

October 27th, 2023

# PEACE CONNECTION

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  
Reformation Sunday  
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

Wednesday November 1st

Thursday November 2nd  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday November 3rd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday November 4th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 5th  
All Saints Sunday  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

Monday November 6th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

*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.




*Coffee House & Open Mic Night*

*Saturday, October 28, 2023*

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

*28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake 44145*

*Come & go anytime from 6:30 - 9 pm*

*Those wishing to perform up to three songs, please sign up starting at 6:15pm We will have a minimum of ten performance spots before 9pm. Bring your friends!*



## *It was A Generous Gesture*

My name is Monica Dragony. I am married to Dale Dragony and we have three children, Claire, Zack, and Josh, and a granddaughter, Brianna. We have been members of Prince of Peace for approximately 15 years. When my son, Zack, was making his Confirmation was when we were first introduced to Prince of Peace. We were members of another small, new church and Zack was the only one in the class, so the leaders arranged for him to join Prince of Peace's Confirmation class. We began to attend Prince of Peace and the kids began to make friends, so we decided to make it our permanent church home.

The most memorable act of generosity that I can think of is when my boys came with me to visit my brother, who was in a long-term nursing facility due to a brain injury. We had to step out of the room while they changed his dressings, and as we were waiting in the hallway, Zack and his little brother went to look at the birds they had in a small aviary. An older woman began talking to Zack. I did not hear the conversation, but I watched as my little six-year-old boy held this stranger's hand, nodded his head as she spoke, and replied back to her. It was after that whole incident that I found out from a nurse that the woman could not speak, but Zack said he could understand every word she said. I was proud and amazed that my young son was so generous and caring towards this woman and did not turn and flee from the situation.

My mother was always a generous person and, I would have to say, she is the one who showed me how to be generous and loving towards others. I remember one time, in high school, when the airports had closed due to a snow storm and many passengers were stranded with no place to sleep for the night. We lived about 15 minutes down the road from the airport. My mom drove to the airport to see if anyone would like to come to our house for warmth, food, and a bed to sleep in. At the time, as a teenager, I thought that was an outlandish idea. Now, as an adult, I look back and realize how generous she was, being willing to help someone in need no matter what.

Witnessing the care for others that was displayed through my son and mother helped me to realize that we are all children of God on this Earth that He created. We need to care for each other, love one another, and help one another.

In 2018, when the government shut down, and Dale, who was our sole provider for the family, was out of work, our Prince of Peace family reached out to see if we needed any financial assistance in day-to-day life. I felt that to be extremely touching because we weren't advertising a need for money or help. It was just a generous gesture that was extended in anticipation of the days to come.

God has given each of us a talent that is unique to you. When you are in a family, you help each other in any way you can. It could be through prayer, moral support, or monetary support. I invite each of you to show your generosity and share your talent in your church home of Prince of Peace.

*Monica Dragony*

# Loren & JoAnne Easterday

## THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE



Loren was born in Minneapolis, MN and grew up with an older sister, Lois, who passed away 4 years ago. The family moved to Massillon, OH in 1941 as his parents had deep roots in Stark County. His education included Massillon Washington class of 1958, Case Institute of Technology class of 1962, and Kent State University class of 1965. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and an MBA. His career took him into the business of Textile Fibers for 15 years and approximately 25 years in Custom Profile Extrusion.

JoAnne was born in Canton, Ohio and grew up with a sister Kathleen who lives with her husband in the Los Angeles area. Her family had moved to Massillon, OH where she became a Tiger football fan as did Loren. She attended Washington High School, Kent State University, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at Blue Ridge Community College. Her varied career included 4th grade Teacher, Writer at a newspaper and a member of City Council.

JoAnne's sister was the matchmaker for them to meet. Kathleen's beau had a friend that would come along to pick her up for a date, and JoAnne began to spy on Loren and thought he "was the one for me". She claims it took 6 years to "capture" him and they have been married for 56 years! Loren says that it was the wonderful cherry pie that JoAnne could bake that brought them together. Either way, it became a sweet union.

Their children are Patrick, 55 years old who is married to Kim, living in Chicago and working as a Construction Project Manager. They cherish the grandchildren Ryan, 23 and Kaitlyn, 21. The younger son Brian has passed away at 52 years of age last December leaving a widow Pan.

Loren was raised Lutheran and JoAnne was raised Catholic, so they had not attended church together in Massillon. They attended separate churches for their first 15 years of marriage. Got to a lot more parties that way. They joined Prince of Peace about 2 years ago, following Bethany and Brad Pearce. The Sermons with magic, jokes and the Good News showed them POP was headed in the right direction.

Both are dedicated to singing in the traditional Choir, Wednesday Bible Study, and Tables for 8. Loren has been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, working with our church team. His hobbies and interests include flower gardening with JoAnne, and being involved with her in the Lorain County Garden Tour twice. He has worked with stained glass for about 20 years in both lead and copper foil. JoAnne has interests to pursue in her free time that include pressed flower designs, Mah Jongg card games, and reading historical fiction books. They are high school football fans that cheer for The Avon Eagles and Massillon Tigers.

Something that people may not know is that JoAnne always enjoys the feel of silk binding on blankets. Her admiration of the seasonal decorations on the altar at church reveal the wonderful group of designers we have on Altar Guild. It is always an uplifting experience. Perhaps unknown to our congregation also is that when Loren wore a younger man's clothes, he would officiate high school football games for 20 years.

You will enjoy meeting Loren and JoAnne at the traditional service. They have come to worship God knowing His Love for them and one another!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



## James 2:14-26

### Faith without Works Is Dead

*14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

*18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. 20 Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. 23 Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.*

Martin Luther was not a big fan of the Book of James. He didn't think it expressed the "nature of the Gospel," it appeared to contradict Paul's statements about justification by faith, and it didn't directly mention Christ. He wrote, "Therefore St James' epistle is really an epistle of straw, compared to these others, for it has nothing of the nature of the Gospel about it."

But let us not simply dismiss this epistle because Luther didn't regard it as highly as the other epistles. There are still great words to be gleaned from it.

Some might think that the reason Luther didn't care for it is due to its focus on good works. Let me state clearly that Martin Luther never said we should NOT do good works. Justification by grace through faith is good news that states that it is God's doing, and not ours, that we are set free!

We are set free to be Christ to our neighbor. Luther says God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbor does. Good works are good, but that are bad if they appear to be necessary to earn the love of God.

When I was in seminary, a curriculum revision took place. The seminary realized that most of the students in seminary were there to work toward ordination and become pastors or lay leaders in the church. A small group were there to further their education to later go on to teach or attain additional degrees. Because of this, the seminary offered students the choice for most classes to either receive a letter grade for the class (as had been the method for many years) or take the class "Pass-Fail."

This was freeing for me. I could take a class without worrying that I was trying to earn the favor of the teacher and give back to the teacher what was needed to "ace" the class. Now I just needed to get a passing grade. Now there was still a bit of tension there, but not as much as before. I found that the focus could be on what I could benefit from the class to better myself to serve as a pastor than earning the praise of the teacher.

I believe that once we realize we have already been given a passing grade with God, we can focus on what God wants us to do and to be. What God wants us to be do and be, Luther says, is to be God's hands and feet. We are called to be the ones who do good works in response to what God has done for us.

What are we called to do when there is nothing that we HAVE to do?

Give thanks to God for Jesus Christ, who sets us free from the bondage of sin, so that we might care for one another, love one another, and live in peace.

*Let us pray: Thank you, God for giving us a passing grade. May we live our lives in gratitude, and do the good works you enable us and equip us to do. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## 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 29, 2023**

**In Memory of:**

Douglas LeRoy Hoffman

**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:**

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|------------|---|
| October 15 | Jennifer Ostos Gonzalez (Ian Faleer's cousin of his wife, Ana)<br>Ian Skoch (Rusty Blakeslee friend's son)<br>John Sheridan<br>Dan Fronczak<br>Warren (Sally Poirier's God Child)<br>Kenny Musselman (Sally Poirier friend's son) |
| October 22 | John F. Kennedy HS family<br>Jan Paulson and Family (Dana Gros' uncle)<br>John Rombokas (Pat Sprague's friend)<br>Steve Mears (Barb Fronczak son's friend)  |
| October 29 | Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin)<br>Nancy Long (Mary Sheridan's friend)<br>Joan Drobnak and Family<br>Kathy Kettler<br>Dave McCollum<br>Gina Brooks (Gloria Starr's daughter)   |

# Happy Birthday

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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    |

| Date       | Online | In Person | Total |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 10/22/2023 | 20     | 144       | 164   |
| 10/15/2023 | 39     | 139       | 178   |
| 10/08/2023 | 32     | 165       | 197   |
| 10/01/2023 | 33     | 145       | 178   |

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# 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

### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3  
28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
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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.

