



April 24th, 2026

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday April 24th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday April 25th

Sunday April 26th  
9:00 am Praise Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday April 27th  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 28th  
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm Crossfire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday April 29th  
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday April 30th  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW Family & Graduation Day

Friday May 1st  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday May 2nd

Sunday May 3rd  
9:00 am Praise Worship  
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday May 4th  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 5th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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

## SOAP Bible Study

We are nearing the end in a series of readings focused on 'the words of Jesus', but not really the parables. We have passed through the Beatitudes, the woman at the well, the raising of Lazarus and recently the foot washing, now elements of Easter, Ascension, and return .

Join us on April 27 to discuss Revelation 21-22

## Women's Discipleship Group

You are invited to attend the Women's Discipleship Group, which meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. in the Charter Room near the upper entrance. Our next meeting is April 21st. In the months ahead, Debra Stewart will be leading a study on plants, trees and flowers in the Bible. No book needs to be purchased with this study, as in the past. Materials will be passed out at the meeting or you can contact Debra for an email attachment to print off a copy yourself in advance. The topic this month is the Fig Tree-its history, where it is mentioned in Biblical passages, its significance and usage in Israel and more. All are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Debra Stewart at debistewart777@gmail.com with questions.

## Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Join Pastor Doug and Max Lucado for a 6 week Bible study of the Gospel of John. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Wednesday afternoons at 2pm, whichever one works better for you. The book title is "You Are Never Alone" the theme is "God is Nearer Than You Know" **Dates:** April 28 and 29, May 5 and 6, May 12 and 13, May 19 and 20

Please sign up in the lower Narthex. Books can be ordered on Amazon (link) or call Adrienne by March 26th. This cost is \$8.48 It will be fun to join Max on this journey together. In Christ - Pastor Doug



New Member  
Profile Story  
This week's  
feature:

*Karen Spencer*

As Prince of Peace continues to grow and thrive, New Members will be welcomed at the April 26 services. Karen was born in Pittsburgh, PA and grew up in Pennsylvania. She has focused her career in the field of Property Management.

Karen has a Daughter and a Son, and three grandchildren to shower her Love on. She recently relocated and that brought her to POP from Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church. Her hobbies and interests include Theatre, Art, Crafts, & Weekend Road Trips, as well as Volunteering. She has attended the 9am Contemporary Service. Please offer her a sincere welcome when you meet her.

As we Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Live in Peace , our Faith Community has become stronger!

By : Tom Robinholt / Profile Reporter

*Welcome!*

PRINCE OF PEACE

# FOOD BANK HELP DAY

2 JUNE | 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM



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, JUNE 2, 2026. WE WILL MEET AT THE FOODBANK AT 5:00 PM FOR PIZZA AND AT 5:30 PM BEGIN SORTING AND REPACKING DONATED FOOD ITEMS UNTIL 7:00 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 (440) 478-9235 OR EMAIL HIM AT [CAKOCH13@AOL.COM](mailto:CAKOCH13@AOL.COM) TO LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. YOU CAN ALSO 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](http://SECONDHARVESTFOODBANK.ORG) WILL BE PROVIDED AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE REPACK DAY.

## Love Inc Update

Our relationship with Love INC began many years ago as they were a resource for us to refer members and others in need. Love INC was in a better position to assist such people than POP.

Love INC recently realigned their mission to have churches take on meeting with those in need and providing direct financial assistance as determined in such situations. In addition, POP should continue to offer relational ministry - prayer, encouragement, counseling and discipleship opportunities.

After discussions the Church Council has decided that since POP will be carrying the primary burden in these situations that rather than support Love INC financially we should build up our Assistance Fund. This Fund can be used to assist members in need as determined by the Pastor. Such needs will be considered in the strictness of confidence. Therefore members who previously supported Love INC will be encouraged to provide funds for our Assistance Fund. This fund will be administered by Pastor Doug and funds will be disbursed by the Treasurer. This fund and ongoing relational ministry will help us live out the call to be Christ's hands and feet to our neighbors. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Doug or Mark Givens, Council President.




# WALK RUN MOSEY

Your sponsorship builds affordable homes.

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity has long relied on community support to partner with families building better lives through safe, affordable homeownership, and now we invite you to join us at Edgewater Park to celebrate the importance of this work. Whether you prefer to walk, run, or mosey, our non-competitive, family-friendly event is open to everyone—including dogs and donut lovers alike! For full details, sponsorship opportunities, and more, please visit [clehabitatwalk.org](http://clehabitatwalk.org).

 Our goal is to raise \$180,000 to support the 400 Home Initiative.

 Register today and join us July 18th!

Join us at [clehabitatwalk.org](http://clehabitatwalk.org) >>

Questions? Contact Kimberly Pride:  
[events@clevelandhabitat.org](mailto:events@clevelandhabitat.org) | 216.325.5578



Habitat for Humanity is supported by a number of Prince of Peace members who help build homes for needy families in Cleveland.

Prince of Peace volunteers participate in the roles of construction crew, catering a lunch for the crew or with financial support of the annual Habitat walk fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$180,000 to support the 400 Home Initiative.

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## Save the Date!

As we look forward to warmer weather, mark your calendars for the Chardon Polka Band playing in the Peace Pavilion May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7 pm!

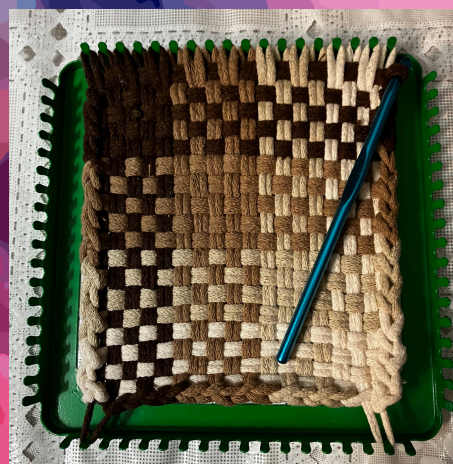
We have the Metro 45 Food truck coming from 4-7 pm! Join us for a great night!




# 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.





# LARGE INTERIOR SPACE FOR RENT!

- 3,500 to 3,700 square feet available
- Potential child care facility or other multi-purpose use for rent
- Located at 28455 Center Ridge Road, Westlake
- Space is a secure area which includes six furnished classrooms, private entrance, ample parking, room enough for 50 plus children
- Five days a week usage from 6 am to 6 pm
- Private kitchen and large meeting room also available

## **MORE INFORMATION**



Dan at 440-221-6411 or  
Jerry at 440-653-3196

# WESTLAKE ECUMENICAL VBS 2026



WHERE FAITH MEETS FUN THIS SUMMER!  
**JUNE 15-19, 9AM-NOON**

FOR KIDS AGED 4THRU RISING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
COST IS \$20 PER CHILD, MAX\$50 PERFAMILY  
HELD AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN

REGISTER  
AT QR CODE





## 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



## Sunday, April 26th, 2025

### Prayer Request - Long Term

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

EEEmily 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 and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)  
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)  
Max Jensen (Cousin of Jann Daniels)  
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma

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

#### April 12th

Jim Dickey  
Darryl K. (Friend of Sue Hosler)  
Family of Tim Dalrymple (Uncle of Shawn Merhaut)  
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma  
Jane Carlson  
Jen and Matt (cousins of Tom and Michelle Lehman)

#### April 19th

Bob Owsiak (Friend of Jan Juhn)  
Tina Parfitt and family (Cousin of Beverly Braun)  
Katie and Logan (Friends of Diane Merhaut)

#### April 26th

Emily Saunders  
Sarah Mitchell (Friend of Joan Drobnak)  
Cindy Kreis  
Doug and Barb (Friends of Mary Meadows)  
Debbie (Relative of Mary Meadows)  
John Cuciak

# Happy Birthday

4/3 Luke Ventimiglia  
 4/3 Tracy Biller  
 4/4 Samuel Dickey  
 4/4 Anita Bauknecht  
 4/5 Steve Zinram  
 4/5 Becky Rowe  
 4/5 Diane Diekroger  
 4/5 Cindy Zinram  
 4/7 Haley Hackett  
 4/7 Mason Reisner  
 04/11 Linda Gareau  
 4/13 Mark Givens  
 4/13 Eli Hallowell  
 4/13 Bianca Smith  
 4/14 Tim Gibbons  
 4/16 Mason Rowe  
 4/17 Mark Wiedt  
 4/17 Thomas Morton  
 4/18 Benjamin Fortuna  
 4/18 Francine Molnar  
 4/19 Mackenzie Juntunen

4/19 Susan Stevens  
 4/20 Matthew Olah  
 4/20 Mark Oster  
 4/21 Amy Babinski  
 4/23 Carley Frey  
 4/24 Laurie Vorobej  
 4/26 Aili MacKenzie  
 4/26 Ellen Babinski  
 4/27 Avianna Carimi  
 4/28 Helga Susemihl  
 4/28 Becky Kear

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Grant & Beth Cornick 4/07  
 Dave & Laurel Covell 4/11  
 Susan & Paul Franz 4/26

## Second Harvest

The requested items for February are:  
 Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

## Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31st, 2026:	\$154,585	\$11,891
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:		32%
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	\$364,415	\$9,343
Total Expenses Incurred through 3/31/26	\$129,266	\$9,943



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## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
04/19/2016	152	160	312
04/12/2016	159	160	319
04/05/2026	169	261	430
04/03/2026	167	48	215

## Prince of Peace Staff

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3  
 28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
 440/871-5565 • www.princeofpeacewestlake.org

### 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.