

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Mark 9:35

**PEACE CONNECTIONS**  
September 15, 2021

**God's Work. Our Hands.**

September 2021! Wherever God is calling...our hands are ready to do God's work!  
Let's work together again for God's Work Our Hands MONTH...2021.

Week 2 (Sept 12-18): Women in Transition (previously WREN).

Goal: 500 total items

- toiletries/women's hygiene
- umbrellas - HUGE need
- socks - \*\*new only\*\*

LMM Men's Shelter. Goal: 500 total items

- socks
- underwear
- pants (all sizes)
- shoes (new or gently used)

Week 3 (Sept 19-25): OMNI. Goal: \$2000 = 200 sweaters

- \$\$ can be given online, mailed in, or brought in during the service.  
*Please keep donations separate from regular Sunday offering.*

Week 4 (Sept 26-Oct 2): Second Harvest. Goal: 400 lbs

- boxed and canned goods can be brought in and placed on the food donation shelves in the Christian Ed hallway
- \$\$ donations can also be given - this will then be given to the shelter for food purchasing.

Drop Off Hours:

- Sunday: 8:30am - 12:00pm (we will have a time during the services that people can bring their donations forward)
- Monday and Friday: 10:00am - 3pm
- Donations will be collected down in the lower Narthex - Food donations will be collected in the C.E hallway on the food shelves. *Financial donations can be mailed in, or collected in the upper narthex in a box. Please keep GWOH donations separate from regular Sunday offering.*

**WEEK 2 HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRY**

**Women in Transition**  
\*\*previously WREN\*\*

**What are we collecting?**

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\*\* financial donations can be given both in-person and online\*\*



# COVID Directions – August 2021 Update

**COVID-19  
UPDATE**

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace:

The news is always changing, isn't it? We have been dealing with COVID issues for nearly 18 months, and sometimes it feels like we take two steps forward and another one back.

Even though guidelines and information continue to change, 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.

First of all, we offer these words of thanks.

- THANK YOU to all have been vaccinated. This is our best line of defense in addressing the virus.
- THANK YOU to all you parents who are making sure your kids are wearing masks, to keep them safe and healthy. Well done.
- THANK YOU to all of you who are wearing masks, vaccinated or not, out of care and concern for your neighbor and yourself.
- THANK YOU to those who join us for our live streaming services – either out of necessity or choice. You are a part of our worshipping family, and we are thankful for the resources to share the good news those outside of the bricks and mortar of our buildings.

We cannot tell you what to do. We will not turn people away at the door. ALL are welcome. That being said, we would encourage the following:

- If you are able to do so, get vaccinated. We ask that all our volunteers and staff are vaccinated to ensure their health and well-being as well as those they serve. We encourage you to do the same.
- We strongly encourage children to be masked, as well as all who come in contact with them in the church building.
- Masks are recommended for the times we gather in close quarters with each other. That includes the sanctuary.
- Communion will continue to be offered at the altar by Pastor Charlie and a communion assistant, both who are fully vaccinated. We will both be masked as you come forward. We will continue to offer individual pre-packaged cups for those who wish to commune using these.
- Musicians and singers will be located away from the congregation and will be masked – we will ask that the chairs be reserved only for the singers and band members at the 9 am service, while those gathered for worship sit in the pews.
- For groups meeting at the church, we encourage masks if any of those gathered are not vaccinated.

Please know this is one step forward. As other changes are possible, we will share them with you. As we move forward, let us remember that the concern is not just for ourselves, but for our neighbor as well.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

[August 2021 Health and Safety Meeting \(watch now on the POP 'Members Only Page'\)](#).

Health And Safety Team.

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Lorain County Health Commissioner
- Pastor Charlie Woodward

**HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM UPDATE**

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AUGUST 2021**

## Celebrating the Life of Ellie Sanow

We will be celebrating the life of Ellie Sanow on Friday, September 17th at 4pm at Prince of Peace. A luncheon/dinner will be hosted afterward in the Fellowship Hall.



*ELLIE A. SANOW (nee Petitti), age 92, beloved wife of the late James W. Hirt and Albert E. Sanow; loving mother of Diane Rae Hurtt (Donald), James A. Hirt and Lynne Marie Lawson (Dan); loving grandmother of Alesia Lawson (Matthew Folsom) and David Lawson; great-grandmother of Ella Rose Folsom; sister of the late Norman Petitti and Richard Palmer. Passed away September 10, 2021. Relatives and Friends are invited to meet for her Memorial Service Friday, September 17, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake) at 4 P.M. Interment private Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to your charity of choice in memory of Ellie would be appreciated.*

## 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.

### FOODBANK HELP DAY Monday, October 18, 2021

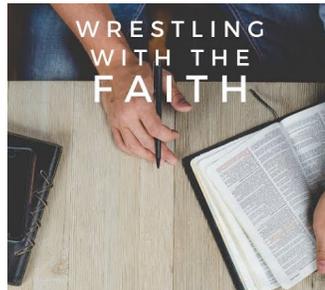
Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank of Lorain on Monday, October 18, 2021. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5:00 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7:00 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy.

The Foodbank is located at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

We are looking for up to 12 people to help out that evening. Please sign up in the lower lobby or contact Charlie Koch at cakoch13@aol.com to let him know you are planning to attend.

## "Wrestling with the Faith"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast. This episode, we discuss Mark 8: 27-38 "The Way of the Cross". We were joined this week Pr Grant Eckhart from Jacob's Porch at The Ohio State University.



Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google!



# September!

## September 15-26, 2021

Wednesday, September 15  
9:00 am Organ Practice  
2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, September 16  
Sexton Day Off  
9:00 am FLOW

Friday, September 17  
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, September 18  
9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, September 19  
Rally Day!  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service  
10:10 am Christian Education  
9 am & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

Monday, September 20  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH  
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, September 21  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 22  
9:00 am Organ Practice  
2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, September 23  
Sexton Day Off  
9:00 am FLOW  
12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, September 24  
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, September 25  
9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, September 26  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service  
10:10 am Christian Education  
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)

# Prince of Peace Youth

## Kids Book Bank

In March, Prince of Peace raised \$578 for the Kids' Book Bank with our special collection envelopes and pancake breakfast. YOUR contributions along with many others allowed the Kids' Book Bank to purchase a delivery truck AND purchase over 20,000 multicultural kids books! Thanks to your generosity, kids all over the Northeast Ohio area will have books in their hands and will see themselves represented in the characters of these stories. Thank you (visit [Kids Book Bank](#) for more updates!



## National Youth Gathering 2022!



## International Dinners Series - September 30th

Join us in exploring international cuisines located right here in Cleveland! Your adventure will also support a local small business. Our first International Dinner will take you to the Middle East for some Falafel and Shawarma, served by a Syrian refugee on his way to citizenship in the US. Meet us at Ferris Shawarma on 13507 Lakewood Heights Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44107 on **September 30th** at 6:00 pm. [Sign up here](#)

## Pancake Project - October 10th

Our next Pancake Project will be held on October 10th, from 9-11 am. Pancake Breakfast with French Toast, Bacon, and Eggs. Proceeds go to Christian Education. [Preregister here](#)

## Affogato Cat Cafe Visit - October 24th

Open to all K-12 students. We will visit the cat cafe and spend time with the kitties, go for lunch, and get some ice cream. Attendees will need their own money for lunch, but admission to the cat cafe will be covered by Youth/CE. We will also be delivering homemade toys for the cats to use. Meet at Prince of Peace and leave together at 11:00 am and return at 2:30 pm. Adult chaperones needed for kids under 10 yrs old. [Sign up here](#)

## POP Christian Education Registration ~ We are stronger together!

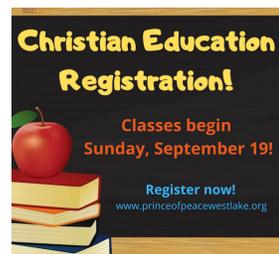
We are looking forward to seeing our Prince of Peace/Christian Education families on **September 19, 2021** to begin the celebration of once again being able to have our classes in person. We will have an activity for all ages centered around the theme "**We are Stronger Together**"; your creative artwork will be framed and displayed in our Christian Education wing.

All children, family members, guests and teachers/volunteers/staff are asked to wear a mask while in the Christian Education area. There will be adult and child-sized masks available in each classroom along with hand sanitizer and wipes to ensure all participants will feel safe and comfortable. This will continue as long as our Prince of Peace Health and Safety committee deem it appropriate and necessary.

Please follow the [link here](#) to register your child(ren) for our Christian Education program that will begin on September 19, 2021 at 10am. A mailer and email with additional class dates and schedule of fun events will be available and sent soon so you can mark your calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Braun at [ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com) or 216-767-3427. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

In prayer and service, Beverly Braun, Christian Education Coordinator



## POP Habitat Paint Party was a Success!

Within two days, our team cleaned out debris from a new four-bedroom house, vacuumed every wall, and primed and painted over 2/3's of the ceilings and walls. Better yet, all appeared to have a good time doing it.

Thanks to Rich Balch, Laurel Covell, Lynne Knoll, Barb Fronczak, and Phil Sprague, who joined our Habitat regulars, Tom Robinholt, Julia Castell, Dick Hardy, Sue Hesse, and (our leader). Ron Kear.



## Comfort Quilters Return!

Join us on **this Monday, September 20th at 1:00 pm** when the Comfort Quilters meet for the first time this fall! Caring volunteers meet twice a month at Prince of Peace to create crib quilts and lap quilts using new and recycled materials. No sewing skills necessary. Full-size, baby and youth quilts are donated to Genesis House, a shelter in Lorain County for families that are dealing with domestic violence. Any questions please see Becky Wagoner or Diane Fortuna. See you then!



## Women In Transition

COVID has caused many things to change, including the Women's Re-Entry program. Group meetings have been suspended, access to buildings is limited and services are less available. However, the need is much greater, including domestic violence and homeless victims. I have chosen a new name to include them all - 'Women In Transition' (WIT).

Thanks for all your support - Keep it coming! Jan Filkill



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021.**

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.



# On Sunday, September 19th, Help Us Welcome Prince of Peace's New Organist!

Greetings Christian Friends,

I am looking forward to meeting the members of Prince of Peace and making music together. The church has been my home away from home since childhood. As I've moved around to different states, I've landed in a number of different Protestant denominations.



I began piano lessons at age ten. My teacher saw the value in accompaniment experience, and had me set up in accompaniment positions starting in 8th grade. Very early I began to learn how to keep an eye on the printed music and the conductor, as well as an ear on my own part and the choral part. (What my husband terms "multiplexing.") I've always very much enjoyed working with other musicians, both as a choral singer and as a keyboard player.

When I was in college at the Oberlin Conservatory, my roommate and I attended several different churches in Oberlin. I remember liking the Lutheran church because they included so much sung liturgy. Wherever I went through the years, I was gratified to use whatever music ability God had granted me to serve the people of God. Christmas and Easter were not days off, but to me meant playing at church. When my two daughters learned stringed instruments, they joined me in this.

Although I kept up my piano work, I came late to the organ, at the invitation of a church organist that was extended to me in my mid-forties. I was hooked and made a tremendous effort to convert from piano to organ, but it was worth it. I was an organ sub for about five years, and became an associate organist for another five years. I found wonderful friendly people at every church I visited.



I was fortunate to be called to my own organ job in 2002. I served there with great joy for 19 years, making dear friends among choir, band, and congregation.

Then came COVID, and things changed for me, as they did for so many people. The church service was prerecorded only, and music staff served pretty much as "gig" musicians. As the end of the shutdown neared, my church decided they needed a full-time music person. Three of four music positions were eliminated and rolled into this one new position. I was told it was time for me to retire. However .... I am not ready to retire, and am ready and eager for a new opportunity to serve.

On another note, you might be interested in some of my other favorite pastimes, which are gardening, quilting, reading, and crossword puzzles. My husband is retired from NASA. We have a grandson in Tallmadge and two granddaughters in Wheaton, Illinois. If you "friend" me on Facebook, you will get to see these amazing little girls play the cello!

I look forward to meeting you all!

Ruth Williams

## Tables for Eight (T48)

Many of you are familiar with the POP Tables for Eight (T48) social group here at church. Covid may have put us on hold for a while but we are getting back in gear and celebrating (what I think) is our 15th year! WOW! We know that circumstances may still have the T48 gatherings looking a bit different than in past years, but let's give it a try and get back to sharing time together, checking in on one another and knowing one another better still.

We are trying out a new SHORTER TIME PERIOD that we hope will allow for more of you to GIVE IT A TRY!



**HOW IT WORKS** Tables for Eight is quite simple ~ Groups of approximately eight adults will be randomly formed and will meet once a month for 4 months then we will "shuffle everyone again" and new groups will be formed for the next 4 months.

The get-togethers could be for dinner, dessert and coffee, picnic, bowling, wine tasting, ball game, volunteering together somewhere...it can be "wherever for whatever" the group agrees to as long as it is for fellowship and the opportunity to know one another more.

- ~ All adults are welcomed (singles or couples)
- ~ Each household will take a turn planning a gathering
- ~ Food usually is involved, but not required.
- ~ If it is dinner at a home, EVERYONE contributes to the meal!
- ~ You can be involved for just one 4 month cycle or for the entire year.
- ~ You can join T48 at ANY TIME! We're happy to slide you in to a group, or you can be put on the list for the next upcoming "shuffle"/quarter.
- ~ We are playing it by ear & by comfort level of all involved when/where/how to meet in person or have a virtual gathering.

*Over the past year we had a virtual wine tasting and a virtual New Year's T48 party that had jokes, stories and original songs being shared, so it IS possible and FUN!*

If you have further questions or are interested in joining the Tables for Eight fun, please contact Jan Saunders NOW!  
Jan Saunders: 440.570.9419; jmsartist22@yahoo.com

We will be announcing the new T48 groups by Sunday September 19th!

GIVE IT A TRY ~ You'll enjoy it and know your church family even better.

# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Ellie (ex-sister-in-law of Myrta Holden), Johnny (friend of Myrta Holden), Lori (daughter-in-law of Mary Meadows), John Cuciak, Joyce Haywood (friend of Fran Wilhelm), Gwen and John Woodward (sister-in-law and brother of Pr. Charlie). **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), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & 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), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella. **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.** In Death: Ellie Sanow

## Giving Report

Operating Giving through August 31, 2021	\$230,377
Percent of Annual Budget Received	66%
Remaining Goal	\$119,623

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/12/2021	27	90	117
09/05/2021	58	104	162
08/29/2021	Outdoor Service		160
08/22/2021	14	109	123

## September 19, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54  
 Second Reading: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a  
 Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

*Happy Birthday*

09/15 Brent Juhn	09/24 TJ Worsencroft
09/15 Michelle Mixter	09/26 Rian Dillon
09/17 Eric Fortuna	09/26 Deb Gibbons
09/17 Kara Vinci	09/29 Marsha Regan
09/18 Dan Fronczak	09/29 Alli Walker
09/20 James Dickey V	09/30 Remi Bailey
09/23 Aaron Katrincsak	

*Happy Anniversary!*

09/19 Richard & Sally Balch

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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

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.

