



July 12th, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

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

Wednesday July 17th
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday July 18th
Sexton's Day Off
10:00 am Herb Guild Workshop
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday July 19th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday July 20th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 21st
8 am- 5 pm Blood Drive
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday July 22nd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday July 23rd
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.

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.



Blood Pressure Screening

A free blood pressure screening will be offered between services on Sunday July 14th!



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 or Deb Gibbons at 216-272-6134 or 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 and enter Sponsor Code: POP2024



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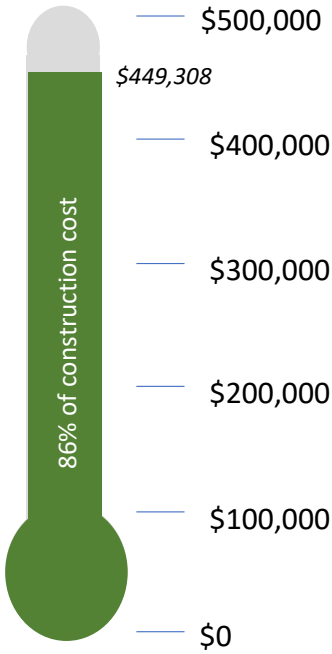
Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign

Status as of July 3, 2024

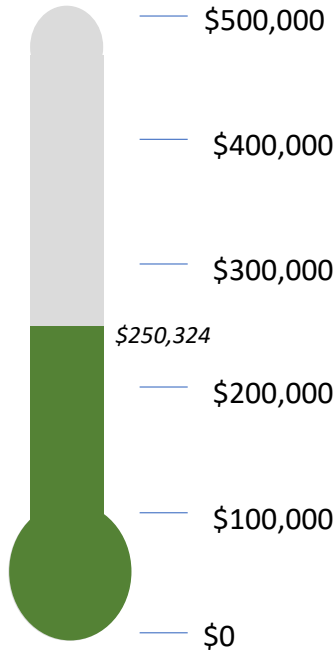
Commitment Card Link

Construction Cost = \$521,793

Commitment Status



Received Donation Status



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	4
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	8
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	9
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	14

COMMITMENT BY YEAR

■ 2024 ■ 2025 ■ 2026



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), 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 Coffee 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. Materials 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.



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John 12:44-50

44 Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. 47 I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, 49 for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

These words of Jesus come at the end of his public ministry. In the following chapter, Jesus gathers with his disciples on the night he is betrayed, washes their feet, and gives them a new commandment to love one another. These words are a summary of his teachings. Throughout the Gospel of John there are references to darkness and light. In these final words, Jesus states it clearly – I have come as light into the world.

Like any good book, the summary brings us back to the beginning. In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, we read these words:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)

Light reveals things that darkness hides. This can be a good thing. It can also be a scary thing. For the truth is that there are things that we wish could stay hidden in the darkness. We hide it in the deepest, darkest corner we can find, and we hope no one will ever find it. The light that shines in the darkness comes to you and me to shed light even on those dark places. But we need not fear, for the good news of Jesus Christ is that even the darkest crevices of our being, the things we wish could be hidden away forever, the deepest pits are not going to keep the light of Christ from shining in our lives, and the love of God filling our hearts. God knows you. God knows your joys, your sorrows, your highs and lows, the things you have done and left undone. God knows you, and everything about you. God knows the things you proudly display in the light, as well as the things you hide away in the dark. God knows you.

And the one God knows is the one God loves. The light of God breaks through the darkness, and light wins. A light brought into a dark room is not overcome by the darkness. The light shines in the darkness.

A quote attributed to Martin Luther King Jr. – "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." (A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches)

May the light of God shine in our hearts, and may the love of God be reflected in all we say and do!

One of my favorite hymns is "I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light." Kathleen Thomerson is the Organist and Music Director at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" is the only known hymn she has had published in any hymnals. She also wrote the tune for the hymn.

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Let us Pray: Dear God, let your light shine in my life, in my heart, and in my home. Forgive me of the darkness your reveals, and free me to live as a child of your light, forgiven and set free. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Walk



Prince of Peace offers many missions to engage our members in doing God's Work. As many know, we have partnered with Habitat for Humanity for many years with a goal of providing safe and affordable housing for families in need. In recent years, Habitat Cleveland has rehabbed or completed 30 new homes each year . What a gift to neighborhoods that have now blossomed into caring communities! A dedicated team of our volunteers car pool together several times each week. Of course, there are many skill levels offered, but all are welcome to participate.

A huge event is taking place at Edgewater Park on Saturday, July 20. Starting at 8 am, a yearly Fundraiser will begin along our beautiful lakefront. Everyone supporting Habitat is invited to enjoy healthy snacks, music, comradery, coffee, and of course Donuts! We pray for good weather as the 1 mile or 5K paths will be full. Many bring their 4 legged family members, and strollers are regularly seen with the next generation of walkers. Walkers work to secure pledges through an online site, the money is used to reinvest into upcoming projects. Pastor Charlie, Sue Hesse and Ron Kear will speak about this at an upcoming service. You can also talk with volunteers wearing the Habitat Walk shirts. Be sure to review the information in the lobby so you can get involved, the day is fast approaching.

Let me provide some background on our local Habitat Chapter. Pastor John and Mary Evans started a chapter in the 1970's. They did their own fundraising and built 20 homes in the early days. As they retired, they realized that to take this mission to the next level, a dynamic leader was needed. They found a man very knowledgeable in the trades and was involved in building the Cleveland Browns Stadium. Ron Kear accepted the role happily and has continued for the last 25 years! Ron Kear, is instrumental in planning our work and provides updates and hands-on training as needed. He makes sure our work supplies are ready at the job site, and tools needed are available. We often work with other volunteer groups and individuals committed to this cause. A team from various churches and other organizations often serve lunch, which was led many times by Becky Kear and POP members. This is a "well oiled machine" that knows how to get the job done. Other groups also work to beautify streets with new landscaping and repairs to existing homes.

As we have been Blessed, let us work to be a Blessing to others. You can see many Biblical principles at work here. A volunteer goes home feeling they "Have Loved their neighbor as themselves." I could write many stories to reveal many behind the scenes activities happening to support these efforts. I apologize for leaving anyone out as all contributions are equally important. The Comfort Quilters have provided a move-in package of blankets and personalized linens for each new home owner and family member. The Endowment Committee has stepped up to match the funds raised to put us as the number one walk team last year, and we are on track to repeat this year.

Habitat also works hard to prepare homeowners for the future. A rigorous application process is used to be sure the work we do will succeed when the keys are turned over. They will receive an affordable mortgage that can be repaid like most families have, and become contributing members of communities. New families must devote many hours at the site putting in their "sweat equity" . They receive home maintenance training in classroom settings at the headquarters. Financial Literacy skills are also taught by staff. This ensures a "WIN - WIN" for all parties. Research has shown that children raised in a safe home with a loving family do much better in school and life !

Many local and national companies have joined the cause. Construction supplies and many other items are donated to complete the project. Paint, flooring, appliances, cabinets, plumbing, lighting and other items are regularly delivered as needed. The many people involved are too big to list, but know you can be part of this too. Volunteers are always needed, and if the work site is not your choice, Habitat has many other opportunities to help. The 3 "Habitat Re-Stores" in our northeast Ohio region accept donations of home items that are sold in their retail/ warehouse buildings . This is another way to contribute as they need cashiers, stockers, and any skill a retail outfit would require.

POP is a place where God is at work. Follow your heart and it will be filled with His Love! Please click the link below to get more information, look for Teams section and click on POP Westlake to register to walk or donate funds:

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

[Click Here](#)

Fundraising Team: POP WESTLAKE



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

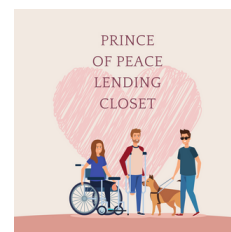
Operating Giving Report

	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

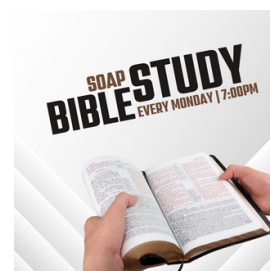
Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane? Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



SOAP Bible Study

Schedule:

July 15 - Luke 10



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.



Prayer LIST

Sunday, July 14, 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	
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
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 30	Martha Keaton (Wanda Keaton's mother) Dave & Debbie Linn (Barb Fronczak's brother in law and her sister) Jane (Dick Hardy's friend) Family and friends of Roberta Pischler (Sally Poirier's friend) Larry (Jan Saunders' neighbor) Carrie (Jan Saunders' neighbor) Jan Schoch
July 7	Liz (Dan & Barb Fronczak's daughter) Les Larson Mary Owens (Jan Juhn's family friend)
July 14	Helen Comnick Lowell Dillon Kathy Kettler Emily Saunders

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/07/2024	53	152	185
06/30/2024	30	139	169
06/23/2024	44	120	164
06/16/2024	-		142

- 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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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.



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