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Tidings of Peace

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Pastor's Page

Overwhelmed. Burnt out. Too busy. Exhausted.

Sound familiar?

If so, you're not alone. I hear these words a lot these days when I ask people how they're doing. I feel them often enough myself that these responses resonate deeply. With so many options and opportunities available to us, it can be difficult to decide how best to spend our time and energy. It's not that it's difficult to make good choices, it's that we've got so many voices trying to convince us that their way is the best way, it's hard to know which choices are the right ones for us.

Because the truth is, we can't do it all.

We are finite. We can't make the most of every opportunity. There are simply too many options available to us. No amount of time management or life hacking will make it possible for any one of us to do everything. We have to make choices. In order to say an enthusiastic "YES!" to something and commit with our whole hearts, we must also be prepared to say a faithful "No" to something else.

Figuring out when it is faithful to say yes and when it is faithful to say no is a process. We call it discernment. Here are some questions that have helped me when I've been in this process:

- Does saying yes (or no) to this opportunity feel life-giving?
- When did I last feel joy in this group/activity/opportunity?
- What would change if I started (or stopped) this activity?
- Is this something I feel *called* to do or *pressured* to do?
- Which voices am I trusting to help me with this decision?

Listening for trustworthy voices has often been the most helpful part of the discernment process for me. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice and follow him (10:27). Later, when he is before Pilate, he says that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to his voice (18:37). Listening for Jesus' voice is the key.

In my life, Jesus' voice has often come through the voices of other people asking me questions that made me think about my decision in new ways or offering stories of their own encounters with joy. Reading scripture and participating in worship has helped me "tune in" to God's voice so I recognize it when I hear it. Learning to ask for time to think and pray about decisions has also allowed me space to listen carefully for Jesus.

If you would like a partner in your own discernment process, you can always make an appointment with me to talk things through. There are also many wise and faithful members of this congregation who I'm sure would be happy to journey with you. That's one of the joys of being in Jesus' flock together!

Shalom, Pastor Rachel

"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace, for the sake of the world."

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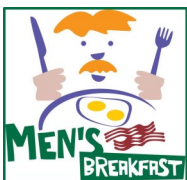


What's Happening at POP!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets **Friday, October 6 at 10 AM** in the Social Hall.

If you or someone you know would like a shawl, or for more information about becoming a prayer shawl creator, please contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.



Men's Breakfast!

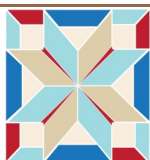
8:00 AM, Wednesday, October 11
Michelle's on Romence Rd. in Portage.

Join Pastor Rachel for breakfast, prayer, and conversation.

Tell them you're with Prince of Peace. We've got the back room reserved.

Quilters

Tuesdays, October 3 and 17 at 9:30 AM
Where: POP Social Hall



Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry! Many of our quilters learned their skills from others in the group because they wanted to contribute to this ministry that provides warmth, security, and shelter to people around the world. They're happy to teach you, too.
Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.

Ladies Lunch Bunch meets Tuesday, October 17

Meet at 11:45am at Summer Thyme,
3928 Portage St, Kalamazoo

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?
Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

This is a great time for good food and fellowship.
Hope to see you there.



BREAD AND BREAKFAST SATURDAY, October 7

Bread construction will begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served at about 9:00 a.m. Come and bake bread, or just come for the breakfast and conversation...it's all good!

For more information, or to be included on the mailing list, talk with Wade Lawrence at church, email him at

wade.b.lawrence@gmail.com,
or call him at (269) 353-9885.

We hope to see you there!

NO BUNKO IN OCTOBER

Join us Tuesday, November 14 at 1 PM

Where: POP Social Hall

Just a few rolls of the dice and you'll have this fun game mastered!

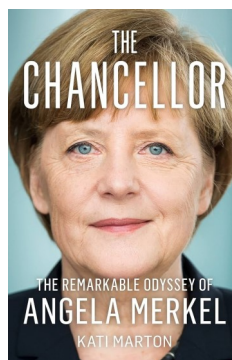
Bunko is easy to learn & offers wonderful opportunities for conversation and connection with others.

Call Carla Hannemann at 269/216-3498 for more information.



Prince of Peace Book Club

The POP Book Club will meet on
Wednesday October 18 at 10:00am.



We will discuss "The Chancellor" by Kati Marton.

This book is about the remarkable odyssey of Angela Merkel from a young Lutheran pastor's daughter in East Germany to Chancellor of Germany (2005-2021).

Come join us and learn about this interesting woman even if you haven't read the book.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Women's Small Group

Meeting Oct 2 & 16, 7:15 pm

Social Hall or Zoom

Discussing Poverty By America

Join us!!

All women welcome!!!



RECORD BREAKING God's Work. Our Hands, Day, held at Prince of Peace Sunday September 10-

Lutheran World Relief
donations were out done
in every category of projects
this year.

Here are the numbers.

LWR Quilts - 130

LWR Backpack/School Kits - 218

LWR Health/Personal Care Kits - 408

Those items were (or will soon be) packed in 120 boxes, delivered to the truck pick up site at St. Michael's on October 13 and then transported to LWR warehouses in Minneapolis Minnesota. From there, they will be combined with hundreds of thousands of similar items and shipped all over the world in Lutheran relief efforts.

Quilts will serve as bedding, tent tops, hospital gurneys, packing bundles and sometimes even burial shrouds.

Backpacks will be sent to refugee tent schools and schools that have endured natural disasters and wars. Health kits will be sent to refugee camps, natural disasters and war sites. Anywhere that immediate personal necessities are needed.

Plyarn mats were also made on GWOH day and have been used for the homeless, in hospice, and are currently being sent to Ethiopia.

PoP Prayer Shawl Ministry worked on GWOH day knitting and crocheting. This group sends prayers and comforting blankets to our PoP community and many others in the area to help heal in body and spirit.

The Jubilee Garden was weeded, harvested and planted. Delivery to Mothers of Hope and Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes was done later in the week by the devoted Gardeners.

Will you help our neighbors?

It takes 4-5 people to help this ministry.
Please sign-up and **arrive by 12:30 to help
set up. Sign up is on the website.**

<https://popportage.org/pages/food-distribution-signup>

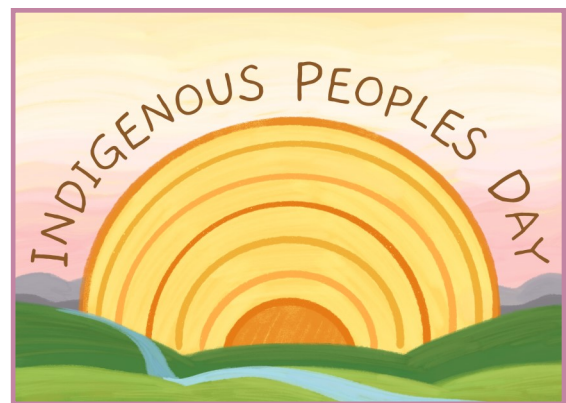


Sorting, organizing, repair work, and rearranging was ongoing in the Refugee closets. Rooms were condensed to accommodate the need for more Sunday school rooms. Turn over with new refugees coming in all the time is a challenge handled by our Refugee management

Blessings and thanks to all who worked on GWOH day, to all who donated the thousands of items needed to put this together, to those who sewed all the backpacks and threaded the straps, to those who made all the quilts and tied them, to those who counted and taped all the boxes and to those who prepared a great fellowship lunch.

On October 8 all the LWR quilts, backpacks and health kits will be blessed before they are sent out. Quilts will warm our Sanctuary on that day as well.

Upcoming October 11 - Project Connect, noon-3, Kalamazoo Fair Grounds. It's not too late to help. Contact any Social Concerns member.



Tuesday, October 9

CHANGES IN OUR REFUGEE MINISTRY PROGRAM



Since we have settled the Afghanis, the incoming refugees are fewer and farther between. As are the donations from the community.

So Prince of Peace will shift its focus to the furniture end of the ministry. We will still accept some household items, but mostly we will be looking for sofas, end tables, coffee tables, dining room tables, lamps and dressers.

Paul MacNellis will still manage the space and help with pick ups and deliveries as he is able.

Fellowship News

“Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker.”

– Linus, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*

As the resident philosopher, Linus never failed to merge common sense with life's mishaps. Such is our relationship with our church family, they provide us the safe



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space to share our burdens and perhaps find lessons through God's grace. The fellowship committee has planned some wonderful fall adventures to strengthen your relationships with your POP family and throughout the community!

It isn't too late to get on the POP summer reads!

Sharon Mondragon, the author of the *Unlikely Yarn of the Dragon Lady*, will be joining us VIA Zoom on Wednesday, October 4th at 7PM. The meeting will be hybrid, you can join us in person in the Social Hall or online. (We will send the Zoom link to everyone.) This charming book has even inspired some POP members to start knitting! Grab a copy on your favorite reading platform and see what all the fuss is about!

Next up, our all church retreat has been rescheduled from last winter when the weather interfered. Janene Ternes, founder of Prayer In Motion, LLC, will be leading us in a retreat entitled “Nourishing Your Soul” on **Saturday, October 14**. This day long retreat will be an event not to miss! As Janene writes, “Just as we must rest while on a long drive, Jesus invites all of us to come, lay down our burdens and rest. We invite all men, women and teens to do just that and join us for a time that will refresh your soul and deepen your prayer...Gain wisdom, insight and peace as you pray with music, movement, Scripture, journaling and guided reflection. Leave inspired, reenergized and more peaceful.” There is no cost to participate and lunch will be provided. You can still sign up until October 8. Don't miss this chance to grow your own relationship with God and feed your soul as we transition into the fall season.



Love seeing the little ones in their Halloween costumes?



Then Trunk or Treat is for you!

Our annual event is coming up on **Friday, October 27** from 5:30-7:00PM.

Children from the community come and trick or treat from trunk to trunk in lieu of the traditional house to house method – so much more efficient! You may decorate your trunk if you wish or just hand out the sealed candy of your choice. We will also need additional treats as we often run out, so even if you have a prior commitment, donated candy is always appreciated. This is a wonderful event for the community that not only hands out a little sweetness, but shares smiles and love all around! A sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space soon or [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4CADAFA23A1FA7-44449104-trunk#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4CADAFA23A1FA7-44449104-trunk#/)

Mark those calendars' for upcoming events as we start planning the holiday season. Details are still being worked on, but the following dates have been set.



November 5– Cookie Decorating

November 18/19 – Gingerbread Houses

December 1 – Holiday Party

December 10 – Christmas Celebration Sunday

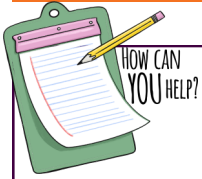
December 17 – Christmas Caroling

Lastly, a reminder that all of these activities take many hands to make them happen. We welcome anyone who could help with a specific event to reach out to Tamara Preston or Tammy Cooper. We understand that you may not have the time or energy to make a commitment to the committee full time, but if you have a little time to spare and could help plan even one event, it would be immensely appreciated. We love to host events, but we could use some help to guarantee we can continue to provide a wide variety of activities for everyone. If you are looking for a simple event that you can do as a family, consider volunteering for coffee and cookies after worship. Of course, you can always attend our Fellowship committee meetings at 5:30PM on the 4th Monday of every month via Zoom or in person.

Happy Autumn POP

(and be careful jumping into those leaf piles!)

Ways To Be in Service



WAYS TO HELP OUT!

- Coffee Servers for Fellowship Time
 - Reading the liturgy &/or prayers for worship
 - Acolytes
 - Audio-video techs
 - Thursday Food Distribution—1st & 3rd Thursday
 - Free Store—1st Thursday
 - Sending Birthday Cards monthly
 - And so many more. . .
- Visit the website to sign up!



Needed: Pie Social Host

We are looking for someone to serve as a Pie Host for the Thanksgiving Service.

Duties include:

Accepting the incoming pies, preparing beverages, cutting and plating, recruiting helpers and clean up.

Contact someone from the church office.

Winter Clothing Drive at Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Downtown runs a free clothing bank and they are looking for winter clothing. They will have a big winter gear give away on Tuesday, October 24

If you have new or clean, gently used winter clothes bring them to the church by **Sunday, October 22.**



Sign up online for October.

November paper sign up is out in the Gathering Space

Would you serve as:

acolyte, worship assistant, reader, usher,

communion assistant, tech assistant, or fellowship host,

You will be trained and/or paired with an experienced volunteer! Sign up for the position, day and time you want to serve.

Sign up link! <https://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups-11>

Save the Date!



Cookie Decorating with Karen Diring

Join Karen to learn how to make those beautiful cookies she shares with us.

Save the date: November 5 after worship. Watch for details and a sign-up. Participation will be limited.

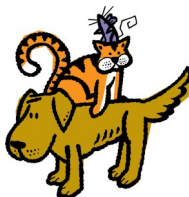


Worship and Educational Opportunities

Blessing of the Pets on October 1 at 2pm

Join us in the back parking lot for a blessing of the pets.

Bring your dogs, cats, birds, horses.
All animals large and small are welcome.



Navigating Elder Care

Join us for this informational Adult Faith Formation series on Sundays at 9:15am.

Oct 15 - Housing: independent, assisted living, memory/Alzheimer's care

Oct. 22 - Medical: crises, hospital care, rehabilitation, advocacy

Oct. 29 - Senior & Veteran Services: home repair, Tuesday Toolman,

Meals on Wheels, Transportation

Nov. 5 - Care-giver Issues: education, resources, and support for families (local and distant)

Nov.12 - Legal/financial issues: wills, powers of attorney, advance planning

Nov. 19 - End of Life: funerals, carrying out loved ones wishes, grief

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New Member Exploration

Sunday, October 8, 2023

MEMBERSHIP
Exploration

If you are interested in membership at Prince of Peace this is the place to be. Join us for a luncheon after church on Sunday, 10/8. Pastor will answer any questions you may have about being a Lutheran and what membership means. Please contact the office, talk to Pastor Rachel or sign up in the Gathering Space.

Last day to sign up is Wednesday, October 4.

Women of the ELCA

Ruth Circle will meet
Monday, October 23 at 9:30 am in
the Social Hall.

If you are seeking a women's group who learn together, support one another and enjoy the fellowship of love and joy, please consider joining us.

Study guides are available in the library or just come!

Contact Claudia Blahnik at 269/352-7430
or cjblahnik@yahoo.com, for questions.



Thank You's



Thank you so much for all the wonderful cards, calls, food and caring wishes, thoughts and prayers while I've been recovering from my latest arm/elbow break-age. I have been truly blessed with so much care and love! Grace and Peace to you all POP family!!

Diane Snyder

A special thank you for allowing us to use your facility for our Master Gardner meetings. We really appreciate it! Patti Pittman, KCMGA VP/Program Chair.

Council and Committees



Church Council enjoyed a hybrid meeting on September 20, meeting both in person and online.

City of Portage Grant Program: Guest, Don Jones, shared that there has been a group from POP working with City of Portage on a funding opportunity: Pastor Rachel, Tamara P, Mike W, Marilyn S, Don J, Dave R, Sue S, and Claudia L. The City of Portage has a grant program that allocates \$250K on an annual basis. It is an open grant process. Applications get screened by the grant board. Don listed several past recipients, including other faith-based organizations. The city is focused on housing stability and acknowledges that there are many things that impact housing stability. The POP working group has reviewed the application, asked questions of the city, and are asking for council's endorsement to submit an application. The funds, if granted, would be used to support food distribution, free store, and the Good Samaritan Fund. The timeline is as follows: 1) application due the end of November; 2) grant committee review in February/March; 3) allocation decisions made in April; and 4) funds distributed on a reimbursement basis at a 6 month check-in and again in July the following year. The working group is asking for support of the council to continue to work on this and towards submitting a grant application. *Lee Banitt moved to support and Lisa Creed seconded. Motion passed.*

Finance Committee Recommendation: Funds in our accounts over \$250,000 are not insured and are not gaining interest. The Finance Committee recommended to council that \$100K be placed in a Certificate of Deposit for a one-year term with a fixed interest rate of 4.8%. Secondly, they recommended that \$100K go to a Flourish cash account. Money is completely liquid, so it can be withdrawn anytime. The interest rate for this account is variable and is currently at 5%. All interest garnered from these two accounts would go to support the Good Samaritan Fund. *Dave Reinhold moved and Carol Christianson seconded that we approve and move forward with these recommendations. Motion carried.*

Property Updates:

Outdoor Security Cameras: Thanks to Jeremy Zimmerman and Mike Whately, the cameras are installed and functional.

Sanctuary Exit Doors: The outside doors in the sanctuary are rotting at the bottom. New doors have been ordered.

Social Hall Blinds: New blinds have been selected.

Property is looking for volunteers to paint the window trim prior to installation. If you can help, please contact Pete Eldridge, Property Chair, or Paul Swodzinski, Council Liaison.

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, October 18, at 7 p.m.



Saturday, November 11th will be the Fall Clean-Up at Prince of Peace. We will be starting at 8:30 AM and will wrap up around noon. Everyone

is welcome even if you can only attend for part of the time. Tarps, rakes and blowers will be needed to move the leaves to the rear of the property. Please join us for a little outdoor exercise along with coffee, juice, donuts!

Rain date is Saturday November 18.

Flu and Covid Clinics

We will be hosting Sanjay Patel, from Milham Pharmacy for our fall Flu and Covid Clinics.

We will have two clinics one on **Sunday, October 29** and the other on **Sunday, November 5**.

They will be held one hour before service & immediately after service. Sanjay will stay until everyone that signed up for the day is vaccinated. He will have Covid vaccines for ages 3 and up.

Sign up at : <https://popportage.org/events/flu-shot-covid-19-omicron-booster-clinic>



Please indicate which vaccines you want. Your choices are: Flu, or Covid-19. If you need other vaccines you can get them from Sanjay at his pharmacy. Please download and bring a completed registration form with you to speed up the processing time.

Vaccines will be given first come, first served.

Honoring our Indigenous People Exhibit -

Honoring our Indigenous People Exhibit - November 12 thru 26

A renewed interest in how we see Native Americans brings into focus local artist Cindy Krill. She is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a descendant thru her parents.

Meet Cindy on Sunday, November 12 during fellowship and view her work including Horse Hair Pottery, paintings and photography of Pow Wow dancers and Native cultural items all inspired by her heritage rooted in and a reflection of our natural world.

Her work will be exhibited in the Gathering Space from November 12 through November 26.

Living in Vicksburg, she and her husband Charles own Prudential Nursery.

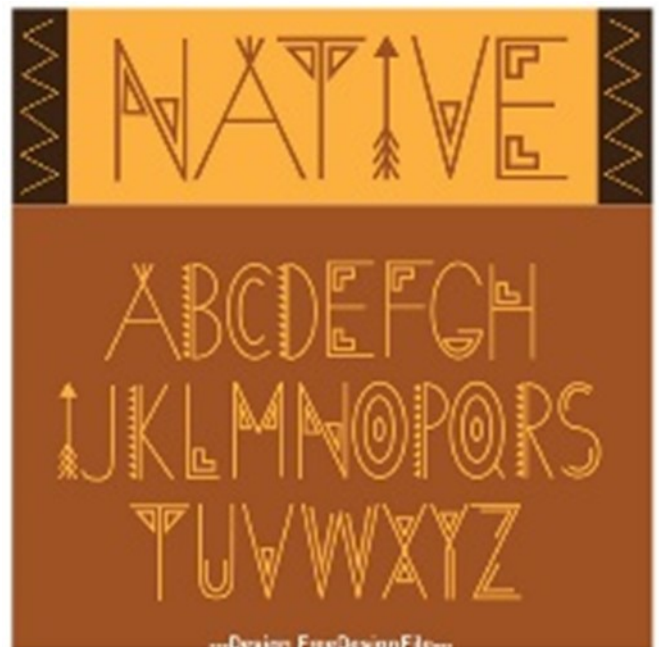


Cindy Krill



Horsehair Pottery.

**Native American Heritage Day is celebrated on November 24 the day after our National Thanksgiving holiday.*



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Honey Extraction



Wade Lawrence, our resident beekeeper, along with Duran Cooper.

On **Sunday, September 17th**, the church kitchen became a honey house as about a dozen people helped extract the first honey crop from the Jubilee Garden Apiary.

A few days prior, two boxes (called "supers") were removed from the U of M hive after being cleared of bees using an escape board (sort of a one-way valve that let the bees leave but doesn't let them back in). The supers were stacked on a warming box to keep the honey warm (75°-80°F) to make it easier to extract.

Once the supers were removed, the honey extraction process involved multiple steps, including uncapping, extracting, and straining, with most of the steps all happening at the same time as everyone pitched in and got their hands sticky. Frames of capped honey (each super has 10 frames) were removed one at a time and uncapped using a heated uncapping tool.

The sticky cappings were collected in a large tank and allowed to drain overnight (*that is, except for the honey and cappings that people sampled, one of the perks of the job!*); the honey collected from the cappings in this way was added to the total harvest.

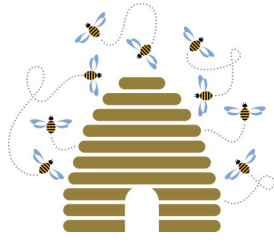


Don Jones uncaps the honey.



A good time was had by all!.
Joelene Pederson and Duran
enjoy the spoils.

Extacting Honey page two



Steve P. removes the frames from the hive.

Once both sides of the frame were uncapped, the frame was placed in a basket in the extractor - basically a large centrifuge that holds three frames at a time. When three frames had been loaded into the extractor, they were spun rapidly using an electric drill. As the frames spun, the honey was thrown from the comb onto the wall of the extractor, where it ran down and collected in the bottom. Because only one side of the frame can be extracted at a time, the frames had to be turned over and spun a second time to get all the honey.

Periodically, the honey that collected in the bottom of the extractor was drained into a large pot, and was then transferred to a storage bucket by pouring it through a strainer to remove bits of wax that inevitably end up in the extracted honey.

The honey (30 to 40 pounds) will be allowed to remain in the bucket for at least a few days to allow bubbles to float to the top before being drawn from the bucket into smaller containers - Mason jars, squeeze bears, honey jars, etc.

At this point, the job was still not quite done, though. All the sticky equipment, including the now-empty-but-still-sticky combs and gooey cappings, was placed outside near the bee hives for the bees to clean up. Within about 24 hours, there wasn't a trace of honey left anywhere, the bees having lapped it up and taken it back to their hives!

The equipment was then washed and put away, the empty combs stored for reuse next spring, and the cappings collected to be rendered to make all kinds of things - candles, soap, lip balm, hand cream, and so on.

Hopefully, this is just the first of many honey harvests from the Jubilee Garden Apiary!



Duran & Steve Pendziszewski strain the honey.



Amy Baumann & Yvonne Gatz spin the frames.

Impact Giving

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

- *Thank you for your recent gift to **Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes**. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity. Your gift makes a significant impact on our mission and helps us offer support to local families in need of nutritional food assistance. Our donors are essential partners in the fight to end hunger, and we couldn't do it without you. — Jennifer Johnson - Executive Director*
- *Dear Friends at Prince of Peace, Thank you for your gift to **Living Waters Ministries**. In addition to supporting Megan Floyd, Jon Deming and our 2023 Run the Race Campaign, your donation helps provide necessary resources to make our programs financially accessible to all of God's children as we develop and provide innovative programs each summer. I continue to be humbled and in awe of the generosity of Prince of Peace. Thank you. — C. J. Clark, Executive Director*

On-Line Giving

On-line Giving Has Never Been So Easy!



You can click or copy and paste the link
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2250097>
 or use the QR code.

You can also go to the Prince of Peace website
 & click on the giving button.

For questions contact either Marilyn or Tamara.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/1	Dale Holder Sarah Bierema	10/9	Kathy Eklov Raegan Pedersen	10/20	Tim Gatz Daisy Stepanski	10/25	Nathan Copeland Megan Floyd
10/2	Anne Vogt Mark DiJulio Ryan Umberger Michael Cartier	10/11	Verity Poisson	10/21	Gregg Nelson James Baker	10/26	Avery Davis
		10/12	Gabriella Esch Sarah Erdmann	10/22	Michael Bierema Linda Tortorice	10/27	Madison Rieck
10/4	Catherine Cartier Laurie Brown	10/13	Dolores Jennings	10/23	James Copeland II Jerry Spade	10/28	Mark Brown Jan Ellwitz
10/6	Bridget Whately Dorothy Tisland Jeanette Field	10/15	Gail MacNellis Bill Umberger	10/24	Allyson Maurer Sherri Webster	10/31	Cameron Hopper
		10/16	Finnegan Ross Adam Todas				
		10/19	Gena Baldwin				

Anniversaries

Karl & Tonya Klemm	October 3
Kelsey & Jake Steele	October 3
Wade & Kim Lawrence	October 4
Peter & Michelle Eldridge	October 7
Jennifer & Jason Ross	October 10
Diane Wilke-Karna & Dave Karna	October 10
Jeff & Pamela Schuhknecht	October 13
Michael & Sarah Bierema	October 16
Gregg & Carole Nelson	October 16
Renee Beck & Tim Snow	October 16
Megan & William Floyd	October 18
Gail & Paul MacNellis	October 21
Jolaine & David Snyder	October 24
Erin & Ron Leversee	October 27



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Prince of Peace Calendar — October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 2:00pm Blessing of the Pets	2 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom 6:30pm CLO Housing Group 7:15pm Women's Small Group - Social Hall	3 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 5:30pm Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall/Flex 7:00pm Bells	4 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop - 80327 7:00pm POP Reads with Sharon J. Mondragón	5 9:00am ESL 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Social Hall	7 9:00am Bread & Breakfast 9:00am CPR Training - Social Hall
8 Blessing of the Quilts 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Membership Exploration Lunch	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 5:30pm Finance Committee mtg. - Zoom 6:00pm Social Concerns Meeting - Zoom	10 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bells	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Michelle's 10:00am Literacy Tutoring - Room 7 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 12:00pm Project Connect	12 9:00am ESL 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring	14 All Church Retreat
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Legend:

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

ESL—English as a Second Language

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