



April 10th, 2026

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday April 10th

Saturday April 11th

Sunday April 12th

9:00 am Praise Worship  
10:00 am New Membership Class  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday April 13th

7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 14th

1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Doug

Wednesday April 15th

2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday April 16th

Sexton's Day Off  
FLOW on Holiday

Friday April 17th

Pastor Day Off

Saturday April 18th

1:00 pm Art Club

Sunday April 19th

9:00 am Praise Worship  
10:00 am New Membership Class  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday April 20th

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 21st

11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group  
6:15 pm Crossfire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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

## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located at 25779 Brookpark Road in North Olmsted. Please add your name the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

## Vitality Survey

Vitality survey is live until Monday, April 20th.

Please take some time to fill out the survey to help us gather information for the call process. Please click on the link here or go to the POP website. It will just take 15 minutes to help POP find our next pastor. Thank You!

Please click on the link below to access the survey:



## New Membership Class

The new member classes will be between services at 10am for two weeks in Fellowship Hall, join us this weekend on April 12<sup>th</sup> if you have any questions, please email email Adrienne at princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com!

## 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 14 and 15, April 21 and 22, 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

## 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.



## SOAP Bible Study

Join us for the SOAP Bible Study Mondays at 7 pm. The SOAP method is:

**Scripture** - select a verse or few

**Observation** - make a commentary or set of questions/curiosities about your selection

**Application** - identify an application you might practice based on the verse

**Prayer** - make a brief prayer responding to/about your selection/observation or application

Be open or prepared to share your SOAP items during the group meeting. But especially to try it out and observe, you need not share until you are comfortable - perhaps after 3 or 4 sessions. See our scheduled readings below!

April 13 - Luke 24

April 20 - Revelation 19

April 27 - Revelation 21-22

## 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!

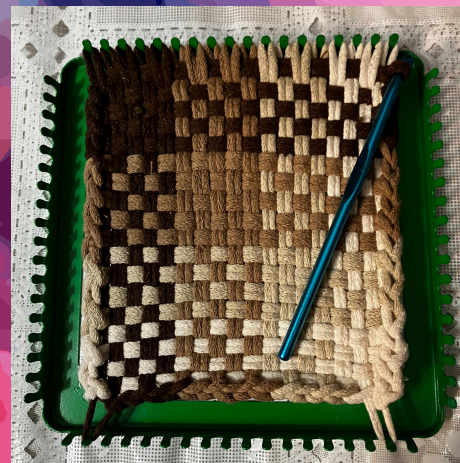
We have the Metro 45 Food truck coming from 4-7 pm! Join us for a great night!




# 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

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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 12th, 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 and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)  
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)  
Max Jensen (Cousin of Jann Daniels)

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

**March 29th**

Sandra Herron  
John Cuciak  
Inez H. (Friend of Deb Gibbons)  
Family and friends of Larry Hsu (Friend of Matt Wenhem)  
Tom Fronczak (Nephew of Barb and Dan Fronczak)  
Mike Merick (Friend of Debra Stewart)

**April 5th**

Emily Saunders  
May Love (Sister of Cindy Zinram)

**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)

# 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  
 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 Feb 28th, 2026:        | \$119,461 | \$14,932 |
| % of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date: | 25%       |          |
| Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget      | \$399,539 | \$9,080  |
| Total Expenses Incurred through 2/28/26   | \$88,704  | \$11,088 |



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## Attendance at Prince of Peace

| Date       | Online | In Person | Total |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 04/05/2026 | 169    | 261       | 430   |
| 04/03/2026 | 167    | 48        | 215   |
| 04/02/2026 | 108    | 54        | 162   |
| 03/29/2026 | 264    | 175       | 439   |

## Prince of Peace Staff

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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.