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Tidings of Peace

"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace, for the sake of the world."

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Receiving God on Sabbatical

God has come for the whole world. Every person here belongs to God and to the rest of us, and the whole thing of it fills God with joy. Our ordinary lives participate in this tapestry of care, this web of connection, and none of it is absent the presence of God.

And for most of it, that presence of God comes through one another

– Kara K. Root, *Receiving this Life: Practicing the Deepest Belonging*, pg. 133

One of the biggest gifts of my Sabbatical time was getting to spend much of it with family and friends at a more relaxed pace than a quick week of vacation or brief holiday usually provides. I could practically feel the tapestry of care that author Kara K. Root describes weaving comfortingly around me as I renewed connections with family and friends.



I could sense God's guidance as I heard family stories (my grandfather joined the Navy during WWII after the bombing of Pearl Harbor) and shared my own memories of Hawaii with my mom as we sewed an Aloha shirt out of fabric I purchased on my trip.

I could hear God's joy in the delighted giggles of my godson Michael as I joined him and his family for a ukulele lesson at their church (*University Lutheran in East Lansing, where Pastor Zach and his wife serve*) after worshipping with them.



I could taste the nourishing love of God in the delicious meal my friend Earl and I made together and shared with more friends after he taught me how to make gnocchi and some of my favorite cookies!



As we transition into the seasons of darkness and cold here in Michigan, I invite you to consider the warm, comforting tapestry of care that God has woven into your life and how you can nourish those connections through sharing stories, delighting in each other, and eating together. It doesn't have to be extraordinary or expensive or even outside of your normal routine in order to be a gift from God. Simply open your senses and your heart to what God is doing in the world around you and you will receive!

Shalom,

Pastor Rachel



What's Happening at POP!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting **Friday, October 3 at 10 AM**
in the Peace Lounge.

If you or someone you know would like a shawl, or for more information about becoming a prayer shawl creator, please contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

Sunday, October 5, 2025 2 PM

Back Church Parking Lot

Bring your pet, a picture or a stuffed animal for the annual Pet Blessing.



Quilters

Tuesdays, October 7 & 21 at 9:30 AM

Where: POP Social Hall



Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry! They're happy to teach you! Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.

Men's Breakfast

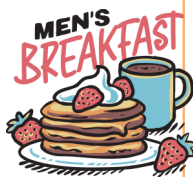
8:00 AM, Wednesday, October 8

Mark's Diner on Romance Rd in Portage.

Come for fellowship, prayer, and conversation.

Tell them you're with Prince of Peace.

We've got the back room reserved.



Ladies Lunch Bunch meets Tuesday, October 21.

Meet at 11:45am at Summer Thyme, Portage St, Kalamazoo

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?

Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

This is a great time for good food and fellowship.

Hope to see you there.

Women of the ELCA

**Ruth Circle is
Monday October 27**

Come at 9:30 for refreshments and fellowship followed by the study. We are usually done by 11:15. Still unsure? Call Dianne Hellman (269-323-9392)



BREAD AND BREAKFAST OCTOBER 4



Bread construction will begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served at about 9:00 a.m. Come and bake bread, or just come for the breakfast and conversation...it's all good! For more information, or to be included on the mailing list, talk with Wade Lawrence at church, email him at wade.b.lawrence@gmail.com, or call him at (269) 353-9885. We hope to see you there!

Women's Study Group

October 6 & 20, 7 pm, Flex Room or via Zoom

We'll begin our discussion on Bishop Curry's book

**Love Is The Way: Holding Onto Hope
in Troubling Times**

Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 to start!

Would love to have you join us!! More information:

Contact Diane Snyder, dmsnyder1149@gmail.com

When: Tuesday, October 14 at 1 PM

Where: POP Gathering Space

Just a few rolls of the dice and you'll have this fun game mastered!

Bunko is easy to learn and offers wonderful opportunities for conversation and connection with others. Call Carla Hannemann at

269/216-3498 for more information.

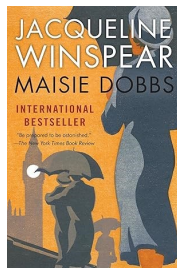


Prince of Peace Book Club

The POP Book Club is reading

"Maisie Dobbs" for our

October 15th meeting.



Maisie learned about crime investigations from a Scotland Yard detective. She hoped to set up her own agency, but World War I intervened. After returning to England from nursing wounded soldiers in France, she was asked to

investigate a case of suspected infidelity but the case became much more.

Something strange was happening at "The Retreat", a recuperative home for mentally and physically damaged WWI veterans.

The book is the first of a mystery series written by Jacqueline Winspear. This story is part mystery, part historical fiction as well as part romance.



Social Concerns Update!

First of all, thanks to all 100+ of you for service to make God's Work Our Hands Day 2025 a huge success. Our Quality Control team packed 406 Health Kits, 210 School Backpacks and 57 fabric kits, we tied 4 LWR quilts, made prayer shawls, introduced Plyarning and Jubilee Gardened. Thanks also to the lunch people for an outstanding meal. As always, we begin working on GWOH 2026 today!!

Our Free Store ministry continues to be a constant service for our neighbors in the area.

Guests drive, bike, walk, pull a wagon and often receive a free bag to carry their choices home. After guests receive nutritious food boxes, they move to the Free Store item tables. On the first Thursday of each month we offer laundry detergent, cleaning supplies of all kinds, shampoos and personal items. On the second Thursday we offer diapers (baby/ adult), toilet paper, wipes, feminine products, etc. Through efforts of other PoP members, additional nutritional food items are made available for our guests as well.

We are privileged to serve the Free store necessities with no charge to many very thankful neighbors. You are welcome to join the Free Store team on the sign up genius to help with any distribution dates.

Blessed to be a Blessing -



**BLESSING
BOX**

Please consider donating non-perishable food items for the blessing box. Some suggested items are peanut butter, jelly, soup with pop-top lids, fruit cups, crackers, cookies, and toiletries. You can put your items in the Blessing Box bin in the Gathering Space by Social Concern basket.

Food Scarcity is in Our Community! Will you help our neighbors?

It takes 4-5 people to help this ministry. Please sign-up and **arrive by 12:30 to help set up. Sign up is on the website.**
<https://popportage.org/pages/food-distribution-signup>



Hope for Creation

would like to announce two free opportunities to engage in activities related to the preservation of God's creation.

First, please consider attending our **Learn, Garden, Grow event from 10 - noon on October 4 at Tay's Farm**, 816 Washington Avenue in the Edison neighborhood of Kalamazoo. Agriculture educator, Forest Gluys will discuss pest control, soil science and provide tips on putting your garden to bed for the year.

Second, come join us at our annual Harvest for Unity celebration. This year's theme will be Water is Life. Our guest speaker will be Water Protector and activist Dr. Nichole Keway Biber, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of the Odawa Indians, who will be speaking about our Indigenous population's struggle to keep water healthy and clean for all to use. The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Kalamazoo **on October 19 beginning at 5 P.M.** Dinner will be provided at no cost to you.

You can RSVP for either event at <https://www.hopeforcreation.net/events-1>



Fall Flu and Covid Clinics

October 12 and 19, from 9:00-10:15am.

We will offer a clinic after the chili cook-off if we have more than five signed up.

**Sign ups in the Gathering Space
Use QR code to sign up on-line**



Please indicate which vaccines you want.

Your choices are: Flu, or Covid-19 2025-2026.

If you are under 65, you must sign a high risk consent form to receive a Covid shot.

Both Pfizer and Moderna are available. Most shots are still covered by insurance, without insurance, Covid - \$150, Flu regular-\$30, Flu 65+ -\$85

Please bring a completed registration form with you to speed up the processing time. Vaccines will be given first come, first served.

Fellowship News

*"And as ridiculous as it may sound,
sometimes all any of us needs in life is for
someone to hold our hand and walk next to us."*

--James Frey



Well, the weather can't seem to decide
what season it is, but fall is indeed here.

The POP Fellowship Committee
has a couple of events scheduled for October
to warm up with the cooler weather.



Sunday, October 12th will be this
years POP Chili Cook Off! Stay
after worship and get those taste
buds ready to sample the best
chili the cooks of POP have to
offer!

This year, we will have judging panel of five members
that includes past winners and other POP VIP'S.

If you would like to enter chili, please sign up as soon
as possible. We are asking that chili be brought in by
10:00AM that morning. Please attach a list of
ingredients for allergy purposes. You will check in
your chili with our "chili wrangler" who will see to it
that your chili is given a place to plug in or remain
heated. This will give us time to number the chili for
our judges and make sure that we don't blow any
fuses plugging too many crockpots in an outlet. It will
also give us sufficient time to set everything up, so
there will be little delay after service.

We will use bowls and tableware from POP. We will
need folks to sign up to bring bread (cornbread, rolls,
crackers etc) and toppings (cheese, sour cream, scal-
lions etc.) We will need some volunteers for set up
and clean up as well.

All sign up sheets are in the gathering space.

Even though we have a judging panel this year, you
are still welcome to sample all the chili's and root for
your favorite! Join us to see who will be this years
winner and have their name added to the POP Chili
Cookoff Apron!

POP will once again sponsor
Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th
at 3:00PM.



This event was a huge success last year!
It was wonderful to see all the kids in
their costumes and makes a great outreach event to share
with our community. We will need decorated trunks of
course, but we will also need donations of candy as well.
Last year we had hundreds of children visit us, and we
ran out of candy. The goal is to have 10,000 pieces of
candy ready to give for this event. We will also need
volunteers to direct traffic and assist with various other
tasks.

Sign ups are in the gathering space.

Church directory pictures are continuing.

We have added another **Sunday, Oct 5th**. Tammy Cooper
will take anyone's picture that day and will arrive at
8:30AM before church as will stay as late as needed after
church so that everyone has a chance to get their picture
taken. We can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces in the
new directory!

We continue to be thankful for those signing up for
Fellowship Time on Sundays. It is a very small and easy
time commitment to make a big difference to our church
family.

Fellowship's next meeting will be Sunday Oct 19th after
worship. As always we would love to have you join us!



Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 2

Council and Committees



During Council's September meeting we heard exciting reports like 2025's Faith Formation classes getting off to a great

start, improvements to the playground coming soon, and the Stewardship campaign drive coming up. Council also reviewed safety protocols and procedures at PoP.

We have many systems in place that would keep PoP safe in the event of an emergency. PoP has partnered with local agencies to help us evaluate our systems and initiatives.

Council will continue to work to keep PoP as safe as possible, while maintaining a welcoming environment

As always, council is honored to steward PoP's mission. Please seek out those of us in yellow lanyards if you desire learning more.



Pray Without Ceasing

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.

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.

The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102538282?pwd=L4MIxRUcrPcMjoQ7sI7J4FojiLzutc.1>



October 13



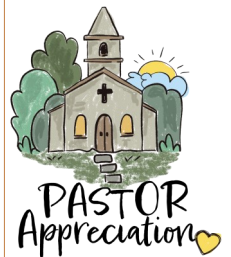
November 8 is the Fall Clean-Up at Prince of Peace.

We will be starting at 8:30 AM and will wrap up around noon. Everyone is welcome even if you can only attend for part of the time. Tarps, rakes and blowers will be needed to move the leaves to the rear of the property. Please join us for a little outdoor exercise along with coffee, juice, donuts!

Rain date is Saturday November 15.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Sunday, October 12 is Pastor Appreciation Day. Make a point to let her know we appreciate her this month and all year round.



**Portage Community
Thanksgiving
Worship Service
and Pie Potluck**

**Sunday, November 23
at 5:00 PM**

**Unitarian Universalist Community Church
10441 Shaver Road, Portage, MI**

Adult Faith Formation

Alzheimer's Disease and other associated forms of dementia have become a significant health crisis in the United States, and the world. The difficulties that the disease presents to families and communities are enormous. Caregiving for someone with dementia presents huge challenges.

Jesus teaches us to care for one another.

Faith communities like ours can play a significant role in providing needed support to those with the disease and their families.

This three-week series will provide the basics of what Alzheimer's is, the warning signs of the disease, and what science is saying about how one may be able to delay or even prevent getting the disease.

Each week's presentation will build on the previous week, yet each also stands on its own.

Week 1, November 2: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: The terms "dementia" and "Alzheimer's" are often used interchangeably. Week 1 will sort out those terms, and dive into the basics of how the disease affects those that have it, how it progresses, risk factors for getting it, current available treatments, and glimpses into the future for progress in battling the disease.

Week 2, November 9: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Have you noticed yourself or others having "senior moments" when one cannot find the right word, or cannot find the darn car keys? Do you wonder, "am I (or are they) getting Alzheimer's?" Week 2 will explore 10 warning signs for Alzheimer's, and differentiate between normal age-related cognitive changes, and more worrisome signs that something may be amiss.

Week 3, November 16: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: There are no available treatments to prevent or cure Alzheimer's. The good news is that there are ways to delay and perhaps prevent the onset of this disease. Week 3 dives into the latest research and describes changes one can make to give oneself the best chance to avoid this deadly disease.

And no, it is NOT too late!



LUTHER IS COMING TO POP!

During the four Sundays in October we will share the story of Martin Luther, traveling with the use of photos to most of the sights in Germany relevant to him and the Protestant Reformation. As we do so, we will also discuss many of our core Lutheran doctrines and their Biblical foundations.

Following is a rough syllabus for our journey:

WEEK ONE - OCT 5

Luther's world - 16th Century
Early childhood and youth
Education - university studies
Lightning experience
Enters Augustinian Monastery - tonsure & cowl - Monk

WEEK TWO - OCT 12

Wittenberg
Posting 95 Theses 1517
Heidelberg 1518
"Tower Experience" 1519
Three Documents of 1520
Diet of Worms 1521
Wartburg

WEEK THREE - OCT 19

Wittenberg return - Invocavit Sermons
Peasants' Revolt
Marriage - Katharina von Bora 1525
Catechisms 1529
Diet of Augsburg and Augsburg Confession 1530

WEEK FOUR - OCT 26

Luther's last years
Against the Jews
Death & burial 1546
Legends and Legacy
Cranach Triptych Altarpiece
ML's ROSE SEAL

Plan to join us for this fun and informative time together. Please come with your curiosity and questions. I am greatly looking forward to sharing this with you.

Blessings, Pr. Harry Biles

Children and Youth News



With September comes Rally Day, the kick-off of our Faith Formation year!

Classes for all ages began on September 14th. We also hosted a mini-open house after worship so that everyone could see the hard work that went into refreshing of-

fices and additional classrooms over the summer. If you weren't able to stay, take a moment to tour the building next time you're in! Be sure to join us at 9:15 each Sunday in the Education Wing for classes for all ages. Nursery is provided for children who are too young for Frolic class.



The Middle and High School Youth Group also

began their year with a bowling trip on the 28th after worship. We'll also be crafting a special 'Candy Chili' during the Chili Cook-Off, so be sure to give that a try!



The Gross Fundraiser wrapped up in September

In total, we raised over \$5000! Most of this funding will be split between Shop-and-Wrap, the MS/HS Youth Group's largest ministry opportunity in December, and saving for the National Youth Gathering 2027. Some of this funding went to Living Water Ministries in support of Camp for All, their program to remove financial barriers from camp opportunities for kids all across our synod and beyond. We are looking forward to planning our Shop-and-Wrap trip soon and later this year, we will be hosting an informational meeting for all who are interested in attending the Gathering. A few adult chaperones will be needed for the Gathering trip, so start thinking now! Thank you for all your generosity in supporting our youth!



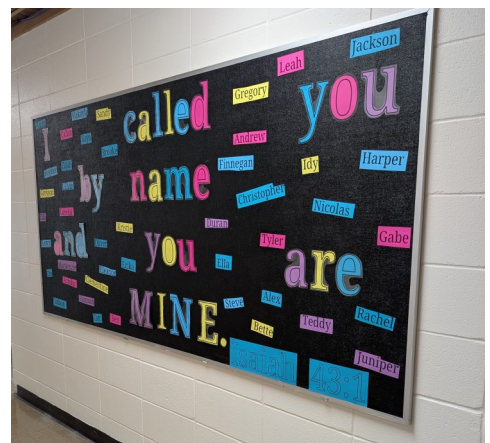
Jon Deming and Em Witteveen participated in Living Water Ministries' "Run the Race" weekend mid-September.

This relay race stretches from Traverse City to Muskegon and included three LWM teams this year, totaling 30 runners (Jon!) and nearly as many drivers (Em!), navigators, and cheer-ers. The race is LWM's single largest fundraiser of the year and is a great opportunity for people to support the camp and its mission! Camp and LWM's work is so influential for our youth. Just ask kids who attended camp or are excited to go to CHARGE in November—they will tell you about their friendships with other campers both within and beyond our congregation, how their faith was formed and nurtured, and ways that they tried new things and enjoyed new experiences all because of the amazing folks who lead and support Living Water Ministries. We are blessed to be in partnership with them!



Confirmation will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 26th. We look forward to celebrating with our confirmands as they affirm the promises made at their baptism. Please be in prayer for our confirmands as they prepare for this step!

Trunk-or-Treat will also be on October 26th from 3-5pm. Sign up to be a Trunk or leave some candy in the green bin in the Gathering Space. After a record turn-out last year, we're going to attempt to be more prepared and have set a goal to collect 10,000 pieces of candy! Candy is already on sale, so help us knock that goal out of the park...ing lot!



Justice and Diversity News



October is National Disability Employment Awareness month (NDEAM).

The theme for 2025 is “Celebrating Value and Talent.” This theme recognizes that people with physical and non-physical disabilities provide value and bring talent to America’s workplace and economy. Check out the explainer video: [NDE-AM on YouTube](#) or visit [WhatCanYouDoCampaign.org](#)

Did you know? Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities. However, it is the employee's responsibility to let the employer know that an accommodation is needed. Check out the Job Accommodation Network for ideas about possible accommodations and how to ask: <https://askjan.org/>

Social media doesn’t always get it right. Check the facts about hiring requirements for persons with disabilities on the Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy page for [Myths and Facts](#).

The ELCA social message on [“People Living with Disabilities”](#) states: “This church believes that God, as creator and sustainer, intends that society regard all people as of equal worth and make it possible for all – those without and those with disabilities – to participate freely and fully as members of society in all important aspects of common life.”

Let’s welcome others with good etiquette.

This article shares some [Workplace Etiquette for Mobility, Sensory, Cognitive, and Psychiatric Impairments](#).

For example, “A wheelchair, mobility aid, or service animal is part of an individual’s personal space; an extension of that individual” and should not be touched without permission.

This article talks about using [person-first affirming language](#) when speaking about a person with a disability.

For example, we can say “Person who uses a wheelchair” (person-first) or “Wheelchair user” (identity-first) instead of “Wheelchair bound” or “Confined to a wheelchair.”

Dear God, We pray for a spirit of inclusion in our hearts and communities. Help us to welcome and value everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances. May we actively seek to include those who are often overlooked or marginalized. Let our actions reflect your love and acceptance. Amen. (excerpted from a [prayer for inclusion](#))

Let’s talk about it!

The ELCA has many social statements and messages. Should we bring one or more into the Adult Faith Formation sessions in 2026? Let us know.

NEW! A social statement on faith and civic life was adopted at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August!

To read the adopted text and learn more about the social statement process, please go to elca.org/civicsandfaith.

Struggling with gun violence? The ELCA [Social message on gun-related violence and trauma](#) and God’s resolve for peace.

Update on Our Solar Array



The 19th of Sep. was the one-year anniversary of the church's solar array start up so I thought some performance info would be appropriate

- The total electric load for the church for the past 12 months was over 71,000 KWH (that number includes 2024 building utility challenges). But the good news is that the solar array put out enough electricity to cover 61% of that load so we should still see a reduction in 2026 C.E. surcharges.
- Total cost savings with solar for the past 12 months is about \$5,400.
- Final net C.E. costs for the past 12 months is about \$7,300
- (Cost without solar would have been about \$12,300)
- And solar array energy output for 12 months avoided the production of about 29 tons of CO₂.

29 tons/yr of CO₂ is a tiny number relative to total global emissions of >37 billion tons for 2024 but installing a 92 panel array is a first step, a big step, in showing our friends and neighbors that we believe the welfare of all humans is important.

I just finished William McKibben's book Here Comes The Sun and would like to pass on a few points he makes.

- We are all aware of the global warming problem. The author phrased the situation this way. If the nations of the world don't start working a lot harder at reducing CO₂ emission it will only be a few years until people who live in states other

than California and Florida will also have difficulty finding affordable house insurance.

- Solar panels are the least expensive method for producing electricity, especially considering there are no material costs or delivery charges for sunshine. So, individuals and organizations in many parts of the world now have the opportunity to become energy independent.
- Unfortunately, current Washington leadership policies and high installation costs for solar have slowed US solar installations but supported US coal and oil interests. Installation cost for solar in the USA are about three times greater than in places like Germany and Australia.
- The author emphasized that there are sufficient materials and installation space for solar to provide all the world's electric needs and reported that China is leading the world in rate of reduction of CO₂ emissions using solar

There are some solar wins in Michigan that are not included in McKibben's book:

- As of 1-Apr-25 Michigan Home Owners Association policies can no longer prohibit installation of roof solar.
- Ann Arbor citizens recently approved moving forward with a plan to establish an Ann Arbor Sustainability Energy Unit and drop DTE as an electricity provider.
- If, Michigan legislators changed the laws to allow Community Solar it would support installation of more solar in Michigan.

Report from Ray Isakson



How to Guard from Scammers



Photo by [Markus Winkler](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Churches are built on trust — trust in God, in one another and in the mission of serving others. Unfortunately, that trust can sometimes make churches and their members targets for scammers.

From email phishing schemes to fake donation requests, scammers are becoming more creative and convincing. They prey on people's goodwill, often impersonating pastors, staff or longtime members to take advantage of congregants.

While it's unsettling to think your church could be at risk, there are practical, compassionate ways to stay informed and protected — without becoming overly suspicious or fearful.

Watch for red flags

Scammers thrive on confusion. They often use urgency, emotional appeals or fake authority to trick people. Here are a few common warning signs:

Unusual requests for money.

A member receives a text or an email from someone claiming to be the pastor asking for gift cards or a quick wire transfer. Big red flag.

Poor grammar or strange formatting.

Scam messages may use formal titles ("Dear Parishioner") or odd phrases not typical of your pastor's communication style.

Unfamiliar phone numbers or email addresses.

Even if the sender's name looks familiar, double-check the actual email address or phone number it came from. Scammers often spoof names to appear trustworthy.

Pressure to act quickly or secretly.

If a message says "Don't tell anyone" or insists on fast action to "help someone in need," be cautious.

How scammers target churches

Scammers are drawn to churches because of their open-door mentality, their generous spirit and the trust within congregations. Some common tactics include:

Impersonating church leaders.

They may set up fake social media profiles or email addresses posing as pastors or staff asking members for money.

Spoofing the church office.

Some scammers even spoof the church's phone number or domain to make their messages look legitimate.

Hacking church websites or email lists.

Without secure systems, hackers can gain access to your contact lists or internal messages.

Phishing for info. Seemingly innocent forms or emails may ask members to "verify their membership" or update their personal info — handing it over to thieves in disguise.

Information from ChurchArt.Com October newsletter

What to do if you think you are being scammed

Do NOT click on any links or reply to the original communication. Contact the church office, Pastor Rachel or the supposed sender in a different format, for example: if it is a text, follow up with an email or vice versa.

If you think you are being scammed or aren't sure it is an official church communication, contact the church office.

Just a reminder: we will not ask for money or gift cards by email.



Living Our Faith

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

- *Thank you for your gift to **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Your gifts to the ministries of ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Your Spirit filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. . . .your gifts enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods. — The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director , Congregational Generosity.*
- ***Housing Resources, Inc.** gratefully acknowledges your generous donation. Your gift will help us continue our work to provide safe and affordable housing for individuals and families in crisis. Thank you for sharing this vision and helping us provide services and housing to people experiencing homelessness. — Michelle Davis, Executive Director*

- *With deep gratitude for your generous support, **YMCA Kalamazoo** continues to live fully into our mission of Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women, while promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Your donation enables us to meet the ever-changing needs of those who are too often marginalized and underserved in times of crisis. — Susan Rosas, Chief Executive Director*

On-Line Giving

On-line Giving Has Never Been So Easy!



You can click or copy and paste the link

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2250097>

or use the QR code.

You can also go to the Prince of Peace website & click on the giving button.

For questions contact either Marilyn or Tamara.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/1	Dale Holder	10/11	Verity Poisson	10/21	Gregg Nelson	10/26	Avery Davis
	Sarah Bierema	10/12	Sarah Erdmann	10/22	Michael Bierema	10/27	Madison GarciaRieck
10/2	Anne Vogt	10/13	Dolores Jennings		Linda Tortorice	10/28	Mark Brown
	Mark DiJulio	10/15	Gail MacNellis	10/23	James Copeland II		Jan Ellwitz
	Michael Cartier	10/16	Finnegan Ross		Jerry Spade	10/31	Cameron Hopper
10/4	Catherine Cartier		Adam Todas	10/24	Allyson Maurer		Gregory Koester
	Laurie Brown	10/19	Gena Baldwin		Sherri Webster		
10/6	Bridget Whately	10/20	Tim Gatz	10/25	Nathan Copeland		
	Dorothy Tisland		Daisy Stepanski		Megan Floyd		
	Jeanette Field						
10/9	Kathy Eklov						
	Raegan Pedersen						
10/10	MacKenzie Hart						



OCTOBER

birthdays & anniversaries

Anniversaries

Karl & Tonya Klemm	10/3	Diane Wilke-Karna & Dave Karna	10/10		
Kelsey & Jake Steele	10/3	Jeff & Pamela Schuhknecht	10/13	Gail & Paul MacNellis	10/21
Wade & Kim Lawrence	10/4	Michael & Sarah Bierema	10/16	Jolaine & David Snyder	10/24
Peter & Michelle Eldridge	10/7	Gregg & Carole Nelson	10/16	Erin & Ron Leversee	10/27
Jennifer & Jason Ross	10/10	Renee Beck & Tim Snow	10/16		
		Megan & William Floyd	10/18		

Prince of Peace Calendar — October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Directory Photos 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Directory Photos 12:00pm Fellowship Committee Meeting 12:00pm Youth Group - Bowling	29 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	30 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 7:00pm Bells	1 10:00am Pray Without Ceasing 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	2 9:00am ESL 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge	4 9:00am Bread & Breakfast
5 9:00am Directory Photos 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Directory Photos 2:00pm Blessing of the Pets	6 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:30pm CLO Housing Group 7:00pm Women's Study Group	7 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 6:00pm Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall/Flex 7:00pm Bells	8 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner 10:00am Pray Without Ceasing 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	9 9:00am ESL 5:30pm Bible Study Picnic 6:00pm Partners in Profit 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 9:00am Flu/Covid Clinic 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Chili Cook-off	13 Indigenous Peoples Day 3:00pm Social Concerns Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 5:30pm Finance Committee mtg. - Zoom 7:00pm Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom	14 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Bunko - Gathering Space 7:00pm Bells	15 10:00am Book Club 10:00am Pray Without Ceasing 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Library Committee - Library 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 7:00pm Church Council meeting - Zoom	16 Newsletter Deadline 9:00am ESL 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:00pm Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring	18 
19 9:00am Flu/Covid Clinic 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Youth Group - Hiking	20 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Master Gardeners - Sanctuary 7:00pm Women's Study Group 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom	21 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 11:45am Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Summer Thyme 5:30pm Property Committee - Zoom 7:00pm Bells	22 10:00am Pray Without Ceasing 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 7:00pm Christian Education - Zoom	23 9:00am ESL 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Youth Committee - Zoom	24 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring	25
26 Reformation Sunday 9:15am Faith Formation All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Fellowship Committee Meeting 3:00pm Trunk or Treat	27 9:30am Ruth Circle 1:30pm Care Team Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Justice and Diversity Meeting - Zoom 6:30pm Nami Support Group	28 Open Doors Men's Shelter Meal 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bells	29 10:00am Pray Without Ceasing 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom	30 9:00am ESL 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	31 Reformation Day 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring	1 All Saints Day 9:00am Bread & Breakfast

Legend:

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous ESL—English as a Second Language

NAMI — National Alliance on Mental Illness

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