

# FOLLOW ME

PEACE CONNECTIONS  
May 6, 2020

## Let Us Pray

Dear Friends,

As we begin our last month together, I want to share some thoughts with you about this next transition for Prince of Peace. My first thought, always, when I think of this congregation, is gratitude. You all made me feel so welcome when I arrived and have continued to do so ever since. It is difficult to know what to do when a pastor of twenty-two years departs, and another arrives whom you know will be with you for only a season, but you all rose to the occasion with greetings, kind words, information, ideas, enthusiasm, and a willingness to try new things. I had planned to leave my previous call in order to retire, and I'm so glad that I postponed that retirement to drive west once again!

I have every confidence that you will greet Pastor Tom Henderson with the same joy and openness of heart. Many of you know him already from his time as Pastor of St. Paul's in Berea, and you have described him enthusiastically. I'm sure that the rest of you will build upon that foundation of recommendation, and that he will lead you to continued strength as a community during this challenging time.

I will add a few more thoughts as our final weeks together unfold. For now, let's all be profoundly grateful for the time we have had!

Blessings, Pastor Robin



## Sunday Online Worship Services at Prince of Peace

This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Robin's Sunday sermon.

You can also subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) and view our library of videos. We encourage viewers to comment with one another online. The comment section can be found below the video. [Worship Online](#)



## Call Process Update

A message to Prince of Peace from Pastor Karl Biermann, Assistant to the Bishop for the Northeastern Ohio Synod—ELCA



## Calendar

May 6 - 17, 2020

Wednesday, May 6  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 7  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9  
8 am Women's Health Event - Canceled  
10:00 am Organ Practice  
6:30 pm Open Mic - Canceled

Sunday, May 10  
10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, May 11  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study - Canceled

Tuesday, May 12  
10:00 am Discovery Group - Canceled  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal - Canceled

Wednesday, May 13  
9:30 am Fidget Quilters - Canceled  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 14  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16  
10:00 am Organ Practice  
5:30 pm Bunco - Canceled

Sunday, May 17  
10:00 am Online Worship Service

## 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](#)



## Second Harvest Food Bank



*The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has disrupted life around the planet and the only certainty is the landscape for the world and Ohio is changing daily.*

*The Second Harvest team has a contingency plan and is approaching this newest challenge with hope and steadfast resolve...but they need our support.*

*Every donation helps strengthen their efforts; for every \$10 donated they can provide 50 meals to families struggling with hunger in our region.*

## Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregation who are in the medical and education fields, as well as those who work in residential facilities and grocery stores. We give thanks for all they are doing during this Covid-19 crisis and pray for their health and safety as well as the health and safety of their families. We also want to add the following:

- Jan Filkill, nurse
- Scott Goggin, Superintendent of Westlake Schools
- Eric Fortuna, Principal – son of Diane and Pat Fortuna
- Judy Fortuna, teacher – daughter-in-law of Diane and Pat Fortuna
- Diane Merhaut, media specialist at Scranton Elementary School



## Masks

*Dear members and friends of Prince of Peace,*

*When restrictions lift and we're allowed to gather for worship, we will still need to continue practicing social distancing and wear masks in public. Please let us know if you have a need for a mask. Also, please specify how many and if you would need adult or children sizes. Also, we are looking for fabric or elastic donations! Contact Cindy Strieter at [redguitar626@gmail.com](mailto:redguitar626@gmail.com)*



## The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund

The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.

This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. Complete the 2020-2021 application by visiting the website: [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org)

The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, June 30, 2020.



## Chopping for Change

Reentry Week supports successful reintegration and collectively addresses policy barriers that perpetuate reinvolvement with the criminal justice system. In the past 40 years, the number of women in U.S. prisons has increased by a shocking 800%.

One of the ways LMM is tackling this is through our Chopping for Change (C4C) program, which provides women in prison with vital tools to successfully reintegrate back into society once their sentences end. LMM has continued C4C classes through distance learning tools during COVID-19. We believe education must continue so these women have the best chance possible to successfully reintegrate once released.

Graduates who have been released and are working in the hospitality industry are struggling in some cases. LMM is stepping in with care packages to help them make ends meet until restaurants reopen and they can get back to work. Through Reentry Week and beyond, LMM is here for our participants, past and present.

For more information: [www.lutheranmetro.org](http://www.lutheranmetro.org)



# Prince of Peace Youth



Daily prayers are an easy part of starting and continuing your faith practice. Join in these personalized prayers with us. It only takes 5 minutes a day to pray.

[Facebook Daily Prayers](#)

[Join us for worship every Sunday!](#)

Please follow this [link](#) for a very important update from Prince of Peace

**Happy Hour Hangouts** - Friday, May 1st - High school and confirmation youth! Join in a weekly Zoom meeting to get some face time with friends! We will have a new host each week who will create conversation topics, lead games, etc. 30 minutes to check in with each other. Second Hap [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

## ARE YOU READY FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING 2021?!

ELCA Youth Gathering, June 29-July 3, 2021

The theme is "**Boundless**" and we will be traveling to MINNEAPOLIS, MN. Keep your eye on these newsletters as more information will be shared weekly with gathering information, registration details, Minneapolis tips and facts, and more! Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2020) are eligible).



**April Showers bring May Flowers!** - Keep an eye on your doorsteps in May, as Christian Education and Youth are teaming up to bring YOU a care package and ways you can help spread the love!

**May 24th - Blood Drive** - POP in the fellowship hall, sign up online. Times available from 9am - 1pm. Don't forget to wear your mask!



[College Campus Tours](#) and More! - Curious about college? YouVisit offers college campus tours virtually and free!

[World Landmark Tours](#) - Forget day dreaming, virtually visit the places you've dreamed of all over the world. Also check out some Egyptian Heritage sites!

[Playbill Entertainment](#) - This website compiles all the isolation entertainment from the arts in one convenient and daily place. Catch the latest Disney on Broadway performance or check out the Saturday Matinee show lineup.

[NatGeo Kids](#) - Who doesn't love cute, fluffy, little animals? Learn more about their natural habitats, quiz yourself on some geography facts, and learn more about the creation we live in.

[World Museums](#) - Van Gogh museum, British Museum, zoos, aquariums, you name it! Take a tour through the link on the photo, or Here, or Here. So many places to see!



## Get on Board and Follow Us!

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

# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Family of Monica (friend of Pr. Bishop), Midge (friend of Deb Gibbons), Wendy (friend of Deb Gibbons), Ben Blakeslee (son of Mark and Rusty Blakeslee), Bruce Elfvin and family (friends of Pr. Robin), Pr. Kert Lauterbach, Brother-in-law of Julie Marquard, Cindy Olen (sister-in-law of Terry MacKenzie), Matt Sprague (son of Phil and Pat Sprague), Marilyn Wingfield, Paul Winslow, Debbie Wood (aunt of Matt Wenham). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **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 as of April 19, 2020: \$117,197  
 15 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: \$120,000  
 Giving Shortfall as of April 19, 2020 \$ (2,803)



05/06 Lois Smilor	05/16 Hailey Vitko
05/07 Ben Blakeslee	05/18 Stephanie Pogachar
05/07 Lillian Fortuna	05/19 Blake Beard
05/08 Dave Saunders	05/22 Anna Boor
05/09 Josh Dragony	05/22 Ron Filkill
05/12 Margaret Bailey	05/24 Addison Kovach
05/12 Joyce Wood	05/26 Jean Adamcik
05/14 Jason Franz	05/26 Margaret Engelbert
05/14 Cassandra Frey	05/27 Robert Mayer
05/14 Gloria McClellan	05/28 Craig Jagels
05/15 Brianna Lehman	05/31 Jeff Babinski
	05/31 Logan Vitko

## Happy Anniversary!

05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie
05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
05/18 Pat & Diane Fortuna
05/19 Pat & Jack Uber
05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
05/29 Tom & Tracy Biller
05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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### Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am- 11:00 am  
 Monday - Thursday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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### Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

### Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

### Child Care

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