



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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Visit [www.popportage.org](http://www.popportage.org) for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: [prayer@popportage.org](mailto: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.



## COMING THIS WEEK



Picture taking has begun. We need your smiling faces!

We have added two more Sundays, September 21 and 28 and another evening Wednesday, September 17.

Each quarter hour has space for a family, a couple, and an individual. If you still can't make any of these days call the office and we will connect you with Tammy to make an appointment.

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

There is now a sign up to order your directory. It is available in 3 formats.

## COMING NEXT WEEK

The church office will be closed on  
**Monday, September 1, in recognition of Labor Day.**



We will return to our fall office hour  
schedule beginning  
**Tuesday, September 2.**

Monday-Thursday 9 AM-4 PM  
Friday 9 AM-NOON



**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.**

## COMING SOON

**DID YOU KNOW? We are getting another intern!**

Her name is Kathleen Robinson. She will start on September 2 and her first Sunday will be September 7. She comes from Wartburg Theological Seminary and will be with us for a year. She is studying to be ordained to Word and Sacrament like Pastor Rachel. We look forward to being in ministry and fellowship with her.

**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.



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, August 24

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

### Monday, August 25 School Starts

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall  
6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom  
6:30p Nami Support Group

### Tuesday, August 26 Open Doors Shelter Meal

9:15a Staff Meeting  
11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library

### Wednesday, August 27

11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library  
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities  
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom

### Thursday, August 28

### Friday, August 29 Office Closed

### Saturday, August 30

### Sunday, August 31

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

### SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

**UPDATE for LWR! We still need:**  
87 single spiral notebooks  
170 bars of soap

**If you signed up for something, please deliver by August 31!!!!**

- ◆ **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 14<sup>th</sup>!**

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Today is the last day to sign up for September!  
Online will be live tomorrow, Monday, August 24.**

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>

## We need nursery volunteers!

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



**In need of Prayer?**  
Send your request to our prayer team at  
[prayer@popportage.org](mailto:prayer@popportage.org)

## Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Those with Health Concerns

- 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

**Use this QR code to**

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

