



April 4th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday April 4th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday April 5th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday April 6th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
First Communion
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Christian Education

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

Tuesday April 8th
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday April 9th
11:45 am Lent Lunch & Study

Thursday April 10th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday April 11th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday April 12th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday April 13th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday April 14th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 15th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

First Communion!

Congratulations on your first communion:

Austin Rex Gilbert

Elle Kate Marple

Landon Joseph Beard

Mason Daniel James Reisner

Owen Harris Marple



Welcome to the Lord's Table, we hope your hearts are extra happy on this special day knowing how much God loves you!

Stations of the Cross

Self-Guided Prayer Stations of the Cross - 2025

A 40-minute program including artwork, Bible readings and prayers will be presented in the sanctuary at the times listed below. This is a time of silent prayer and reflection for you in your faith journey. The artwork will be displayed on the screens in the sanctuary. A brochure including a Bible reading and prayer for each of the 14 stations will be at the door for you as you enter.

Dates:

Wednesday, April 16

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Good Friday April 18

Times for the Program:

11:00 am

11:40 am

12:20 pm

1 pm

1:40 pm

2:20 pm.



Lent 2025

Wednesday Mid-Day Soup and Study – Fellowship Hall (11:45 am to 1 pm)
March 12 to April 9, we will gather for a Soup Lunch and Study. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am, followed by a time of study using the video and book by Adam Hamilton entitled “The Message of Jesus.” We will take turns making soup for the group, and all participants are invited to bring a salad or side dish or bread to share. For more information contact Pastor Charlie.

Prayer Wall

During the season of Lent, a prayer wall will be on a table once again in the narthex, at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace Update

We are almost there! Donations (both monetary and in-kind) continue to come in supporting our Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) ministry! We are getting closer to our minimum Full Build Goal (20 beds, \$250 per bed, \$5000 total). Any donations above our goal will be used towards additional bed builds on our build day.

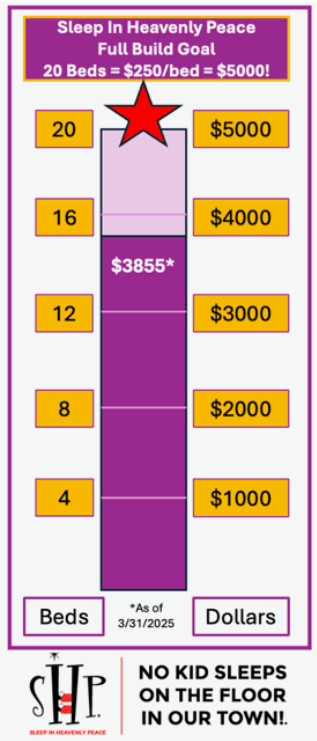
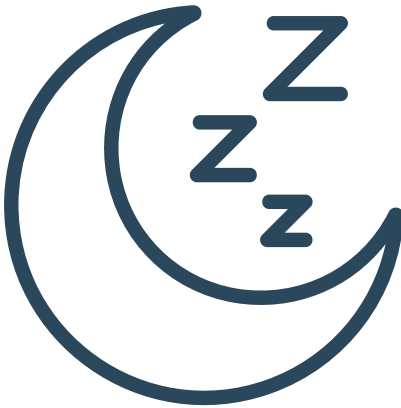
Thank you also for the in-kind donations! The flyer is a reminder of what is needed but we were recently told there is a specific need for mattress protectors at this time if that is something you wish to donate.

If you missed Kathleen and David Johnston sharing their moving experiences with this ministry please watch the beginning of either the 9a or 11a services on YouTube from March 23rd.

-SAVE THE DATE! Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Date is Saturday, June 7th. We will need up to 50 volunteers for the build day.

SAVE THE DATE! Sleep In Heavenly Peace Delivery Date is Saturday, June 21st. Will need 16 adult or high school age volunteers for the delivery.

Sign-up sheets coming soon!
Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut
teachmeabc123@aol.com



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE

To Benefit Kids in Western Cuyahoga County

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS OF NEW TWIN SIZE

- MATTRESS PROTECTORS
- PILLOWS
- COMFORTERS
- BED IN A BAG SETS
- SHEET SETS
- QUILTS
- BLANKETS
- THROWS

SHP SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

SHP is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that works with community volunteers to build and deliver beds to kids who don't have them.

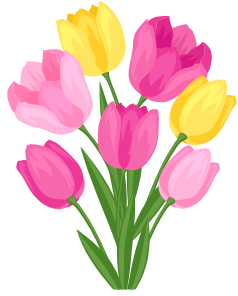
Food Bank Help Day

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy. We are looking for up to 15 people to help out that evening. Please contact Charlie Koch at cakoch13@aol.com to let him know you are planning to attend or use the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. A link to sign up as a volunteer on the Second Harvest web site for this repack day at secondharvestfoodbank.org will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is planning our traditional spring garden for Easter. We are asking for your assistance by providing the plants! Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths and hydrangea plants will be ordered through Dean's Greenhouse. Take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service. Place your completed order form and check/cash for flowers for our Easter Sunday Garden in the basket at the small table in the narthex. Order forms are available at the order table.



T-48 Re-Shuffle

The next re-shuffle will occur at the beginning of May. Any individuals already participating and continuing next session don't need to do anything. If they are participating now and unable to continue or if they want to join in the fun please contact Jan or I.



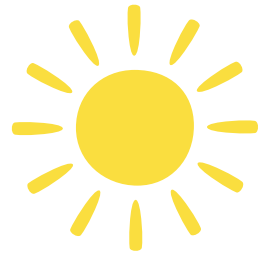
Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, April 25 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Carrabba's Italian Grill, located at 25054 Sperry Dr. in Westlake. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.



Summer Worship Plans

Sunday, April 6 at 10 am and 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall
An information meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall after both services on Sunday, April 6. Come to find out more about worship times, locations and plans for this summer as we make use of the Peace Pavilion every Sunday for worship.



Women In Transition

We are accepting donations for women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great! We have been asked to refrain from collecting women's clothing for them at this time. Please drop off your donations at the Donation Station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill



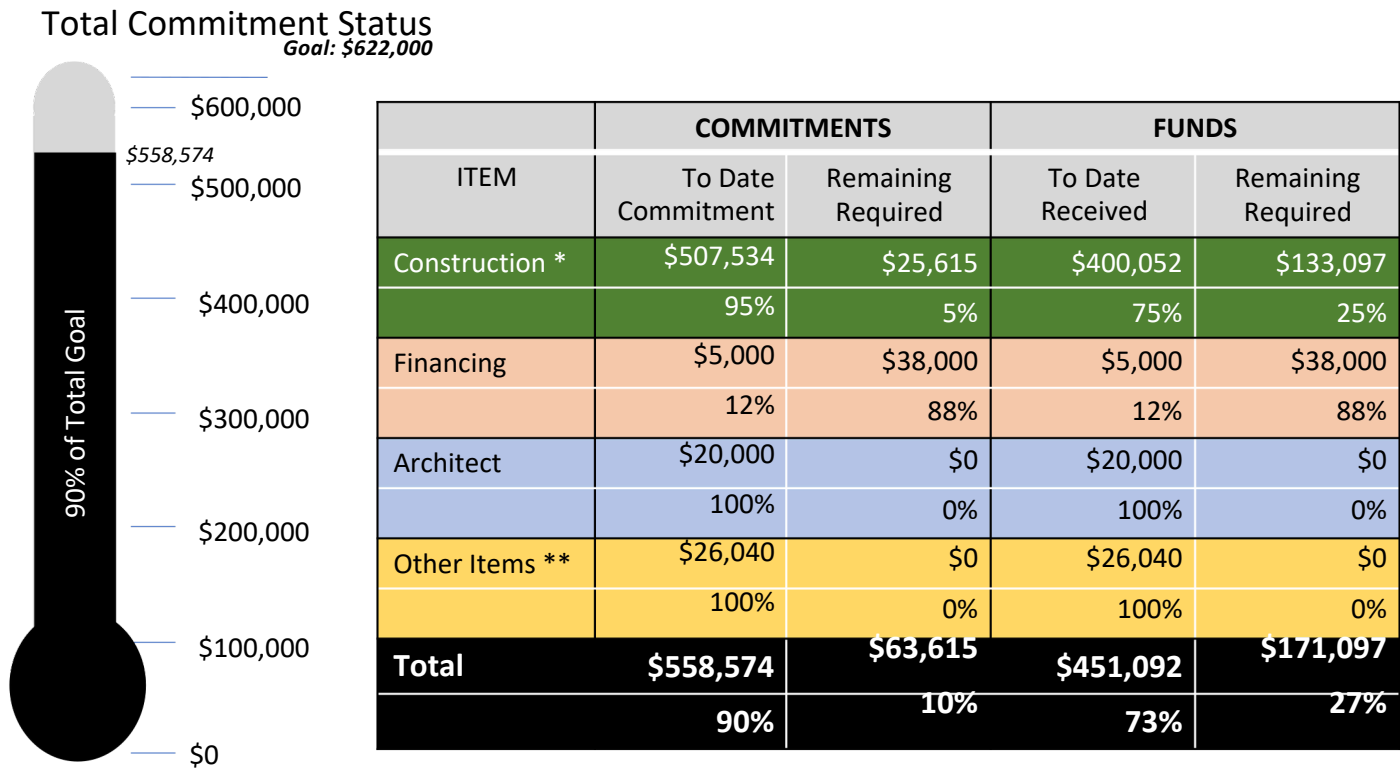
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of March 25, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

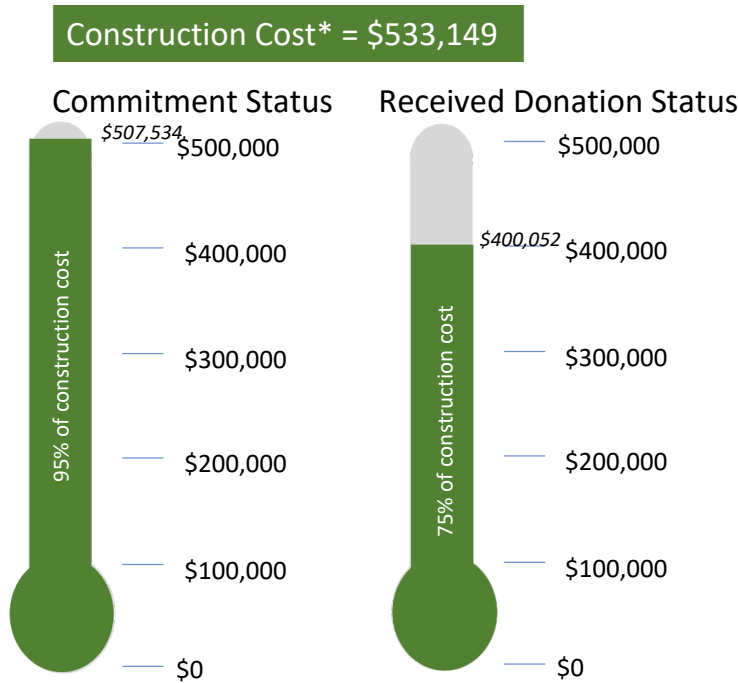
Other Items * = \$26,040



Note: Commitment Status includes “silent” commitments

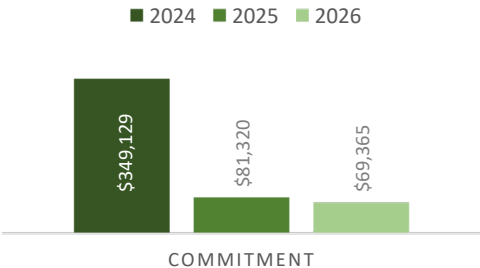
* Includes change orders.
** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches (“fund a bench”), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping not included.

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only
Status as of March 25, 2025



Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	3
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	11
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	26

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Note: Commitment Status includes “silent” commitments

* Includes change orders.

KIDS BOOK BANK

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD
1-3PM
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

Volunteer to sort books that will be distributed to schools and communities to promote literacy. Welcoming donations of early readers, children's, and teen books, especially books featuring diverse populations and characters of color





Matthew 9:27-31

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, "See that no one knows of this." 31 But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

I came across this following story many years ago - What if two of these men, one from each healing story met each other. What would that conversation have been? Someone wrote how that encounter may have sounded (TONGUE FIRMLY PLACED IN THE CHEEK — a little levity for today. I could not find the name of the original author of this story).

The story is told of two blind men who had been healed by Jesus, who happened to meet one day, and they were so excited to meet someone else who had been healed. They talked about the wonder of sight, the color of flowers, the beauty of butterflies, the glory of sunrises, the faces of children and grandchildren. They talked about the wonder of having seen the face of Jesus. They were laughing and having a great time together. One of the men asked the other, "Tell me about when Jesus healed you."

The second man said, "Well, I was just sitting by the side of the road one day, and some people were asking Jesus a question about my blindness, was it my sin or my parents that caused my blindness. Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on my eyes, and said, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." So I went and washed and came back able to see. It was amazing. And how about with you?"

The first man said, "I was sitting by the side of the road near Jericho, and people told me "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." So I shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped, and ordered his disciples to bring me to him. So they did, and when I came near to Jesus, he asked me, "What do you want me to do for you?" I said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately I could see, and I followed him, glorifying God. IT was amazing."

The second man said, "Wait a minute - now just wait a minute here. You mean he didn't use any mud?"

"No."

"Well, did he at least have you wash in the pool of Siloam?"

"No - of course not - who ever heard of anything so ridiculous as mud in your eye?!"

"Well," said the second man, "if he didn't put mud in your eyes and have you wash in the pool of Siloam, you are still blind! Blind - do you hear me? Because that's the way Jesus healed me; that's the way he does it!"

Then the first man began to get angry. He shouted, "Mud, mud, mud! Who ever heard of using mud?! That's the dumbest thing I have ever heard! You still have mud in your eyes. You're the one who's still blind!"

And so began the first two denominations: the Mudites and the Anti-Mudites! Both believe if you don't come to see as we came to see, then you are still blind!

Every one of us has a story. A story of our walk with Jesus, and how we have come to see. Because your story is not the same as mine, that does not make it right or wrong. Instead of focusing on our differences, let us rejoice in the things we hold in common. There is a God who loves us, a Savior who died and rose for us, a promised Holy Spirit that calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies us.

A wonder of God is the beautiful tapestry of God's creation. We are unique. We are individual, not just in appearance, but in the stories of who we are, and how we have come to know whose we are. In that beautiful tapestry, God weaves us together as the Body of Christ.

Thank God for the differences that make us who we are.

Let us pray:

O Lord, heal us of the blindness that leads to division. Open our eyes to see in each person one who is made in your beautiful image, worthy of your unconditional love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

Enrich your relationship with your spouse

Learn unique insights and tools that can re-ignite your love by
improving your communication skills!



Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a weekend of
learning that can help you reap joyful long-
term rewards for your relationship, your family
relationships, and your faith journey.

Your Relationship *Deserves* Marriage Encounter! April 25 - 27, 2025

Fairfield Inn & Suites – Streetsboro, OH
Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org!

Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen
d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net 440-734-6312

Meals and side dishes will be catered by local Honeybaked Ham and Ruby Tuesday Restaurants. Registration is \$100 per couple. Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations – don't miss out!



Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization Cleveland

West Cluster

Spring Rally

Saturday, May 3, 2025



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Registration, Breakfast, and Fellowship 8:30 a.m.

Meeting & Program 9:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Presentation from Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County

Registration: \$5.00– Includes breakfast & box lunch.

(Indicate Wrap: Chicken Caesar, McAllister's Club, or Veggie. Includes chips, pickle & cookie)

R.S.V.P. deadline April 28: Sherryweber@verizon.net or phone 914-924-4451

Offerings: 50% for NEOSWO (Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Org.)
50% to Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County

Bring: New twin size comforters, quilts, or blankets

In Kind Gifts: Stuffed Animals, standard size pillows, twin sheet sets

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (*Handicap Accessible*)

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Save the
Date!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June
16-20



Cokesbury Kids
ROAD TRIP
ON THE GO WITH GOD

AN ECUMENICAL VBS FOR CHILDREN K-GRADE 5

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

28455 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

[Register Here!](#)



Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	Jan Filkill's daughter
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon Deb
Laura K.	Gibbons' friend
Paula Collister	Sister in law of Liz Grider
Daniel Reisner	Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

March 21st	Family & Friends of Sally Poirier
	Ruth Williams
	George-Ryan Grimes (son-in-law of Mike and Sherry Weber)
March 30th	Karen Kaufman
	Sally (Friend of John and Judy Cuciak)
	Terry MacKenzie
	Lenny Taylor (Cousin of Barb Fronczak)
	Monica Doptis (grandchild of Fronczaks)
April 4 th	David Wade (brother of Ruth Williams)
	Jerry Karp
	Carol Novotny

Happy Birthday

04/03 Benjamin Beard	04/18 Benjamin Fortuna
04/03 Luke Ventimiglia	04/18 Francine Molnar
04/03 Tracy Biller	04/19 Mackenzie Juntunen
04/04 Anita Bauknecht	04/19 Susan Stevens
04/04 Samuel Dickey	04/20 Mark Oster
04/05 Becky Rowe	04/20 Matthew Olah
04/05 Cindy Zinram	04/20 Norm Rehack
04/05 Diane Diekroger	04/21 Amy Babinski
04/05 Steve Zinram	04/23 Abbey Smylie
04/07 Haley Hackett	04/23 Carley Frey
04/07 Sarah Bruening	04/24 Laurie Vorobej
04/07 Mason Reisner	04/26 Aili MacKenzie
04/08 Charles Schmidt	04/26 Ellen Babinski
04/10 Jacob Arthur	04/27 Avianna Carimi
04/13 Eli Hallowell	04/28 Becky Kear
04/13 Mark Givens	04/28 Helga Susemihl
04/14 Tim Gibbons	04/28 Sally Poirier
04/16 Mason Rowe	
04/17 Mark Wiedt	
04/17 Thomas Morton	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

04/07 Grant & Beth Cornick
 04/11 Dave & Laurel Covell
 04/26 Susan & Paul Franz
 04/28 Susan & T.J. Worsencroft

Second Harvest

The requested items for April
 Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Feb. 28th, 2025:	\$130,383	\$16,298
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	27%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$368,617	\$8,378
Total Expenses Incurred through 2/28/25:	\$84,499	\$10,562



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Date	Online	In Person	Total
03/30/2025	32	156	188
03/23/2025	33	157	190
03/16/2025	31	144	175
03/09/2025	49	149	198

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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.