



February 13th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

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

Wednesday February 18th
11:00 am Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship
12:00 pm Soup Lunch
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship

Thursday February 19th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW

Friday February 20th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 21st
1:00 pm Art Club

Sunday February 22nd
Pastor Charlie's Retirement Celebration
10:00 am Worship Service
11:30 am Mixer and Small Bites
1:00 pm Reception

Monday February 23rd
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 24th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

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>

Travel Quest

Our first Travel Quest event will be on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm. We will attend an organ concert by Nicole Keller at First Lutheran Church located at 1019 W. Fifth Street, Lorain. This event will be a freewill offering. Light reception afterwards. Carpools will be organized. Signup for a ride at the information station at the lower entrance. Contact Fran Wilhelm for more information.

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).

AN INVITATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

36 YEARS OF DEDICATION

A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION HONORING
PASTOR CHARLIE WOODWARD

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Worship Service

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

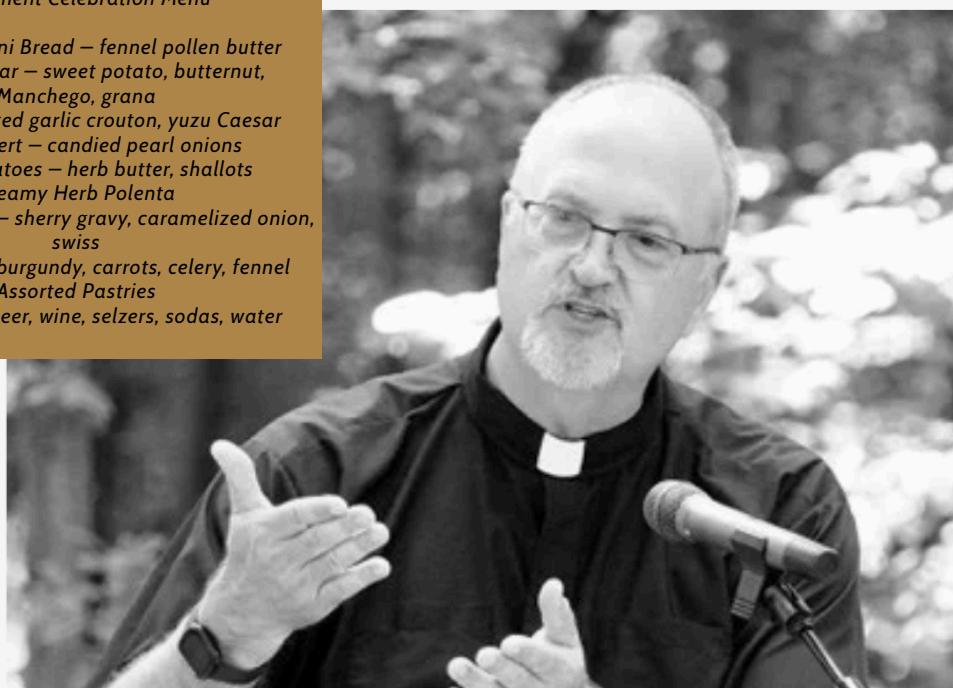
Mixer and Small Bites
11:30-12:30 PM
at *Prince of Peace*

Reception

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

Retirement Celebration Menu

Lemon Zucchini Bread – fennel pollen butter
Winter Caesar – sweet potato, butternut,
Manchego, grana
Padano, roasted garlic crouton, yuzu Caesar
Haricot Vert – candied pearl onions
Yukon Potatoes – herb butter, shallots
Creamy Herb Polenta
Roasted Chicken – sherry gravy, caramelized onion,
swiss
Chuck Roast - burgundy, carrots, celery, fennel
Assorted Pastries
Beverages – beer, wine, seltzers, sodas, water



RSVP



Or email us at:
princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

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

WESTLAKE ECUMENICAL VBS 2026



WHERE FAITH MEETS FUN THIS SUMMER!

JUNE 15-19, 9AM-NOON

FOR KIDS AGED 4 THRU RISING 5 GRADERS

COST IS \$20 PER CHILD, MAX \$50 PER FAMILY

HELD AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN



REGISTER
AT QR CODE



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

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 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 15th, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Emily Saunders

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)

Tony & Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)

Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

February 1

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 8

Karen Swanson

Sherry Visocky

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

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

February 15

Mike and Denise Sweeney (friends of Jim and Paige Dickey)

Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (friends of Jann Daniels)

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
	02/08/2026	232	145	377
	02/01/2026	198	135	333
	01/25/2026	443	-	443
	01/18/2026	179	140	319

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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.