



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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September 7, 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.



### Welcome to our new intern Kathleen Robinson!

Welcome

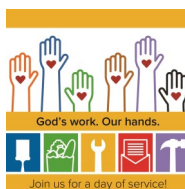
She comes from Wartburg Theological Seminary and will be with us for a year. She is studying to be ordained to Word and Sacrament like Pastor Rachel. We look forward to being in ministry and fellowship with her.

### Today IS Gods Work. Our Hands. Day!

It begins right after worship!

Everyone can participate.

Lunch will be provided.



## COMING THIS WEEK

**Pray Without Ceasing** is a nationwide prayer movement started in the



### Pray Without Ceasing

ELCA to uplift and unite communities in prayer during a time of significant change. 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 Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** here at church to pray together (hybrid option pending!). For more information about PoP's first meeting and beyond, 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).

### Rally Day September 14

Faith Formation for All begins at 9:15am. Wear your new POP shirts to Rally Day.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



**The Gross Fundraiser ends next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>!**  
It's not too late to support this Youth Ministry!

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!



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, September 7 God's Work, Our Hands

10:30a Worship  
11:45a Lunch and Service

### Monday, September 8

3:00p Social Concerns Committee  
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall  
5:30p Finance Committee - Zoom  
7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom

### Tuesday, September 9

9:00a ESL  
9:15a Staff Meeting  
11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library  
1:00p Bunko - Gathering Space  
7:00p Bells

### Wednesday, September 10

8:00a Men's Breakfast – Mark's Diner  
10:00a **Pray Without Ceasing**  
11:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library  
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities  
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom

### Thursday, September 11 Patriot Day

9:00a ESL  
5:00p Hope for Creation  
7:00p Choir

### Friday, September 12

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

### Saturday, September 13

### Sunday, September 14 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*



### Share God's Love with Our Youngest Youth!

Many of our current nursery volunteers are going to college and are not around to serve in the Nursery.

Contact Em if you are interested or want more information.



**It's time to start collecting 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

### Use this QR code to

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