



October 20th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Thank you Chip!

Earlier this year, Chip DiFiore came on board to lead our Praise Band. He had heard that we needed someone to direct the band and lead us through the transition of saying goodbye to Cindy Strieter, who had faithfully led the group for many years, and guide us into the future God had in store for us. Chip brought a great love of music, praise worship, and more importantly, a dedication and devotion to proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in worship. Chip brought in several musicians to help in the transition, and provided renewed energy. But Chip also knew his limitations, and that we still needed direction with vocals and music arrangements. We kept looking for someone to help in that area.

That is when Ian Faleer stepped up to offer his gifts. Ian has served as choir director at Prince of Peace for 10 years, and he worked closely with Cindy and the band during COVID shut down to provide online worship. Ian has also worked extensively on the worship slides for 11 am worship, and is now working with Brandon on the 9 am slides too. Ian has been working with Chip and the Praise Band for several months, and the music and energy has continued to grow. But two directors for the Praise Band is not a viable long term solution. So we have asked Ian to consider leading the band going forward, to which he has agreed.

Ian will be taking over the full realm of the Praise Band director as of November 1, along with leading the choir at 11 am. We give thanks to God for Chip in getting us through the transition, and for his partnership in ministry. We may see him at the drums again from time to time when Dave is out of town. Please join us on October 29 in giving thanks to God for Chip DiFiore. What a blessing he has been.

Friday October 20th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday October 21st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday October 22nd
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
12:00 pm Youth Gathering Info Meeting

Monday October 23rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday October 24th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday October 25th

Thursday October 26th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Friday October 27th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday October 28th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday October 29th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday October 30th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday October 31st
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

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

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Mezquite Mexican Kitchen and Bar.

Located at 35846 Detroit Rd. in Avon.

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



Open Mic Night

Please join us this Saturday, October 28th at 6:30 pm for Open Mic Night!

The Coffee House is held on the 4th Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Enjoy great entertainment in a Coffee House setting with a variety of performers sharing their music. This is a free event. Join us for desserts and aromatic coffee in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere!

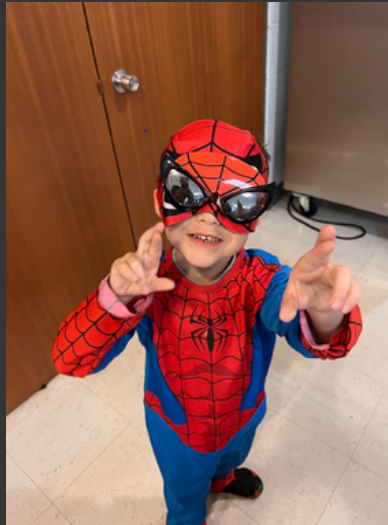


Travel Quest

Save the date: Travel Questions Event planning November 12th at 1000am in the Charter Room. All are welcome!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Thank you to the families that joined us for crafting fun at our trunk or treat event!



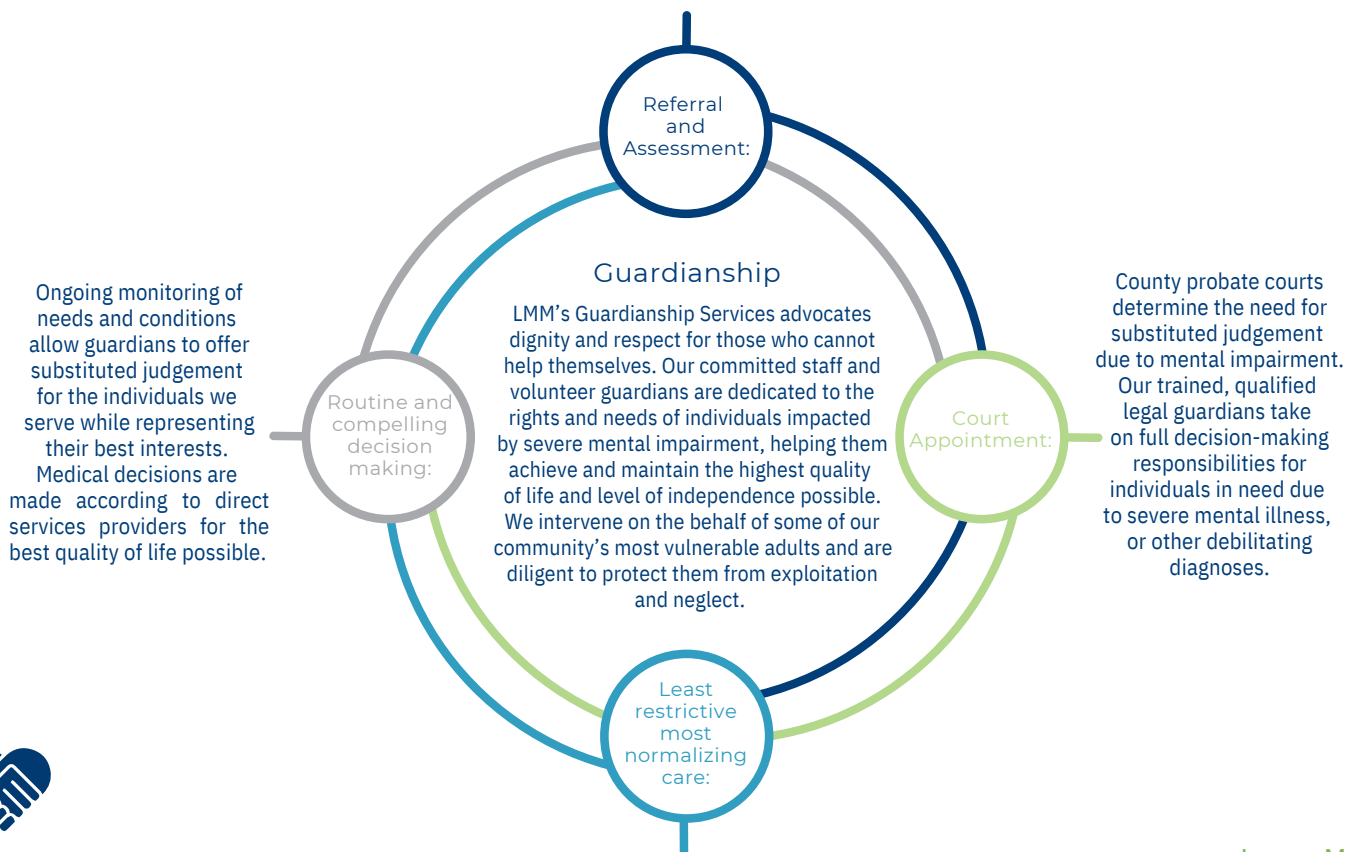


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October 20, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

God is a God of abundance. With God, there is always more than enough. There is more than enough love, forgiveness, hope, grace, and mercy. God is generous in sharing that abundance. In response, we are called to be generous with what God has first given us, including our time and our talents, and our treasure.

Let Us Build a House is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme reminds us that there are many who have been generous to build the house we gather in for worship each week. Because of the generosity of the congregation, we continue to build and care for this house; improvements to the infrastructure and programs abound! We celebrate what we have accomplished, and we also look at how we can grow even more in the years to come.

So often we worry there will not be enough, but all we have to do is look back and see how God has provided with more than enough. We can see that in looking back over our 64 years of ministry here at Prince of Peace. We can see that in looking back at how we remained strong - even through the pandemic just a couple years ago.

Our grateful response in generosity helps to demonstrate to our community and to the world around us that God has provided us everything, and we have enough, even enough to share.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about generosity. Newsletter articles, mission moments, letters and more will be used to share our stories and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year.

So, in the coming weeks, read the material and listen to the messages. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, on Intent Sunday, November 19, please bring your intent card with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation. Join us as we build a house where we can grow in faith, serve in love, and live in peace — a place where all are welcome!

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Charlie Woodward Dave Covell
Pastor Council President

P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home on November 10 for you to return on November 19.



Emily Saunders

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Emily was born in Grayslake, Illinois with 2 younger brothers, Lee and Evan in the family. Her parents Dave and Jan moved several times for employment opportunities in Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio. The family settled in North Olmsted where Emily graduated from North Olmsted High School. She attended Cuyahoga Community College for 2 years in General Studies. When brother Lee married his wife Natalie, they became close neighbors in the same development. She is happy to be a loving aunt to their children.

Emily has been employed for 18 years at the Giant Eagle in North Olmsted. Her position as bagger gives her close contact with customers where she offers assistance and solves problems. Contributing to customer satisfaction gives her much pride in this work. Sometimes it is a hectic pace, but she has a complete knowledge of the store and is a great communicator. Emily also likes the fact that Giant Eagle is halfway between home and church, which gives her the opportunity to see neighbors and church friends while at work.

When the family came to North Olmsted, they searched for a home church. They were impressed with Prince of Peace and its welcoming, friendly environment. The appeal of the strong music programs helped them discover this was the place they could Grow in Faith! Joining in 1998, Emily quickly became involved with the youth/youth group. She participated in a musical here at POP, went on the first canoe trip to Canada with the HS youth and attended the National Youth Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia with her friends here at POP. Emily has contributed much to our missions as well. Her quiet and kind demeanor offers a window into her humble heart.

While speaking with Emily, I learned she started taking piano lessons in grade school and continues to take piano lessons today. In my mind, that is one of the most difficult instruments, but she does enjoy a challenge. She is a big Disney music and movie fan, and Elton John music is among her favorites. Listening to the CrossFire band, she is inspired by "Blessed Be Your Name", and "Shout to the North". Members should recall times when she came to the front of the sanctuary during a song to use her hands expressing the energy of the music. It always was well received and prompted all to sing with a stronger Spirit!

You will see her offering communion as a volunteer and has worked in Christian Education with Kathy Kettler and Fran Molnar with the First and Second grade learners. During fundraising events, Emily always will be there to pitch in for a good cause. Reading is another interest she enjoys. Some of her favorite books are "Sisters Grimm", "Number of the Star" and "Letters for Emily". The Saunders have an energetic Australian Kelpie, a type of sheepdog, named Indy that Emily often takes for walks and plays fetch with.

Emily is a 32 year brain cancer survivor. She was diagnosed at age 5 with a brain tumor and has received many treatments including radiation, chemotherapy and surgery. She is cancer free and has a strong desire to live life to Glorify God!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

THE CLEVELAND WEST CLUSTER

October 28th, 2023

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA
FALL GATHERING

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND
FELLOWSHIP 8:30 AM
MEETING & PROGRAM 9:30 AM
LUNCH 11:30 AM

RESERVATIONS: MARY ANN FILIPOW
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Matthew 22:15-22

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” 21They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

As you read this, I will be on a trip in the Holy Land with a group of 20 of us. This trip, like the other two that I have taken in the past, I am always asked - “Is it safe?” On the one hand you have the news reports of the unrest. On the other hand you have the people who live there and the travel company telling all is safe, including the contact we made with the pastor who serves the Lutheran church in Jerusalem. I have a group that trusts me to make a wise decision about the trip. And while am I confident we were going to be safe, I was also aware of those who placed their trust in me. Some people decided not to go on the trip, because they were concerned about the unrest.

Where do you turn? Who can we trust? We turn to Jesus. A few short days after this encounter with the Pharisees and the Herodians, Jesus is arrested, beaten and nailed to a cross. Jesus dies alone on the cross and his followers gave up hope and trust that Jesus was one who would save them.

But God is faithful and true to his word. Jesus does exactly what he said he would. He battles sin and death and wins. Through Jesus Christ, we are assured that God has not given up on us. He comes to give us life that only he can give. His forgiveness and life are given as a gift to you and me, not because we have earned it, or deserve it. No – it is given because God loves you.

God promises are always kept. God’s grace always outweighs every sin. God’s love is always more than we could ever imagine. In this you can trust.

Oh, I am sure there are times we will question God’s actions or when we perceive a lack of action on God’s part. We will place our trust in other things, because it seems to meet our needs at the time. But in the end, one thing is certain. God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good. God is the one who holds our future in his hands, and promises us life. Abundant life.

And in the midst of the uncertainties, the broken trusts in our lives, may we turn to God for direction and guidance as how we can best use our resources and best make decisions as God would have us do.

And when we misplace those resources or make bad decisions, know that God is a forgiving God. This is the good news of Jesus Christ. He died for you. He rose for you. In this you can be certain -

God is always ready to love those who bear the image of God. In God we trust.

Let us pray: Dear God, you have named us and claimed us as your own. On our brows we bear the Cross of Christ. Made in your image, imprinted with this seal, we know we belong to you. For this we thank and praise, serve and obey you. In you we trust. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pastor Charlie wrote this blog entry a few weeks ago with the plans to be in Israel right now. This was before the war broke out. Pastor Charlie and the group canceled the trip and are safe at home. Please pray for peace.

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 September through October the requested items are cereal and Canned soup.



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of September 30th, 2023:	\$338,557	\$8,681
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	76%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$107,943	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$125,943	\$9,688



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!



Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



Prayer LIST

Sunday, October 22, 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
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	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Dave McCollum	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

October 8	Lia Staaf Jennifer Leonard (Lisa & Pastor Charlie's niece) Justin Taylor, wife, Abbie, and baby Hudson (Lisa & Pastor Charlie's nephew) David McCollum Michael Pietrarroia Brittany Rogers (Lisa and Pastor Charlie's friend's daughter)
October 15	Jennifer Ostos Gonzalez (Ian Faleer's cousin of his wife, Ana) Ian Skoch (Rusty Blakeslee friend's son) John Sheridan Dan Fronczak Warren (Sally Poirier's God Child) Kenny Musselman (Sally Poirier friend's son)
October 22	John F. Kennedy HS family Jan Paulson and Family (Dana Gros' uncle) John Rombokas (Pat Sprague's friend) Steve (Barb Fronczak son's friend)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
10/15/2023	39	139	178
10/08/2023	32	165	197
10/01/2023	33	145	178
09/24/2023	31	136	167

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| 10/01 Jan Juhn | 10/18 Adam Thompson |
| 10/02 Allie Hallowell | 10/18 Aidan Katrincsak |
| 10/03 Chrissy Frey | 10/18 Mike Webber |
| 10/03 Lydia Griffin | 10/20 Carson Reisner |
| 10/04 Debbie Sanders | 10/22 Linda Colcord |
| 10/05 Mark Blakeslee | 10/22 Nicholas Franz |
| 10/07 Julia Biller | 10/23 Richard Hardy |
| 10/08 Jan Schoch | 10/25 Dave Covell |
| 10/08 Mike Hosler | 10/25 Leah Missig |
| 10/10 Allison Hrouda | 10/29 Hannah Katrincsak |
| 10/12 Jan King | 10/29 Lindsey Kraps |
| 10/14 Al Tielke | 10/29 Lorraine Lutton |
| 10/14 Sharon Lappin | 10/29 Tom Biller |
| 10/15 Riki Wilhelm | 10/30 Alexis Griffin |
| | 10/31 Bethany Pearce |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10/05 Charlie & Barb Koch
- 10/05 Dale & Ruth Mortensen
- 10/11 Thomas & Shoko Morton
- 10/18 Craig & Erin Jagels
- 10/25 Pamela & Joseph Ventimiglia

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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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.



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