastor Charlie's Day off

Saturday December 10th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 11th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream

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

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 2100 E. Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter.

This is in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 20th with plans to deliver the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, contact Tom Splawski.

Update!
We currently have:
Boots = 17 pairs
Socks = 500+
Miscellaneous Clothing items : 100+

Totals for last year's boots were 70 pair.
We are in need of boots if you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated!

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Christmas Cookies!

We would like to ask you all to bring your Christmas cookies to church service on Christmas day!

We would love to have you share your favorite cookies for after church fellowship.



Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Is the cold keeping you inside?

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.



Scranton Mitten Tree

Update Nov 30th: Thank you to all who have chosen a Scranton School Mitten for this year's ministry! We have 6 mittens/students remaining who have not yet been selected. If you have not yet chosen a mitten but would like to, please reach out to Diane at 440-897-0368 or teachmeabc123@aol.com for details. If we still have mittens left by December 4th, see Fran Wilhelm at church. Lastly, if you would like to be part of the delivery team on the morning of Tuesday, December 13th please contact Diane or Shawn. Thank you!



Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted.

The sign-up sheet is located in the lower lobby. Hope you can join us!

Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511



Young at heart

Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.
at Olive Garden in North Olmsted

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

You are invited to our congregational budget meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 11th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We are holding this meeting after the in-person service at 9 a.m.

During the meeting, we will

- Review our 2022 financial performance.
- Discuss the 2023 operating budget.
- Present the budget for approval.

A summary of the 2023 operating budget will be available for review on our website (www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) under the Members only tab by Monday, December 5th. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you. We plan to record the meeting for those unable to attend.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We have emerged from the pandemic in a good financial position and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and expand our mission. We look forward to 2023 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

We are continuing the tradition of showing appreciation for the outstanding work our Pastor and staff has done, especially this year with the continuing challenges they have faced, 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.

Have blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous and safe Christmas season.

Jim Dickey
Council President
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Expanding the Heart: Art and the Imagination for Advent and Christmas led by Mike Weber



All are welcome to join us for this Advent Study on Wednesdays at 2pm starting November 30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Most of my life I have regarded visual art as “pretty pictures.” However, several years ago, all that began to change. While putting together a Christmas slide show using some of these “pretty pictures,” I noticed that there were many similarities between various artists whenever they painted the same subject. In pictures of the Annunciation, for example, the angel Gabriel invariably holds a stalk of lilies in his hand. While in many pictures of the Madonna and Child, Jesus holds a bird in his chubby little hand. “What gives?” I asked. “What do lilies or a bird have to do with the gospel narrative?”

As I sought answers to my questions, I learned that the art of the great masters was, and is, more than a “pretty picture” or a display of technical skill. Rather they contain a depth of feeling and complexity of theology that is it meant to move and inspire the viewers. The lilies, the birds and other images in the paintings have a spiritual meaning that the people of the artists’ day would have understood immediately. Unfortunately, between the Protestant Reformation (which abandoned religious art) and modern secularization (which abandoned religious thought) we no longer grasp what the artists meant to say.

As I learned to appreciate what the artists were saying, viewing art became a spiritual discipline that opened my heart and imagination to God. For me viewing art has become a kind of visual *lectio divina*.

My hope for this colloquium is to share some of what I have learned and to start you on a journey to discovering art as spiritual discipline. If you are already on that journey, I hope that you will come and share your insights with us. The format for the day will be very simple:

- 15 minutes where I will share with you some of the things I have learned.
- 30 minutes for the class to discuss one or two pictures focusing on the events surrounding the birth of Christ.
- The last few minutes will be for you to express your personal response to these pictures.



PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



From PC's PC (Pastor Charlie's Personal Computer!)

Note: I have decided that after one year of writing a daily blog, I needed a break! I hope you understand. Instead of the daily blog, I will be sharing a weekly reflection in this newsletter.

Isaiah 40:1

*1 Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.*

2 Peter 3:8-9

8 Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Comfort and Confidence

A pastor shared this story: "When my son was small, we often walked together out through the fields and neighboring pasture behind the parsonage. At first, my son would hold on to my little finger, but found that when he stepped into a hoof-print or stumbled over something, his grip would fail, and down he'd go in the dust or snow. Not giving much thought (my mind on other matters), I would stop, and he would get up, brush himself off, and grab my little finger again, gripping harder than the last time.

Needless to say, this occurred frequently until one day, as he was brushing himself off, he looked at me and said, 'Daddy?' 'Yes, my son, what is it?' He said, 'I believe if you would hold MY hand, I wouldn't fall.'"

That father later reflected with a tear in his eye, "You know, he still stumbled many times after that, but he never hit the ground. Now, as you walk with God, don't try to hold on to Him, let God hold on to YOU. You may stumble, but God will never let you fall!"

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PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG CONTINUED

That is the promise of baptism – God claims you as his own, and holds you in the palm of His hand, and says to you, “You are mine.” Tis the season to be jolly, but for many, it is a time of sadness, loneliness, sorrow and emptiness. Remember we are still humans, sinners one and all. We are broken people, in need of the touch of God’s love. It is the gift of God’s Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, and the promise that we are NEVER alone. YOU belong to God – take COMFORT in this good news!

Another voice we hear in the lessons today is the voice of CONFIDENCE. The actress, Helen Hayes, told a story in her autobiography. It was Thanksgiving Day, and she was cooking her first turkey dinner for her family. Before serving it, she announced to her husband and son: “Now I know this is the first turkey I have ever cooked. If it isn’t any good, I don’t want anybody to say a word. We will just get up from the table, without comment, and go out to a restaurant to eat.”

With that, she returned to the kitchen. When she returned to the dining room with the turkey on the platter, she found her husband and son seated at the table... WITH THEIR HATS AND COATS ON! Talk about confidence – they were confident it was going to be a trip to the restaurant for Thanksgiving!

At times, aren’t we like that when it comes to our relationship with God? We have problems in our lives, burdens that weigh us down. We pray to God and ask God to lift the burdens from our shoulders. But no sooner do we give it up to God, that we shoulder it once again, and think God doesn’t care – he hasn’t heard our prayers, and certainly doesn’t want to do anything about them.

In times like these, God seems distant – God’s promises aren’t for us, and this church stuff seems worthless. We wonder where God is in the midst of the turmoil of the world. In the crowds we find ourselves in this time of year, why do we feel so alone?

St Peter speaks words of confidence to us when we are impatient, and unsure of God’s presence and power in our lives. Peter writes, “the Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you!” He continues, “... in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and new earth, where righteousness is at home.”

As we prepare, may we do so in confidence. Confident our relationship with God is strong and founded firm on Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are confident that:

Our sins are forgiven

We are loved

We belong to God

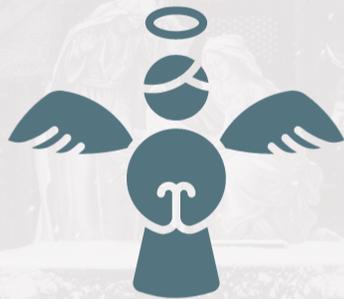
Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

God promises – and God doesn’t break promises!



Wishing you all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Please join us for Christmas!

Saturday, December 24th

Noon Children's Worship

6:30 pm Contemporary Candlelight Service

9:15 pm Pre-Service Carol Sing

9:30 pm Festival Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25th

**10:00 am Christmas Day Worship, led by the
Praise Band**

PRINCE OF PEACE

**Join
us!**

2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Please join us for worship January 1st, 2023 at
10 am led by the Traditional Worship Team

THE PANCAKE PROJECT



SUNDAY DEC. 4TH

10-11AM

Pick your homemade breakfast for you and the family!
No dishes to clean! Tell everyone you know!

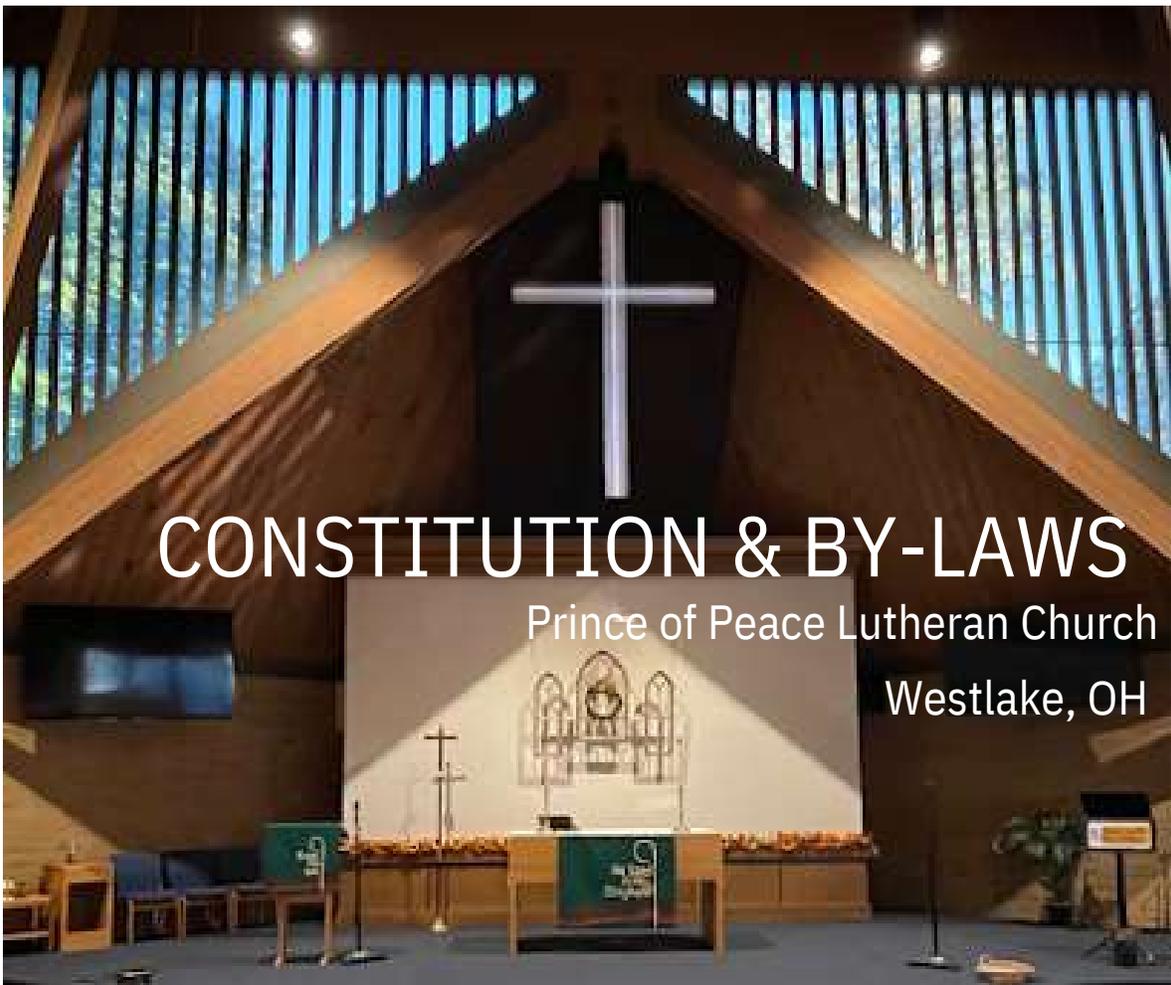
Meals include:

3 “silver dollar” pancakes
2 pork sausage links
Scrambled eggs

Free Will offering to support Christian Education Service Projects 2023

RSVP using the link on the church website on the
“Christian Education” page or use the link here:

<https://forms.gle/3tmNL1gMjvPaM3D57>



CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Westlake, OH

Summary for Council

Various updates on wording throughout to match the model constitution 2022

7.04 and 7.05 some concerns from the group

8.02 d. seasonal members (a little overkill)

Ch. 9 big changes based on new positions (Deacon)

10.03 electronic communication is now allowed

11.01 -.03 We cleaned up language to avoid written ballots did not follow model

12.05 (d) language clean up

13.01 we clarified language (not the same as the model)

13.02 nominating committee (omitted)

13.03 audit committee (omitted)

13.08 changed to meet model. (this does not mean the president and Pastor Charlie have to attend all meetings)

We didn't like most of the changes in 15 around discipline of members.

Especially 15.11. However, we complied with the model anyway.

B1.01 changed to "a date in February"

B.2 We made changes to mission and eliminated the vision

B5.05 and B7.03 some clean up language

We are updating the POP Constitution and Bylaws and they will be on the agenda in February at the congregation meeting for a vote to approve. To see a copy of the draft and a summary please go to [this link](#).

On Sunday 12/4/22, Dave Covell will be in fellowship hall from 10:00 am until 11:00 am to answer any questions about the changes. You can also email Dave any questions at thecovells@gmail.com.





POP GIVING BACK WITH ADVENT

The contents can be brought to church on or before January 8. The majority of the food will be taken to Second Harvest, and the rest will be stored to stock our free food cupboard at Prince of Peace

1
Box of cereal

2
Peanut butter

3
Stuffing Mix

4
Boxed Potatoes

5
Mac and Cheese

6
Canned fruit

7
Canned tomatoes

8
Canned tuna

9
Dessert mix

10
Apple-sauce

11
Canned sweet potatoes

25
**Merry Christmas**

12
Cran-berry Sauce

13
Canned Beans

14
Crackers

15
Rice

16
Oatmeal

17
Packaged Pasta

18
Pasta Sauce

19
Chicken noodle soup

20
Tomato soup

21
Can corn

22
Canned mixed veggies

23
Can carrots

24
Can green beans

This week's feature:

GOD

AKA : Our Heavenly Father

I remember a television show called “God Friendened Me”. The plot was that the main character would receive messages on his cell phone from a social media friend named “GOD”. It seemed to spur the person to help someone in need here on earth. I must have the wrong cell phone plan, I never got those messages myself.

How does God call us? Probably not on our phones. In many ways I feel his presence though our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus promised us a “Helper” when he broke bread with his disciples at The Last Supper. That “Helper” is The Holy Spirit. We can Pray and ask for The Holy Spirit to reveal the gifts God has given to us. We should listen to the calls we get from the Holy Spirit, just don't respond to them while driving!

Here, at Prince of Peace, the Holy Spirit can be seen busy at work through our members and staff. Just think of it, people with very busy lives, still finding the time to do God's work all year long! It is especially evident now as we await the birth of Jesus. POP is surrounded by many missions taking place inside these 4 walls and also stretching throughout communities and the world. To list them all would require more space than this column allows. A recent blog from Pastor Charlie helped me realize that all we do is being part of God's family. Matthew 25 has the verse that shows it. Here Jesus is teaching : And the King will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.”

Remember that all of this is done from the heart, no request for accolades or recognition is expected. We are to remain humble. God's Grace has saved us, Not our works. We are simply giving the Glory to God for all the Love and Blessings He has given to us! I hope you are a contributing part of this as a member. My advice about cell phones.....don't wait for a text to live daily as a Christian... JUST DO IT !

By Tom Robinholt, Profile Reporter





Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

Sign up in the lower narthex so we know how much pizza to order.
Questions? Call Dineen Terstage, 440-455-9558.

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



If you are making a donation in 2022 for your 2023 pledge, please mark you donation envelope or let the office know so we can make sure we code it correctly.

2022 Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/week
Giving as of Oct. 31st:	\$343,438	\$7,805.41
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	86%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Budget:	\$57,062	\$7,132.75
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$101,562	\$12,695.25

Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of November, requested items are cereal and canned soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you! [Learn more](#)

PoP Choir

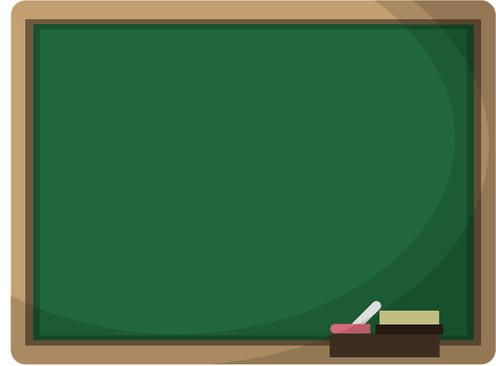
Choir rehearsals for the fall season are Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary.

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

December

1st - Monsters Game (Specific details to come)

4th - Pancake Breakfast



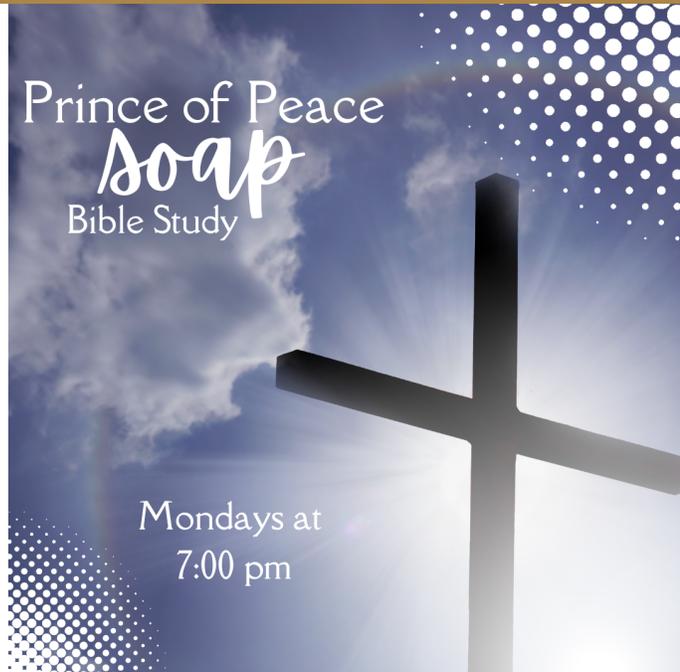
SOAP Bible Study

SOAP Bible Study will be meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm.
The meetings will be in Narthex or choir area.

All are welcome!

Group Discussion using the S.O.A.P method
Scripture; Observation; Application; Prayer

For questions, please contact Mark Givens at
mpgivens@ameritech.net

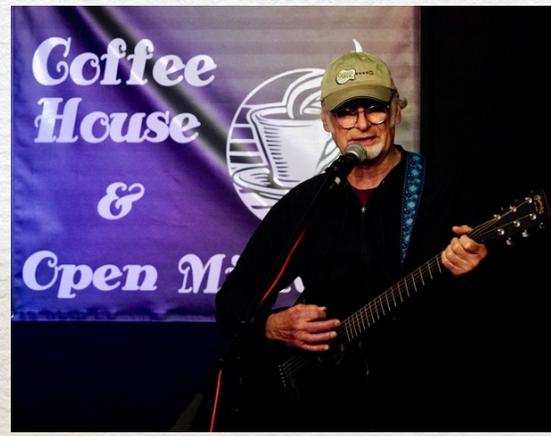


Orphan Medical Network International
5013C Not For Profit

www.omnissions.com

Amazon Smile: OMNI

As Christmas shopping season is nearing, I wanted to alert you all to the fact that you can have 5% of your purchase total go to O.M.N.I. If it is your first time, you can go to smile.amazon.com and type in OMNI as your charity. Every time you shop, you need to go to smile.amazon.com. You can save it to your favorites list!



Coffee House

Thanks for attending our Coffee House & Open Mic on November 26th and sharing your music! It was a great evening!

As a reminder, we will not have the event in December. Hope to see you in January 2023!



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: David McCollum, Pastor Robert Ferro, Braun Family, Emily Saunders, Joan Gruber, Norma and the Staaf Family, Joshua Seagrave's Family, Howard King's Family, Nancy O'Connor, Jack Poshe and Family. Jann Daniel's and Family, and June Zweidinger. *Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:* Charlotte, Ren, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey, Tony Cacciatore, Don Chrismar, Patty Doran, Marcia Drysdale, Matthew Gillbride, Chris Henry, Dawn Higgins, Jayne Kramic, Deanne Lahner, Fekete, Jenn Pitts, Eric and Nicole Quinn, Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke, Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny, Robert Sieving, and 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>
11/27/22	25	119	144
11/20/2022	24	155	179
11/13/2022	25	146	171
11/06/2022	21	169	190

WEDNESDAYS



Happy Birthday

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 11/02 Mary Babinski | 11/20 Laurie Green |
| 11/02 Tony Marquardt | 11/22 Anthony Matalavage |
| 11/02 Kathleen Kettler | 11/23 Lia Staff |
| 11/03 Anne Estes | 11/24 Gloria Starr |
| 11/04 Jack Dunnick | 11/24 Jean Winslow |
| 11/05 Jane Dillon | 11/24 Lowell Dillon |
| 11/06 Austin Pogachar | 11/25 Teresa Peter |
| 11/06 Christine Tielke | 11/25 Michelle Lehman |
| 11/07 Doug Olson | 11/25 Johnathon Missig |
| 11/08 Madelyne Roman | 11/26 Steve Duktig |
| 11/10 Linda Thompson | 11/26 Ezekiel Petta |
| 11/11 John Cuciak | 11/26 Pat Uber |
| 11/12 Barb Koch | 11/27 Colleen Regan |
| 11/13 Isabella Cesare | 11/28 Mary Meadows |
| 11/15 Dan Pogue | 11/29 Matthew Winar |
| 1/15 Tami Arthur | 11/30 Julia Worsencroft |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 11/03 Andrea & Chris Petta
- 11/12 Betsy & Chip Bailey
- 11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin
- 11/18 Tim & Marsha Regan Sr.
- 11/18 Norm & Chris Rehack
- 11/26 Dave & Jan Saunders
- 11/28 Doug & Sharon Olson

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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.