

April 18th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday April 18th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday April 19th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday April 20th
6:39 am Sunrise Service at Evergreen Cemetery
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday April 21st
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday April 22nd
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday April 23rd

Thursday April 24th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday April 25th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday April 26th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday April 27th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday April 28th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 29th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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



Flowering the Cross

Members and guests are invited to bring a bloom or a small bouquet of flowers to add to the cross that we will decorate together in the narthex outside the sanctuary before Easter Sunday services on April 20.

Pick some flowers from your garden or the store!!



Stations of the Cross & Good Friday

Join us today, April 18th for our Good Friday service at 7:00 pm . All are welcome!

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 14 stations will be at the door for you as you enter.

The last offering will be Good Friday at:

11:00 am
11:40 am
12:20 pm
1 pm
1:40 pm
2:20 pm.



Thank you!

Thank you to our Comfort Quilters for these beautiful quilts that will be used during our Pavilion Kids' Time!



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.

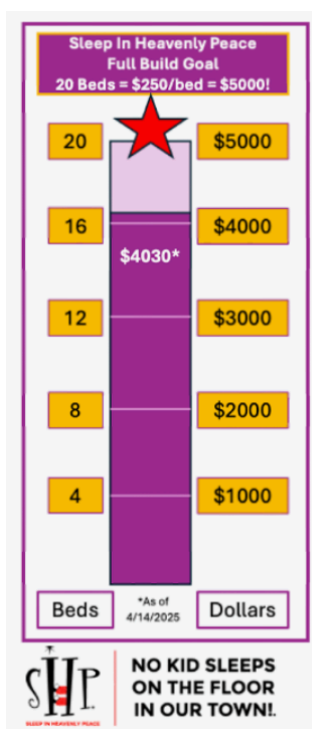
If you missed Kathleen and David Johnston sharing their moving experiences with this ministry please watch the beginning of either the 9a or 11a services on YouTube from March 23rd.

-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.

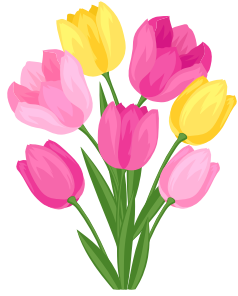
Food Bank Help Day

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.



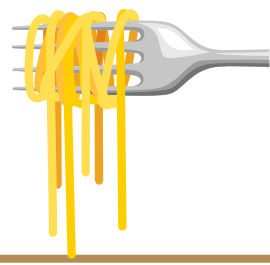
T-48 Re-Shuffle

Tables for Eight (T48) was created to help build our church community one relationship at a time. Three times per year, we form groups of eight, keeping couples together (if they want). We encourage the groups to get together once a month so that everyone has an opportunity to host their group. Hosting could be a gathering at their house with everyone contributing something to the event. It could also be to do a group outing to plays or musicals, playing putt putt or shuffle board, going out to eat, or attending Open Mic night. We want everyone to have an opportunity to get to know each other without placing much burden on any one person or couple. If you have any questions, please ask Jan (jan.saunders.art@gmail.com) or Dave Saunders (david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com).

The next re-shuffle will occur at the beginning of May. Any individuals already participating and continuing next session don't need to do anything. If they are participating now and unable to continue or if they want to join in the fun please contact Jan or I.

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, April 25 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Carrabba's Italian Grill, located at 25054 Sperry Dr. in Westlake. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.



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



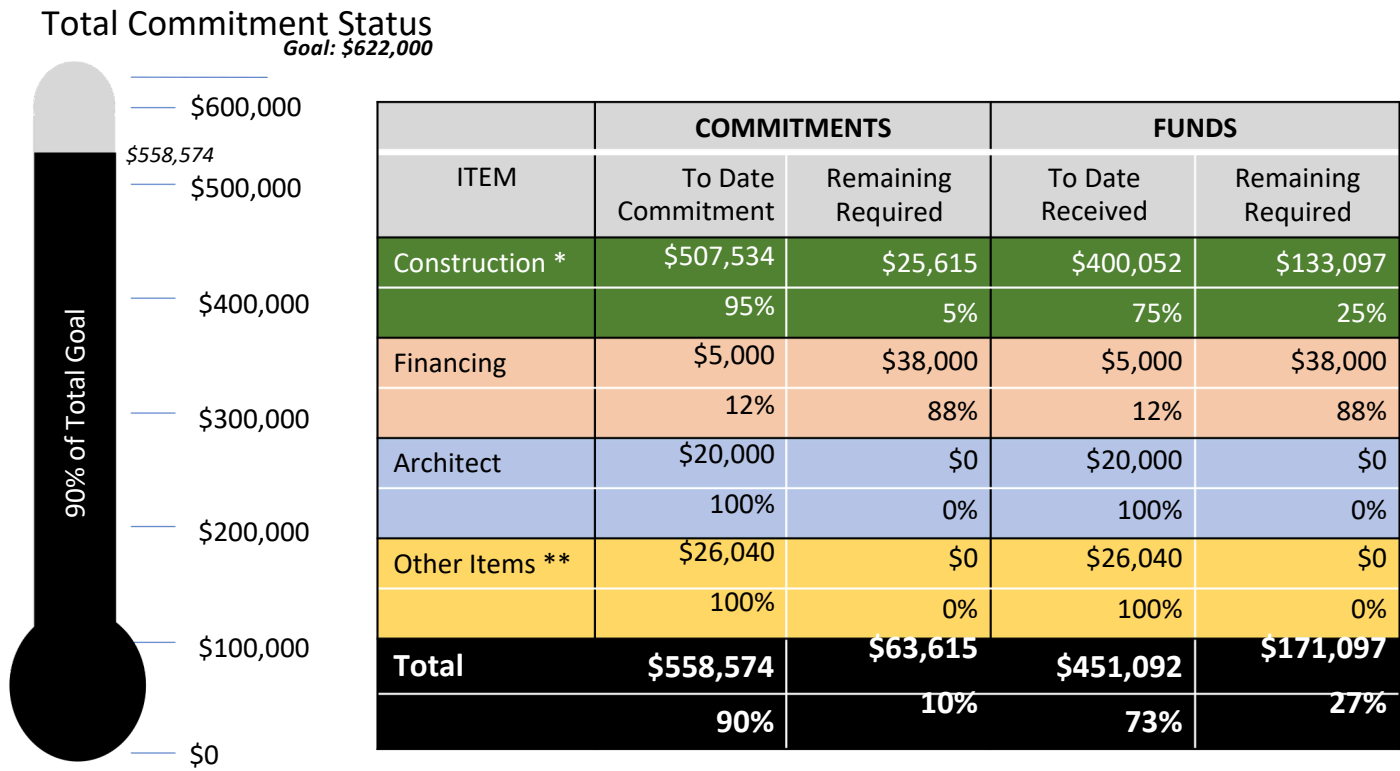
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of March 25, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

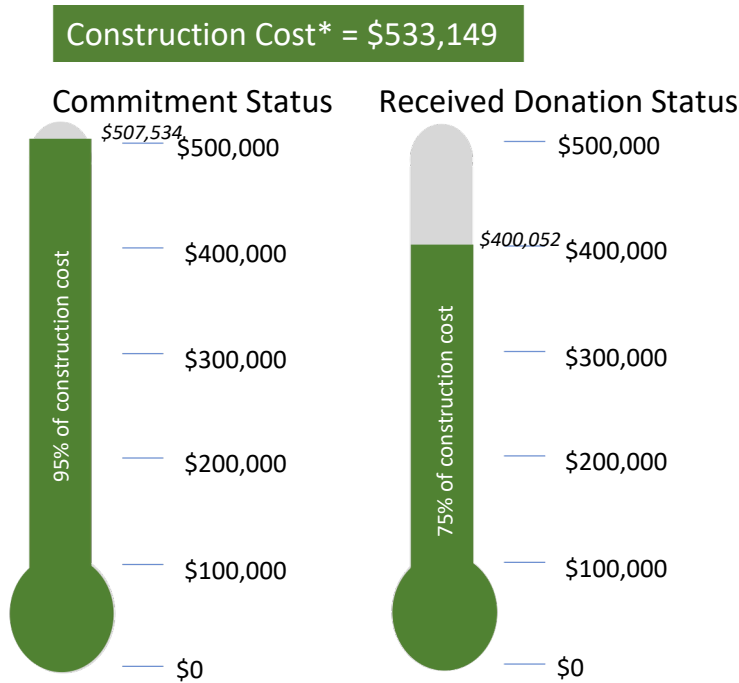
Other Items * = \$26,040



Note: Commitment Status includes “silent” commitments

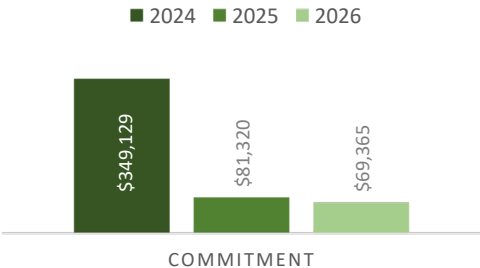
* Includes change orders.
** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches (“fund a bench”), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping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





Mark 11:1-11

1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples 2and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

We wish every day could be a Palm Sunday—Parades, celebrations, everything going the way WE want it to go. You want a Messiah? Here he is. You want power? You got it.

You want something to feel good about? Celebrate. Wave the palm branches. Sing the songs of Hosanna.

BUT, the reality is, every day is NOT Palm Sunday.

We live in a society of every kid gets a trophy. A's on tests are good for the self-esteem. Don't want to discourage them or hurt them in any way.

We also want the same when we grow up—we deserve the best. Best seats—call ahead seating. Best prices, first in line.

But, the reality is, every day is not Palm Sunday. We don't always win. The weather isn't always sunny and 75 degrees.

Not everyone gets a job. Our kids are not always perfect. Relationships don't always last. Sometimes we lose. We get sick. People die.

AND IT HURTS—at the very core of who we are and what we are about, it hurts. A LOT.

The reality is, we don't always win. We don't always get the job. We don't always deserve an A. We don't always stay in a perfect relationship. We don't always experience the best of life.

Things Break. We feel like we are all alone. We lose.

No. Not every day is Palm Sunday. BUT - Jesus did not come for Palm Sunday. Jesus came for Good Friday.

He became Broken, Alone, in the eyes of many, A Loser

He emptied himself and became obedient to death. EVEN death on a cross. If we forget about Good Friday, we miss what Jesus is doing here.

For on the cross he takes the losing, the brokenness, the loneliness, the separation and death. And, it is ALL God's doing.

BUT Good Friday is NOT the final word.

Jesus also came for Easter Sunday. We will talk more about that next week!

Palm Sunday may be what we want. Good Friday—the cross, and Easter Sunday—the empty tomb are what we need!

Let us pray:

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

We remember the day he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. 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!



Or

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. Choose: Club, Grilled Chicken Caesar, Turkey Bacon, Southwest Chicken, or Veggie wrap. Includes chips, pickle & cookie. R.S.V.P. deadline April 28 : Sherryweber@verizon.net or phone 914-924-4451. Contact Sherry Weber with your reservation and wrap choice for lunch. Checks payable: Prince of Peace.

Offerings:	50% for NEOSWO (Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Org.) 50% to Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Cuyahoga County
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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

Pastor Charlie Woodward

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, April 20th, 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:

April 4 th	David Wade (brother of Ruth Williams) Jerry Karp Carol Novotny
April 13 th	Sharon Reidinger George-Ryan Grimes Margie & Chuck Speerbrecher Paulson Family Schaaf family Shirley Samuelson family and their new addition, Abigail Diane Samuelson! Margie & Chuck Speerbrecher
April 20 th	Barb Pogachar Karl Petzinger Emily Saunders

Happy Birthday

04/03 Benjamin Beard	04/18 Benjamin Fortuna
04/03 Luke Ventimiglia	04/18 Francine Molnar
04/03 Tracy Biller	04/19 Mackenzie Juntunen
04/04 Anita Bauknecht	04/19 Susan Stevens
04/04 Samuel Dickey	04/20 Mark Oster
04/05 Becky Rowe	04/20 Matthew Olah
04/05 Cindy Zinram	04/20 Norm Rehack
04/05 Diane Diekroger	04/21 Amy Babinski
04/05 Steve Zinram	04/23 Abbey Smylie
04/07 Haley Hackett	04/23 Carley Frey
04/07 Sarah Bruening	04/24 Laurie Vorobej
04/07 Mason Reisner	04/26 Aili MacKenzie
04/08 Charles Schmidt	04/26 Ellen Babinski
04/10 Jacob Arthur	04/27 Avianna Carimi
04/13 Eli Hallowell	04/28 Becky Kear
04/13 Mark Givens	04/28 Helga Susemihl
04/14 Tim Gibbons	
04/16 Mason Rowe	
04/17 Mark Wiedt	
04/17 Thomas Morton	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

04/07 Grant & Beth Cornick
 04/11 Dave & Laurel Covell
 04/26 Susan & Paul Franz
 04/28 Susan & T.J. Worsencroft

Second Harvest

The requested items for April
 Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31st, 2025:	\$166,588	\$12,812
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:		34%
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$332,442	\$8,524
Total Expenses Incurred through 3/31/2025:	\$137,990	\$10,615



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Date	Online	In Person	Total
04/13/2025	49	189	238
04/06/2025	37	171	208
03/30/2025	32	156	188
03/23/2025	33	157	190

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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.