

March 21st, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday March 21st
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
11:00 am Sally Poirier Memorial
Service

Saturday March 22nd
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday March 23rd
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday March 24th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 25th
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday March 26th
11:45 am Lent Lunch & Study

Thursday March 27th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO Break
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 28th
Pastor's Day Off
8:00 am Life Line Screening
12:15 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday March 29th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 30th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday March 31st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday April 1st
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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



Coffee House & Open Mic Night

Join us for food, fellowship, & good music!

Our next coffee house & open mic night on Saturday,
March 22nd at 6:30 pm at Price of Peace!



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 5:00 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 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 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. Questions? See Dineen Terstage.



Special screening package for \$159 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ **FREE** Hypertension Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
888-814-0466 and use code: **HSCA001**



Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

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.

(Indicate Wrap: Chicken Caesar, McAllister's Club, or Veggie. Includes chips, pickle & cookie)

R.S.V.P. deadline April 28: Sherryweber@verizon.net or phone 914-924-4451

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

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

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



Lent 2025

Wednesday Mid-Day Soup and Study – Fellowship Hall (11:45 am to 1 pm)

March 12 to April 9, we will gather for a Soup Lunch and Study. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am, followed by a time of study using the video and book by Adam Hamilton entitled "The Message of Jesus." We will take turns making soup for the group, and all participants are invited to bring a salad or side dish or bread to share. For more information contact Pastor Charlie.

Prayer Wall

During the season of Lent, a prayer wall will be on a table once again in the narthex, at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God.



March Young at Heart Lunch

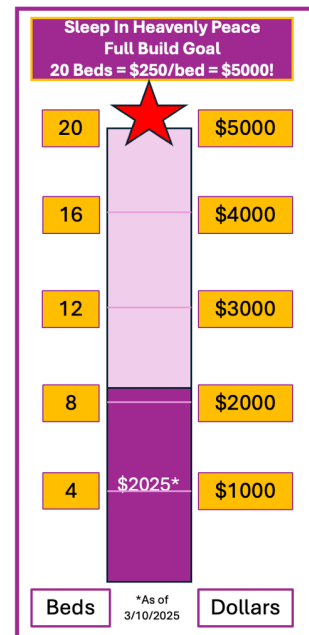
Please join us on Friday, March 28th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 20999 Center Ridge Rd. in Rocky River. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace Update

We are getting closer! Donations are coming in supporting our Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP) ministry which will remain our focus throughout Lent. As you can see in the infographic below, happy to report we are getting closer to our Full Build Goal (20 beds, \$250 per bed, \$5000 total) along with a great start of in-kind donations of sheets and comforters to accompany each bed. **QUICK UPDATE:** Special thank you to the Endowment Committee for also agreeing to match donations to help achieve our goals! Also, we will hear from Kathleen and David Johnston on Sunday, March 23rd as they share their experience recently with Good Knights in Lorain County and previously with Sleep In Heavenly Peace demonstrating what we are doing here makes a difference! Remember to save the date for our Build Date on June 7th! (signups coming soon)

We will continue to update the infographic to track our progress towards reaching our goal and prayerfully ask for continued donations both to fund the beds and in-kind donations of new kids twin bedding: twin "Bedding in Bag" set, kids twin sheet sets, pillows, mattress protectors, comforters, quilts, blankets and throws. PLEASE KEEP THE BEDDING DONATIONS COMING IF ABLE. Thank you to all of those who have donated! Remember, in-kind donations can be left in the SHP Collection Bin located in the Upper Lobby and monetary donations are welcome in any amount. We ask that donations for this project be made through the church (not direct to SHP) as part of your normal offering. PLEASE make sure to add the notation of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" to your donation whether via check (checks made out to Prince of Peace), Tithe.ly, or via envelope. Any questions, please see Diane Merhaut



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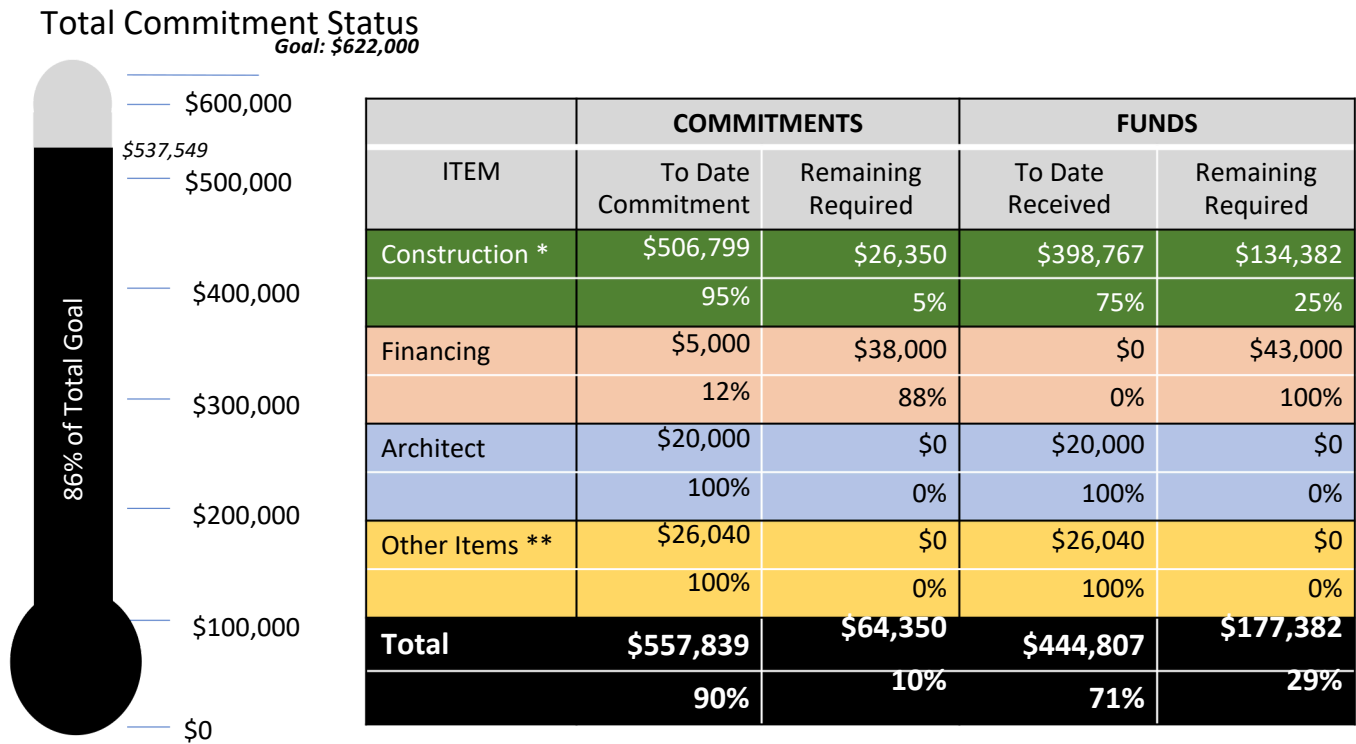
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of February 24, 2025

Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items * = \$26,040



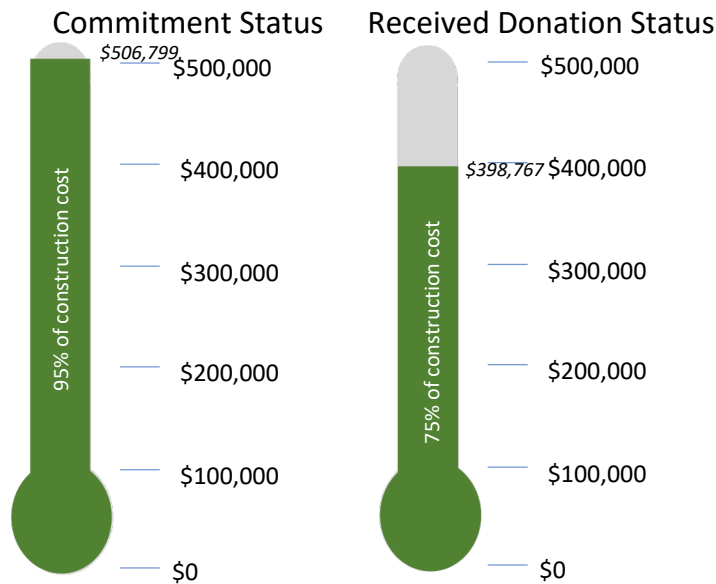
Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

* Includes change orders.

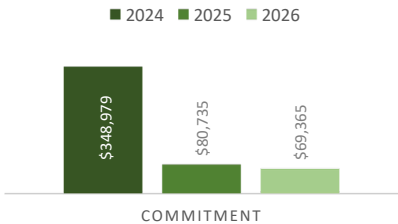
** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches ("fund a bench"), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping not included.

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only
Status as of February 24, 2025

Construction Cost* = \$533,149



COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments * Includes change orders.

Thank you for your continued support of the Peace Pavilion. Our momentum continues as we enter 2025 and are truly blessed to have such generous support across our congregation and community. Here are some recent highlights and milestones:

We reached a 95% commitment level for the Construction of the Peace Pavilion. We reached an 90% commitment level for the overall project with 71% of the total project funds received. We have added a third donor to our "Buckeye" level of commitment for the Peace Pavilion. We received our first pledge for the Financing component of the project. We are excited as our May 4th Dedication Service approaches and again, we are humbled by your continued support.

Sincerely,
The Outdoor Worship Committee

Member Profile Story

LINDA THOMPSON



Linda was born in Los Angeles, California in 1965. She is the 4th child out of 5 kids in the family. She has 3 brothers and 1 sister. They lived in southern California until 1974. The family moved to a town of 500 people in Bruce, South Dakota. Just a little culture shock!

They lived in Bruce for 1 year and then moved to Pierre, South Dakota. Linda graduated from Pierre Sr. High School. After high school, she went to college at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD majoring in Psychology. She spent 2 years there. When Linda was 19, she decided to leave SD and moved to Portland, Oregon.

Linda gained residency in Oregon and then moved to Corvallis, Oregon and went back to school at Oregon State University to finish her degree. After graduation, she moved yet again to Tacoma, Washington. She was only there for about 6 months when she injured her back. Linda's mom had moved back to California and so she moved to Sacramento and lived with her to rehabilitate. Lots of moving!

In Sacramento, Linda worked for the State of California and this is where she met Jeff Thompson. He was from Ohio and they decided to get married and move to Ohio to help his father with the family business.

Jeff and Linda have two children. Adam is 28 years old, has an Engineering degree and works as an Application Engineer at Northrich Company. He lives with his dog Alto in Fairview Park. Their daughter Mariah is 26, has a degree in Higher Education Administration and works at CSU as a coach/advisor for students in the Arts and Science college. She lives in North Olmsted. Linda is glad they are both close to her. No grandkids yet, but both of her children are happy and healthy, and she is grateful for that.

Linda is single and lives in North Olmsted with her brother Paul who is disabled and unable to live on his own. She doesn't currently have any fur babies but who knows what the future will bring.

Linda has worked in the field of Human Resources for 25 years and currently she is the HR Director for Spitzer Automotive. She has 2 wonderful ladies that work for her and the 3 of them manage the 27 dealerships, a Marina, a Golf Course and the Hardware store. Spitzer is in 3 states and has about 1250 employees. This keeps her very busy. Every day is different and just when you think you have heard it all, you haven't!

Linda started attending Prince of Peace regularly in 1999. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. Her sponsor was Beth Cornick and they continue to be close friends! She calls POP and the people there her family and they have been a significant source of faith, joy and support. She has been involved in Social Ministry, on multiple call committees, fellowship groups and Linda currently serves on Church Council and the Engagement Committee!

In her free time, Linda enjoys gardening, hiking, theatre, music, the water, traveling and home renovation. She also enjoys just a quiet night at home relaxing. People probably wouldn't expect her to be a motorcycle enthusiast, and she has her own motorcycle! Hopefully she can spend more time on the bike this summer. Linda is looking forward to more travel and adventures in the future!

Linda has followed her dreams throughout life and made an impact along the way. Her Faith, Family and Commitment shows her character. She contributes much to our church in the many roles she has filled. Leadership is a strong part of what makes her tick! You can connect with Linda at the Contemporary Service and many other times as she always seeks to spread God's Love!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

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





Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV)

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Serve the Lord

The Old Testament Prophet Micah shares the Word of the Lord with the people of the southern kingdom of Israel. Their neighbors to the north have been taken into captivity, and the writing on the wall is that this remnant is next. They have forgotten God's plan of justice where the vulnerable are cared for by others. Micah offers a vision of the future, when people will walk in God's ways, adhere to God's will and follow God's path. The people "...will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid." (Micah 4:3-4) This is what God will do.

God reminds the people of when God delivered the people from Egypt and lead them to the promised land, and how God has been faithful in God's saving acts and covenant. This is what God has done.

In response, what does God require? Great sacrifices? Elaborate worship? Incredible offerings? No.

Here it is –
Do Justice
Love Kindness
Walk Humbly

Got it?

Our service is in response to God's faithfulness. Martin Luther stated that our service is our natural response to God. Luther wrote, "God doesn't your good works. Your neighbor does." (Wingren, Luther on Vocation, 10). And if you need a definition of neighbor, the parable of the Good Samaritan is where to turn (Luke 10:25-37). Jesus is asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Who is it I am to love as I love myself? A short answer to the question is "YOU are the neighbor."

Do you know your neighbor? What do they need? What can you offer? Why don't you ask?

In response to God's love, forgiveness and hope, that even while were yet sinners, God's only son, Jesus Christ gives his life for you and me, we serve.

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Let us pray:

Almighty God, forgive us of our selfish ways, and turn our focus to those you have placed before us. Use our hands and feet to do your will, share your love, and proclaim your good news. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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, March 21st, 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:

March 9th	Chuck Sieving
March 16th	John Cuciak
	Paula Collister (Sister in law of Liz Grider)
	Lynn Henry
March 21st	Family & Friends of Sally Poirier
	Ruth Williams
	George-Ryan Grimes (son-in-law of Mike and Sherry Weber)

Happy Birthday

03/01 Judy Cuciak	03/23 Dale Mortensen
03/01 Mary Olah	03/24 Xavier Worsencroft
03/01 Sandra Zanders	03/27 Fran Wilhelm
03/01 Rusty Blakeslee	03/27 Judy Heimbuch
03/07 Isaac Worsencroft	03/27 Kyle Hallowell
03/07 Shawn Merhaut	03/27 Pamela Ventimiglia
03/08 Mark Drobnak	03/28 Joseph Fortuna
03/10 Jim Jaracz	03/28 Zack Dragony
03/12 Lisa Arrigo	03/29 Dominic Carimi
03/13 Brooke Kovach	03/29 Kathryn Schworm
03/13 Judy Kazak	03/29 William Franz
03/14 Karen Givens	03/30 Mary Sheridan
03/15 John Bontempo	03/31 Doug Leavens
03/16 Jon Wilhelm	
03/19 Carter Bruneau	
03/20 Emma Goggin	
03/21 Sandy Connell	
03/21 Richard Balch	
03/22 Lisa Woodward	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Date	Online	In Person	Total
03/16/2025	31	144	175
03/09/2025	49	149	198
03/05/2025	22	66	88
03/02/2025	43	148	191

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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.

Second Harvest

The requested items for March
Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Feb. 28th, 2025:	\$130,383	\$16,298
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	27%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$368,617	\$8,378
Total Expenses Incurred through 2/28/25:	\$84,499	\$10,562



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