



July 5th, 2024

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday July 5th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday July 6th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 7th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday July 8th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday July 9th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday July 10th  
6:00 pm Sisters in Spirit- Huntington Beach

Thursday July 11th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday July 12th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday July 13th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 14th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Christian Education  
1:00 pm Buds & Suds Golf Outing for Youth  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday July 15th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study  
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday July 16th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

## Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Housing & Shelter

Prince of Peace has received a request from Lydia Bailey, the Coordinator of Volunteers at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Housing & Shelter (LMM).

The following items are needed:

- New men's underwear
- Gently used or new men's pants which are smaller than size 40. Presently, the shelter only has large sized pants, over size 40!

The following toiletries are needed:

- Bar soap or body wash
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Lotion (travel size)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Deodorant (regular size)
- Disposable razors, shaving cream
- Foot powder
- Combs & picks, or brushes
- Washcloth and towel to include in toiletry pack
- Pocket size Kleenex pack



There will be a collection box available now through the end of July. If you would rather give cash for items to be purchased, please provide a check can made out to Prince of Peace with LMM Donations in the memo.

# 7th “almost” Annual National Youth Gathering Golf Outing 4-Person 9-Hole Scramble

Proceeds to benefit POP teens trip to NYG

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>\* 1pm at Bob-O-Links on Route 83 in Avon



Dinner and raffle prizes after golf. Come for dinner only at 4pm.

\$50 per person for 9 holes, cart, dinner

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace note the Youth Gathering in the memo line. Sign up your foursome at POP or contact Dave Covell to sign up.

This event is organized by the Buds & Suds Men’s Group of Prince of Peace

For more info please contact Dan Fronczak at (440)221-6411 or Dave Covell (440) 567-4101

\*Inclement weather - golf may be canceled, but dinner is still on starting at 4:30 pm

Travel Quest's

# BASEBALL

Night



TICKET ONLY

**\$14**

\$5 CONCESSION

VOUCHER

FRIDAY

**23**

AUGUST

7:05 PM

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS

**VS**

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS

**CRUSHER STADIUM**

Avon, OH

**FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW AFTER THE GAME!**

**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX. SIGNUP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH.**

## Comfort Quilters

The Comfort Quilters are looking for donations of fabric for our beautiful quilts. We use cotton and cotton blends. Also, printed and solid sheets. Any donations of batting or fleece would also be appreciated.

Fabric can be dropped off in our bin across from the office. Any questions call Becky Wagoner (440)781-5229 or Diane Fortuna (440)785-8754.



## Sister's in Spirit

Wednesday July 10, 6 pm  
Huntington Beach



Bring your dinner & beverage. In the event of rain, we will go to the covered pavilion. There will be live music from 5 - 8pm (Bobby St. Vincent, acoustic favorites). Be aware that there may be more people due to this and parking might be limited, so you might want to consider carpooling. No RSVP is needed. If you have questions, reach out to Laurel Covell ([thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com), 440 725-4237).

## Volunteers Needed!

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. It is a day for the ELCA community and ALL POP members to participate in volunteer projects for the greater good.



The Engagement committee is looking for volunteers [of all ages] to help plan the GWOH's activities at Prince of Peace. In the past we have had projects for Home (at POP), Near (in the CLE area i.e. lunches for the homeless, landscaping and painting for elderly members of the community, etc.) and Far (Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits).

How else are we called to serve? WE NEED YOUR HELP AND IDEAS Please contact Diane Merhaut at 440-897-0368 or email [drmerhaut22@gmail.com](mailto:drmerhaut22@gmail.com) or Deb Gibbons at 216-272-6134 or [gibbons.95@gmail.com](mailto:gibbons.95@gmail.com) Watch also for sign ups and informational meetings to discuss further.

## Young At Heart Lunch- July

Please join us on Friday, July 26th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Tony K's Bar and Grille, located at 841 West Bagley Rd. in Berea.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler.





Join us at  
Camp Do Good.  
Give Blood.



American  
Red Cross

WELCOME



**Blood Drive**  
Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
28455 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake, OH 44145  
Sunday, July 21, 2024  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go  
to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: POP2024



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**Be part of something big. Make an appointment.**

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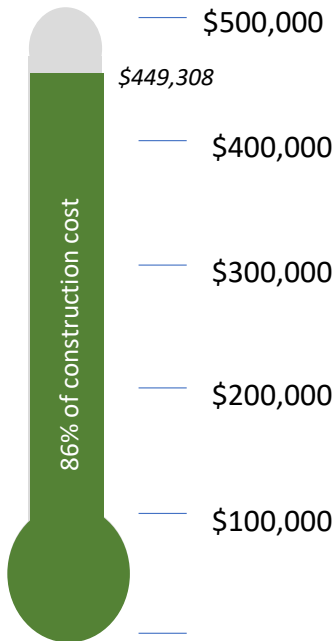
# Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign

## Status as of July 3, 2024

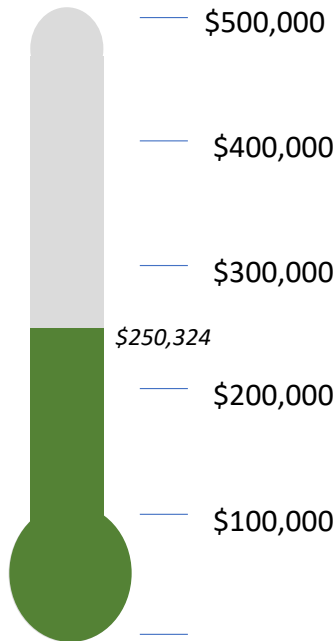
[Commitment Card Link](#)

Construction Cost = \$521,793

### Commitment Status

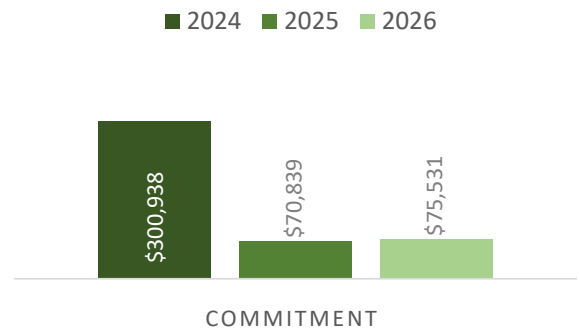


### Received Donation Status



Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	

### COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

## Prince of Peace - Peace Pavilion Projects

Some tasks are not included in the pavilion installation work and are to be provided by our congregation. This provides an opportunity to support this project by working together where individual skills and interest apply. Task descriptions are shown below. **If you want to be included in one or more of the task groups, please notify Phil Sprague at ([psprague@breezelineohio.net](mailto:psprague@breezelineohio.net)), text at 440-665-6284, or sign up on the sheet in the Lower Narthex.**



**Audio/Visual:** The Peace Pavilion will have the same audio/visual capability as we have in the sanctuary. There will be a sound system and a large outdoor TV. This group will work with the pavilion contractor to implement installation of the required communications cables for the sound system and TV operation. Work will also include design and installation of "performance wiring" as required for the Contemporary Service and the C House & Open Mic for example. Speaker mounting and installation is also required as part of this work.



**Pavilion Cross Building:** As shown on the pavilion renderings, a large wooden cross will be located on the upper roof of the pavilion. The design might be similar to the cross in front of the church. This group will design and construct the cross. Mounting will be done by the pavilion contractor. The cross will have LED lighting.



**Bench Building:** Our Peace Pavilion will have seating for 175 people on benches. Forty-Four benches are required and two have already been assembled as samples. Two benches can be easily converted into one picnic table. This group will assemble the remaining 42 benches and coordinate material purchases. Material would be stored in the garage and construction done most likely outside.



**Landscaping:** Landscaping will add to the beauty of our pavilion. This group will develop a "landscape plan" and conduct the required fund raising to support this task. The goal is to add beauty while minimizing required maintenance. Some landscaping is included in the pavilion contractor's scope of work so congregational cooperation will be required. Plant donations from the congregation will be considered.



**Peace Pavilion Marketing:** The pavilion will enhance our worship opportunities as well as other church functions but it also must be marketed to the surrounding communities. This can be a major outreach tool and bring others to know us if we advertise it effectively. Pastor Charlie will lead this group.



WE HAVE MONARCH BUTTERFLY CATERPILLARS IN OUR POLLINATOR GARDEN! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GARDEN AND LETTING THE MILKWEED THRIVE. THE FLOWERS SMELL LOVELY AND PROVIDE SO MUCH LIFE TO OUR BUMBLE BEE, BUTTERFLY, AND INSECT FRIENDS. STAY TUNED FOR BUTTERFLY UPDATES FROM HILARY!



OUR MONARCH CATERPILLARS WILL BE RAISED WITH PROTECTION BY THE YOUTH AND MONITORED AS THEY GROW. ONCE THEY EMERGE FROM CHRYSALIS THEY WILL BE RELEASED TO MAKE THEIR JOURNEY TO MEXICO! OUR MONARCHS ARE NAMED SOCKS, JACKSON, MUFFIN, AND DAISY!





# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Matthew 11:25-30

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

A yoke is a horizontal wooden bar that is laid on the necks of oxen when they are harnessed to the plow or maybe to a cart. The Jewish community knew the yoke of Torah (the Old Testament law) when they submitted to the authority of the Lord. Again and again in the Old Testament, the yoke is a symbol of authority and taking a yoke upon us, a symbol of submitting to that authority.

But Jesus offers a different view of this image. I imagine Jesus working in his father's carpentry shop before his ministry began. Together with Joseph, I imagine they made a few yokes for the local farmers over the years.

A farmer comes to the shop and asks for a new yoke for his beasts of burden. To make sure the proper tool crafted, the farmer brings the animals with him. He waits patiently under an olive tree until the Jesus the carpenter takes the time to approach the animals slowly and gently - so as not to startle them. He carefully measures them - their height, their width, the space between them, the size of their shoulders. He works very slowly and carefully - taking his time - until he is satisfied that he knows the animals well - knows where their strengths are - and where they might be vulnerable to pressure or too much weight. Then Jesus tells the man to return with his oxen in a week or so.

When the man returns, Jesus again approaches the oxen slowly and quietly. They have learned in such a short time to trust this gentle man. So they allow him to place the new yoke over their shoulders. He checks carefully for any roughness that might chafe or rub. Removing the yoke, he smooths out the edges. Again he takes his time. It's essential that the yoke fit perfectly if this team is to be able to do its work well. And so when he is done, the yoke is an exact fit for this particular team of oxen.

Jesus invites us to come to him to find rest. But it seems a rather odd notion of rest - doesn't it? He wants us to wear a yoke on our shoulders. Oh, he assures us that his yoke is easy. Yet somehow, the idea of wearing a yoke doesn't sound all that easy to me. But if we look at the Greek word for "easy", we find that it can also mean "well-fitting."

When I think about something that fits well - I think of things like a comfortable pair of shoes, or tailor-made suit. I think about harmonies that blend so delicately when a small group sings in perfect harmony. I think about the intricate balance of life on this planet earth - where everything is created to fit in a particular place, in a particular way. I think about how God made each one of us, knitting us in our mothers' wombs...making us to God's exact specifications.

That is the fit Jesus is offering to you and to me.

Let us Pray: Dear God, fit us for your service. We thank you that the ministry to which you call us yokes us together with your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless us in our service to you and to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



# Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for our next OMNI Bluz Event! We will be holding it on October 13th! Be a part of OMNI's biggest annual fundraiser!



## Second Harvest

For April through June the requested items are pasta, canned fish & packaged fruits



## Giving Data

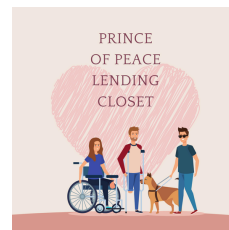
### Operating Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of May 31st, 2024:	\$205,672	\$9,793.91
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	42%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$280,328	\$9,042.84
Total Expenses incurred through 2/29/24	\$203,710	\$9,700.48



## Lending Closet

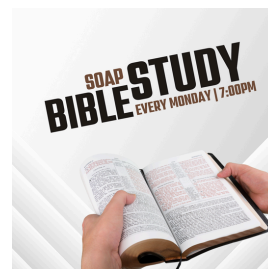
Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane? Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



## SOAP Bible Study

Schedule:

- July 1 - Luke 8
- July 8 - Luke 9



## Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.





Sunday, July 7, 2024  
Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Don Chismar	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Patty Doran	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Dawn Higgins	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Jayne Kramic	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Angela Missig	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Jenn Pitts	
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Mike Hosler	
Ron Filkill	
Chris Sikora	
Claudette Plavan	
Hilary Mason	
Kathy and Tim Needham	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

June 23	Will (Per Deb Gibbons request) The Bauknecht Family Lois Smilor and her Family Judy Kazak
June 30	Martha Keaton (Wanda Keaton's mother) Dave & Debbie Linn (Barb Fronczak's brother in law and her sister) Jane (Dick Hardy's friend) Dick Hardy Family and friends of Roberta Pischler (Sally Poirier's friend) Larry (Jan Saunders' neighbor) Carrie (Jan Saunders' neighbor) Jan Schoch Liz (Dan & Barb Fronczak's daughter)
July 7	Les Larson Mary Owens (Jan Juhn's family friend) Roberta Pischle (Sally and Roberta Poirier's friend)

# Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
06/30/2024	30	139	169
06/23/2024	44	120	164
06/16/2024	-		142
06/09/2024	54	157	211

- 07/01 Doreen Taylor
- 07/01 Rachel Zinram
- 07/02 Jacob Burdette
- 07/02 Pat Sprague
- 07/02 Sue Hosler
- 07/03 Samantha Thomas
- 07/04 Conor Rowe
- 07/05 Ella Billings
- 07/05 Kristi Draper
- 07/07 Brianna Johnson
- 07/07 Sandy Herren
- 07/08 Larry Nickel
- 07/09 Beth Hilston
- 07/11 David Pogachar
- 07/14 Gail Pogue
- 07/15 Dania Beard
- 07/15 Garrett Dutkig
- 07/16 Luke Andrus
- 07/17 Brandon Duktig
- 07/17 Len Skulina
- 07/18 Karen Hallowell
- 07/18 Mary Mayer
- 07/19 Diane Merhaut
- 07/19 Kevin Olah
- 07/21 Nora Franz
- 07/22 Lola Wenham
- 07/24 Emery Lavin
- 07/24 Paige Dickey
- 07/25 Grace Jagels
- 07/26 Liz Lavin
- 07/26 Gerry Wilhelm
- 07/28 Carol Leavens
- 07/28 Maddie Bruening
- 07/30 Deb Winar
- 07/31 Judy Rolik
- 07/31 Marilyn Wingfield

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 07/01 Deb & Tim Gibbons
- 07/01 Patty & Bill Beard
- 07/03 Chris & Sara Burdette
- 07/03 Mary Sue & Ron Claus
- 07/08 Michelle & Scott Goggin
- 07/12 Bud & Sandra Zanders
- 07/12 Mike & Sherry Weber
- 07/16 Shawn & Diane Merhaut
- 07/21 Jon & Teresa Peter
- 07/24 Anita & Russ Bauknecht
- 07/25 Jan & Craig Juhn
- 07/27 Bill & Laurie Vorobej
- 07/29 Jim & Paige Dickey IV
- 07/31 Becky & Joe Rowe

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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.

