STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday

Remember Commitment Sunday is **this Sunday, October 24th.** Thank you for your continuing support for the missions and programs at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church that touch people's lives in so many ways. Your estimate of giving for 2022 is an important tool for our council members to help plan for our annual budget and to be fiscally responsible. Thank you!

This Sunday, October 24th, help us welcome Prince of Peace's new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

- Diane and Walter DieKroger
- Diane and Jerry Karp
- Dave Lamar
- James and Sharon Lappin
- Brad, Bethany, Natalie and William Pearce
- Patricia and Michael Pietraroia
- Chuck Sieving
- Charlie and Lisa Woodward

Reformation Sunday
Wear Red!

Join us on **Sunday, October 31st** at 9:00 am and 11:00 am as we celebrate the Reformation and honor the history of our church.

All are invited to wear red to worship as a symbol of the Holy Spirit's fire burning in our lives.

We will also be celebrating with the following young people as they affirm their baptismal promises in the Rite of Confirmation:

Eli Hallowell - Proverbs 31:6; *'Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish.'*
Caden Vinci - Isaiah 41:10; '*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God*'

All Saints Prayers

Do you have a family member or friend who has died since last November 1st?

We can remember them by name on All Saints Sunday, November 1st during Sunday worship service.

To share that name, contact the office by **Friday, October 29th** at 440/871-5565 or popw.officemanage@gmail.com

September 2021 Health and Safety Update

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

We had the opportunity to meet with our Health and Safety Team on September 20th. We discussed the current issues surrounding the COVID19 Pandemic and the hopeful news that a vaccine will soon be available for children ages 5 to 11 years old. There is hope that we are heading in the right direction, even though it might not be as quickly as we had all hoped. Let's continue what we are doing, and we will get through this together.

We share again that 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.

We continue to 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.
- If a booster shot is recommended for you, consider that as another level of safety.
- Get a flu shot. Dave Covell suggests ANY time is a good time to get the flu shot. That being said, you may consider getting your shot in early November, as it will provide good defense against the flu during the holiday season and into the new year.
- Masks are recommended for the times we gather in close quarters with each other. That includes the sanctuary.
- For the time being the nursery will remain closed. That should not discourage parents from bringing their children to worship. As baptized children of God, that is where they should be!
- Online options are available for worship and many of the education offerings to provide participation remotely.

Thank you for your diligence and care for your neighbor.

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

Health And Safety Team

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Lorain County Health Commissioner
- Mark Givens, Church Council Member
- Pastor Charlie Woodward

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

This Sunday, 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

Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of **October - December** requested items are Cereal and Canned Soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

GWOH Updates

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to this year's GWOH month!

#GodsWorkOurHands

- Scranton: 528 items - 39 giftcards - $575
- Women in Transition: 174 items - $470
- Men's Shelter: 242 items - $470
- OMNI: $2095
- Second Harvest Food Bank: 132 items - $860

Thank you!!

"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!

October 20-31, 2021

Wednesday, October 20
2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, October 21
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW

Friday, October 22
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, October 23
11:00 am Fall Altar Guild Meeting/FH

Sunday, October 24
Affogate Cat Cafe Visit
Stewardship Sunday
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am New Member Class/FH
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am Livestream

Monday, October 25
10:00 am Staff Meeting
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, October 26
10:00 am Discovery Group/Library
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 27
2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, October 28
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW
12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, October 29
Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, October 31
Reformation & Confirmation Sunday
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am New Member Class/FH
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am Livestream

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!

Affogato Cat Cafe Visit - October 24th

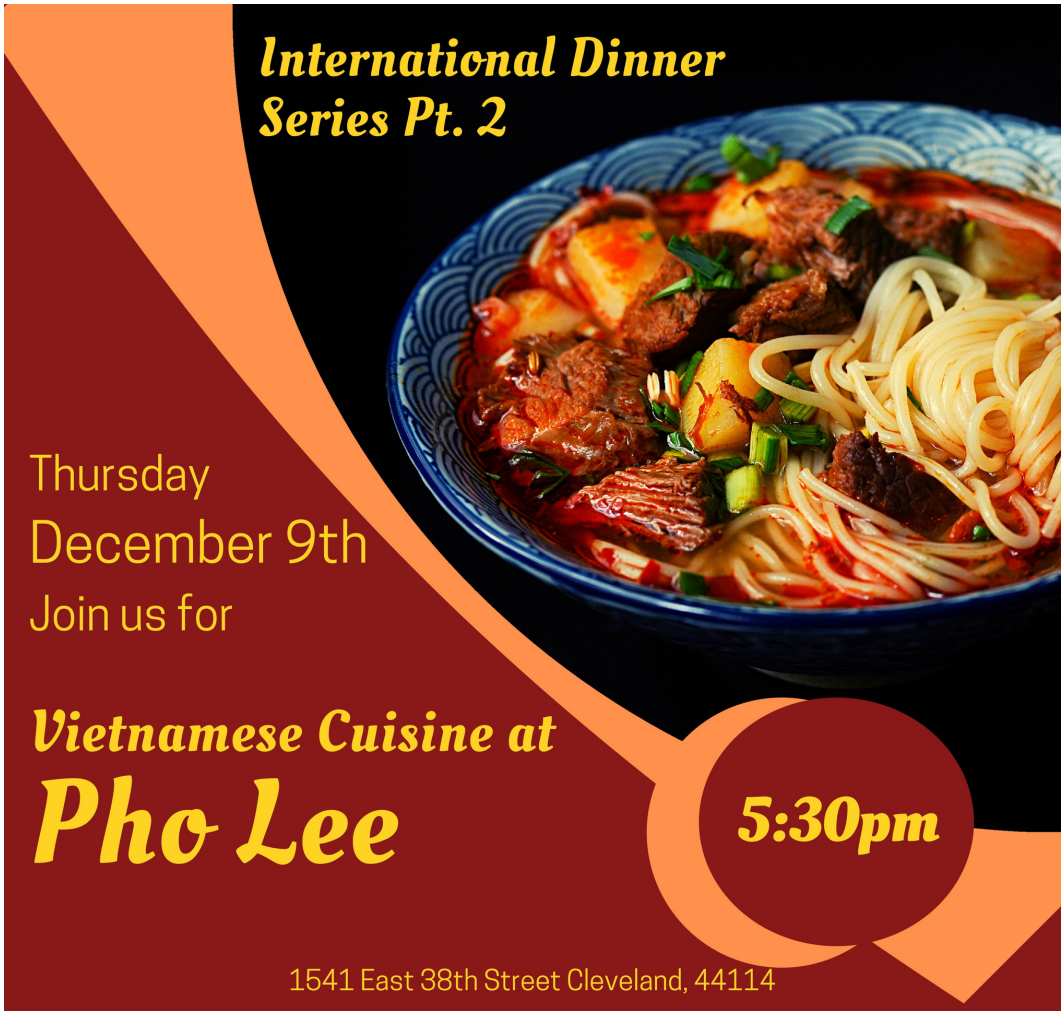
Open to all K-12 students. We will visit the cat cafe and spend time with the kitties, go for lunch, and get some ice cream. Attendees will need their own money for lunch, but admission to the cat cafe will be covered by Youth/CE. We will also be delivering homemade toys for the cats to use. Meet at 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

Trivia Night at Prince of Peace! Saturday, November 20th from 6:30-8:30 pm

$5 ENTRY FEE SUPPORTS YOUTH GATHERING 2022. Teams of 6 randomly assigned All are welcome! Sign up as an individual and encourage POP members/friends to join in this event! Email your RSVP to trivia hostess, Sue Hosler at: suehosler@yahoo.com.

International Dinner - December 9th

SIGN UP HERE!



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

There is a great need for umbrellas, along with new socks, gloves, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Sorry, but we are not accepting other clothing donations at this time. Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

LIFE LINE SCREENING®
The Power of Prevention

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.

Join the POP Altar Guild!

#1 JOIN ALTAR GUILD!
Looking an opportunity to serve at Prince of Peace? Altar Guild work—preparation for worship—could be just the right ministry for you! We work in monthly teams, 1 or 2 months per year. We also host the annual Hanging of the Greens POP decorating event. Members of Altar Guild are meeting together on Saturday October 23 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to plan for Fall, Christmas and sign up for teams for 2022. We're inviting you to join us!

Questions about our group?
Call Dineen, 440-455-9558.

#2 ALTAR GUILD FALL MEETING
This **Saturday, October 23, 11:00 am**
Fellowship Hall

How Has Prince of Peace Enhanced My Faith?

Having grown up in the Catholic Church, the Christian faith and Bible seemed to be handed down to me by the priests, nuns and teachers of religion classes. I do not remember if we ever really "read" the Bible. The stories and readings were only grasped at a very superficial level.

Upon joining Prince of Peace it was interesting to note the focus on scripture. Early on I attended a Crossways study class and went to Bible Study – both expertly led by Pastor Bishop. His insight and contextual review of the scripture gave them meaning and understanding. At the same time he opened them up the diversity and depth that was in Bible. It is a book about them, then that speaks to us now.

This faith journey started with Pastor Bishop and has led to numerous book readings that have enhanced my understanding of the Bible and our faith. They have also opened up the layers that are so entwined in Scripture. It never ends when you are reading the Bible – there's a whole world of depth, intrigue and stories below the surface. There seems to always be more going on.

I also joined the Interact group that meets on Sundays which has led to many discussions of the Bible and everyday implications of our Christian faith. These free form, non-judgmental conversations at Interact really open up everyone there to explore what faith is all about. And the class is a lot of fun too.

Charlie Koch, POP Treasurer
Let us not grow tired of doing good.

The Cure

What if you discovered a cure for cancer, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? Well, as Christians, we have something even more important to share than a cure, and that is salvation. Paul writes in Ephesians, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."*

I think we can all agree that the world is less than perfect. Yes, we can all agree that the world is sick. The cure is Jesus. Our Lord is calling us to share what we, as Christians, already know, and that is our faith. How do we do that? We are not pastors or missionaries, but that is not an excuse to be passive about our faith. Well, what does and active faith look like? It includes things like praying for folks who don't have a relationship with Jesus, telling others what your faith means to you, telling people how you came to know the Lord, giving someone a Bible, inviting others to church, being involved in a Bible study.

It also involves giving back to the Lord our time and some of the money He has given to us. We can do that by being active in our church life and growing in our Stewardship. Yes, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ when we support the Prince of Peace missions through our active giving each year. Ask yourself, "Can I share the news of the most important cure?"

The answer is, "You bet you can!"

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter

Women of the ELCA

SYNODWIDE THANKOFFERING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 21ST, 2021

LORD OF LIFE, CHAGRIN FALLS

3PM

IN PERSON OR
LIVE @
NEOSWO - WOMEN OF THE ELCA (FACEBOOK)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Questions: eburns@loloh.org

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Joey (friend of Beverly Braun), John (friend of Marge Jaracz), Kim (friend of Barb Fronczak), Lucas (great-grandson of Gloria Starr), Roger Anderberg (friend of Barb and Dan Fronczak), James Arrigo, Mike Chambers (father of Jann Daniel's daughter-in-law), Mary Sue Claus, Randall Collister (brother of Liz Grider), Paul Cunningham (grandfather of Megan Harber), Ocklee Samantha Gfeller (great granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Judy Kazak, Ali Macko (daughter of Gloria Starr), Bob Mociulewski (father of Lisa Woodward), Family of John Schenkelberg (friends of Barb and Dan Fronczak). ***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), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Lois Reichert, 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.***

Giving Report

Operating Giving through September 30, 2021	$230,377
Percent of Annual Budget Received	73%
Remaining Goal	$ 95,059

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
10/17/2021	26	116	142
10/10/2021	30	110	140
10/03/2021	26	131	157
09/26/2021	28	119	147

October 24, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126
Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

10/20 Carson Reisner
10/22 Linda Colcord
10/22 Nicholas Franz
10/23 Richard Hardy
10/25 Dave Covell
10/25 Leah Missig
10/29 Tom Biller
10/29 Hannah Katrincsak
10/29 Lindsey Kraps
10/29 Lorraine Lutton
10/30 Alexis Griffen

Happy Anniversary!

10/25 Joseph & Pamela Ventimiglia
10/31 Michael & Jill Protos

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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 am

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.