



February 7th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday February 7th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 8th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday February 9th
Welcome New Members!
10:15 am Congregational Meeting
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
2:00 pm TQ Event- Mr. Holland's Opus

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

Tuesday February 11th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday February 12th
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study with Pastor Charlie

Thursday February 13th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 14th
Happy Valentine's Day!
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 15th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday February 16th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts
12:00 pm Cat Cafe

Monday February 17th
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 February 18th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

Sisters in Spirit

We will meet Saturday, March 1st, for a movie night at 5:30pm, We will be meeting in the High School Youth Room. Bring your own dinner.

No RSVP needed. Contact Joan Drobnak at jdrobn@gmail.com or Beth Connick at bconnick@outlook.com with questions



Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We'd like to give a warm welcome to our newest members! Please help us in welcoming Luis Castro and Nina Wu and Mark & Debra Stewart! We are so glad to have you as part of our church family!



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, 440-871-6673.



Love Inc

There is a poster near the lower entrance so you can sign up for a month to support Love Inc! We still have quite a few openings! Please consider stopping by and signing up!



Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to POP. The 2024 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2025. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace. To direct Choice Dollars log on to Thrivent.com (<https://www.thrivent.com>) or call (800) 847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at timothy.regan@thrivent.com.

February Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, February 28th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Harry Buffalo, located at 4824 Great Northern Blvd. in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



Travel Quest

Please join us for our next Travel Quest event! We will be seeing Opus at Clague Playhouse, on Sunday, February 9th at 2:00 pm.

There are a few tickets left. Contact Fran Wilhelm for information! msfiddlesticks@hotmail.com



Update for SHP

Save the date for our Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build on Saturday, June 7th!

We are now collecting monetary donations to support materials for our Sleep In Heavenly Peace build on June 7th. Each bed costs \$250 with a goal to support a Full Build of 20 beds, or \$5000.

Additionally, we are now accepting donations of new kids twin bedding. The bedding needed is twin "Bedding in Bag" set, kids twin sheet sets, pillows, mattress protectors, comforters, quilts, blankets and throws. The bedding can be left on the bunk beds in the narthex.

Monetary donations can be placed in the collection baskets, entered into the Tithe.ly portal or sent to Prince of Peace. PLEASE be sure to note Sleep in Heavenly Peace on the memo line.

Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut.

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.

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Barbins

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I share with you this letter from Laura Barbins, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod. I encourage you to take time to read it and stay informed.



May we continue our mission to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love and Live in Peace.

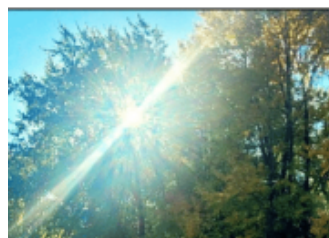
Peace,

Pastor Charlie

2024 Annual Report!

Thank you to Wendy Hansen who has worked tirelessly to make the 2024 Annual Report!

It's available on the website and linked here!
Enjoy!



Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church
Annual Report
2024





January 27, 2025

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,
You are invited to our annual congregational meeting scheduled for

Sunday, February 9th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Sanctuary.

During the meeting, we will

- Review 2024.
- Preview 2025.
- Elect council and endowment committee members.
- Have an open discussion.

The 2024 annual report will be available for review on our website (www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) by Monday, February 3rd. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We are in a good financial position and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and expand our mission. We look forward to 2025 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

Happy New Year!

Dave Covell
Council President
Email: thecovells@gmail.com

Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Live in Peace

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus Status as of January 29, 2025

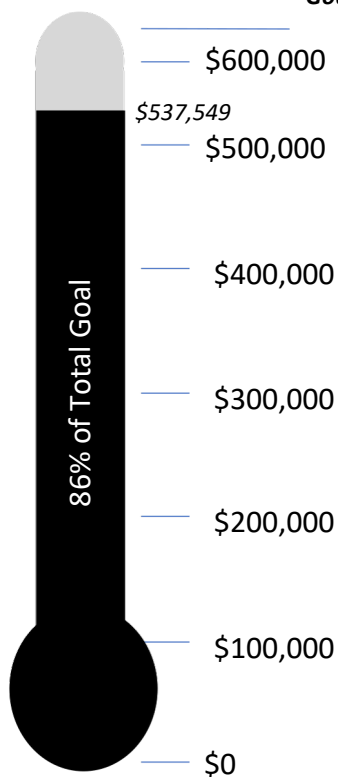
Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items * = \$26,040

Total Commitment Status Goal: \$622,000



ITEM	COMMITMENTS		FUNDS	
	To Date Commitment	Remaining Required	To Date Received	Remaining Required
Construction *	\$491,509	\$41,640	\$380,347	\$152,802
	92%	8%	71%	29%
Financing	\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,000
	0%	100%	0%	100%
Architect	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Other Items **	\$26,040	\$0	\$26,040	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Total	\$537,549	\$84,640	\$426,387	\$195,802
	86%	14%	69%	31%

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.

Thank you for the continued giving to the Peace Pavilion. We continue to make progress! Here are some highlights:

- We have commitments now for 86% of the total cost of the project including Architect Fees (100%), Construction (92%), Other Items such as Audio/Visual, Benches, Altar (100%), and Financing (0%).
- We have received 69% of the total funding including 71% of the Construction Funds.
- Beginning this month, we will make monthly loan payments (principal and interest) to the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. The sooner we receive cash, the less our project finance costs.

We are humbled and grateful to all of you who have committed and given your time, talents, and resources to this project. As we move into our second year of the capital campaign, please prayerfully consider a fresh look at your pledge and ability to give. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any committee members. Thank you!

In His service, The Peace Pavilion Committee

Phil Sprague (Chair)

Jim Dickey

Mary Meadows

Evan Saunders

Dineen Terstage

Pastor Charlie Woodward

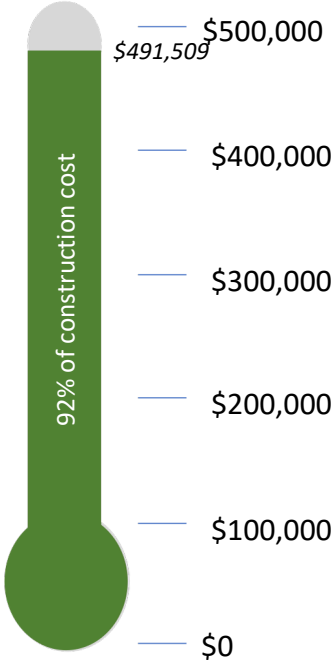
Steve Zinram

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only

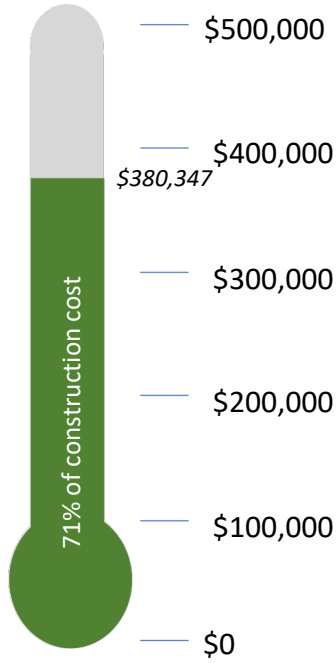
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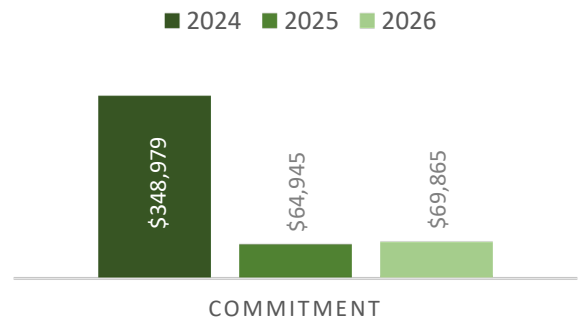


Received Donation Status



Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	5
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	10
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	25

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

* Includes change orders.



HELP TACKLE HUNGER



Sunday February 9th
SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday
9AM and 11AM Services



**JOIN US IN COLLECTING FUNDS TO
PROVIDE HOT MEALS AT THE 2100
LAKESIDE MEN'S SHELTER**

Join us at the

CAT CAFE



Sunday Feb. 23rd
12pm - 2pm

Enjoy sweet treats and time
with adoptable kitties!

Leave from POP at 11:20AM
Water bottle sticker available for
this event!

**Limited spaces! Text
Hilary to sign up**





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





Exodus 16:9-18

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11 The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. 16 This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" 17 The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. 18 But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

This takes place early on in the Israelites time in the wilderness. Recently freed from slavery in Egypt and a triumphant escape through the parted waters of the Red Sea, they find themselves with no water, no food, and lots of other things to complain about. And complain they do. Several times before this passage, and twice in this chapter. They complain, and God hears their complaints and delivers!

And when God provides, God doesn't hold back.

Notice the promise God makes in verse 12 — you shall eat meat, and you shall have your fill of bread.

God makes a promise and God keeps the promise made.

Look at verse 13. Quails came and covered the camp! Can you imagine what that would be like? A personal note here — I hate birds. The Alfred Hitchcock movie about birds is the most terrifying thing I have ever seen. So this is not a pleasant thought. I also imagine the quails left some messes behind as well. But I digress.

Quails — chicken for dinner!

And manna — that flaky bread dough material that is bread from heaven. God provides.

God also gives direction. Each person is to collect an omer worth of manna.

Now its not clear how much an omer is. According to scholars, it could be anywhere from 1.3 cups to 4 cups worth.

Whatever the measurement is, God said it would be enough.

But notice how the people respond — some take more than an omer, and some take less. No matter. Those who took too much, none was left over. Those who took too little, they had no shortage.

God provides.

Now the story goes on to share that some tried to take more than one day's worth, only to find that it was full of worms by the next day. No need to hoard. There will be more the next day.

God provides.

And the day before the sabbath, the people were to collect double, so they wouldn't need to collect any on the day of rest. THAT amount didn't go bad.

Again, God provides.

How about us? Do we trust God's promises? Do we hoard what God has given us? Are we afraid that there will be a scarcity of resources (remember trying to find toilet paper in March of 2020)?

God provides.

What God offers us in Jesus Christ is what we need. God's love and forgiveness never run out. God's embrace never releases.

God provides.

Let us pray: Almighty God, you hear our complaining as you did the Israelites. We forget how you have brought us to where we are today. Remind us again, for we are forgetful people, of your promises. For all we are and all we have, we give you thanks. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

STAY TUNED FOR PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION INFO!



Sunday, February 9, 2024

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
Ron Peckham	
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

January 26 _____

February 2 Dick Hardy _____
Dave Dickinson (Jan Juhn's friend's husband)
Laura K (Deb Gibbons' friend)

February 9 Josh Ort's family (Kelsey Buhrman's father) _____
Brian (Mel and Sue Grunau's friend) _____
Kathy McCollum _____
John Sheridan (Mary Sheridan's stepson) _____
Sean Valentine (son of Fran Wilhelm's friend) _____

Happy Birthday

02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/13 Erin Bruneau
02/02 Emma Perry	02/13 Kathy McCollum
02/02 Rachel Drobnak	02/13 Jane Carlson
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/04 Diane Christian	02/13 Sally Balch
02/04 James Wilhelm	02/15 Betsy Bailey
02/04 Tom Herren	02/16 Carol Novotny
02/05 Bradley Pearce	02/16 Connor Burdette
02/05 Erin Jagels	02/16 Saige Worsencroft
02/05 Julia Vorobej	02/17 Dennis MacKenzie
02/06 Sean Biller	02/18 Donald Chrismar
02/07 James Arrigo	02/18 Elayna Gros
02/08 Charles Sieving	02/21 Andrea Petta
02/08 Joann Burson	02/21 Kieran Lavin
02/09 Diane Miller	02/22 Jan Saunders
02/10 Sean Lavin	02/23 Edna Dickey
02/10 Nicholas Fortuna	02/23 Jon Steinbrecher
02/12 Chris Rehark	02/24 Beverly Braun
02/12 Laney Ventimiglia	02/24 Keith Wyant
02/12 Melody Hauser	02/28 Chris Petta
02/13 Charlie Woodward	02/28 Shaun Dillon

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/02/2025	137	56	193
01/26/2025	38	148	186
01/19/2025	57	178	235
01/12/2025	29	137	166

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren
- 02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue
- 02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

Second Harvest

The requested items for January are:
Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Dec. 31st, 2024:	\$506,754	\$9,745.27
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	104%	
Total ministry expenses incurred in 2024	\$485,476	\$9,336.07
Projected Surplus for 2024:	\$21,278	

Thank you for your abundant giving in 2024!!



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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.