



February 6th, 2026

## PEACE CONNECTION

### Ash Wednesday Worship Services

Please join us for Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 18, 2025

11:00 am – Traditional Worship - Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

12 Noon – Soup Lunch

- Soup will be provided
- Bring a salad, bread or dessert to share

7:00 pm - Traditional Worship - Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

### Hope for a Cure with Claire

I'm thrilled to announce my leading in Blood Cancer United's, formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Student Visionaries of the Year campaign. This 7-week philanthropic competition empowers high school leaders to make a real difference in the fight against cancer. This is a cause close to my heart; blood cancer, especially leukemia, is the most prevalent form of cancer diagnosed in children and young adults. Sadly, I've experienced this loss firsthand, losing my paternal grandmother, Bonnie, in 2016 at the age of 67, and my maternal grandmother in 2023, just 13 days after her diagnosis and her 79th birthday. My team's fundraising goal is \$80,000, running from January 23rd to March 14th. I'm personally committed to raising \$10,000 towards this important cause. I can't do it alone –

I need your support! To learn more and please consider donating through my personal fundraising page: <https://pages.lls.org/svoy/noh/svoynoh26/cwenham>

### Palms

Bring in your palms by February 15. Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from past Palm Sunday celebrations. Please place them in the basket on the table in the lower narthex. The palms are burned to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday worship services.

### Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Arrabiata Italian Restaurant, located at 600 Dover Center Rd. in Bay Village. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674(Cell) or (440)734-6511(Landline).

Friday February 6th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 7th

Sunday February 8th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Congregational Meeting  
10:00 am Souper Bowl  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday February 9th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 10th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday February 11th

Thursday February 12th  
Sexton's Day Off  
10:00 am FLOW Break

Friday February 13th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 14th  
Happy Valentine's Day!

Sunday February 15th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am

Monday February 16th  
President's Day  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 17th  
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group  
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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Live In Peace*

**AN INVITATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS**

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# 36 YEARS OF DEDICATION

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A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION HONORING  
**PASTOR CHARLIE WOODWARD**

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**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

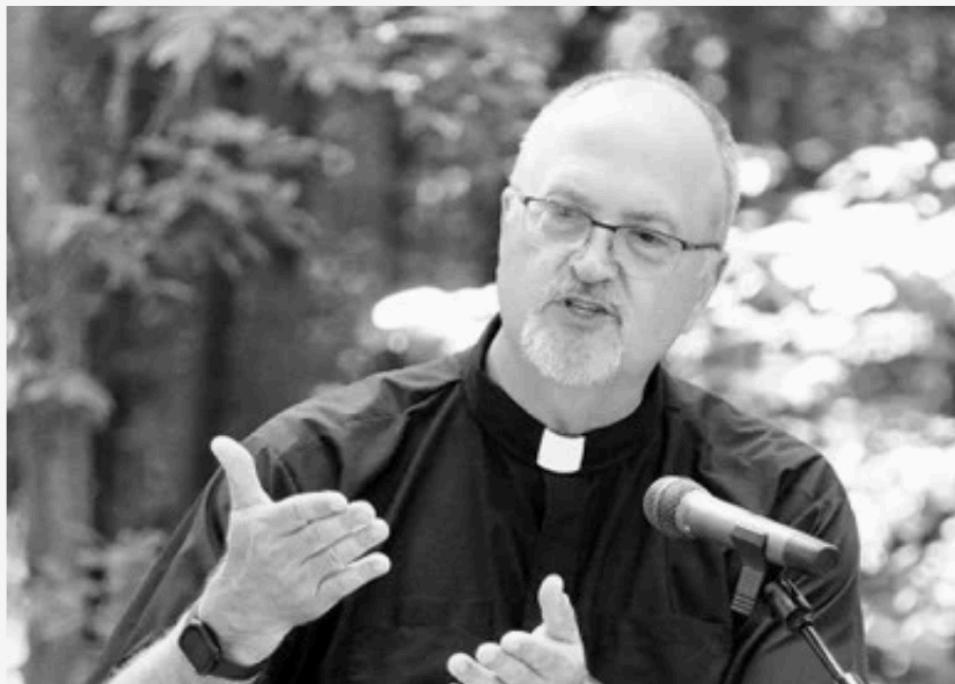
**Worship Service**

10:00 AM  
Prince of Peace  
28455 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake, OH 44145

**Mixer and Small Bites**  
11:30-12:30 PM  
at Prince of Peace

**Reception**

1:00-4:00 PM  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
21485 Lorain Road  
Fairview Park, OH 44126  
(Entrance off of 215<sup>th</sup> Street)



**RSVP**



Or email us at:  
[princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com)

*“see to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God” – Hebrews 12:15*

LMM

## Transforming Houses into Homes

Project Update -

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Transforming Houses Into Homes project! If you have taken a tag, please get that back to the church with the donation as soon as possible! Cash, check and Tithely are accepted. Checks should be made out to Prince of Peace; if using Tithely, enter "LMM Homes" in the memo.



We are pleased to announce the Prince of Peace Endowment Fund has approved our grant request and will match gifts up to \$3500. The donation will be presented to LMM during worship on Sunday, February 22 here at Prince of PEace, and Pastor Charlie will also be making a presentation at the LMM Board Meeting on February 26th.

Here is a link to a recent news story about the homes.

[CLICK HERE](#) 

## Legacy Fund

Dear Fellow Prince of Peace Members,

### The Legacy Fund

This fund was started in 2019 with the hope that by 2039 (twenty years later) we would have contributed \$1,000,000 as a gift to the members of our church in 2039. The Legacy Fund was to be a reserve/rainy day fund so that our church of the future would not have to worry about major projects or major repairs (such as boilers, elevators, windows, roofs, parking lots, etc.).

To fund it we challenged one hundred members to contribute above and beyond their regular church offering \$2.50 per week for five years; then to double it every five years. This would have given us approximately \$1,000,000 by 2039. Presently we need to jump start our contributions because we have fallen behind on this plan.

My proposal to get us back on track is to start in 2026 with one hundred people that would pledge \$7.50 every week above and beyond their regular church pledge for three years, and then pledge \$10.00 every week for the next three years, and after that \$15.00 every week for the next three years and then \$20.00 every week for the next four years, this would then give us (including the \$70,000 in the Fund today) almost \$1,000,000.

Church council could also view the Legacy Fund as a backstop for the Building Fund to use for any emergency funding for significant property expenses. Presently we only have about \$65,000 available in the Building Fund as a reserve. So, even as we continue to donate to the Building Fund, the Legacy Fund could be there if we ever need it.

As the chairperson of our property committee, having a reserve fund for our facilities is essential. I am constantly concerned that we will have a major expense that will use up everything we currently have in our Building Fund.

Please consider participating in this fundraiser for the Legacy Fund as it would allow me to sleep easier at night.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Fronczak



January 27, 2026

Dear Members of Prince of Peace, You are invited to our annual

congregational meeting scheduled for

Sunday, February 8th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**SOUPER BOWL:** Soup & Sandwich served by Youth

During the meeting, we will

Review 2025.

Preview 2026 and Call Process.

Elect council and endowment committee members.

Address selection of Call Committee and Synod Assembly Delegates

Have an open discussion.

The 2025 annual report will be available for review on our website ([www.princeofpeacewestlake.org](http://www.princeofpeacewestlake.org)) prior to the meeting. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We are in a good financial position and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and serve within God's Grace. We look forward to 2026 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

In Faithful Fellowship, Mark

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Council President

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# CHILD CARE FACILITY

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

My name is Dan Fronczak and my partner in crime is Jerry Karp. We would like to find fellow members to explore using our church building as some form of child care facility.

We feel that this is in line with our mission Statement and reaching out to the community. Congregational council has approved an exploratory committee.

We are at the starting point. As of right now, we have made no decisions or direction other than to form a committee to explore the idea. We have been told by other people and a church in our area that this could be a beneficial and continuing source of revenue for Prince of Peace.

If you would like to join us in exploring all aspects of having child care at our facility, please let me or Jerry know. Our first informational meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays, February 10, February 17, and February 24, at 7pm at the church. Please let me (440.221.6411) or Jerry (440.653.3196) know if you plan to attend.



# ART CLASS

We are starting an Art Club for the children of Prince of Peace! The third Saturday of the months January to May from 1pm to 3pm in the double classroom.

The first two weeks will be doing pottery with low fire clay and glazes. Please sign up so we know how many we will have on any given Saturday.



# HELP US STOCK THE PANTRY

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS FED AND WARM

## MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Ensure/Boost Nutritional Drinks
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Tuna & Chicken Pouches
- Hot Coco Packets
- Instant Coffee Packets
- Jerky
- Dried Fruit



## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Your donations will be stocked in the outdoor pantry at Prince of Peace and winter items will be personally delivered by POP Youth to unhoused encampments in Cleveland

## MOST NEEDED WINTER ITEMS

- Adult Weatherproof Gloves
- Adult Ski Hats
- Adult Scarves
- Adult Socks
- Hand Warmers
- Boot Warmers



## **DROP OFF LOCATION:**

Prince of Peace Narthex in the labeled bin



## 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

# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, February 8th, 2025**

**Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

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)

Emily Saunders

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

**January 25th**

**February 1st**

Laurie and Bill Vorobej, Julia Vorobej, Jack

Emily Saunders

Paula and Bill Collister (sister-in-law and brother of Liz Grider)

Aunt Ginny and Debbie (aunt and cousin of Beverly Braun)

**February 8th**

Karen Swanson

Sherry Visocky

Carol DeArment (sister-in-law of Diane Merhaut)

Gerald, Claudia and Noel (friends of Tony Perez and Allison Peluso)

# Happy Birthday

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 02/01 Katarina Rolik     | 02/13 Erin Bruneau      |
| 02/02 Emma Perry         | 02/13 Kathy McCollum    |
| 02/02 Rachel Drobak      | 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 Elayna Gros       |
| 02/07 James Arrigo       | 02/21 Andrea Petta      |
| 02/08 Charles Sieving    | 02/21 Kieran Lavin      |
| 02/08 Joann Burson       | 02/22 Jan Saunders      |
| 02/09 Diane Miller       | 02/23 Edna Dickey       |
| 02/10 Sean Lavin         | 02/23 Jon Steinbrecher  |
| 02/10 Nicholas Fortuna   | 02/24 Beverly Braun     |
| 02/12 Chris Rehark       | 02/24 Keith Wyant       |
| 02/12 Laney Ventimiglia  | 02/28 Chris Petta       |
| 02/12 Melody Hauser      | 02/28 Shaun Dillon      |
| 02/13 Charlie Woodward   |                         |



02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren  
02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue  
02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

## 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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## Attendance at Prince of Peace

|  | Date       | Online | In Person | Total |
|--|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
|  | 02/01/2026 | 198    | 135       | 333   |
|  | 01/25/2026 | 443    | -         | 443   |
|  | 01/18/2026 | 179    | 140       | 319   |
|  | 01/11/2026 | 149    | 191       | 340   |

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
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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.*