



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

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## Pastor's Page

### New Growth

*But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head,  
into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament  
with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly,  
promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*

– Ephesians 4:15-16

After living through a bout of gallstones that resulted in gallbladder removal surgery last August, I have had to acknowledge that my body has changed. I want to build some bodily strength and stamina back up so I can do all the things I did before. To that end, I've been swimming 2-3 times a week and have started strength training with a friend at the Y on a weekly basis. It takes a lot of work and intentionality to strengthen and shape our bodies to function well in the world. And it takes patience. The work of rebuilding takes time.

The author of the letter to the Ephesians uses the language of the human body to talk about growth in the Christian community. Christ is the head, who directs everything the body does. Each individual member of the community is like a part of the body, and is joined and knit together with the other members. Working properly together promotes our growth as a body of believers.

After living through a pandemic, the body of our community has changed, but we continue to be strong and vibrant in many ways. Have you noticed that we have new people worshipping with us most weeks? Did you know that most of our new 2024 council leaders have never served on our council before? Have you gotten to know Em or engaged with the new prayer partner program with our youth that was introduced last month? Have you heard about the new intern, Emma Janzen, who we'll welcome later this month? Have you gotten to participate in any of the new ministries that have formed in recent years, such as the Justice and Diversity Team and the Congregational Care team?

All of this growth is strengthening and shaping the body of our congregation to follow Jesus and share the good news of God's saving love in the world. It takes time. It takes patience. But most of all, it takes all of us growing together. Thank you for being part of Christ's body with us!

Shalom,

Pastor Rachel



## What's Happening at POP!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets **Friday, February 2 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.

### WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

**February 5 and 19, 2024, 7:15 pm via ZOOM!**

Discussing **REFUGIA FAITH** by Debra Rienstra  
Grand Rapids, MI author;  
references many well-known MI areas

Would love to have you join us in this insightful,  
informative and lively discussion

Comments regarding the book: *"Refugia Faith is one of the best books in print on how people of faith can summon the hope and the courage needed to heal and restore our home planet."*

*"Explores nature's refugia--places where life endures in a crisis--and applies this model to faith."*

**When: Tuesday, February 13 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 and offers  
wonderful opportunities for  
conversation and connection with  
others. Call Carla Hannemann at  
269/216-3498 for more information.



Women of the **ELCA** 

**Ruth Circle will meet  
Monday, February 26.**

Biblical stories of the natural world help us grow our love for God, other creatures and the Earth. This is the focus of this Springs study in the Ruth Bible Study group, which meets at 9:30am the fourth Monday of the month in the Social Hall. Copies of the lesson are found in the library and the Gather magazine, the magazine of WELCA.

Please, join us for wonderful fellowship and coffee before the lessons.

Questions: Claudia Blahnick at 269/352-7430  
or cblahnick@yahoo.com.



### BREAD AND BREAKFAST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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](mailto:wade.b.lawrence@gmail.com),

or call him at (269) 353-9885.

We hope to see you there!

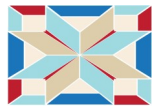
### Quilters

**Tuesdays, February 5 & 19 at 9:30 AM**

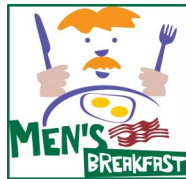
**Where: POP Social Hall**

Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry! They're happy to teach you!

Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.



### Men's Breakfast



**8:00 AM, Wednesday, February 14**

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.

### Ladies Lunch Bunch meets Tuesday, February 20

Meet at 11:45am at Hunan Gardens, 7157 W Q, Portage

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?

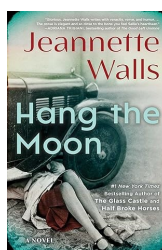
**Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.**

This is a great time for good food and fellowship.

Hope to see you there.

### Prince of Peace Book Club

Book Club will meet on **Wednesday Feb 21st** in the



coffee room to discuss "Hang The Moon" by Jeanette Walls. Sallie is the daughter of wealthy Duke Kincaid who is in charge of Claiborne County in VA. People thought Sallie was a nobody who would amount to nothing. After her dad dies, she proved them wrong. This book is based on true events that occurred during the prohibition years.

We will be discussing "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin in March - May. It is a long book so we will divide it into sections. Chapters 1-9 for March chapters 10-19 for April and chapters 20 - the Epilogue for May. This book is the story of Abraham Lincoln and the people who surrounded him. The movie "Lincoln" is based on this book.



*A new year, new ways to help! And so many things to be thankful for*

### Christmas Families -

Everyone stepped up to provide hundreds of gifts, baskets of food and prayers of love for five single person households from Portage Community Center, for three families living at the YWCA Domestic Shelter and for our Refugee family of 8 children and their mother Asende. Each community contact person was so grateful and delivering your gifts to our refugee family was particularly delightful as the children were all there to read the tags and put their gifts under the tree. We delivered right before Christmas because we knew they would not be able to wait. So many thank yous and so many hugs were sent to you all.

### Refugee Ministry -

The Holiday season was also a very busy time for Paul MacNellis and his "elfs" as they set up many families who were spending their first holiday in America. Our refugee ministry is still in great need of sofas, chairs, end tables, dressers, dining tables and all kinds of other household items. Remember we do not provide clothing. Paul repairs furniture as well and could use your help with many things. Please contact Paul or the office if you have donations or would like to help him. He truly is a St. Paul.

### Local and World Wide Helping -

The beginning of the year is also a time to remember Social Concerns needs for the rest of 2024. We have 200 backpacks to make. They are available on the table in the Gathering Space for you to sign out and are very easy to sew. Our missions with Lutheran World Relief are always on going. Quilts are being made twice a month and as you can see on the chart on page 8, they are being sent all over the world. We are also continually in need of colored bath towels, bar soap, toothbrushes, clippers and combs for LWR Health Kits. Filling the wagon each week with food donations for Loaves and Fishes is another way to help our brothers and sisters in our own community. If you have a free few hours twice a month you can dress up warm and join the Food Distribution team. Come and meet the wonderful neighbors we see.

### Other Ministries to Help -

**Justice and Diversity** has three areas of focus this year, the environment, mental health, and housing. Ways to work on these concerns will be available.

**The Jubilee Garden** will need help soon, and would love to have your expertise.

**The prayer shawl knitters and crocheters** welcome newcomers and will actually teach you how to help.

*And these are just a few....* Come and follow Jesus as we help and give of ourselves together.

## Justice and Diversity News

The *Prince of Peace (PoP) Justice and Diversity Team* is glad to present a learning hour series on **Mental Health** this winter. The four-week series will take place on **Sunday mornings from February 11 through March 3, 2024**. Each session will run from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Onsite participants should gather in the PoP Social Room in the education wing. Coffee and tea will be provided.



Mental Health Classes

PoP's own **Gary Bischof** is coordinating the series and will kick it off with the topic "*Mental Health in the News-What's It all About?*" (Feb 11, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.). Dr. Bischof is a professor in the Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology program at Western Michigan University, and a licensed marriage and family therapist. We are grateful to have him help sort out some of the mental health topics that regularly pop up in the news.

Other topics planned for the series include: "Local Mental Health Needs and Resources," "Supporting Family or Friends with Mental Health Challenges," and "The Church and Mental Health: An Evolving History."

Watch the Sunday bulletin inserts, PoP website ([www.popportage.org/events](http://www.popportage.org/events)), and PoP Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/popportage](https://www.facebook.com/popportage)) for more information on the topic order, speaker details, and potential remote viewing options.

This series is best suited for adults and high school youth. High school, middle school, and elementary aged youth are always welcome to join the learning hour programming for those age groups, which is held in neighboring classrooms and the library of the education wing during the same 9:15-10:15a.m. time on Sundays.



February is Black History Month



## Educational Opportunities



Would some spiritual exercise help you strengthen your faith?

Join us for this year's Lenten worship series, *Continuing in the Covenant: God's Promises for Life*, on Sundays and Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 14.

When we are baptized, God promises us new life, we promise to live in a new way, and the community of faith promises to support us. This Lent, we'll explore how these promises bring hope and new life to us and to our world.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Have you experienced the power of prayer?

Have you felt the comfort of the prayers of others lifting you up in times of need? Would you like to share that comfort with others? If so, reach out to Jan Ellwitz to join the prayer team! You'll be part of a dedicated group of people who pray regularly for the needs of members and friends, on their own and occasionally at small gatherings. This team also sends *postcards* (we'll provide them for you) to let people know they've been prayed for.

E-mail [prayer@popportage.org](mailto:prayer@popportage.org) for details.

## This and That



**Thank you** to all the Carolers who came to sing at the Artisan. We truly felt blessed and in the Christmas spirit.  
With Gratitude, Annette Smith!

**Dear PoP Carolers,**

Thank you so much for taking time to sing Christmas carols with me at our home. I have caroled with youth groups in my previous churches many years, but this is the first time being caroled!

Much Appreciated! Bob Hannemann

This is to **thank the Prince of Peace Carolers** for bringing Christmas songs, treats and big hearts to Nazareth Center. The Sister's and other residents spoke about the beautiful experience for several days. I am grateful to everyone for bringing the gift of song and spirit!

Thank you, Mary Armitage

Pastor Rachel's husband,  
**Chaplain Christopher Laughlin**  
(US Army Reserve),

was officially promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on Thursday, January 25, 2024!

He now serves as the Deputy Chaplain to First Army, which is headquartered in Rock Island, IL.



### 2024 Budget

Much of the January meeting was spent on discussing and voting on the proposed 2024 budget to present to the congregation. We ended 2023 with a considerable overage and also voted on distribution of those funds in 2024. Both of these reports were presented at the first Budget Hearing on January 14. The second Budget Hearing is scheduled for 9:15 on January 21. Heartfelt thanks to the Finance Committee for all their hard work putting the budget figures together.

### Nominating Committee

Dennis Stalker, chair of the Nominating Committee, joined the council to bring everyone up to date on the progress of the Nominating Committee. At the time of our meeting we still needed two more people to run for council. Council members suggested some names for the committee to consider. Subsequent to the council meeting, the committee identified another candidate for a three-year term. We have all our nominees for 2024

### December Statistical Report

Every month the council reviews the monthly statistical report. This report shows members who have joined our congregation, those who have left for whatever reason and attendance trends. In December it was noted that Bishop Satterlee, his wife and daughter are now members of Prince of Peace. Pastor explained that the Bishop has to have a home church, whether or not they attend regularly. As they live in Lansing and have many responsibilities around the Synod on Sundays, regular attendance is highly unlikely.

### Constitution Update:

Lisa Creed and a small committee have been reviewing our constitution and working on rewording some sections for clarification. Lisa shared the updates with Pastor Dennis Smith from the Synod office. He provided some beneficial feedback to the committee. However, there have also been changes to the model constitution that we should include. When approved by council and the Synod, the constitution updates will be presented to the congregation for an official vote.

### Intern Update:

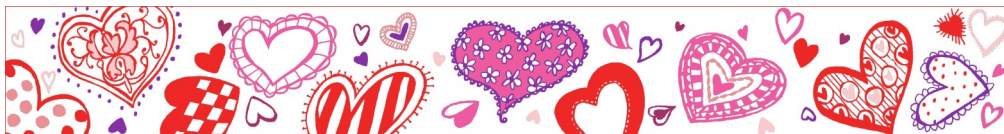
Pastor reported that as soon as we secure housing, we are ready to invite Emma Janzen to Prince of Peace. Dave Reinhold and Lisa Creed have been reviewing housing options. *See below for a note from Emma!*

**THANK YOUS!** We'd like to take a moment to thank our outgoing Council members: Dick Hewitt, President; Dave Reinhold, Treasurer/Finance Liaison; Paul Swodzinski, Property Liaison, and Ella Bovenkerk, Youth Representative. If you have an opportunity, thank them for their dedicated service.



**Hello, my name is Emma Janzen,** and I am so excited to be joining the Prince of Peace community! I am a current seminarian in the Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry program at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. I am originally from Arizona and attended California Lutheran University before moving to Dubuque.

I am passionate about the ways we are called to care for people, for the planet, and how to connect faith to everything we do! Some of my favorite things are to be out by the water, to do crafts of all kinds, and to walk or hike with my sweet dog Baylor. Baylor is a 7-year-old Terrier Mix who loves to play fetch more than anything in the world. I look forward to meeting, learning, growing, and worshipping with each of you!





## Fellowship News

*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth,  
for the touch of a friendly hand  
and for a talk beside the fire."*

Edith Sitwell

*Need a break from the  
winter chill?*



Join us for a POP craft day on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2:00PM**. We will set up tables in the Gathering Space to spread out and work on the craft of your choice. (We will have some tie blankets as well, if you don't have something to work on.) Bring a dish to pass, and we will all share a potluck lunch as we spend time together and chase the winter blues away!

The Fellowship Committee needs your input! We are putting together an online and paper survey about what events – old and new – that you would like to see the committee sponsor. Keep an eye out for an announcement when the online survey is available. Paper surveys will be available starting Feb 4. A deadline of February 22 for responses. **See page 8 for the survey** (*There will be a box for collection in the Gathering Space.*) We will use this information for planning for both 2024 & 2025.

Lastly, an idea for fellowship this winter season. Is there someone at POP that you would like an opportunity to know better? Maybe you sit next to them at service every week, but never get to really chat. Maybe you had a conversation at recent event, and would like to continue it further. God truly shows His love for us through the friendships we cultivate, and He has a way of bringing people into our lives that we need on our spiritual journey. Perhaps reach out and see if someone would like to meet for coffee or have a chat on the phone. Maybe ask a couple people for a small group meet up. You could even plan to sit and chat over coffee after service too! Winter can be isolating, but the warmth of God's love through fellowship can make this season just a little better.

Reminder you are always welcome at our Fellowship Committee meetings either on Zoom or in person! These occur the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30PM. We can always use your help whether it is for one event or several! Contact Tamara Preston for the Zoom link!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, March 3 Psanky Eggs**

## Thank you

**We, the Prince of Peace staff**, are so grateful for you, the members of this incredible congregation! We thank you for your generosity at Christmas and throughout the year. We thank you for your grace and flexibility when things don't go as expected. We rejoice in all the ways you show your faithfulness in serving and strive to be instruments of God's peace for the sake of the world. We are blessed to serve with you!

In Peace, Pastor Rachel, Tamara, Janet, Mike, Marilyn, Steve, and Em



**To the Congregation,  
Thank You!**

A great big THANK YOU  
hug from me to you for a  
lovely year end bonus gift!

Janet Hill

Dear POP, Thank you so much for your support of **Living Waters Ministry** and this year's *Run The Race* Campaign. Our success relies solely on the generosity of donors like you. God Bless, Jon Deming

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

- *Thank you for your generous contribution to the **Portage Community Center** for help with our emergency assistance programs – providing more than 300 food baskets to Portage families this holiday season; helping with water shutoff for 75 families, providing supplemental food monthly for 200 seniors and helping more than 50 students receive after-school and/or summer experience – Chris Buckley, Executive Director*
- *We are grateful for you gift on behalf of Linda & Ray Isakson. Thank you for make a difference in the lives of our members (those we serve.) Your gift is a much needed solution to someone's pressing needs – a stabilizing force during unsteady times and a steppingstone toward bigger, life-changing goals.*  
– Kelly Henderson, Executive Director of Ministry With Community

## Impact Giving

### Notes sent from the Portage Community Center from our recipients of Holiday gifts

- ♦ Thank for the gifts. I really appreciate it.
- ♦ To whom it may concern, I just really want to thank you very much for my X-mas gifts. Hope you have a blessed Holiday Season.

### Beginning February, we will be administering and distributing Good Sam Funds differently.



With the addition of monies from the overage, in addition to your donations, we will be distributing monies monthly. We will divide the overage into 12 months and give out that portion monthly.

Applications will be accepted, on-line or in person, the first full week of the month and disbursed the second week. We will disburse in the order applications are received until we run out of funds for that month. Any applications that come before or are left after will be destroyed. We will not hold them to the following month.

We appreciate the congregations support of this ministry and hope that it will continue so that we can help the

- ♦ Hope your holidays are filled with magical moments. Thank you from Roberta M.
- ♦ In a time so horrible for me, you really gave me a holiday surprise! Thank you sooooo much! Wishing you the best and thanking you with all my heart! God Bless You! Thank you, Mindy S



## 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

2/1	Christopher Laughlin Micki Holder	2/11	John Brown Eliza Maurer	2/18	Kristie Zimmerman Cynthia Sederstrom David Naugle	2/22	Clarrisa Oskins Harper Bovenkerk
2/2	Karen Adams	2/13	Debbie Barnett			2/24	Kinsley Kana'an
2/3	Zachary Thommen Lindsay Oswald	2/14	Madison Umberger Karl Klemm James Copeland III	2/19	Matthew Cartier Kevin Pedersen Shirley Thompson Ray Isakson	2/25	Haley Kana'an
2/6	Peter Eldridge Janelle Mallak Judy Buttery Karen Shaw Chelsea Satterlee	2/15	Nancy Jean Carter Highhouse Elise Frederick	2/21	August Pederson	2/26	Robert Clyne
		2/16	Brian Rieck				
2/9	Chris Hopper Jackson Seguin	2/17	Betsy Stalker Lynne Wathen				
2/10	Diane Crocker						

### Anniversaries

David & Sarah Maurer February 29



## **POP Fellowship Survey**

### **2023 Activities**

1. Please put a check next to those that you did attend.
2. Please put a star next to your 3 favorite activities (even if you could not attend)

<input type="checkbox"/> KWINGS Game	<input type="checkbox"/> River Float
<input type="checkbox"/> POP Reads	<input type="checkbox"/> POP Retreat
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing and Craft Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Trunk or Treat
<input type="checkbox"/> Pysanky Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Decoration Workshop
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Picnic	<input type="checkbox"/> Gingerbread Houses
<input type="checkbox"/> Growlers Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Hors d'oeuvre Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Ride	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Celebration Sunday/Chili Cook Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Trivia Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Caroling

### **Comments About Previous Activities:**

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### **Suggested New Activities:**

1. Please put a check next to any that you would be interested in attending.
2. Please put a star next to your 3 favorite suggestions.

<input type="checkbox"/> A Decades Dance (Music for All Ages, family activity)	<input type="checkbox"/> Group Outing for Wine Tasting (Adults Only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Trip to Meijer Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt (Family Activity)
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint and Pour Workshop (Guided Group Painting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kickball/Softball Game (Family Activity)
<input type="checkbox"/> Glass Blowing Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Escape Room (Small Group Activity)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fused Glass Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Outing (Family Activity)
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Outing to Beer Garden (Adults Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outing to Lantern Festival in Grand Rapids

### **If you have an additional suggestion for a fellowship activity, please describe here:**

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**Thank you for your input!**



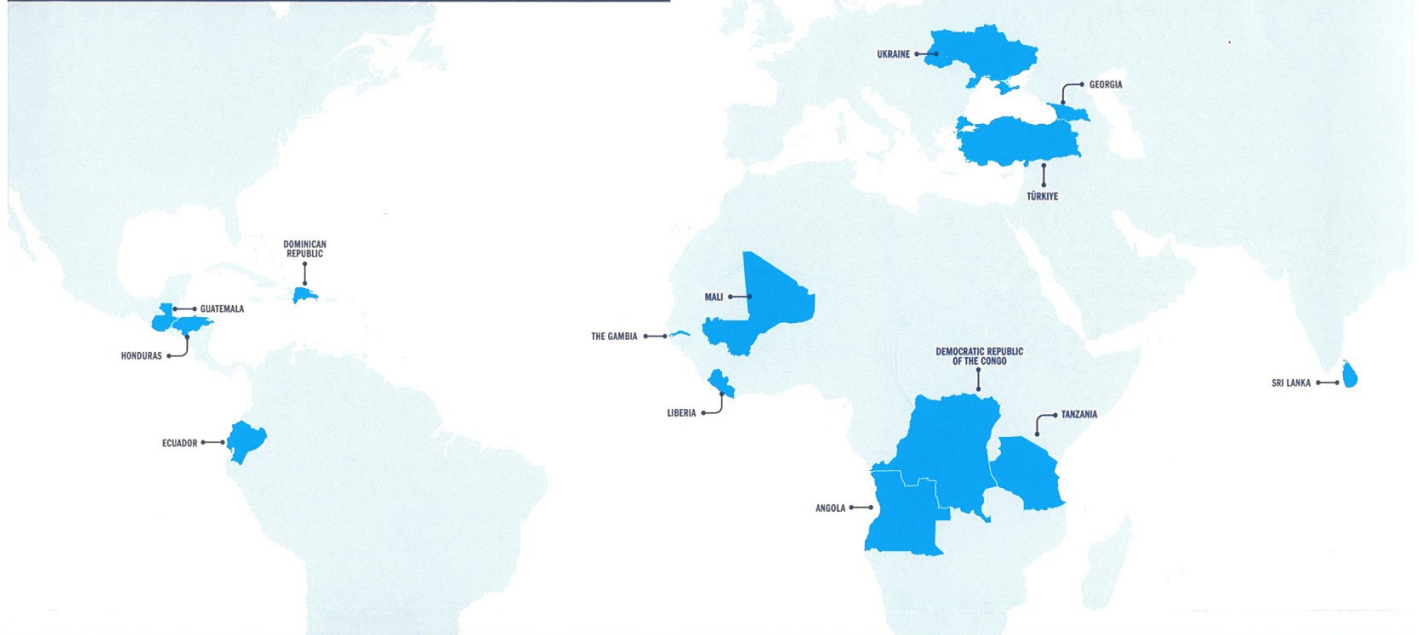


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## WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2023?



**551,700**

**QUILTS & KITS**

**IN 14 COUNTRIES**



**194,983**  
QUILTS



**190,043**  
SCHOOL KITS



**123,920**  
PERSONAL CARE KITS



**35,490**  
BABY CARE KITS



**7,264**  
FABRIC KITS

COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS
ANGOLA	Minnesota	24,140	7,250	18,600	4,830	3,600
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	Maryland	12,375	13,650	11,670		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota		15,225	32,550	14,700	
ECUADOR	Maryland		13,650			
GEORGIA	Minnesota	38,080				
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	9,520	27,840			
HONDURAS	Maryland		12,480			
LIBERIA	Maryland		27,300			
	Minnesota		13,282			
MALI	Minnesota	45,798	14,500	9,300	4,200	1,800
SRI LANKA	Minnesota		14,326			
TANZANIA	Maryland	26,400	1,300	6,000	1,800	1,684
	Minnesota	2,040	9,860	6,200	4,200	180
THE GAMBIA	Minnesota		13,920			
TÜRKIYE	Maryland	11,880		14,400	5,760	
UKRAINE	Maryland	24,750	5,460	25,200		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>194,983</b>	<b>190,043</b>	<b>123,920</b>	<b>35,490</b>	<b>7,264</b>

*This shipping information is from LWR's 2023 fiscal year (Oct 2022 - Sept 2023).*

# Prince of Peace Calendar — February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:15am Faith Formation 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Annual Meeting 2:00pm SCA-3 Hills	<b>29</b> 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 2:00pm Keith Getman Trumpet Studio - Music room 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	<b>30</b> 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Keith Getman Trumpet Studio - Music room 7:00pm Bells	<b>31</b> 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 2:00pm Keith Getman Trumpet Studio - Music room 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop - 80327 7:00pm Early Music Michigan - Social Hall	<b>1</b> 9:00am ESL 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>Groundhog Day</b> 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Social Hall 12:00pm ESL - Digital Skills 4:30pm Basketball drop-in	<b>3</b> 9:00am Bread & Breakfast
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