



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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September 14, 2025

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.



### Rally Day September 14

Faith Formation for All begins at 9:15am. After worship tour the changes in the education wing, find the new offices, and enjoy some popcorn.

### Today is the last day to take a Gross Fundraiser Envelope!

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! Please return your donation by Sunday, September 21.



## COMING THIS WEEK

*Pray Without Ceasing* is a nationwide prayer movement started in the ELCA to uplift and unite communities in prayer during a time of significant change.



### Pray Without Ceasing

Congregations are invited to find a weekly time to meet and pray for our churches, our local communities, our country, and national leaders, and beyond.

**Join us every Wednesday at 10 am** here at church to pray together. For more information, contact Laurie Brown or Em Witteveen.

For more information on the Pray Without Ceasing movement, visit [pray-without-ceasing.org](http://pray-without-ceasing.org).

This Wednesday's Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102538282?pwd=L4MlXRUCrPcMjQ7sI7J4FoJiLzutc.1>



All women All ages are welcome!!  
Mon., Sept. 15, 7:15 PM, Flex Room  
Come in person or join us on Zoom!!  
Share time and 2025-26 plans!!  
Would love to have you join us!!



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, September 14 Rally Day!

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship Time  
12:00p Directory Photos

### Monday, September 15

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall  
6:00p Master Gardeners - Sanctuary  
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

### Tuesday, September 16

9:00a ESL  
9:15a Staff Meeting  
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall  
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Fletcher's Pub  
5:30p Property Committee - Zoom  
7:00p Bells

### Wednesday, September 17

10:00a Book Club - Peace Lounge  
10:00a Pray Without Ceasing - Youth Room  
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities  
11:00a Library Committee - Library  
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom  
7:00p Church Council meeting - Zoom  
7:00p Directory Photos

### Thursday, September 18 Newsletter Deadline

9:00a ESL  
1:00p Food Distribution  
1:00p Free Store  
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo  
7:00p Choir

### Friday, September 19

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

### Saturday, September 20

### Sunday, September 21 Rally Day!

9:00a Directory Photos  
9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship Time  
12:00p Directory Photos

### SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

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

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION



**Sign up for October.  
September sign up is on-line.**

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>

### Picture taking continues. We need your smiling faces!

We have added two more **Sundays, September 21 and 28 & Wednesday evening, September 17 from 7-8.**

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!**

Sign up to order your directory. It is available in 3 formats: in a binder, just the directory or digitally. Let us know what you prefer.



### Gallery - Gathering Space -

*Seeing Iceland's Glacier*

Artist - *Linda Isakson*

*Two techniques expressing the  
Vatnajökull Glacier inspiration*

### Additional Nursery Volunteers are Needed!

We now provide childcare during Faith Formation and Worship. Contact Em to help or if you have questions.



### It's time to collect candy for Trunk Or Treat!

Please bring donations of small, individually wrapped candy and drop them in the green bin under the sign up table.

### Upcoming Adult Ed Schedule:

9/14 Speaking of Faith-Evangelism  
9/21 Speaking of Faith-Evangelism  
9/28 Speaking of Faith-Evangelism  
10/5 Who Was Martin Luther?-Harry Biles



### 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

- Ben Seguin and family - loss of job
- Dave Naugle

#### 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
- Sara Olsen - Howard & Pete's sister-in-law
- Dore' Juchartz - broken hip - 93 yr old aunt of Sue Jones
- Tom Hodges - cardiac problems - Pastor Rachel's grandfather
- Lisa Robinson-Boyer - hospice - friend of Don and Sue Jones
- Brian Barber - seizures - brother-in-law of Marilyn Storch

#### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

#### Those Grieving:

- Family & friends of Janie Hansen, Leigh Ann Emrick's mother

### Use this QR code to

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

