

## Sisters in Spirit

We will meet Saturday, March 1st, for a movie night at 5:30pm,

We will be meeting in the High School Youth Room. Bring your own dinner.

No RSVP needed. Contact Joan Drobnak at <u>jdrobn@gmail.com</u> or Beth Comnick at <u>bcomnick@outlook.com</u> with questions



# **Congregational Meeting**

Thank you to all who attended the 2025 POP Annual Meeting. You can access the annual report that was shown here:.



# **First Communion**

Our 2025 Prince of Peace First Communion Information meeting is this Sunday, February 16th at 10:00AM in our Second Cup of Coffee room in the Christian Education wing.

If you feel your child is ready to take this step in their faith journey, please join Pastor Charlie and Beverly for answers to any questions you may have and an overview of the classes and activities schedule.



February 14th, 202

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday February 14th Happy Valentine's Day! Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 15th 2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday February 16th 9 & 11 am In Person Worship 10:00 am Christian Education 10:30 am Arden Courts 12:00 pm Cat Cafe

Monday February 17th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday February 18th 1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel 7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday February 19th 2:00 pm Book & Bible Study with Pastor Charlie 7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday February 20th Sexton's Day Off 3:00 pm Organ Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 21st Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 22nd 2:00 pm Organ Practice 6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday February 23rd 9 & 11 am In Person Worship 10:00 am Christian Education 12:00 pm Cat Cafe

Monday February 24th 10:00 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Organ Practice 7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 25th 6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal 7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

### **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, 440-871-6673.



### **Love Inc**

There is a poster near the lower entrance so you can sign up for a month to support Love Inc! We still have quite a few openings! Please consider stopping by and signing up!



# 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 2024 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2025. 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.

# February Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, February 28th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Harry Buffalo, located at 4824 Great Northern Blvd. in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



# **Giving Statements**

The 2024 Giving Statements were mailed or emailed on January 27, 2025. If you need a copy, or have questions on your statement, please email <u>secretarypopfinancial@gmail.com</u> or call the office.



# **Spring Altar Guild Meeting**

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 am – Charter Room

We are meeting to discuss Lent, Easter and summer worship plans.

New members (women and men) are always welcome! Interested? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Call or text Dineen Terstage with questions (440-263-6759).



# **Update for SHP**

Save the date for our Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build on Saturday, June 7th!

We are now collecting monetary donations to support materials for our Sleep In Heavenly Peace build on June 7th. Each bed costs \$250 with a goal to support a Full Build of 20 beds, or \$5000.

Additionally, we are now accepting donations of new kids twin bedding. The bedding needed is twin "Bedding in Bag" set, kids twin sheet sets, pillows, mattress protectors, comforters, quilts, blankets and throws. The bedding can be left on the bunk beds in the narthex.

Monetary donations can be placed in the collection baskets, entered into the Tithe.ly portal or sent to Prince of Peace. PLEASE be sure to note Sleep in Heavenly Peace on the memo line.

Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut.

#### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

# **BEDDING DRIVE**



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.

# Souper bowl Results

Souper Bowl Sunday: Thank you to all that participated in providing contributions for meals at 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter. Here are the results:

Taylor Swift - \$141 Undecided - \$52.47 KC - \$305.27 Eagles - \$171.22 Browns- \$324.77 Lions - \$354.27

Grand total: \$1349.00

# thankzyou











Luis Castro and Nina Wu joined Prince of Peace on February 9, 2025. What a great addition we have to celebrate! Here is a story to learn more about them.

Luis was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in Brooklyn. Ohio. He has 3 sisters in his family. He attended Brooklyn High School. He is employed at Fuji Film for the last 9 years as a Warehouse lead.

Nina was born in China and grew up in Cleveland. She has one sister in her family. She attended Avon High School and continued her education at Kent State University. Nina earned an MBA at Purdue University majoring in Business Finance. Her future educational plans include acquiring Software Design / AI Tech skills. She has been employed at Chase for the last 8 years.

Luis and Nina met through the social media network Instagram. They are thriving together now while also devoted to 2 dogs and 2 cats. Thanks to their great friend, Hilary Lucas, they were introduced to Prince of Peace!

They have interests to enjoy in their free time. Luis focuses on bodybuilding and working out. Nina enjoys finding new restaurants to dine at. Something that people may not know about them is that Luis can speak fluent Spanish. Nina is a Licensed nail technician.

God has blessed our church with many members to learn and spread the Good News! Nina and Luis will contribute much to our missions. They attend the contemporary services most weeks. Welcome them as they grow their Faith each week!

By Tom Robinholt: Profile Reporter

#### **Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus** Status as of January 29, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost\* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items \* = \$26,040

# Total Commitment Status Goal: \$622,000

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	COMMITMENTS		FUNDS	
ITEM	To Date Commitment	Remaining Required	To Date Received	Remaining Required
Construction *	\$491,509	\$41,640	\$380,347	\$152,802
	92%	8%	71%	29%
Financing	\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,000
	0%	100%	0%	100%
Architect	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Other Items **	\$26,040	\$0	\$26,040	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Total	\$537,549	\$84,640	\$426,387	\$195,802
86%		14%	69%	31%

Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

#### Thank you for the continued giving to the Peace Pavilion. We continue to make progress! Here are some highlights:

- We have commitments now for 86% of the total cost of the project including Architect Fees (100%), Construction (92%), Other Items such as Audio/Visual, Benches, Altar (100%), and Financing (0%).
- We have received 69% of the total funding including 71% of the Construction Funds.
- Beginning this month, we will make monthly loan payments (principal and interest) to the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. The sooner we receive cash, the less our project finance costs.

We are humbled and grateful to all of you who have committed and given your time, talents, and resources to this project. As we move into our second year of the capital campaign, please prayerfully consider a fresh look at your pledge and ability to give. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any committee members. Thank you!

In His service, The Peace Pavilion Committee

Phil Sprague (Chair)

Jim Dickey

Mary Meadows

**Evan Saunders** 

Dineen Terstage

Pastor Charlie Woodward

Steve Zinram

<sup>\*</sup> Includes change orders.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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 January 29, 2025

## Construction Cost\* = \$533,149



Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors	
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2	
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	5	
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7	
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	10	
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8	
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	25	

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<sup>\*</sup> Includes change orders.





Join us at the

# CAT CAFE



Limited spaces! Text Hilary to sign up

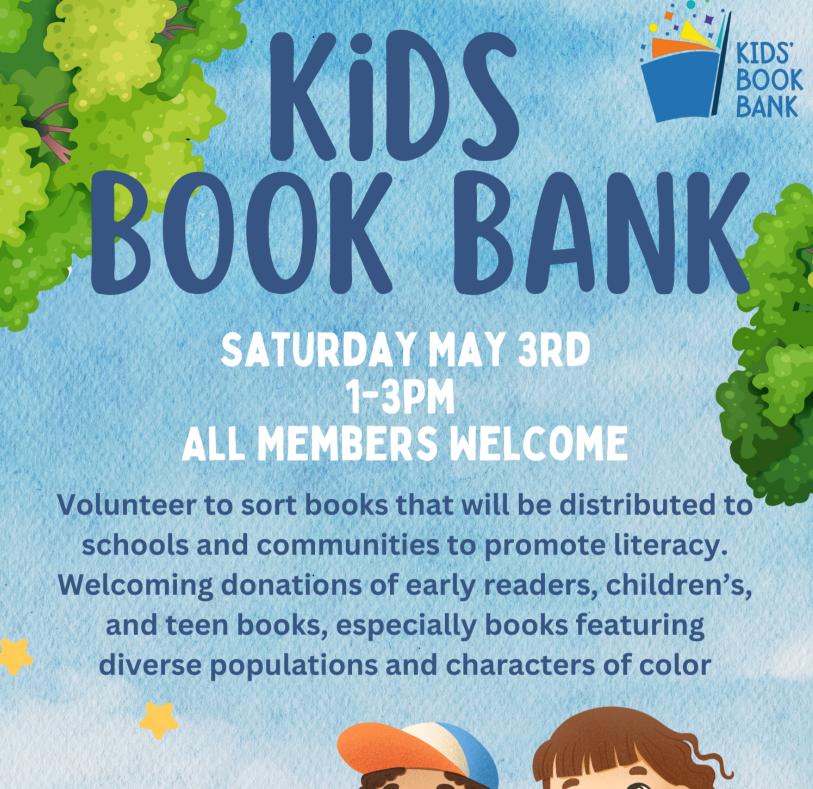


# Sunday Feb. 23rd 12pm - 2pm

Enjoy sweet treats and time with adoptable kitties!

Leave from POP at 11:20AM Water bottle sticker available for this event!











Psalm 119:97-105

97 Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

for it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your decrees are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged,

for I keep your precepts.

101 I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

102 I do not turn away from your ordinances,

for you have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through your precepts I get understanding;

therefore I hate every false way.

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

I would like to make a request. That comes at the end of today's devotion.

When a child (OR an adult) is baptized at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, a Bible is presented to the baptized. For infants, it is a picture Bible. For older children and adults, an age-appropriate Bible is given. The words of the Psalm are shared when the gift is given — may this be a lamp unto your feet and light unto your path.

At the waters of baptism, the parents and sponsors made promises to bring these children to worship, teach them the Lord's Prayer, Creed and Commandments, and place in their hands the Scriptures. And we as a congregation offered our promises to support them in this journey.

Next month, we will be presenting Bibles to children of the church that are age-appropriate and can be used in the coming years of Sunday School and confirmation classes. They will be presented on March 9 during worship.

What I would like to do is to offer these children more than just the Bible, but some words of encouragement from us as well. I want to compile a list for these brothers and sisters in Christ of favorite Bible verses and Bible stories so they have some guidance from us on what this light and lamp can offer.

What is your bible verse? Maybe it's the verse selected for your Confirmation. Maybe a word shared at a special service. Maybe it is that verse that you keep turning to in times of need.

Consider this another opportunity for us to continue to be ONE in the Body of Christ. Martin Luther said that the Bible is like a cradle that holds Jesus Christ. My hope and prayer are that this gift we present can be just that to those who receive them.

Please send these my way - pcpopwestlake@gmail.com I will compile the list and make it available to all of you in the coming weeks.

Thanks in advance.

Here is a video of Amy Grant's song, "Thy Word" based on this psalm.

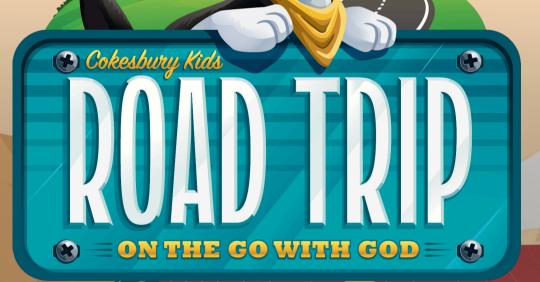
#### https://youtu.be/a6LC8cuO3lg

Let us pray: Almighty God, we turn to your Word for comfort, guidance, hope and salvation. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to hear the Good News you give us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

save the Date!

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**





AN ECUMENICAL VBS FOR CHILDREN K-GRADE 5

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

28455 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, WESTLAKE

STAY TUNED FOR PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION INFO!



# Sunday, February 16, 2024

### **Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

Patty Doran

Dawn Higgins

Jayne Kramic

Angela Missig

Jenn Pitts

Patty Doran

Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving

Neighbor of Fran Molnar

Friend of Kathy McCollum

Daughter of Gloria Starr

Daughter of Judy Kazak

Pam Rotella

Bill Sweeny Friend of Kathy McCollum Robert Sieving Brother of Chuck Sieving

Chris Sikora

Kathy and Tim Needham

Cynthia Flores
Ron Peckham

Jan Filkill's daughter

Monica Doptis

Beverly Newman

Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon

### Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

February 2	Dick Hardy	
	Dave Dickinson (Jan Juhn's friend's husband)	
	Laura K (Deb Gibbons' friend)	
February 9	Josh Ort's family (Kelsey Buhrman's father)	
	Brian (Mel and Sue Grunau's friend)	
	Kathy McCollum	
	John Sheridan (Mary Sheridan's stepson)	
	Sean Valentine (son of Fran Wilhelm's friend)	
February 16	Ira Silverman (Friend of Pat Sprague)	
	Genny Patterson and her family (friend of Lisa and James Arrigo)	
	Susan Goltz (Kathy Kettler's cousin)	

### Attendance at Prince of Peace

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02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/13 Erin Bruneau
02/02 Emma Perry	02/13 Kathy McCollum
O2/O2 Rachel Drobnak	02/13 Jane Carlson
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/04 Diane Christian	02/13 Sally Balch
02/04 James Wilhelm	02/15 Betsy Bailey
02/04 Tom Herren	02/16 Carol Novotny
02/05 Bradley Pearce	02/16 Connor Burdette
02/05 Erin Jagels	02/16 Saige Worsencroft
02/05 Julia Vorobej	02/17 Dennis MacKenzie
02/06 Sean Biller	02/18 Donald Chrismar
02/07 James Arrigo	02/18 Elayna Gros
02/08 Charles Sieving	02/21 Andrea Petta
02/08 Joann Burson	02/21 Kieran Lavin
02/09 Diane Miller	02/22 Jan Saunders
02/10 Sean Lavin	02/23 Edna Dickey
02/10 Nicholas Fortuna	02/23 Jon Steinbrecher
02/12 Chris Rehark	02/24 Beverly Braun
02/12 Laney Ventimiglia	02/24 Keith Wyant
02/12 Melody Hauser	02/28 Chris Petta
02/13 Charlie Woodward	02/28 Shaun Dillon
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02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren 02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue 02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

### **Second Harvest**

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

# **Giving Data**

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week	
Total Giving as of Dec. 31st, 2024:	\$506,754	\$9,745.27	
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date: 104%			
Total ministry expenses incurred in 20	024 \$485,476	\$9,336.07	
Projected Surplus for 2024:	\$21,278		

Thank you for your abundant giving in 2024!!









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<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	In Person	<u>Total</u>
02/09/2025	45	146	191
02/02/2025	56	137	193
01/26/2025	38	148	186
01/19/2025	57	178	235

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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.
<u>Livestream</u>

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.