



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

August 17, 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

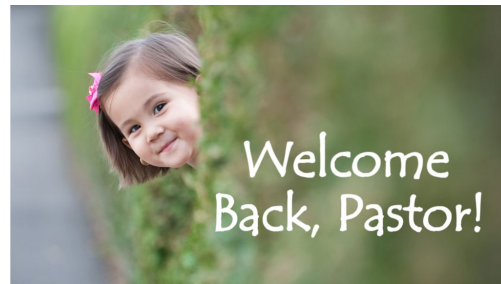


Synod Prayer Partners

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

Thank you to Bishop Satterlee for preaching!

Happy 62th Anniversary to Dale & Yvonne Gatz.



COMING THIS WEEK



A New Directory is Coming. Picture taking has begun!

We are working on a new picture directory for the fall. There are 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!

Trivia Night TODAY'S THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

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.



COMING SOON



Gods Work. Our Hands. Day is September 7!

It begins right after worship in ELCA churches all over our country. Everyone can participate. Please sign up on the display in the Gathering Space for a task you'd like to do.

Lunch will be provided. **See other side for needed items.**

We need nursery volunteers!

We are losing many of our current volunteers to college. Contact Em if you are interested or want more information.



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, August 17

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time

Monday, August 18

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

Tuesday, August 19

9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Red Robin
5:30p Property Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, August 20

11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
7:00p Church Council meeting - Zoom
7:00p Directory Photos

Thursday, August 21 Newsletter Deadline

1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo
7:00p Co-op Core Team Meeting - Zoom

Friday, August 22 Office Closed

6:30p Trivia Night Registration/Dinner
7:00p Trivia Night

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

9:00a Directory Photos
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Directory Photos

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

UPDATE for LWR! We still need:

184 single spiral notebooks	23 boxes of crayons
99 towels	22 clippers
187 bars of soap	40 toothbrushes

There are sign ups in the Gathering Space for additional items.

- ◆ **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 Gross Fundraiser runs now until September 14th!

There's nothing yucky about this fundraiser – it's named for the 144 envelopes on the wall!

Choose an envelope in the Gathering Space. The number on the envelope is the dollar amount of your donation. Choose whichever amount you'd like, or mix-and-match if your preferred number is already taken! Pull out the teal slip and jot your name on the line. This slip goes in the pink box for accounting purposes. Then, take the envelope and yellow slip home. Return your donation in the envelope by September 14th to the offering plate or the pink box.



If you write a check, please make it out to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with 'Gross Fundraiser' on the memo line. You can also give online by visiting our website, clicking the 'Give' tab, and selecting 'Gross Fundraiser' from the dropdown menu.

All money raised during the Gross Fundraiser goes to the youth program, specifically three areas: covering costs for our largest Youth Group outreach in December called 'Shop and Wrap'; supporting Living Water Ministries where our youth can attend camp; and saving for the National Youth Gathering 2027 – registration and deposits for our trip will begin next spring!

Thank you for making sure our youth can have these incredible faith-formative experiences!



The sign up for September is out

Roles to be filled. . . *worship assistant, reader, ushers, 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>

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.



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

- Pam Timm
- Pete Eldridge - back surgery
- Kathy Ott - cancer

Others with Concerns:

- 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
- Ardith - heart attack - Jim Copeland's cousin
- Aril Baldwin - surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- Kris Witteveen - post surgery - Em's father
- Sara Olsen - Howard & Pete's sister-in-law

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

Those Grieving

- Family & friends of Wendy Osborn - adopted sister/aunt of Copeland Family
- Family & friends of Raine Joy Thomas - 12 day old granddaughter - friends of Angie Copeland