

September 22nd, 2023

# PEACE CONNECTION

## Thank You for the School Supplies!

Last week, a carload of school supplies, donated and sorted for Gods Work Our Hands, were delivered to the teachers and students of Scranton School in Cleveland. They were absolutely thrilled with the overwhelming amount of supplies POP collected for them!

We personally want to thank you for everything you do for this wonderful school. The quality and quantity of supplies was amazing! A special shoutout to the Table 4 8 group who donated a book bag filled with supplies to each classroom! We are so proud to be members of Prince of Peace Church and truly appreciate your generosity! -Diane and Shawn Merhaut (see photos on the next page)

The following supplies were collected and delivered!

- 18 backpacks
- 54 packages of notebook paper
- 21 pocket folders
- 2 binders
- 15 rolls of paper towels
- 94 individual colored pencils + 12 additional color pencil packages
- 7 packages of wipes
- 14 packages of markers
- 31 erasers
- 189 glue sticks & glue
- 89 boxes of crayons
- 20 rulers
- 280 pens
- 43 hand sanitizers
- 51 notebooks
- 28 scissor
- 36 pencil sharpeners
- 631+ 18 packs of pencil
- 18 boxes of Kleenex
- 4 packs of dry erase markers
- 1 protractor



Friday September 22nd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 23rd  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
5:00 pm Travel Quest  
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday September 24th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am New Member Class

Monday September 25th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
6:00 pm College Club West  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 26th  
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday September 27th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday September 28th  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday September 29th  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday September 30th  
10:30 Alter Guild Meeting  
11:00 am SIS Service Event  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday October 1st  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
9:30 am First day of Sunday School  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Confirmation Orientation  
10:00 am Christian education  
10:00 am New Member Class

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

Tuesday October 3rd  
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

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



Thank you!



# Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, September 29th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Blue Sky Restaurant, located at 802 Cleveland St. in Elyria. Please note that Young at Heart Lunch will be held on the FIFTH Friday of the month for September. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



## Altar Guild Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 10:30 am, Charter Room  
New members (women and men) are always welcome!

Worship plans are coming together for the fall and Christmas. We'll discuss those plans as well sign up for monthly teams for the month(s) that work best for you in 2024.

Altar Guild is a very rewarding, behind the scenes way to share your time and serve the Lord. No specific skills required. Participating is great way get to know and build lasting friendships with other members of our POP family.

Interested? Just curious? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Or call Dineen Terstage with questions (440-455-9558 or 440-263-6759).

## 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.



THE SECOND ITEM IS COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR 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!

## New Member Classes

The next new member class to will be held on Sunday, September 24 and October 1st at 10:00 am. New members will be welcomed on October 8th. To sign up for classes, please contact the church office at [princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) or by calling 440-871-5565!

*become*  
a member



TRAVEL QUEST  
PRESENTS:

# Rumours

*A Fleetwood Mac  
Tribute Concert*



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

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WAGNERS OF WESTLAKE

30855 CENTER RIDGE ROAD  
WESTLAKE, OHIO

7:00  
**PM**

TO ENSURE WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER, SIGN UP AND WRITE A CHECK TO DIANE DIEKROGER, LOCATED AT 32929 CATAWBA DRIVE, AVON, 44011, CELL PHONE 740-542-1786, BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER BEFORE THE CONCERT, LET'S MEET AT DON RAMON MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 30610 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE, OHIO, AT 5:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.



# Marie Witt

## THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Marie (pictured above with her daughter Mary Lasky) was born in Lakewood, OH in 1935 and spent most of her life on the west side of Cleveland and surrounding areas. She also spent two years in France when her husband was in the military and twelve years in Iowa. She returned from Iowa five years ago and settled in with her daughter Mary and her Son-In-Law Steve in Avon Lake.

Marie met her husband Edward at West Tech High School in Cleveland. He had recently immigrated from Germany and they were married in 1955. He went on to become a toolmaker at General Motors and spent his entire career there. He passed away in 1990.

Marie and her husband raised three girls and a boy. The oldest daughter lives in Colorado and has three children and six grandchildren. Her middle daughter lives in Olmsted Township. Her youngest daughter is Mary who has two sons who are both working on graduate degrees, one in Davis, California and the other in Des Moines, Iowa. The son, Carl, passed away twenty-two years ago from an aggressive form of cancer.

After retiring from NASA Glenn Research Center's Communications Branch in 2000 Marie was fortunate to travel to several European countries and Japan. These were all delightful trips. She knows it has been wonderful to see various cultures and meet so many fine people. Her daughter Mary and she began coming to Prince of Peace in the fall of 2022 after attending other Lutheran churches in the area. They quickly became aware of the friendliness and dedication to service that Prince of Peace offered and they joined in the spring of this year!

These days, one of Marie's most interesting hobbies is quilting which she has been enjoying for the past thirty years. Most of her quilts are given to various charities and friends and family members. She quickly joined the Comfort Quilters group here at Prince of Peace and thoroughly enjoys the group. For many years, Marie has been volunteering at various food pantries wherever she lived and currently volunteers at CRS (Community Resources Services) in Avon Lake. She is hoping to get more involved with the food collection and distribution efforts here at Prince of Peace.

When people see the service opportunities that POP has committed to, they have a quick response...how can I help? Marie brought her energy here from her foundation of caring for others. God has come into Marie's heart and she intends to use the gifts given to her. Seek her out on Sundays at the traditional service, you will find a follower of Christ living out her strong faith!

*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  
440-845-6428

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11877 BLOSSOM AVENUE  
PARMA HEIGHTS, OH 44130  
ENTRANCE C2- SANCTUARY





Matthew 18:1-5  
True Greatness

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 He called a child, whom he put among them, 3 and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Jesus embraced a small child and said, "Whoever receives on such child receives me and the one who sent me." Children? We love children, yes? Babies and toddlers are cute and loveable. We support our kids at school, and watch them at concerts, and cheer them on the sports field. So why is Jesus making such a fuss about a child as an example of how we should serve one another?

The point Jesus is making is this. Not only were children at the bottom of the pecking order in Jesus' day, and were very vulnerable. I have read that before their 16th birthday half the children died. At times when there was war, famine or disease it was the children who suffered first. For a society that had a fixation on the pecking order in society it was unheard of that someone of importance would get down to a child's level, sit on the floor, play a game with them, cuddle them when they were all dirty and snotty, get down and put your arm around them when they need comforting.

And the other thing is this. Little kids are not in the position to give great rewards for what is done for them. There is no Nobel Peace Prize, or knighthood from the queen, nor can they improve your financial status, give power or prestige. They might give a simple "thank you" but hey that doesn't really improve your position, in fact, no one has even noticed what you did. They represent the poor, the needy, the downtrodden, and the ordinary - just plain human beings. Didn't Jesus say in one of his parables, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me" Matt 25:40.

As baptized children of God, we are given the gifts of God – we are adopted children of God. We are in the will, so to speak. God's riches are ours! It is given as a gift, pure and complete – a gift of pure grace. We do not earn it, deserve it, win the race to claim it. NO! The victory is ours because of Jesus victory.

He comes to serve, not to be served. He never demands the best seat, the first in line, the perks of royalty. No. He comes to stoop down and wash the grime off the feet of his FOLLOWERS. He humbles himself – bows down to show how much God loves us – enough to be last, so that we might be first. He becomes weak, so we may be made strong. He comes to die, so that we might live.

You see, being number one in God's kingdom is not about conquering or overcoming another. It's about putting others first. It's about the love of an almighty God who stoops to a sinful world to be beaten, mocked and killed so that a lost one like me might be found - so that a broken one like me might be made whole - so that a wanderer like me might have a home to go to...

Greatness in the eyes of Jesus is found in the willingness of his disciples to receive, to accept, and indeed to really welcome those they would normally consider un-receivable, unacceptable, and unwelcome. To welcome others as a child is to welcome one before he or she is taught to discriminate between friend and foe.

The Good News is that Jesus, the one who comes to serve, goes ahead of us, to the cross, to die the death we deserve to die for our sins. On the cross our sins are put to death. He rises to new life. He wins! And the victory is ours as well. Since Jesus won, we don't have to try to win the victory ourselves. Instead, we can serve. We can be last, because in Jesus we are already winners!

Let us pray: Thank you God for welcoming me. Empower me, God, to welcome others, and in doing so, may we welcome the one who comes to die and to rise – your beloved Son and our Lord. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Join us for a  
*Travel Quest*  
**PUMPKIN TRAIN**

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Where: Lorain & West Virginia Railway's Wellington Station, 46789 State Route 18, Wellington, OH 44090. Participants can either meet at Prince of Peace at 2:00 p.m. to carpool/caravan there, or meet us at the Wellington Station no later than 3:15 p.m. to pick up your tickets.

What: Passengers will embark on a journey deep into the woods of southern Lorain County on their quest for the perfect pumpkin. The train will leave at exactly 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, and travel 2-3 miles. On the return trip, the train will stop at the L&WV pumpkin patch. Passengers will disembark the train in the woods, and pick the pumpkin that they would like to take home with them. The pumpkin price is included in the train ticket. We will then get back on the train for the return trip to Wellington. The train trip is estimated to be between 1 and 1 1/2 hours long. Note that, because of the vintage nature of the train equipment, this trip is not handicap-accessible.

Ticket prices: Adult (ages 13+): \$22.00

Child (ages 3-12): \$16.50

Infant (ages 2 and under): \$5.00

Seniors (age 60+): \$16.50

No Refunds





# *Coffee House & Open Mic Night*

*Saturday, September 23, 2023*

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

*28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*



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

*Invite your  
friends for an  
evening of great  
entertainment!*

## *Some previous performers!*

*Those wishing to perform up to three songs, please sign up starting at 6:15pm. Music starts at 6:30pm. We will have a minimum of ten performance spots before ending at 9pm.*

## 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 August 31st, 2023:	\$305,357	\$8,724
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	68%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$142,143	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$159,143	\$9,361



## 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!



## Sisters In Spirit

SIS (Sisters in Spirit) - open to all women  
 Service event: Saturday September 30, 11 am - 2 pm, Fellowship Hall  
 We will shop for items to donate to Westhaven Youth Shelter - an emergency shelter for youth ages 13 – 17 (part of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries).  
 Meet at POP at 11:00 am to carpool to Wal-mart, N.O. to shop together for socks, underwear, and toiletry items using money generously granted to us from the Endowment Fund. (If you'd rather not shop, you're welcome to meet us at church at about 1:00.)



Drive back to POP to organize and pack items so they're ready for delivery and to enjoy lunch & fellowship. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.  
 Contact Laurel Covell ([thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com) 440 725-4237) or Linda Thompson ([lthompson416@gmail.com](mailto:lthompson416@gmail.com) 440 547-8161) with any questions.



★ *God's Work* ★  
★ OUR HANDS ★

# CALLING ALL TRUNKS

OCTOBER 14TH 1:30-3:30PM



Sign up to host a trunk for Trunk or Treat!

Seeking creative trunks to join us in passing out candy. Register using the code below!



# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, September 24, 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 2 weeks:**

September 10	Joan Park's Family and Friends (Deb Gibbon's mother) Ben Chapin (Diane Merhaut's nephew) Lisa Arrigo and her family
September 17	Judy Splawski and her family Jeff Tatum (Jann Daniels' friend) Lucille Kromholz (Jann Daniels' cousin) Earl Focht (Fran and Gerry Wilhelm's brother-in-law) Jim Braum
September 24	Courtney Nerad (Barb Fronczak's daughter) Pam Rotella Donna Baker (Sue Hosler's friend)

# Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/17/2023	38	147	185
09/10/2023	32	118	150
09/03/2023	59	125	184
08/27/2023	54	142	196

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### Office Hours

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.

09/01 Bill Beard  
09/01 Emily Saunders  
09/02 Ben Hallowell  
09/05 Jacob Jablonski  
09/05 Tim Regan Sr.  
09/06 Tessa Cornick  
09/07 Adam Sanders  
09/08 Donna Fagerhaug  
09/09 Scott Goggin Jr.  
09/09 Joseph Arthur  
09/11 Ken Krueger  
09/12 Joan Drobnak  
09/12 William Pearce  
09/12 Caden Vinci  
09/13 Rebecca Wagoner

09/14 Sami Jablonski  
09/15 Brent Juhn  
09/15 Michelle Mixer  
09/17 Eric Fortuna  
09/17 Karen Vinci  
09/18 Dan Fronczak  
09/20 James Dickey V  
09/23 Aaron Katrincsak  
09/24 T.J. Worsencroft  
09/26 Deb Gibbons  
09/26 Rian Dillon  
09/29 Alli Walker  
09/29 Marsha Regan  
09/30 Remi Bailey

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

09/08 Mark & Rusty Blakeslee  
09/09 David & Stephanie Wenham  
09/09 Matthew & Lola  
09/12 Sara & Tom Vitko  
09/13 Ron & Jan Fikill Pogachar  
09/19 Richard & Sally Balch



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