



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ♦ 1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024 ♦ Phone: 343-3453

August 3, 2025

Visit www.popportage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@popportage.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.



Thank you, Pastor Kjersten

We appreciate you stepping in for Pastor Rachel while she is on sabbatical.

COMING THIS WEEK

VBS starts tomorrow, Monday, August 4

You can still register!

See our website or Facebook page to sign up.

Please lift up the children and helpers in prayer.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



A New Directory is Coming.

We are working on a new picture directory for the fall. Tammy Cooper will begin taking pictures on **Sunday, August 10**. There be sessions before and after church. Each quarter hour will have a space for a family, a couple, and an individual. In addition to Sunday mornings, there is an evening session. Our last picture day is Sunday, September 14. Helpers are needed to check names & information.

Sign up now and make sure you get in the new directory!

COMING SOON

River Float and Trivia Night

Fellowship has two popular events scheduled for August.

August 9— River float at 10am and Picnic at noon at the Fosters.

Come for the float or the picnic. Sign up is in the Gathering Space

August 22— Test your knowledge with trivia master, Wade Lawrence.

This is a fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Fund. This year we will be selling pizza by the slice for dinner.



Registration & dinner begins at 6:30pm, game play at 7pm.

Get your team together! Sign up in the Gathering Space.

If you don't have a team, sign up as a single and we will place you on a team.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, August 3

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time

Monday, August 4

2:00p Care Team Meeting
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p **Vacation Bible School**
6:30p CLO Housing Group - Peace Lounge

Tuesday, August 5

9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
5:30p Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall
6:00p **Vacation Bible School**

Wednesday, August 6

11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
6:00p **Vacation Bible School**

Thursday, August 7

1:00p **Food Distribution**
1:00p **Free Store**
6:00p **Vacation Bible School**
6:30p South County Fiber Arts - Social Hall

Friday, August 8

6:00p **Vacation Bible School**

Saturday, August 10

10:00a **River Float & Picnic @ Foster's**

Sunday, August 11

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Youth & Christian Ed Lunch



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

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION



If you would like to make a financial donation, the best place is the Kalamazoo Refugee Resource Collaborative (KRRC), you can go directly to the website to donate:

<https://kalamazoorefugee.org/>

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

COMING SOON



Rally Day September 14

Faith Formation for All begins at 9:15am.
Wear your new POP shirts to Rally Day.
See other side for ordering instructions.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS during worship on AUGUST 17TH!

There will not be a time to go the pulpit for announcements on the 17th. All announcements need to be in the Peace Proclamations or made the Sunday before and the Sunday after. If you want it in the Peace Proclamations for the 17th, the announcement has to be in by Wednesday, August 13.

POP Pop-Up Shop is OPEN



The Pop-up shop is open for those who would like to buy some Prince of Peace wearables.

You can purchase unisex t's, hoodies: zip and pullover, crewneck sweatshirts and youth shirts.



We have picked two color choices for you: royal blue or sport grey.

Order and pay by August 10, then they will be shipped here for distribution around August 24.

Paper forms are available in the Gathering Space for those without a computer or the technologically challenged.

Use this link: <https://undergroundshirts.com/groups/pop-portage-apparel-2025> or scan the QR code.



Sign up on-line for August

Roles to be filled. . .acolyte, worship assistant, reader, usher, communion assistant, prayer station, nursery volunteer, tech assistants, or fellowship host(s).

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

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



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

- Pam Timm
- Pete Eldridge - back surgery
- Kathy Ott - cancer
- **Jessie Ruckstaetter - knee issues**

Others with Concerns:

- Judah Pederson - cancer - Tom & Nancy Pederson's grandson
- Larry Meier - bone cancer - Gloria Beatty's nephew
- David Green - cancer - friend of the Seguins
- Lauren - cancer - Joeline Pederson's daughter
- Shirley Butz - heart issues - Idy Stemaly's mother
- Lynnesy - cancer - Lynne Wathen's sister-in-law
- Joshua Morgan - emotional issues - Tamara and Jim's grandson
- **Wendy - hospice - Angie Copeland's sister**
- **Ardith - heart attack - Jim Copeland's cousin**
- **Aril Baldwin - surgery - friend of Joyce Hare**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

- Jolaine Snyder
- Eric Lehman
- Marlowe & Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Cheryl Thomas
- Diana Reames
- BJ Stark
- Dianne Zurawski
- Kathey Oosterwal
- Gena Baldwin

Those Grieving

- **Family & friends of Bob Zignego - relative of Karen Helmeke**