

July 28th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Life Line Screening

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH TODAY!

80% of strokes are preventable yet stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. On average, every minute that a stroke goes untreated 1.9 million brain cells die.

Life Line Screening will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Friday, July 28th providing valuable health screenings to detect your risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries (stroke risk), an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation and high blood pressure which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. The screenings are fast, painless, affordable and do not require you to disrobe. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

Appointments are available! For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-844-591-7160, go to <https://llsa.social/HC> or text the word circle to 216-279-1607. Pre-registration is required.

When you are proactive with your health, you have a chance for more tomorrows!

Friday July 28th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
The young at heart lunch on July 28th has been canceled.
8:00 am LifeLine Screening

Saturday July 29th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 30th
9:00 am In Person Worship
11:00 am In Person Worship

Monday July 31st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP bible Study

Tuesday August 1st
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday August 2nd

Thursday August 3rd
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday August 4th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday August 5th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday August 6th
9:00 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:15 am Adult Gospel Study
11:00 am In Person Worship

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

Tuesday August 8th
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

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

Scranton School Supplies

Back to school season is here! We will be collecting school supplies again to support Scranton School in Cleveland. Please keep in mind Ohio will have a sales tax holiday from Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at 12 a.m. to Sunday, Aug. 7, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.

Please consider donating the following items identified by Scranton School teachers as items of need: Crayons, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Dry-Erase Markers, Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, Spiral notebooks (college and wide rule), Disinfectant Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, School Scissors, Kleenex, and paper towels.

Donations can be left in bags by the Donation Station in the Administration Wing. Please return by Sunday, August 27th for delivery the following week. Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut at 440-897-0368 or teachmeabc123@aol.com



Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Tony K's Bar &Grille, located at 841 West Bagley Rd. in Berea.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations



Second Harvest

For July through September the requested items are peanut butter and canned meats.



Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of June 30th:	\$232,220	\$8,932
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	52%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$214,280	\$8,242
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$232,280	\$8,934



Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane? Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



September 17th, 2023

OMNI with the support of Prince of Peace, presents a fundraising

Benefit Concert & Auction



from 5-9 pm at the Pavilion at St. Clarence located at 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Concert & Auction

Featuring *Colin Dussault's Blues Project*

Proceeds from the concert will provide medical care, food & education for orphans at the OMNI Children's Village in northern Zambia.

Learn more about OMNI at www.omnimissions.com





Ian Faleer & Anakarine Solorzano

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Ian was born in Alma, Michigan and grew up with a younger sister, Leah. The family moved to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan when he was 6 months old. He lived there until his move to Ohio to attend college at Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, graduating with a Bachelor of Music in 2003. Initially he had majored in voice performance, but changed to Music Education after developing a strong interest in teaching in his first year. Returning to Michigan, he earned a Master of Music from Central Michigan University in 2004. Anakarine was born in Caracas, Venezuela and grew up with two younger sisters, Andreina and Andrea. She earned a Bachelor of Music from the Instituto Universitario de Estudios Musicales in 2001 and Earned a Master of Music from Central Michigan University in 2003. She had moved to the United States to attend graduate school in Michigan at age 29. In 2020, Anakarine completed a second Masters degree in information science from Kent State University.

After graduating from Oberlin, Ian returned to Michigan with a plan to live at home for the summer while looking for long-term teaching jobs. He had not landed a teaching position by the end of summer, so he decided to stay in Mt. Pleasant and take some grad school music classes at Central Michigan University. He met Anakarine on the first day of class (also his birthday) when they had both enrolled in a conducting class together. The grad level class only had four students, and many conducting practice activities required a partner, so Ian and Anakarine started working together. Practicing conducting activities quickly turned into chatting over coffee, and 20 years later, they're still going strong!

Anakarine worked at the Detroit Waldorf School teaching elementary and middle school Spanish classes. After moving to Oberlin with Ian, she worked at the Oberlin Early Childhood Center overseeing a program called KidSmart on the Road providing art instruction in day-care programs throughout Lorain county. She works in the Lorain Schools as a substitute teacher and briefly as the POP office manager. Anakarine is seeking a position now in Library Science.

Ian began working in Lorain City Schools in 2004 as an elementary school general music teacher, and still holds a position there as the High School choir director. He was hired as the choir director at POP in 2012, taking over from Fran Wilhelm. He has worked at the MAD Factory, a non-profit theater based in Oberlin, performs in musicals, serves as a summer theater camp counselor, and works as a vocal coach for performers of all ages. Anakarine serves on the board of MAD Factory.

They have raised a family with three children - Daniel (30), Eva (14), and Matias (11). Ian and Anakarine feel blessed to be part of this welcoming community as they have offered their talents in many ways. Ian is the 11:00 cantor leading hymns and special music. He works with the hymn committee and puts together slides for the service. Beginning in July, he will serve as vocal coordinator for Crossfire, working with Chip to lead the band.

In their free time, they enjoy time with the family, TV/movies, and singing. Anakarine also relaxes while reading, drawing and painting. Ian has an interest in writing music and playing video games. He has worked as a music composer for video games and YouTube content creators for the last decade. Both have experienced many life enriching relationships. I know they will continue to give significant energy in their service here at POP. God has blessed them and you'll know that when you meet.

By : Tom Robinholt / Profile Reporter

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Romans 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Three Words of Promise

Promise #1 – God Loves You

A few years ago, 132 people came together to play in the Bad Golfers Association tournament in Kansas City. The aim of their game was to reward the absolute worst golf player among them. In this organization, everyone is a loser, and that's okay. (4. Bill Geist, THE BIG FIVE-OH! (New York: William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1997), pp. 152-154.)

It is okay just to play golf for the sheer joy of playing. Some people beat themselves up if they can't play like Tiger Woods.

Some people bring that same competitive spirit to religion. They feel they must win God's love. Listen, you ARE loved. You are already a winner with God. Be a super-Christian if you are so inclined, but it won't change the way God feels about you.

Which brings me to Promise # 2:

Promise #2 – You belong to God

We read in the Gospel of John Jesus' words, "You did not choose me, but I chose you." God has always had us in mind.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



The term used by Paul is that we are predestined to be God's children.

So what about predestination? Martin Luther himself struggled with this one. When he was a monk studying God's word, he was mentally and physically tormented by the question, "Am I one of God's elect? Am I one predestined to be saved?"

His superior, Johannes Staupitz, grew weary of Luther's questions and concern. he told Luther, "Martin, you are trying to peer into the divine majesty, as if you were God and could know the mind of God. You are not God and cannot resolve everything about the nature of God. You are starting at the wrong end of the sequence of questions. You are beginning with the unknown. Instead, start with the known, which means the wounds of the suffering Christ, the knowledge of God's act of love. Let the rest flow from there." (Martin Marty – Lutheran Answers to Lutheran Questions 20-21)

Later in his life, Martin Luther came to this conclusion: "Since God has taken my salvation out of my hands into his, make it depend on HIS choice and NOT mine, and has promised to save me, not by my own work or exertion but by his grace and mercy, I am assured and certain both that God is faithful and God will NOT lie to me, and also that God is too great and powerful for any demons or adversities to be able to break him or to snatch me from him!" (LW 33:289)

John 3:16 states that God so loved the world, and John 3:17 states that God's desire is not to condemn, but to save.

Promise #3 – Nothing can take that away

Did you see at asterisk at the end of St. Paul's words above? Neither did I!

There is NOTHING can take away the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Nothing!

Several years back when visiting my parents at their Assisted Living facility, I saw a woman who was staring at her car with a worried look on her face. I asked if she needed some help (I hoped that it was not too difficult because I am definitely NOT a mechanic!) The woman told me she had locked her keys in the trunk of her car.

I asked her if she needed help. She said she was trying to take things out of the back seat of her car to see if she could move the seat and get to the trunk. I asked, "Is there a trunk release lever in the car?" She thought for a moment and said, "Why yes, yes there is." She went to the front seat, lifted the lever, and the trunk popped open. Voila!

SO often we make it harder than it needs to be! We make it harder than it is.

Hear again the good news – There is NOTHING that can take away God's love for you and me. NOTHING. This is of GREAT VALUE. For God sees in YOU great value.

This is what we believe. This is what we proclaim. This is what we are called to share – the great gift of God – Christ has died, Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. The tomb is empty, and death is defeated, once for all! Promise!

Let us Pray: Thank you God for these promises. Help us to stop making it harder than it is. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED WE NEED COOKIES

to deliver to the Men's Shelter as part of the dinner being cooked & served by POP on **Sat. July 29, 2023.**

Each volunteer needs to **bake 4 dozen cookies** and bring them to POP church **by Sunday, July 22nd (will freeze if brought early).**

Please add your name to the sign up below:

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| 1. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Splawski at tsplawski@sehs.net or 440-317-0322.



Volunteers needed to prepare and serve supper
for the LMM Homeless Men's Shelter

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Please add your name to the Sign Up below

**Put an * next to your name if want to car pool from church
and/or ** if you can be a driver for a car pool**

***MUST BE AGE 15 OR OLDER TO SERVE DOWN AT SHELTER**

Cooking Crew

Arrive at 2100 E. Lakeside Ave., Cleveland **by 1:30 pm**

	NAME	PHONE/EMAIL
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

Serving Crew

Arrive at 2100 E. Lakeside Ave., Cleveland **by 4:45 pm**

	NAME	PHONE/EMAIL
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____

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Prayer LIST

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Tony Cacciatore	Father of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
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	
Joan Park(Deb Gibbon's mother)	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

July 16	JeanneAnn Elkin Jack Dunnick's Family and Friends Donna Rombokas (Pat Sprague's friend) Mike Radca (Fran Wilhelm Friend's husband) Joanne Burns
July 23	Eric Grider
July 30	Grace Pophal's Family (Hailey Desmond's sister-in-law) Terry Dugan (Rusty Blakeslee daughter-in-law's father) Jann Daniels



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/23/2023	-	126	126
07/16/2023	20	148	168
07/09/2023	33	137	170
07/02/2023	71	128	199

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| 07/01 Doreen Taylor | 07/17 Brandon Duktig |
| 07/01 Rachel Zinram | 07/17 Len Skulina |
| 07/02 Jacob Burdette | 07/18 Karen Hallowell |
| 07/02 Pat Sprague | 07/18 Mary Mayer |
| 07/02 Sue Hosler | 07/19 Diane Merhaut |
| 07/03 Samantha Thomas | 07/19 Kevin Olah |
| 07/04 Conor Rowe | 07/21 Nora Franz |
| 07/05 Ella Billings | 07/22 Lola Wenham |
| 07/05 Kristi Draper | 07/24 Emery Lavin |
| 07/07 Brianna Johnson | 07/24 Paige Dickey |
| 07/07 Sandy Herren | 07/25 Grace Jagels |
| 07/08 Larry Nickel | 07/26 Liz Lavin |
| 07/09 Beth Hilston | 07/26 Gerry Wilhelm |
| 07/11 David Pogachar | 07/28 Carol Leavens |
| 07/14 Gail Pogue | 07/28 Maddie Bruening |
| 07/15 Dania Beard | 07/30 Deb Winar |
| 07/15 Garrett Dutkig | 07/31 Judy Rolik |
| 07/16 Luke Andrus | 07/31 Marilyn Wingfield |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 07/01 Deb & Tim Gibbons
- 07/01 Patty & Bill Beard
- 07/03 Chris & Sara Burdette
- 07/03 Mary Sue & Ron Claus
- 07/08 Michelle & Scott Goggin
- 07/12 Bud & Sandra Zanders
- 07/12 Mike & Sherry Weber
- 07/16 Shawn & Diane Merhaut
- 07/21 Jon & Teresa Peter
- 07/24 Anita & Russ Bauknecht
- 07/25 Jan & Craig Juhn
- 07/27 Bill & Laurie Vorobej
- 07/29 Jim & Paige Dickey IV
- 07/31 Becky & Joe Rowe



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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.