

June 7th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.

Isaiah 43:2

We have a problem, and it is a great problem to have! We have run out of percussion instruments for the kids to play during the last song at our 9 am Praise Service.

Do you have any hand-held percussion instruments you would like to donate for the kids? Tambourines, maracas, shakers, you get the idea. You can bring them in on Sunday morning and pass along to the Praise Team. Help our kids make a joyful noise!

-Pastor Charlie

Hello all,

As you may know, the church council is conducting town hall style meetings to make sure we are getting feedback on how we are doing as a congregation. Hopefully you've had the opportunity to give your input through one of the groups you are part of here at POP. If not email your answers to the following questions to me at thecovells@gmail.com

What does Prince of Peace look like in three to five years?

How will we know that we are successful?

What are the top three things to get right?

Where would you feel the most passion to get involved?

Thanks for your input. Feedback from all the town hall meetings will be reviewed by council at the upcoming council retreat in July. Hopefully this information will help us meet the needs of the congregation as we plan for the next few years.

Thank you again for your input.

Dave Covell
Council President

Wednesday June 7th
1:00 pm Bible Study Group Potluck

Thursday June 8th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday June 9th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday June 10th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday June 11th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday June 12th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday June 13th
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday June 14th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday June 15th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday June 16th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday June 17th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday June 18th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:30 Arden Courts
1:00 pm Blossom Hill Service
7:00 pm El Salvador Group Meeting

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

6th “almost” Annual National Youth Gathering Golf Outing 4-Person 9-Hole Scramble

Proceeds to benefit POP teens trip to NYG

Sunday, July 9th* 1pm at Bob-O-Links on Route 83 in Avon



Dinner and raffle prizes after golf. Come for dinner only at 4pm.

\$50 per person for 9 holes, cart, dinner

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace note the Youth Gathering in the memo line. Sign up your foursome at POP or contact Dave Covell to sign up.

This event is organized by the Buds & Suds Men’s Group of Prince of Peace
For more info please contact TJ Worsencroft at (440)541-7898 or Dan Fronczak at (440)221-6411
or Dave Covell (440) 567-4101

*Inclement weather - golf may be canceled, but dinner is still on starting at 4:30 pm



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Mark your
calendar now!

Church Parking Lot
July 16th
4:30 - 6:30



Fun for all ages...

Everyone is welcome...
bring family & friends!

EL SALVADOR DONATED SUPPLIES

Help us arrive to El Salvador with much needed supplies for the schools, clinic, and homes we will be visiting

- PENS
- PENCILS
- PENCIL SHARPENERS
- ERASERS
- CRAYONS
- COLORED PENCILS
- GLUE STICKS
- STICKERS
- POST IT NOTES
- BOOK BAGS
- MARKERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- SCISSORS
- STERILE GAUZE
- NON-STERILE GAUZE
- ELASTIC BANDAGES "ACE BANDAGES" (VARIOUS SIZES)
- FLEXIBLE COHESIVE BANDAGES
- STERILE GLOVES
- NON-STERILE GLOVES
- NEOSPORIN
- SUTURE THREAD
- CLEANING WIPES
- IODIZED SOAP

Collection June 1st - 25th

International Dinner

Join us for a special Ethiopian meal prepared by Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees that now call Cleveland home



Habesha Restaurant
16860 Lorain Ave
Cleveland Ohio 44111

<https://www.habeshacle.com/>

Text Hillary to reserve your spot!
216.258.1639

Thursday July 27th at 6:00pm

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. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



SIS

Sisters in Spirit
This group is open to all women

Their next event will be Wednesday July 12th at 6:00 pm.

We will be meeting at Huntington Beach:
28649 Lake Road
Bay Village, OH 44140

Meet at picnic tables (east of food hut) Brown bag or purchase your dinner.

No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Beth Comnick, Joan Drobnak or Laurel Covell.

More events to be announced!



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of April 30th:	\$176,046	\$9,780
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	39%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$270,454	\$7,955
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$288,454	\$8,484



Red Cross Blood Drive Dates!

All blood drives in the Fellowship Hall from 8am-2pm Sunday

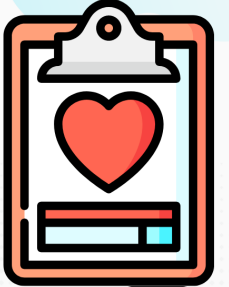
- July 23rd
- September 17th
- November 19th

Blood Pressure Screening Dates:

Checks are done from 10:00 am - 11:00 between services.

- July 9th
- August 6th

Your Blood Will Save Someone's Life



Donate Blood at PoP!
 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
 All blood drives in the Fellowship Hall from 8am-2pm

- Sunday, July 23rd
- Sunday, September 17th
- Sunday, November 19th



Young At Heart

Please join us on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship an Rush Inn Bar and Grille in Avon. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby.

Rush Inn Bar and Grille
 35840 Chester Rd
 Avon, OH 44011

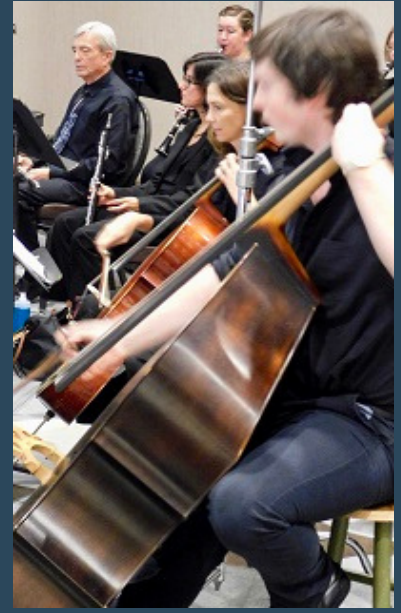
Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511



Travel Quest

Next Travel Quest Event, Saturday June 17. Tru North Patriotic Concert at Bay Presbyterian in Bay Village and Dinner at Stella Mia's. See sign-up sheet at event station in the lower narthex.

Travel Quest also recommends the Patriot Band Concert at Paper Moon Winery on June 24th, at 7:00 pm, the contact will be Walt Diekroger.





Tony Perez & Allison Peluso

THIS WEEK'S NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Tony was born in North Bergen, NJ and grew up in Northern New Jersey. He has one older sister who lives with her husband and children in Northern New Jersey. Allison was born in Great Falls, MT, and grew up in Southwest Arizona. She has one younger brother who lives in Vancouver, Canada. They met in Boston while they were in school. Tony and Allison are raising their two children Abigail (age 5) and Aaron (age 1) in Westlake. Abby is so proud to be a big sister and was happy to introduce me to her brother.

Their careers have been focused on health care with extensive training required in each specialty. Allison completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Arizona, her medical doctorate (MD) at Boston University School of Medicine, and her master's of public health (MPH) at Boston University School of Public Health. Her areas of study have included medicine, epidemiology, maternal and child health, and physiologic sciences. Tony completed his bachelor's degree at Harvard University, his medical doctorate (MD) at Harvard Medical School, and his master's of business administration (MBA) at Harvard Business School. His areas of study included medicine, business administration, biochemical sciences, and history.

Allison is a board-certified neonatologist and is currently a staff physician at Cleveland Clinic main campus and Fairview Hospital. She is also the Associate Medical Director for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cleveland Clinic main campus. Tony is a board-certified cardiologist. He currently serves as Director of Medical Operations for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. He previously was an attending advanced heart failure/transplant cardiologist at the Cleveland Clinic. During his years at the Clinic, he also served as Director of the Heart Failure Intensive Care Unit at main campus as well as a health system Medical Director for Quality and Safety.

Tony grew up attending an active ELCA congregation in Weehawken, NJ, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. They were married by the pastor and had Abby baptized there. Allison and Tony are so grateful to have found such a welcoming and active ELCA congregation here at Prince of Peace! They became members on May 7, 2023. Currently they attend the contemporary service, usually seated in the narthex to allow Aaron to rest. They are impressed with the breadth and depth of community activities at POP and plan to contribute to the congregation's service work!

In their spare time, they love exploring the outdoors in Northeast Ohio with their children and their two dogs. Abby especially loves the Lake Erie beaches. They also travel around the world when they can. At home, they enjoy playing with Abby and Aaron and their pets. Learning to cook new dishes, DIY projects and gardening are other interests.

Some things people may not know is that Tony is Cuban American. His parents immigrated to the United States in their youth to escape the Castro dictatorship. Allison developed a love of National Parks as a kid from visiting her grandparents who lived very close to Yosemite. They are living a life filled with purpose as God has guided them. I enjoyed meeting this active family, I know you will too.

By : Tom Robinholt / Profile Reporter

Job 38:1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

7 when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

9 when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

Come Holy Spirit!

The title of this chapter in the book of Job is “The Lord answers Job.” I think the title could be “The Lord gives Job a talking-to!”

Now I know that Job has plenty of reason to question God, and why Job has to suffer as he does. But in response to Job’s

request, God tells Job who God is, and reminds Job of what God has done. “Where were you, Job, when I created the universe?

Where were you when I laid the cornerstones of the world?” God puts Job in his place. God is God. Job is not.

Now I am not going to get into the details of the Book of Job – that is another discussion for another time. Instead, I invite you

to consider where you and I perceive ourselves to be in the presence of God. Do you see God as the All Powerful? Or do you

see God as the customer service desk operator who is there to hear our complaints? Do you need a talking-to every now and

then? I know I do.

Sin, at its core is when we forget our place in the organizational chart of God’s creation. We want to be just like God. But that is

not how God created us. God is God. You and I are not. When I was in my final year at seminary, I signed up to take some

preaching calls to get some experience, and some money, too! In the middle of January, I received an invitation to preach at a

church in Wheeling, West Virginia. I was excited about preaching that Sunday because I had a great sermon to share, and felt

it was going to go well. The text was from the Old Testament - the story of Jacob and his dream of the ladder ascending to

heaven. I was so excited that this text was assigned for that Sunday because I had just finished a wonderful book by Gerhard

Forde entitled “Where God Meets Man.” It is a wonderful, short book that helped me in my Lutheran theology. In it, Forde

states that the idea of the old song, “We are climbing Jacob’s Ladder” is a bad image for us, for it goes against our

understanding of God’s relationship to us. We get in TROUBLE when we try to attain God’s position. Instead, God meets us

here - at the cross, on the earth, in the relationship of God in the flesh. So I was ready to preach my sermon to these people -

the old Sunday School song “We are climbing Jacob’s Ladder” isn’t how God meets us. It is not about us reaching the goal,

attaining the “goodness” level for God to love us. Instead, God instead comes down. I was ready to preach against the heresy

of that song.

I got to the church early, not knowing what the weather would be, and was able to get familiar with the layout of the pulpit,

altar, etc. I was able to practice my sermon as well. But as I stood in the pulpit before an empty church, I could hear the choir

practicing their anthem downstairs - “We are climbing Jacob’s Ladder.” At that moment, I realized the sermon before me was

not going to fly- I preached away from the pulpit that day, because the manuscript was not going to work!

God is God. Know that the God who creates is the God who loves and the God who forgives. Let God be God.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit. Let us pray: Almighty God, Forgive us when we get too full of ourselves. Open us to your talking-to

when we need to be set straight, knowing that you love us. We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.



PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG

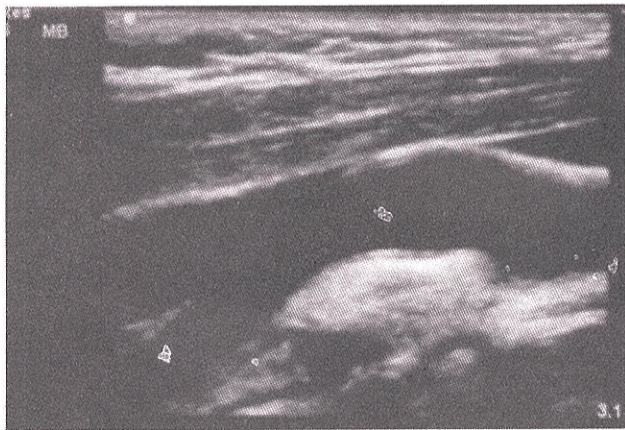
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Healthy & Active

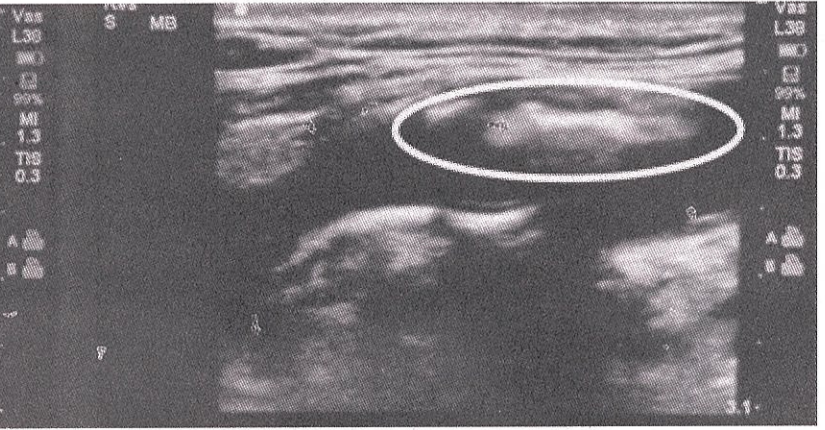
Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.¹

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

¹Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: Westlake - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

When: Friday, July 28, 2023

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
please call **1-800-640-6307** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**

Prayer LIST

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
James Arrigo	
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	
George Bannon	Pat Sprague's Brother

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

May 21	Kira Johnston (daughter of Liz Grider's coworker) Joel (grandnephew of Mike and Sherry Weber)
May 28	Frank Gaca (relative of Pat Sprague's friend) Ruth Williams Dave McCollum Pat Sprague and her Family (Pat's brother, George Brannon passed away) Hallie Bittel (Hilary Lucas' family friend) Randy (Steve Zinram's brother)
June 4	Bob Stamper (Barb Fronczak's neighbor) Diane Fortuna

Happy Birthday

- 06/04 Patricia Pietraroia
- 06/04 Tom Colcord
- 06/05 Joey Weaver
- 06/07 Elise Covell
- 06/08 Erika Marquardt
- 06/08 Kosta Heimbuch
- 06/09 Claire Perry
- 06/09 Elizabeth Grider
- 06/09 Mary Sue Claus
- 06/09 Scott Goggin
- 06/10 Bob Thompson
- 06/10 Lynnette Stevens
- 06/12 Bob Thomas
- 06/12 Logan Beard
- 06/13 Kellie Duktig
- 06/13 Lindsay Weaver
- 06/13 Tom Robinholt
- 06/14 Mitchell Gros
- 06/14 Tyler Rowe
- 06/14 Susan Franz
- 06/16 Chris Burdette
- 06/16 Terry MacKenzie
- 06/18 Dan Arthur
- 06/20 Debbie Thomas
- 06/21 Ron Kear
- 06/22 Brent Beard
- 06/23 Judy Splawski
- 06/23 Susan Worsencroft
- 06/23 Walter Diekroger
- 06/24 Jeff Frey
- 06/25 Joseph Olah
- 06/26 Cindy Strieter
- 06/27 Diego Cesare
- 06/27 Diane Fortuna
- 06/27 Samantha Bailey
- 06/28 Dan King
- 06/28 Jim McDonough
- 06/29 Eva Vitko
- 06/30 Claire Wenham
- 06/30 David Zinram

Date	Online	In Person	Total
06/05/2023	85	155	240
05/28/2023	79	119	198
05/21/2023	31	152	183
05/14/2023	17	153	170

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 06/06 Dan & Tami Arthur
- 06/08 Mike & Sue Hosler
- 06/09 Melody & Roger Hauser
- 06/15 Phil & Pat Sprague
- 06/16 Pat Sprague & Judy Splawski
- 06/17 Jon & Riki Wilhelm
- 06/19 Gerry & Fran Wilhelm
- 06/20 Ken & Peggy Krueger
- 06/26 Mark & Ellen Oster
- 06/29 Dolph & Judy Rolik
- 06/29 Joan & Tom Drobnak
- 06/30 Tom & Lora Robinholt



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3
28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145
440/871-5565 • www.princeofpeacewestlake.org

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.