# Get Engaged!



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Prince of Peace welcomes all people.

In this Church home are many ministries, groups, and opportunities for worship, fellowship and service. We gather to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and are sent out to serve.

Our mission is to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, Live in Peace.

In addition to participating in worship and education offerings, this booklet lists the ways you are invited to

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#### Serve in Love (Social Ministry) locally & globally:

Helping others with a focus on feeding people both spiritually and physically in response to God's great love for us

# **Chaplain Partnership**

Summary: Chaplain Partnership is a unique service agency providing comprehensive spiritual care services, primarily in hospitals and long-term care settings. Auxiliary members meet several times a year and craft such items as fleece lap blankets, pocket prayer clothes, bookmarks, IV pole decorations, holiday cards and activity bags for kids and adults for the chaplains to distribute.

Action and Support: Skilled sewers and quilt-makers

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

Where: Collections are made at Prince of Peace

When: Ongoing

Coordinator: Diane Fortuna

Key: Skilled, ongoing

### Christmas Bag and Wrap at Redeemer Crisis Center

Summary: Christmas Bag and Wrap at Redeemer Crisis Center - pack food bags and wrap gifts to be distributed to families for Christmas. Traditionally it begins with a light supper and then the bag packing and wrapping follows.

Action and Support: Wrapping Gifts

- Who: Members and Friends of Prince of Peace
- Where: Redeemer Crisis Center is located at 2970 W. 30th Street near the intersection of Clark and Pearl Rd. (W. 25th St.).
- When: Before Christmas

# **Property Upkeep**

Summary: Utilize your skill and time in projects for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and grounds. Contact Person: James and Lisa Arrigo, Sextons

#### **Setup/Teardown for Special Events**

Summary: Help set up and tear down for various events both

inside and out.

Contact Person: Wendy Hansen, Office Administrator

# **Teacher/Assistant for Bible Study**

Summary: Use your gifts in teaching a class or assist others.

Contact Person: Pastor Charlie Woodward

# **Teacher/Helper Adult Sunday School**

Summary: Use your gifts in teaching a class or assist others.

Contact Person: Pastor Charlie Woodward

## **Teacher/Helper Youth Sunday School**

Summary: Use your gifts in teaching a class or assist others. Contact Person: Beverly Braun, Christian Ed Director

## **Sound Board Operator**

Summary: Operate the sound board for worship. Training is

required.

Contact Person: Brandon Bilek, AV Staff member

#### Usher

Summary: Distribute bulletins, collect the offering, provide

direction to members for worship.

Contact Person: 9 am: Anita Bauknecht

11 am: Gerry Wilhelm

# **Visual Display Operator**

Summary: Operate the slides for worship. Training is required.

Contact Person: Brandon Bilek, AV Staff member

# **Financial Helper**

Summary: Serve on the team to count weekly offerings, serve on the stewardship team or the endowment team, aid in internal audits.

Contact Person: Charlie Koch, Treasurer

#### Greeter

Summary: Welcome members and friends to worship.

Contact Person: 9 am - Anita Bauknecht

11 am - Laurie Green

#### **Lesson Reader**

Summary: Read the lessons for worship. Contact Person: 9 am - Anita Bauknecht

11 am - Marge Jaracz

#### Music - Vocal and/or Instrumental

Summary: Share your musical talents in worship as a soloist or member of the Praise Band.

Contact Person: 9 am - Ian Faleer, Praise Band Leader

11 am - Ian Faleer, Choir Director

## **Nursery Attendant**

Summary: Provide care for children during worship.

Contact Person: Pastor Charlie Woodward

# Pancake Breakfast Helper

Summary: Help cook, serve and clean up.

Contact Person: Bev Braun

## **Prayer Leader**

Summary: Write and offer the weekly prayer for the 9 am service.

Contact Person: Anita Bauknecht

# **Prince of Peace Leadership Position**

Summary: Use your time and talents to serve on church council.

Contact Person: Sally Balch

• Coordinator: Hilary Lucas

• Key: All, no skills, once a year

# **Comfort Quilters**

Summary: Comfort Quilters group meets regularly (typically twice a month) to make quilts from donated cloth. 120 to 150 quilts per year continue to be produced and are donated to the Community West Foundation. They distribute those to the most in need in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.

Action and Support: Quilters create quilts and lap quilts for Community West Foundation. Colored printed sheets or cotton fabrics are accepted.

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Collections made at Prince of Peace Church. Quilting done at Prince of Peace

• When: Twice a month for quilting. Ongoing materials accepted

• Coordinator: Becky Wagoner

• Key: All ages, ongoing, skilled volunteers, in-kind items

#### **Communion to Local Care Facilities**

Summary: Trained volunteer Ministers visit care facilities to conduct a simple service that includes gospel readings, prayers, a brief sermon or talk and carry communion to the residents from Sunday worship. Services are held on various Sundays, following the 9:00AM service.

Action and Support: Ministers are trained and then sent out to serve at these facilities

• Who: PoP Adult Members

 Where: Brookdale, Arden Courts and Bickford of Rocky River When: Sundays

• Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward

· Key: Skilled, adults, ongoing

## ELCA - God's Work, Our Hands

Summary: The ELCA "God's Work, Our Hands" event (ELCA is Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) takes place in September. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities vary year to year; some are completed at Prince of Peace and some at Cleveland area sites.

Action and Support: Participate in the events as well as support the ministries through financial and in-kind offerings

Who: Members and Friends of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace and the community

• When: September

Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward

 Key: All ages, skilled and unskilled, in-kind and financial offerings, once a year

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Summary: Habitat for Humanity is supported by a number of Prince of Peace members who help build homes for needy families in Cleveland. Prince of Peace volunteers participate as part of the construction crew, others help by catering a lunch for the crew or with financial support of the annual Habitat walk fundraiser.

Action and Support: Participation in building homes and supporting those on work crews. Financial support is also welcomed.

### **Sunday & More Helpers (Worship)**

Use of your time and talents to serve the church in one or more of these ministry opportunities

#### **Altar Guild**

Summary: Serve with others in preparing the altar and worship space, including communion, banners, and artwork, etc.

Contact Person: Dineen Terstage

#### **Assisting Minister - 11 am Service**

Summary: Assist the pastor in worship leadership for traditional worship. Training is required.

Contact Person: Marge Jaracz

#### **Cookie Bakers**

Summary: Provide cookies for homebound and special events and funerals.

Contact Person: Wendy Hansen, Office Administrator

# **Camera Operator**

Summary: Operate the video cameras for worship for online members and visitors.

Contact Person: Brandon Bilek, AV Staff member

#### Choir

Summary: Sing with the choir at the 11 am service.

Contact Person: Ian Faleer

#### **Communion Server**

Summary: Assist in the communion service as a server. Training

required.

Contact Person: 9 am - Anita Bauknecht

11 am - Marge Jaracz

- Who: Friends and members of POP, in person and Zoom.
   Visitors welcome
- Where: usually Prince of Peace Narthex
- When: Monday between worship services 60-90 minutes
  - Summer 2023 books: Philippians, 1 & 2
     Thessalonians
  - Year-round except select holidays
- Coordinator: Mark Givens, weekly leader rotates
- Key: Adults and interested youth

## **Future Ministry Possibilities**

Here is a list of ministries we have done in the past. If you are interested in restarting a ministry, please contact one of the Engagement Team members or Pastor Charlie for assistance.

If you have a NEW ministry suggestion and it fits our mission at Prince of Peace, let us help you get things started. Again, contact one of the Engagement Team members or Pastor Charlie for assistance.

# **Ministry Possibilities**

Craft Show Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Lunch Parade Walkers Pen Pals for College Students

- Who: Members and Friends of Prince of Peace
- Where: Habitat worksites/Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Coordinator: Ron Kear
- Key: Skilled, unskilled, all ages, ongoing

#### Love Inc. Donations

Summary: Love Inc. of Cuyahoga County is a resource to help those seeking help coming to our church facility. Recipients must be attending a church. We support Love Inc. financially and they provide the support for food, bill payment and more.

Action and Support: Offer financial support as well as lightly used jackets in the spring and fall.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Tom Splawski
- Key: All ages, financial and in-kind offerings, ongoing

#### **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries - LMM**

#### 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter

Summary: LMM administers men without a home at 2100 Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland. They serve up to 350 men per night. Prince of Peace collects donations of needed items on a continuing basis, coordinates a seasonal boot drive for Christmas, and cooks and serves dinner on site several times throughout the year.

Action and Support: Donations of in-kind items, meals, and monetary donations

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

Where: Prince of Peace and 2100 Lakeside

When: Ongoing

Coordinator: Tom Splawski

Key: Unskilled, all ages, monetary and in-kind donations,

ongoing

#### **Women In Transition**

Summary: Women in Transition is supported by donations helping women re-entering the community after incarceration.

Action and Support: Provide requested items for the program, both in-kind and financial support

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

When: Ongoing

Coordinator: Jan Filkill

• Key: All ages, in-kind and monetary donations, ongoing

## One Step Up

Summary: One Step Up is supported by donations helping young adults ages 12-21 who are without a stable living environment or exiting the foster care system.

Action and Support: Provide requested items for the program both in kind and financial support.

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

• When: Ongoing

Coordinator: Jan Fillkill

Key: All ages, in-kind and monetary donations, ongoing

## **Sunday Bible Study**

Summary: This group uses the weekly readings as used in the worship service for

discussion and prayer, seeking historical context and present application. We meet in-person and also have a scheduled Zoom meeting for people to join remotely.

Action and Support: All adults and accompanied children are welcome. Email reminders are provided upon request.

- Who: Friends and members of POP, in person and Zoom
- Where: Prince of Peace Library
- When: Sunday between worship services 45-60 minutes.
  - Weekly during the education year, except congregation meetings.
  - o Summers: select Sundays...
- Coordinator: Mark Givens
- Key: Adults and accompanied children

#### **SOAP**

Summary: This group uses the Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer (SOAP) method for Bible study and discussion. Readings will focus on specific books or themes from the Bible and weekly reading and journaling is encouraged. This method has brought good insight to people in their first Bible Study and renewed energy to even experienced students of the Bible. We meet in person and also have a scheduled Zoom meeting. Many attend remotely.

Action and Support: All adults and interested youth are welcome. Email reminders are provided.

• Key: Adult women, all ages

## **Book and Bible Study**

Summary: This group, led by Pastor Charlie, meets every week in person in the Charter Room to discuss the gospel for the coming Sunday, using materials provided by the ELCA called "Daily Discipleship." In addition, several video series were used.

Action and Support: All adults are welcome.

• Who: Friends and member of POP

Where: Charter Room at Prince of Peace

• When: Wednesdays at 2 pm (one hour)

Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward

• Key: Adults

# **Discovery Group**

Summary: The Discovery Group provides an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. We discuss spiritual books that are Bible-based. Our current book is entitled, 16 Bible Studies For Your Small Group, which covers topics such as "Fellowship with God", "Fellowship with Each Other" and "Love One Another". A very special element of the class is the spiritual support that we provide one another.

Action and Support: All are welcome!

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace Library

 When: 10 AM on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except July

Coordinator: Joe Frantz

Key: Adults, all ages

## **Orphan Medical Network International - OMNI**

Summary: OMNI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to sustained improvements in the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable and impoverished children in the Copperbelt Province of Northern Zambia. Mission efforts help break the chain of poverty through education, feeding programs, community improvement projects and medical care.

Action and Support: Prince of Peace partners with OMNI with fundraising efforts, missionary support, medical care and child sponsorships. Old eyeglasses are repurposed for those in need.

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

• When: Ongoing. OMNI Sunday is in October

• Coordinators: Jon Wilhelm, Judy Kazak

Key: All ages, in-kind and financial donations, ongoing

## **OMNI Child Sponsor**

Summary: OMNI Child Sponsor is a lifeline that provides the life changing basic necessities of a nutritious daily meal, clean water, a quality education, books, school supplies, and medical care. For many of the children, the meal at the OMNI School is the only one they receive each day; only half of the students at the OMNI School have a sponsor, and more sponsors are urgently needed.

Action and Support: Child sponsorship is only \$35 a month.

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

• When: On-going

• Coordinator: Judy Kazak

• Key: All ages, financial support, ongoing

#### Second Harvest Food Bank

Summary: Second Harvest Food Bank collects specific food item donations at Prince of Peace throughout the year and then several times a year volunteers go to the food bank to help the employees however we can.

Action and Support: Our goal is to supply 2500 lbs. annually to the Food Bank. We also provide opportunities to help sort and distribute food throughout the year

· Who: Friends and Members of POP

 Where: Prince of Peace and Second Harvest, 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053

• When: Ongoing

Coordinator: Charlie Koch

• Key: All ages, in-kind and financial donations, ongoing

#### **Scranton School**

Summary: Scranton School is a Title I school on the near west side of Cleveland with students ranging from Pre-K through 8th grade. Students come from very poor families with 100% receiving free breakfast and lunch. Demographics include 63% Hispanic, 19% Black and 18% White. A full 42.4% of Scranton students are English Language Learners, and 23% receive Special Education services. Our Scranton School Ministry includes both our School Supplies for Scranton and Christmas Mitten Tree.

Action and Support: The school supply drive supports both Scranton students and teachers with vital items needed specific to learning and personal care. Our Mitten Tree event provides a special opportunity to share the Gospel by fulfilling Christmas "wishes" for those with profound hardship who would likely not be receiving gifts otherwise as well as providing valuable coats, mittens, gloves, hats, socks, etc. to comfort these students during the cold winter months.

## DISCIPLESHIP/SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

#### Interact

Summary: Interact is an adult bible study that focuses on how the Word fits into our daily lives. It is an open, discussion based format for people of all ages and at different points in their faith journey.

Action and Support: Participation in discussions, lead discussions.

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

• When: Sunday mornings 10:15 - 11:00

• Coordinator: Dave Covell

• Key: All ages, adult bible study, ongoing

# Women's Discipleship

Summary: The Women's Discipleship Group is a gathering of Prince of Peace women as we discuss a few chapters in an assigned book that examines God's presence in our lives. We focus on the topics in the book and relate them to similar topics in the Bible and in our own lives. Our faith in God grows and our friendships with the women in our group also grow.

Action and Support: All women are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!

• Who: Women of POP and friends

• Where: Prince of Peace Charter Room

 When: 7 PM on the third Monday of each month (except for July and August)

• Coordinator: Gail Pogue

Action and Support: Volunteers provide cookies, gather items for the bags, fill and deliver the bags.

Who: Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace and visitor homes

· When: Ongoing

• Coordinator: Tom Robinholt, Monica Dragony

• Key: All ages, ongoing, no skills

#### **Youth Mentors**

Summary: Youth Mentors are matched to Confirmation Class students to provide a faith-based mentor to walk with the student through the two-year program.

Action and Support: Mentors will be selected by the pastor and parents/students. The mentors will be given an orientation session and will be invited to quarterly events for mentoring. The mentor will also participate in the Confirmation Service and celebration at the end of the program.

Who: Members of POP

Where: Prince of Peace

When: Usually once a quarter for two years

Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Key: Adults, ongoing, skilled volunteers

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

• When: Specific times of the year (fall and Christmas)

• Coordinator: Diane Merhaut

Key: All ages, in-kind and financial donations, specific

dates

# **Live in Peace (Outreach)**

Inviting friends and members of Prince of Peace to engage in the POP community. These groups and events provide opportunities for **fellowship** and **service** as a community gathered to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## FELLOWSHIP Buds and Suds

Summary: Buds and Suds is a men's fellowship and social group that meets every other month. The goal of the group is to combine fellowship with fundraising for support of Youth and outreach.

Action and Support: Participate in events, support fundraising and activities.

• Who: Men who are Friends and Members of POP

Where: Various locations

When: Ongoing

• Coordinator: Dave Covell and Dan Fronczak

• Key: Adults, no skills, ongoing

#### **Car Shows and Cruise-Ins**

Summary: Car shows and Car Cruise-ins are parking lot events where classic cars, hot rods and specialty cars attend for viewing by the general public. Car Shows also include voting and trophies for various categories.

Action and Support: Participate in coordinating, setting up and cleaning up. Invite friends and neighbors to come.

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace

• When: Usually held during summer months

• Coordinator: Phil Sprague

• Key: All ages, no skill, once a year

# **Coffee House and Open Mic**

Summary: Coffee House & Open Mic is a free event open to the public and held monthly in the Fellowship Hall where local musicians are invited to perform up to three songs each. Coffee and baked goods are provided and the space is decorated in a "Coffee House" style.

Action and Support: Help set up, serve, clean up and provide baked goods. Participate! Invite your neighbors and friends.

Who: Friends and Members of POP

Where: Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall

 When: 2nd Saturdays each month except for June, July, and August

• Coordinator: Phil Sprague

Key: All ages, no skills, ongoing, in-kind donations

## Sisters in Spirits (SIS)

Summary: Sisters in Spirit is a women's fellowship and social group that meets a few times a year holding events such as dinner out, movie night at Prince of Peace and more.

Action and Support: Participate and host events.

Who: Female Friends and Members of POP

Where: Prince of Peace and other locations

Summary: Prayer Chain Ministry is an email group that receives and prays for prayer requests that are submitted to the coordinators and distributed to the group.

Action and Support: Offer prayers

· Who: Friends and Members of POP

Where: OnlineWhen: Ongoing

• Coordinators/Contact People: Sue Hosler and Gail Pogue

• Key: All ages, ongoing

# **Special Event Flyers Distribution**

Summary: Pass out flyers to advertise Prince of Peace events to the local community. Event flyers are placed in "door hanger bags" and hand delivered to each home in the outreach target area.

Action and Support: Create and copy flyers, coordinate distribution, walk the neighborhoods to distribute flyers.

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Selected neighborhoods

• When: Various times throughout the year

• Coordinator: Phil Sprague

Key: All ages, no skills, ongoing

# **Visitor Welcome Bag Ministry**

Summary: Visitor Welcome Bag Ministry provides welcome bags (cookies and POP information) delivered to the homes of first-time visitors to Prince of Peace worship.

#### **New Member Mentors**

Summary: New Member Mentors are matched to new members of Prince of Peace. The mentors attend the new member classes with the new member, worship together with them, and invite them into the ministry and mission of Prince of Peace.

Action and Support: Time spent with the new members assigned to the individual/couple/family. Orientation and information will be provided.

Who: Members of POPWhere: Prince of Peace

When: Whenever new member classes are held

Coordinator: Pastor Charlie WoodwardKey: All ages, ongoing, trained volunteers

#### **Pastoral Partners**

Summary: Pastoral Partners meet once a month on the fourth Thursday. The group provides a one-on-one personal and spiritual relationship with a Prince of Peace member who is experiencing a life crisis.

Action and Support: Training and support are offered to all the pastoral partners. A video and brochure describing the Pastoral Partner program to share with the congregation is available. Once trained, participants will be assigned to a care-receiver.

This group partners with the Communion and Care to the Homebound group listed above.

Who: Members of POP

 Where: Prince of Peace, selected meeting places with carereceivers.

• When: Ongoing

• Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Key: Adults, skilled, ongoing

When: Ongoing

• Coordinator: Beth Comnick, Laurel Covell, Joan Drobnak

· Key: Adults, women, ongoing, no skills

#### Tables for 8

Summary: Table of 8 is the opportunity to get to know your church family better in small group gatherings. Participants are randomly organized into groups of 8 to gather monthly for social and/or service events. Groups are "re-shuffled" every 4 months. Activities range from dinners, plays, shuffleboard, game nights, etc. to larger events that include all/many participants.

Action and Support: Individuals or couples may join in at any time of the year. Coordinators will introduce you.

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

Where: Various locations

 When: Ongoing. Groups form three times a year for a fourmonth commitment.

• Coordinator: Jan and Dave Saunders: jan.saunders.art@gmail.com/

• 440-570-9419

Key: Adults, no skills, ongoing

# **Travel Quest**

Summary: Travel Quest provides an opportunity to socialize with church members and their friends. Local activities are attended, and transportation is often provided by carpooling and/or rented vans.

Action and Support: Participation

• Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Originating from Prince of Peace

• When: Ongoing

• Coordinator: Fran Wilhelm

Key: All ages, ongoing

# **Young at Heart**

Summary: Young at Heart is an adult social group that meets each month for lunch at local restaurants.

Action and Support: Join in!

Who: Friends and Members of POP

Where: Local restaurants

• When: Once a month

• Coordinator: Kathy Kettler

Key: Adults, no skills, ongoing

#### **SERVICE**

## **Blessing of the Pets**

Summary: Blessing of the Pets is a service held outside at Prince of Peace where each pet attending is given a blessing by Pastor Charlie, a signed "Certificate of Blessing" and photos are taken. Donations are given to a local pet rescue/adoption agency.

Action and Support: Bring your pet to be blessed. Participate in helping with the event in setting up, taking pictures, filling out certificates, and clean-up. Invite friends and neighbors to come.

Who: Friends and Members of POP

• Where: Prince of Peace or neighboring church

• When: Usually Early October

• Coordinator: Phil Sprague

Key: All ages, no skills, helpers welcomed, once a year

## **Blood Pressure and Health Screening**

Summary: Blood pressure screening is provided one Sunday a month by a Registered Nurse.

Action and Support: Registered Nurses serve in this capacity on a rotating schedule.

• Who: Registered Nurse

• Where: Prince of Peace West Office

• When: One Sunday Morning per month

• Coordinator: Christie Wiedt

Key: Screening is provided for Adults, 18 and over

#### **Communion and Care to Homebound**

Summary: Together with Pastor Charlie, trained volunteers provide the gift of Holy Communion to homebound members and friends of Prince of Peace every month.

Action and Support: Trained volunteers take communion to the homebound.

Volunteers are assigned to homebound members and friends of Prince of Peace. The volunteer takes communion and cookies to the care receivers each month, as well as a poinsettia plant at Christmas.

• Who: Members of POP

Where: Homes of the Homebound

• When: Ongoing, fourth Thursday of each month

• Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Key: Adults, ongoing, skilled volunteers