



PALM SUNDAY

March 27th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday March 27th
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday March 28th
10:30 am Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday March 29th
9:00 am Praise Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday March 30th
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 31st
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday April 1st

Thursday April 2nd
Sexton's Day Off
Maundy Thursday
11:00 am FLOW

Friday April 3rd
Good Friday

Saturday April 4th

Sunday April 5th
Easter Sunday
9:00 am Praise Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday April 6th
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 7th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to POP. The 2025 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2026. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace. To direct Choice Dollars log on to Thrivent.com (<https://www.thrivent.com>) or call (800) 847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at timothy.regan@thrivent.com

Name Tags

Now that Pastor Doug has started as our interim pastor, please make an effort to wear your name tag as it makes it easier for him to learn our names. If you need a new name tag, please send a message to Adrienne in the office.

Directory Photos

We will be in the Fellowship Hall between services on March 29 and April 12. Please let Phil Sprague or Deb Gibbons know if you would like yours updated. If you aren't in the directory, please get your photo taken.

New Membership Class

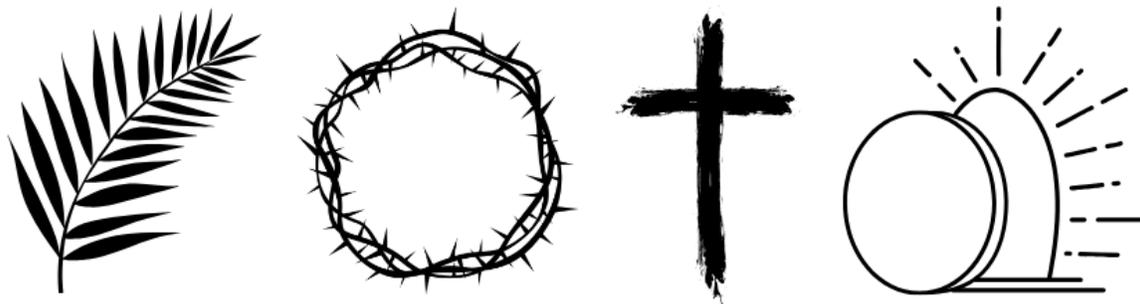
The new member classes will be between services at 10am for two weeks in Fellowship Hall on April 12th and 19th. Sign up in the Narthex ! To sign up, email Adrienne at princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com!

Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Join Pastor Doug and Max Lucado for a 6 week Bible study of the Gospel of John. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Wednesday afternoons at 2pm, whichever one works better for you. The book title is "You Are Never Alone" the theme is "God is Nearer Than You Know" **Dates:** April 14 and 15, April 21 and 22, April 28 and 29, May 5 and 6, May 12 and 13, May 19 and 20

Please sign up in the lower Narthex. Books can be ordered on Amazon (link) or call Adrienne by March 26th. This cost is \$8.48 It will be fun to join Max on this journey together. In Christ - Pastor Doug

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

9:00 AM PRAISE WORSHIP &
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

7:00 PM SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

7:00 PM SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

9:00 AM PRAISE WORSHIP &
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



He is Risen

Special Easter Celebration

Easter Sunrise service at Evergreen Cemetery
29535 Center Ridge Rd
Westlake, OH



WESTLAKE ECUMENICAL VBS 2026



WHERE FAITH MEETS FUN THIS SUMMER!
JUNE 15-19, 9AM-NOON

FOR KIDS AGED 4THRU RISING 5TH GRADERS
COST IS \$20 PER CHILD, MAX\$50 PERFAMILY
HELD AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN

REGISTER
AT QR CODE





Overview of the Phases of Transition

Key People Engaging

Phase 1: Saying Farewell Council/President, Synod, Celebration and Worship Teams

- Pastor announces resignation or retirement
- Bishop meets with Congregation Council
- Plan for transitional leadership
- Conclusion of Pastor's ministry

Phase 2: Congregational Health & Identity Transition Team, Synod, Council

- Discern Congregational Health, Sustainability, and Vitality
- Discern Mission & Vision: "Who are we - and what is God calling us to?"
- Identify staffing needed to engage the Mission & Vision

Phase 3: Entering the Call Process Call Committee, Synod, Council

- Form Call Committee (and pass along findings from Phase 2)
- Assistant to the Bishop meets with Congregation Council and Call Committee
- Preparation of Ministry Site Profile
- Interview preparation
- Receive & Interview candidates

Phase 4: Primary Candidate Pastor Candidate, Call Committee, Synod, Council

- Call Committee recommends candidate to the Congregation Council
- Congregation Council engages with recommended candidate & negotiates compensation
- Meet & Greet for candidate and congregation
- Congregation meeting with call vote

Phase 5: Welcoming & Celebrating

- Determine timeline for rostered minister's move and start date
- Facilitate rostered minister's move
- Schedule installation service with Conference Dean



Sunday, March 29th, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Emily Saunders
Pam Rotella
Al Tielke
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
Bill Sweeny (Friend of Kathy McCollum)
Paula Collister (Sister-in-law of Liz Grider)
Daniel Reisner (Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo)
Jan and Larry (Friends of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Liz Jones (Daughter of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)
Max Jensen (Cousin of Jann Daniels)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

March 15

Emily Saunders
Darryl K (Friend of Sue Hosler)

March 22nd

Max Jensen (Cousin of Jann Daniels)
Michelle Christian and family
Pam Rotella
Donna VanCott (Relative of Dennis and Terry MacKenzie)
Sandra Herren

March 29th

Sandra Herron
John Cuciak
Inez H. (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
Family and friends of Larry Hsu (Friend of Matt Wenhem)
Tom Fronczak (Nephew of Barb and Dan Fronczak)
Mike Merick (Friend of Debra Stewart)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

03/01 Judy Cuciak
 03/01 Mary Olah
 03/01 Sandra Zanders
 03/01 Rusty Blakeslee
 03/07 Isaac Worsencroft
 03/07 Shawn Merhaut
 03/08 Mark Drobnak
 03/10 Jim Jaracz
 03/12 Lisa Arrigo
 03/13 Brooke Kovach
 03/13 Judy Kazak
 03/14 Karen Givens
 03/15 John Bontempo
 03/16 Jon Wilhelm
 03/19 Carter Bruneau
 03/20 Emma Goggin
 03/21 Sandy Connell
 03/21 Richard Balch
 03/22 Lisa Woodward

03/23 Dale Mortensen
 03/24 Xavier Worsencroft
 03/27 Fran Wilhelm
 03/27 Judy Heimbuch
 03/27 Kyle Hallowell
 03/27 Pamela Ventimiglia
 03/28 Joseph Fortuna
 03/28 Zack Dragony
 03/29 Dominic Carimi
 03/29 Kathryn Schworm
 03/29 William Franz
 03/30 Mary Sheridan
 03/31 Doug Leavens

Date	Online	In Person	Total
03/22/2026	266	142	408
03/15/2026	203	157	360
03/08/2026	224	126	350
03/01/2026	357	137	494



Second Harvest

The requested items for February are:
 Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Dec. 31st, 2025:	\$526,410	\$10,123
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:		105%
Total Ministry Expenses Incurred in 2025	\$519,472	\$9,990
Projected Surplus for 2026	\$6,938	



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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.