

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Newsletter

Our Center is God whom we Worship, and we extend Christ's presence into the community through Fellowship, Learning and Service to Others, with the Holy Spirit as our Catalyst.



Church News

Sunday School Children's Sunday School has concluded for the summer and will begin again in September.

Adult Sunday School Began on June 28th and will continue through August 16th. Pastor will also conduct a session on Tuesdays, June 23rd through August 18th. The Summer session is entitled Free in Christ: Living as Lutherans Together. The classes will explore and discuss Martin Luther's "On the Freedom of a Christian".

Prince of Peace Website:

Along with our Facebook page, the POP website is full of useful information and links. Check it out at the above email address. If you can't attend church on Sunday, follow along with bulletins posted weekly. Make your electronic donations. Calendars and newsletters will be available soon. Pass along the link to family and friends who might be interested in attending. Everyone is welcome.

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

Joys and Concerns

Barb Joyce, Patsy Hutcheson, Lisa Ann, Sue Oyler, Charlotte Jackson, Peg Rommel, Susan Wilding, Melissa, Megan, Mallory, Alex, Joe Ritzler, Sam Motsko, Sonya, Liz, Kim, Paul, John, Sandy, Frank, Rose Phelps, Ron Pekkanen, Katlyn Jackson, Pete Berns, Paulette Love, Valentina Wills, Janet Hill, Madison, Michelle Motsko, Bruce DeRhodes, Nicolas Young, Margie Berns, Vivien Clayton, Judy White, Phil Kramer, Coral Musquire, John Frank, Terry Heath, and Gretchen Towson. Please confirm with anyone you submit that they are willing to be prayed for publicly. Please email the office, using sec3280@sbcglobal.net or call 330-757-3272.

POP Council

Nora Smith, President
 Deb Dancker, Treasurer
 Kim Deichert, Secretary
 Nora Smith, Christian Education
 Robin Scanlon, Evangelism
 Barry Swoboda, Property
 Diann Barns, Stewardship

Church news continued A note from the Treasurer

Can you believe the year is half over! I think we can all agree that as we get older time goes faster! I wanted to give you an update on where we stand for finances so far this year. Especially since we did realize when we created the budget for 2026 that we were most likely going to have to draw from our savings to meet expenses. These numbers will be through 6/15 (checks are generally written on the 15th and 30th.)

Gifts and Tithes	\$45,656.98
Interest income	<u>\$ 1,681.33</u>
Total Income	\$47,338.31
Total Expenses	<u>\$53,445.68</u>
Expenses exceed Income	\$ 6,107.37

We did draw \$6,000 from the money market account to cover the expenses. The good news is that we expected to draw over \$13,000 by this point in the year. Of course, the goal is to not have to draw from savings at all to meet regular expenses, so that we have that money available for major repairs and upgrades as needed.

I want to thank all of you who continue to give on a regular basis, and some of you have even increased your regular giving to help out. I do want to remind everyone though, that our expenses are regular, even when our attendance is not.

In Summer we generally see lower attendance due to vacations and other commitments, so I would ask that you please make your regular contribution even when you are not able to attend.



Our online giving option makes that very easy to do, and in fact, a few of us have opted for a monthly autopay through Vanco so that we do have to worry about making up a contribution when we can't make it to church. If you would like to start giving online, just scan the QR code below.

On a really positive note, our investment fund through Thrivent InFaith Community has grown from \$143,197 on 1/1/26 to \$155,039 on 5/31/26. Of course, that fund is subject to market fluctuations, but we are happy with where it is right now.

Thank you again for supporting our beautiful church community. If you have any questions about finances, please feel free to see me at church, or give me a call at 330-550-3445.

Best Regards,
Deb Dancker



Church News continued

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee is busy checking in on our shut-ins and members who have been absent from church for extended time periods. They offer support to those they reach out to and can help to arrange pastoral visits. If you know of someone in the congregation who is ill or unable to attend church for any reason, please talk to Reenie Frank or Judy White.

Our Facebook Page

We try to keep all information about the church up to date on our Facebook posts. If you are on Facebook and you haven't already, please FOLLOW our page please. Also, please like and share our posts. The more interaction with our page that we get the more it shows up on other people's feeds and suggestions. Not to mention if you share it, all your friends will know what wonderful things are going on at Prince of Peace!



Carter Miller 7th
Kathy Plant 13th

Altar Flowers for the Month of July

2026 flowers will be \$35.00

July 5
July 12
July 19
July 26

Readers for the month of July

July 5 Robin Scanlon
July 12 Caryl Price
July 19 Kathy Swoboda
July 26 Pam Cline

Newsletters

Newsletters have transitioned to digital format. Jeanne will email to members instead of printing copies. Please be sure your email address is current. We will have paper copies available for those that don't have access to email and for visitors. If you need a paper copy and one is not available on the table in the Narthex, please contact the church office and we will get one printed for you for the upcoming Sunday.

Directory Update

Please take a minute to ensure the church office has complete and correct contact information for you and your family. There is a form available that includes email addresses and emergency contact information. If you are unable to attend church currently, please contact the church office to request a form or update your information with Jeanne. The office phone number is 330-757-3272.

Altar Care for the Month of July:
Pam Cline & Holly Kaneski

Altar Care

We still need volunteer altar care for August. Please let Barb or Nora know if you are interested. One to two people are needed each month. Altar care is responsible for changing the altar cloths, setting up for communion and filling the candles. Never served on altar care? We can have you work with an experienced member of the congregation until you are comfortable with the process. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help!!



Operation Christmas Child

This year we will be collecting and packing for 2–4-year-old boys. We will have suggested items each month, but you can always donate any items at any time. If you would like to pack your own shoeboxes, please let Nora know and she will get you boxes.

We have an Amazon wish list this year. If you would like to purchase from the wish list or have a friend that would like to, the link has been posted on our Facebook page. Nora can also share it with you. **Please** share the post when you see it, so others will know about the wish list.

Suggested Donations by Month:

Jan-Feb: Wow Items (games, puzzles, balls, cars, stuffed animals)

Mar: small flashlights & extra batteries (AAA needed)

Apr-May: Hygiene items (wash clothes, fingernail clippers, band aids, chap stick, combs, small toothbrushes)

June: water bottles with large openings, children's silverware, sunglasses

July: clothing, flip flops, shoes, socks underwear shirts and shorts (sizes 3T, 4T, extra small or small youth sizes)

Aug: school supplies (pencils, sharpeners, safety scissors, pens, notebooks, zippered pencil bags)

Oct: to be determined based on what we need

Nov: \$10 donation to ship shoe boxes

Dec: Prayer

Coins for a Cause

The June-August Coins for a Cause will be the Dorothy Day House. They provide an evening meal, a safe place to relax, access to showers, produce from their garden and a warm welcome with the offer of friendship and respect for everyone. They serve about 75 guests each evening. More information can be found at their website:

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

Place your donation in the orange bucket by the sanctuary door.



Poland Pantry The first Sunday of every month is "Cereal Sunday" for the Food Pantry. We can all participate by bringing in non-perishables on a regular basis and collecting paper bags for their program. (If you need anything please call the office, 330-757-3272).



Mahoning County Lutheran Cluster

Lutheran Night at the Scrappers: The Mahoning Valley Lutheran Cluster is organizing a night at Scrapper field on Friday, July 31st at 7:00 pm! The Scrappers will be playing Williamsport. The group had a fabulous time last year and it should be no different this month. This is a great family outing just down the road in Niles. Tickets are \$10 each. Please sign up on the Scrappers sheet in the hallway bulletin board. Payment should be given to Kim Deichert by July 5.



Bethel Lutheran Church: <https://www.bethelboardman.org/>

- Bethel Youth's 20th annual Car & Bike Show will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 12 to 4 pm. Good food, Music, TV raffle, bag auction and 50/50.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church: <https://lolcanfield.com/>

- Stories in the Park: Wednesday, July 1st begins stories in the park at 6pm in Greasel Park, Canfield. Theme: Stories of the Stranger starting with the story of Ruth.

Martin Luther Lutheran Church: <https://mlcyoungstown.org/>

- MLLC is always looking for help weeding in the Hope Community Garden, 10:00 AM and after. Contact the church at (330) 788-8707.

Zion Lutheran Church: <https://www.zionohio.org/>

- Pr. Jesse announced that he and Zion are engaged in a succession plan for his retirement. No confirmed date at this time.
- Zion is purchasing the former Discount Family Drugs store across from the church to convert to a Hunger Center. Their Food Distribution Saturdays are getting too large to continue at the church.
- 1st Annual Cruise-In & Craft Fair, Saturday, Sept 26, 2026, from 10 am – 3 pm. All proceeds from the 50/50 and basket raffle will go towards Zion's debt reduction.



July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:45 pm Girl Scouts	2	3 Office Closed for Holiday	4 
5 9:15 am Sunday School Adult Only 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Council	6 7:00 pm MCLC Cluster meeting POP hosts	7 11:00 am Martin Luther Study Group	8	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Sunday School Adult Only 10:00 am Worship	13	14 11:00 am Martin Luther Study Group	15 5:45 pm Girl Scouts	16	17	18
19 9:15 am Sunday School Adult Only 10:00 am Worship	20	21 11:00 am Martin Luther Study Group	22	23	24	25
26 9:15 am Sunday School Adult Only 10:00 am Worship	27	28 8:30 Comfort and Hope 11:00 am Martin Luther Study Group	29	30	31 7:00 pm MVLC at Scrappers game	