



March 28th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday March 28th
Pastor's Day Off
8:00 am Life Line Screening
12:15 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday March 29th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 30th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday March 31st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

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

Wednesday April 2nd
11:45 am Lent Lunch & Study

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

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

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

Thank You!

Thank YOU for Hoping for a Cure with Claire. This year I took on a mission to participate in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year campaign, a 7-week philanthropic competition empowering high school leaders to make a real difference in the fight against Cancer. In memory of my grandmothers, I set out to make a difference, and thanks to 55 donations from family, friends and church members, I surpassed my \$5,000 goal, raising a remarkable \$10,340! Together my school's team, Team Hope, raised over \$65K, and collectively, 33 Northeast Ohio high schools raised over \$1.4 million dollars to support LLS's critical research and patient services! Thank you for being a part of this incredible mission and making a real difference in the fight against blood cancers. -Claire Wenham

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 10 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.

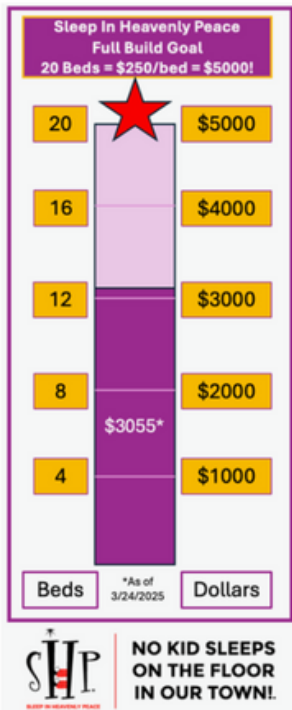
Thank you also for the in-kind donations! The flyer is a reminder of what is needed but we were recently told there is a specific need for mattress protectors at this time if that is something you wish to donate.

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 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

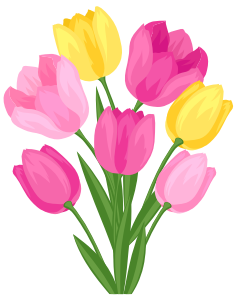
Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7 p.m. It is a fun 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.

PoP Youth Request

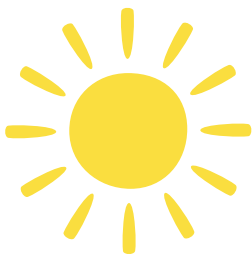
Collecting Milk Jugs for Flower Starters:
Bring in your gallon milk jugs to Christian Education on Sunday March 30th. Kids and youth will be using them to start flower seeds that will be transplanted to the outdoor garden beds. Thank you!



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



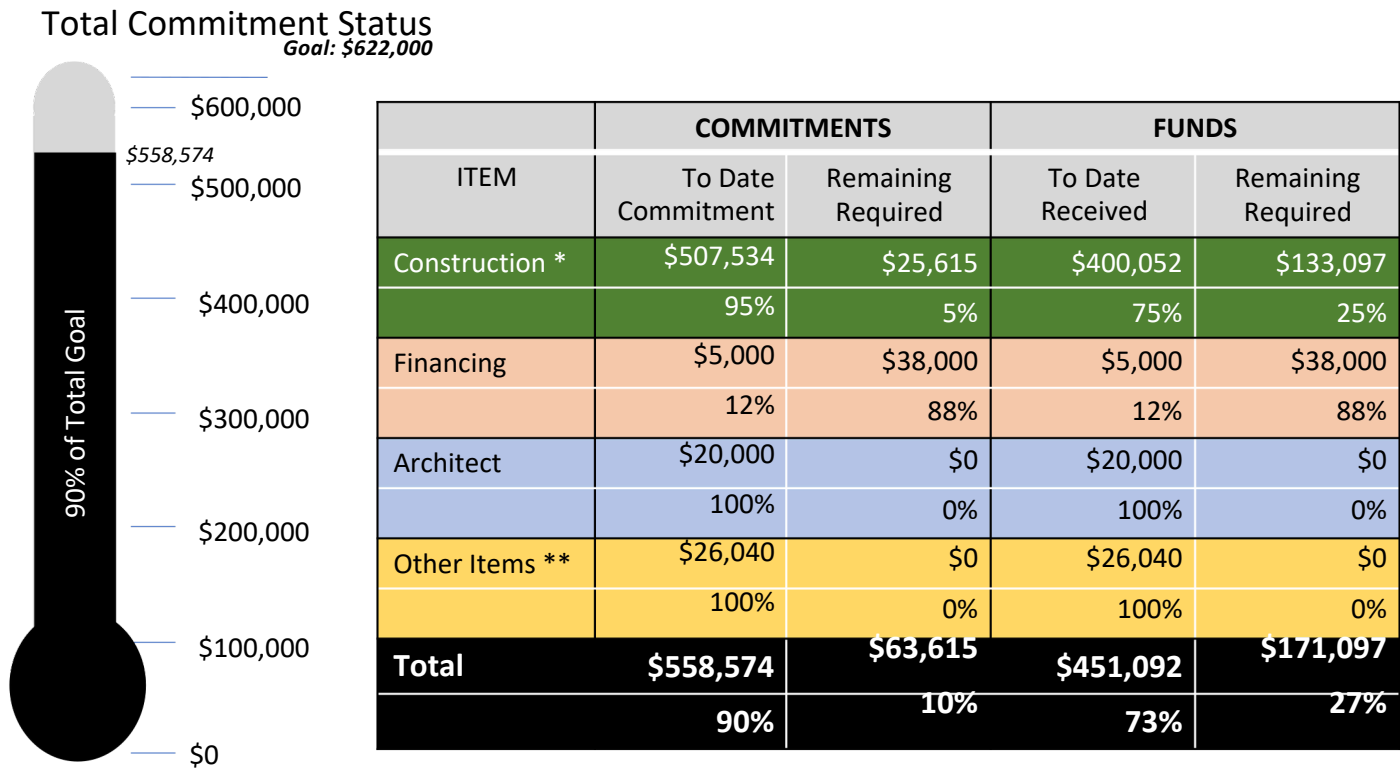
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of March 25, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

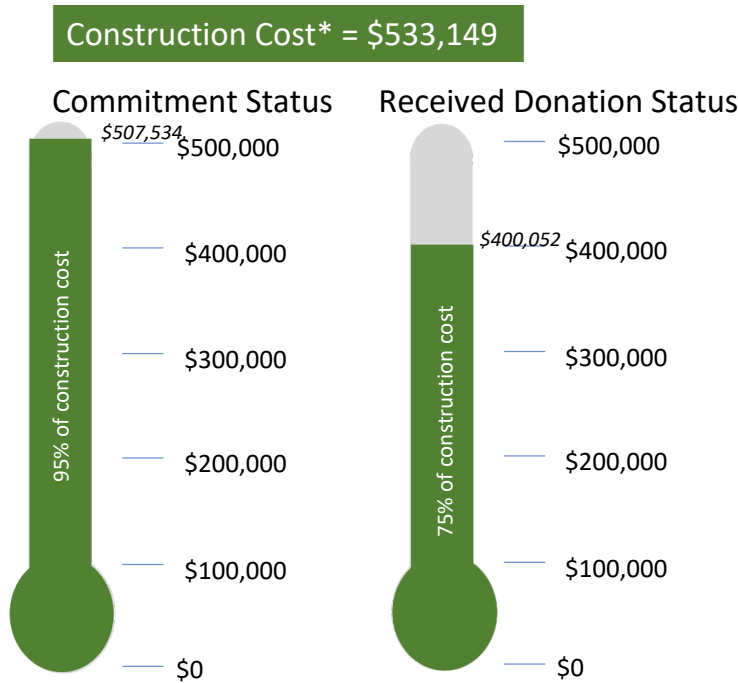
Other Items * = \$26,040



Note: Commitment Status includes “silent” commitments

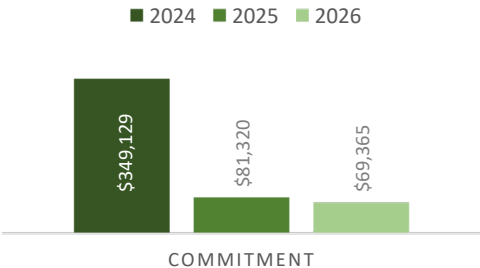
* Includes change orders.
** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches (“fund a bench”), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping 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





Psalm 130
Waiting for Divine Redemption
A Song of Ascents.
1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
2 Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!
3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
6 my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.
7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
8 It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Grace, peace and mercy be multiplied to you from God our Father, and the Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Waiting.

What comes to mind when you hear that word? Songs come to mind for me.

From the Taizé' community, this song:

"Wait for the Lord, his day is near
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart."

Hymns from Advent are filled with the anticipation and waiting for the coming of the Lord. And secular songs come to mind as well.

Anticipation is making me wait. The waiting is the hardest part.

Waiting for the world to change.

...just to name a few.

And now you have these songs running through your head for the rest of the day. You're welcome!

We are in a time of waiting. A time in the wilderness, not knowing when this time will end, and something new begins.

Waiting.

Psalm 130, another psalm of ascents, ties the waiting for the Lord with hope.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

In his word, I hope.

Let us continue to find hope in the Word of God, reminding us that our waiting is not in vain.

I am reminded of these words — I don't remember who said them, but I find it to be a good reminder.

"God may not always be on our schedule, but God is always right on time."

God's ways are not our ways.

And God WILL make a way.

God is with us, even in the waiting.

Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ WILL come again.

Let us pray:

O God, we wait. Wait with us. Give us patience. Give us hope. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior 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*)

28455 Center Ridge Road, Westlake Ohio 44145

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, March 30th, 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 16th	John Cuciak
	Paula Collister (Sister in law of Liz Grider)
	Lynn Henry
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
	Monica Doptis
	Pipp

Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/23/2025	33	157	190
03/16/2025	31	144	175
03/09/2025	49	149	198
03/05/2025	22	66	88

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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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.

Second Harvest

The requested items for March
Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
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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