

October 31st, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Sunday School

To the right you will find the QR code for our 2025-2026 Sunday School, Youth and Nursery children. I would like to encourage all families to register children ages 0-18 so we have a record of children's allergies, dietary needs, and information of families for notification of events.

Or click the link: <https://forms.gle/eZHuYSTHK31qGAYx5>



Travel Quest

There will be a Travel Quest planning session on November 9th at 12:30 pm in the Charter Room. If you would like to help plan the groups activities for the next year, please consider attending. A light lunch will be available. Sign up sheet will be in the lower narthex. If you have questions contact Fran Wilhelm 440-353-9764 or Diane Schlegel 440-327-272.



Sisters in Spirit

Sisters in Spirit would like to invite all women to wear their kimono/cardigans every Sunday during the month of November. We will celebrate Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 22 from 12-2 in Fellowship Hall.

Altar Guild

Please join us on Saturday, November 1st, at 10:30 am, in the Charter Room. New members (women and men) are always welcome! We invite you to please consider joining this ministry or join us for special decorating events. No specific skills required. Our work is a great way to serve the Lord and get to know other members of our church family.

At our Fall Meeting, we discuss Worship plans for Christmas and beyond as well as sign up for monthly teams for the month(s) that work best for you in 2026. Need more info? Call Dineen, 440-263-6759.



Friday October 24th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart

Friday October 31st
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday November 1st
10:30 am Fall Altar Guide Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 2nd
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

Monday November 3rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday November 4th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
2:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday November 5th

Thursday November 6th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday November 7th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
10:00 am Herb Guild Garden Club

Saturday November 8th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 9th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship'
10:00 am New Member Class
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday November 10th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Herb Guild Garden Club
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday November 11th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 25984 Lorain Road in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.



Carlson Boots & Socks

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This annual ministry began many years ago by POP members Jane and Jim Carlson and thankful to once again continue this important initiative in their honor. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 2nd with plans to deliver to the shelter the week before Christmas.

Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 21st. Donations of warm clothing are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Merhaut. Thank you!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE!

NOVEMBER 24TH AT 7 PM

St Ladislav Catholic Church,
2345 Bassett Road, Westlake

Participating Churches- Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church, St. Ladislav Catholic
Church, Westlake UMC, Dover UCC,
Church of the Redeemer UCC, Westlake
Please bring a Pie to Share!

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment
near you! **800-324-9458**
and use code: **HABC001**

LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention



We have great news! Our Prince of Peace will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on Wednesday, December 17th, 2025.

Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Prince of Peace members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

Click here (insert www.llsa.social/habc) or call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment! A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us in the **Fellowship Hall from 10-11AM** for pumpkin pancakes, traditional pancakes, pecan and warm syrup topping, sausage, eggs, and Franz Family Farm bacon!

To-go meals available for 11AM Service attendees
and by request



November 2

Generations



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that my family and I have been members of Prince of Peace for twenty-seven years. Jan and I often affectionately refer to you as our “family” – part friend, part family and always there when we need you. We created Tables for Eight as a means to meet and get to know each other intentionally forming groups that spanned generations. Our goal has been to build the foundation of POP, one relationship at a time and I think we (including you) have been pretty successful. Why is the cross-generational aspect important? The older generation brings wisdom and experience to the table while the younger generation contributes a different perspective and youthful exuberance.

Like many of you, I too was saddened by Pastor’s announcement that he would be retiring shortly. Part of the sadness is because he has had such a positive impact on our congregation but moreso because I feel like I’m losing a friend. Truthfully, I am very happy for Pastor and Lisa as they prepare to embark on the next chapter in their lives. As we are preparing to move onto the next chapter in the life of Prince of Peace, I believe our church is stronger and better prepared because of the generational foundation that we have built together.

Public Service Announcement (PSA): Tables for Eight is always open if you would like to join a group and ‘test drive’ it until we shuffle the groups at the end of December. Just contact Jan or I (jan.saunders.art@gmail.com and david.saundersoh@gmail.com).

Blessings to you all.



Year End Giving

Smart Ways to Give Before Year-End

As we approach the end of the calendar year, you can take advantage of several tax-smart giving options. Your support helps us provide the ministries here at Prince of Peace.

1. Give from Your IRA (Qualified Charitable Distribution)

If you are 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to Prince of Peace. A QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You pay no income tax on the amount transferred. You can give up to \$108,000 annually. Ask your IRA administrator to make the distribution directly to Prince of Peace and not directly to you.

2. Recommend a Grant from Your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

If you have a DAF through your financial institution or community foundation, you can recommend a grant to Prince of Peace. It's an easy, flexible way to support POP. You can make one-time or recurring gifts from your DAF. You may also name Prince of Peace as a beneficiary of your DAF to continue your legacy. Ask your fund advisor to direct your gift to Prince of Peace.

3. Gifts of Appreciated Stock

A gift of appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, can provide meaningful support for POP's mission while offering significant tax benefits. You can avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets. You can deduct the fair market value of your gift. Prince of Peace receives the full value of your contribution. To make a gift of stock or securities or if you have any questions, contact Charlie Koch, Treasurer by email treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com or phone 440.478.9235.

Please consider making a year-end contribution today and help us to keep growing in faith, serving in love and living in peace.

-The Stewardship Committee

thanks
for your
support



Matthew 17:22-27

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." And they were greatly distressed.

Jesus and the Temple Tax

24 When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes, he does." And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?" 26 When Peter said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the children are free. 27 However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me."

I found this article on the internet. Let me first say that some of these statements are assumptions and not based on anything more than that. The type of coin, the type of fish, etc. YOU CAN still order St. Peter's Fish at restaurants in Tiberias, a town on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and you will be served Tilapia.

The Temple Tax

Following an order by Julius Caesar, all Jews throughout the Roman Empire were required to pay the Jewish temple tax in order to fund the maintenance of the Temple in Jerusalem. The amount decreed for the temple tax – originally instituted to 'pay' for each person's sins – was half a shekel of silver (see Exodus 30:11-16). In Jesus's day, this was equivalent to two silver Roman denarii or two silver Greek drachmas (about two day's wages), and the collectors were called didrachmae.

When Jesus was approached about paying his temple tax, he told Peter to catch a fish on a line and to open its mouth. When Peter did so, he found a stater – a four-drachma coin (the equivalent of a silver shekel) – which was exactly enough to pay the temple tax for them both. The fish was probably a Tilapia (or 'St Peter's Perch') which has a marked pouch beneath its mouth where tiny young fish hide from danger. (<https://www.thebiblejourney.org/biblejourney1/5-jesus-journeys-beyond-galilee/jesus-pays-the-temple-tax/>)

So let's move beyond the fish issue and get to the Temple Tax issue.

Here is the Message translation for today's verse:

22-23 As they were regrouping in Galilee, Jesus told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to do with God. They will murder him—and three days later he will be raised alive." The disciples felt terrible.

24 When they arrived at Capernaum, the tax men came to Peter and asked, "Does your teacher pay taxes?"

25 Peter said, "Of course."

But as soon as they were in the house, Jesus confronted him. "Simon, what do you think? When a king levies taxes, who pays—his children or his subjects?"

26-27 He answered, "His subjects."

Jesus said, "Then the children get off free, right? But so we don't upset them needlessly, go down to the lake, cast a hook, and pull in the first fish that bites. Open its mouth and you'll find a coin. Take it and give it to the tax men. It will be enough for both of us."

As the saying goes, there are two things that are certain – death and taxes. Jesus addresses both!

The reality is that we do not need to pay to go to worship. This is probably not what the church council wants to me say right now as we begin our annual stewardship campaign. But it is the truth.

I recall early on in my first years of ministry making visits on some of our homebound members. Some of them thought I was coming to "collect their dues." Churches were expected to give a certain amount of money to the synod (our larger church body) for each member. And some churches passed that request on to their members that they pay their dues. I assured them I was not the tax collector, but the pastor bringing God's Word and Sacrament to them.

How do you see your giving to the church? Is it a due that has to be paid, or a cheerful response to what God has given you?

The other truth is that all that we have are gifts from God. We are called to be stewards of it, not owners of it.

In response to what God has done for us, how are we using what has been entrusted to us?

One final truth – Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

OH – one last note – any money you find in any fish you catch, I expect that to be in the offering plate (please wash it first!).

Let us pray: Dear God, may we be good stewards of all that you have given us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.



Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Pam Rotella
Terry MacKenzie
Al Tielke
Emily Saunders
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Christine Sikora (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
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)
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Patty Doran (Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving)
Tina Parfitt (Cousin of Beverly Braun)
JeanneAnn Elkin (Mother of Dana Gros)
Liz Jones (Daughter of the Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Sharon Reidinger
Sharon Reidinger (Neighbor of Fronczaks)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

October 12th

Shirley and Maria (Friends of Dana Gros)

October 19th

Sue Hanna (Sister of Tom Robinholt)

John Owens (Friend of Jan Juhn)

Matt (Family friend of Marge and Jim Jaracz)

October 26th

Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Fronczaks)

Sharon Reidinger (Neighbor of Fronczaks)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

10/01 Jan Juhn	10/18 Adam Thompson
10/02 Allie Hollowell	10/18 Aidan Katrincsak
10/02 Aubriella Gilbert	10/18 Mike Webber
10/03 Chrissy Frey	10/20 Carson Reisner
10/03 Lydia Griffin	10/22 Linda Colcord
10/05 Tom Splawski	10/22 Nicholas Franz
10/05 Mark Blakeslee	10/23 Richard Hardy
10/07 Julia Biller	10/25 Dave Covell
10/10 Allison Hrouda	10/25 Leah Missig
10/11 Kathleen Johnston	10/29 Hannah Katrincsak
10/13 Arthur Hartung	10/29 Lindsey Krap
10/14 Al Tielke	10/29 Lorraine Lutton
10/14 Sharon Lappin	10/29 Tom Biller
10/15 Riki Wilhelm	10/30 Alexis Griffin
10/16 Ellie Marple	10/31 Bethany Pearce
10/17 Evan Kelly	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/26/2025	42	166	208
10/19/2025	31	150	181
10/12/2025	59	156	215
10/05/2025	28	153	181

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/05 Charlie & Barb Koch
 10/05 Dale & Ruth Mortensen
 10/11 Thomas & Shoko Morton
 10/18 Craig & Erin Jagels
 10/25 Pamela & Joseph Ventimiglia

Second Harvest

The requested items for October are:
 Cereal, Applesauce & Canned Soups



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Sept. 30th, 2025:	\$380,833	\$9,764
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	76%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$118,167	\$9,089
Total Expenses Incurred through 9/30/25:	\$387,637	\$9,939



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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.