



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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April 14, 2024

Visit www.poppottage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.
In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@poppottage.org

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE.

You will find a Welcome Table in the Gathering Space with information about our ministries and our life together.
Hearing Aid devices are available from the Ushers. Newsletter Deadline is the **3rd Thursday of the month.**

SUNDAY EVENTS

Synod Prayer Partners

You will find today's letter to be signed on the table in the Gathering Space.



Starts today!!! Adult Faith Formation



Sumud: For Justice in Palestine & Israel
Sundays at 9:15AM.

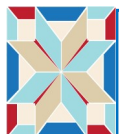
This is a 6-week video series and Bible study called *Following the Way of Jesus: a Lenten Holy Land Journey*, that the ELCA ministry formerly known as *Peace Not Walls* has created.

COMING THIS WEEK

FYI. . . THIS IS A CHANGE OF VENUE!!!!

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet
Tuesday, April 16 @ 11:45 AM.

Join us at The Crew, 5200 Portage Rd.
All ladies welcome!



Join the Quilters on Tuesday, April 16.
9:30 AM in the Social Hall.

Ministry Recognition Sunday, April 21

Join us on Sunday, April 21 for a special recognition to all those who make the church run. . . those who help with the service, distribute food, make quilts and prayer shawls, work with refugees, and the list goes on.



Join us for a special service and reception to thank everyone for the work they do in the name of Christ and Prince of Peace.

COMING SOON

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 to 12:00
is our Spring Clean Up Day.

Grab your gloves and rakes and help us spruce up the church lawns after a long winter.

Rain date: May 11



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, April 14

11:15a Faith Formation
11:15a **Sumud – Adult Study**
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
2:00p SCA- 3 Hills

Monday, April 15

10:30a Literacy Tutoring - Library
3:00p Social Concerns Committee - Hybrid
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
5:30p Finance Committee - Zoom
7:00p Worship Committee - Zoom
7:15p Women's Small Group

Tuesday, April 16

9:00a ESL
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
1:00p Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Crew
12:00p Kalamazoo Conference
7:00p Bells
7:00p Stress less Kzoo - Flex Room

Wednesday, April 17

10:00a Book Club - Gathering Space
10:30a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Library Committee - Library
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
5:00p Girl Scout Troop 80327 - Room 8
7:00p Church Council
7:00p Early Music Michigan - Social Hall

Thursday, April 18

9:00a ESL
1:00p **Food Distribution**
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 19

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

Saturday, April 20

9:30a Cawthwren Warner Memorial Craft Retreat

Sunday, April 21 Ministry Recognition Sunday

11:15a Faith Formation
11:15a **Sumud – Adult Study**
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time – **Ministry Recognition**
12:15p MS/HS Youth Group
1:30p Nat'l Youth Gathering Prep Meeting
2:00p SCA- 3 Hills

ONGOING SOCIAL CONCERNS

- **Backpacks are ready to sew for 2024!!!!**
- **Plyarning!** Our mats are now going to Ethiopia. We need your clean dry cleaning bags. Bring them to the church if you have them!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The paper May sign up is out. Next week is the last week!
April Sign up is online.
Sign up link <https://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>



Premie Blankets

If you have premie blankets (10-14 inch squares) knit or crochet, please turn them into Claudia Blahnik or Dianne Hellman this month.
If you have any questions please email: cjblahnick@yahoo.com.



Library Update: Beginning April 6 we are starting a 3 month mini series on the topic of immigration. This month, two books will be set up on one of the high top tables in the Gathering Space.

These two books are called THEY ARE US: Lutherans and immigration by Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh and Finding Jesus at the Border by Julia Lambert Fogg. Stop by and take a look.

Birthday Card and Open Doors Ministries.

We have open spots in both of these ministries. We need someone to provide cards for **May**, July, September thru December. Meals are needed for **June**, August, October thru December. Here is the link for the sign up pages, <https://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>



The Extended Ministries Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that funds will be available in 2024 for disbursement to potential extended ministries beyond the operational budget of POP. The amount available for 2024 is \$6,806.39.

See details on completing request in the March newsletter.

Hope for Creation will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary on May 2. The keynote speaker will Debra Rienstra, the author of *Refugia Faith*. The Small Women's Group recently read this book which presents a mindset of restoring nature and faith through nurturing small patches of "life" to replenish creation and our relationship with our faith.

Here is the info to rsvp to the free event that includes a vegan dinner: info@hopeforcreation.net. More information is available on the poster on the Social Concerns bulletin board in the gathering space.

Use this QR code to make your contribution to Prince of Peace. Just follow the instructions when you scan the code.



In need of Prayer?
Send your request to our prayer team at prayer@popportage.org

Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Those with Health Concerns

- Bob Hannemann

Others with Concerns:

- CJ - cancer - 21 month old great-nephew of Bev Schmidt
- Becky Zimmerman - breast cancer - Jeremy Zimmerman's mother
- Phil Adams - cancer treatment
- Karen Adam's father
- Carolyn Neubauer - stroke - friend of Dale & Micki Holder
- Bob Bekefi - hospitalization - Karen Gallagher's brother-in-law
- Jeanette Maxey - friend of Pastor Rachel
- Mike - pneumonia, lung transplant - friend of Ann Lindahl
- Isaac & Family - friends of Bette Stemaly
- Robert Tillotson - ICU - brother of Nancy Pendziszewski
- Teri - friend of Ann Lindahl - double broken ankles
- **Pastor Christine Thompson - , friend of Laila Poisson**
- **Sharon Beck - hip surgery - Bill Hellman's sister**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

- Jean Darling - hospice
- John Brown -
- Marlowe & Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Bill & Gena Baldwin
- Cheryl Thomas
- Barb Ziegler
- BJ Stark
- Judy Buttery - cancer
- Kathy & Larry Ott - CHF & leukemia
- Diana Reames

Those Grieving

- Family & friends of Patricia McNeil - Cody Copeland's mother-in-law