



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

December 7, 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.



Adult faith formation Supporting Civil Discourse



Today we start by thinking of what we want from conversation, and share some ideas for the navigating upcoming holiday gatherings.

This series equips adults to engage in civil, faith-centered dialogue in both church and everyday life. Participants explore how listening, respect, & honesty reflect our discipleship & embody Christ's love in a divided world. We will use principles from the book "Crucial Conversations," alongside Scripture & the ELCA's 2025 social statement "Faith, Civic Life, and the Church."

COMING THIS WEEK



Advent Dinner and Service

Wednesdays, December 10, 17

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Service at 7:00p.m.

Leave the cooking to us and come to church for a simple meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during Advent:

12/10 - Taco bar

12/17 - Sloppy joes, cole slaw, chips

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. service.

A free-will offering will be accepted to help cover costs and contribute to Samaritas.

A sign up is in the Gathering Space to bring cookies and help with clean-up.



COMING SOON



Join us Christmas Eve for Worship Services.

At 4:30pm a candlelight family Christmas service

8:30pm is candlelight and communion with special music by our choir and a string quartet.



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
2:00p Shop and Wrap Youth Event

Monday, December 8

3:00p Social Concerns Committee
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
4:00 Finance Committee - Gym
7:00p Christian Education Committee - Zoom
7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

8:00a Men's Breakfast - Mark's Diner
10:00a Pray Without Ceasing - Youth Room
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
6:00p Advent Supper
7:00p Advent Worship

Thursday, December 11

9:00a ESL
6:00p Partners in Profit
7:00p Choir

Friday, December 12

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
9:30a Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **Food Distribution opportunity continues.** Please consider signing out and taking a nonperishable food box from the small table in the gathering space. Please, take the slip of paper on the table to insert in your box. Once filled, return it to the same small table **on or before Dec .17th** and record the date you returned the box. Thank you!
- ◆ **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

It's not too late to sign up for the Angel Tree!

Gifts are due to the church by December 14.
Please sign up to provide Christmas to those who otherwise might not have one.
Please follow instructions on the website as to wrapping and labeling.
Click here for: [Angel Tree](#)



NOTE TIME CHANGE:



Pray Without Ceasing

Join us every Wednesday at Noon here at church to pray together as part of nationwide prayer movement. 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=L4MlRUCrPcMjoQ7sI7J4FoJiLzutc.1>



Please sign up for Christmas EVE NOW!
The January sign up is in the Gathering Space.

Roles to be filled. . . acolytes, 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>

Take a turn filling the Blessing Box.

It needs to be filled *daily*. Items will be sorted into bags so it is as simple as taking a bag from the storage area & placing the items in the box out front by the sign. If you don't have building access, it is easiest to come during regular office hours 9 AM – 4 PM. Staff can also buzz people in from off-site if you need to arrive outside of office hours.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybfd3sx8>

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

Members with Health Concerns

- Dick Hewitt - eye surgery
- Diane Snyder - broken arm
- Gena Baldwin - cancer reoccurrence
- Sue Grinder- knee replacement
- Paul Guthrie - cancer treatment
- Melissa Ottesen - cancer reoccurrence
- Marti Haug - broken shoulder
- **Ann Lindahl - cancer surgery**
- **Kristie Zimmerman - cancer surgery**
- **George Middleton - fractured pelvis and spine.**

Others with Concerns:

- Bill Albregts - cancer treatment - father of Tonya Albregts-Klemm
- Susie Hill - stroke - Janet Hill's daughter in law
- Cherie Wagner - cancer - Marilyn Storch's sister
- John Helmeke - cancer - Karen Helmeke's brother
- Donna Bekefi - broken arm - Karen Gallagher's sister
- Kallen Burdge -ICU 6 months old grand nephew of Jolaine & Dave Snyder
- **Tom Hodges - hospice - Pastor Rachel's grandfather**
- **Eileen Mitchell - stroke recovery - Jolaine Snyder's - aunt**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

Those Grieving:

- **Family & friends of Duane Bushfield**

Celebrations and Praises.-

- **Sheryl and Paul Swodzinski have a new granddaughter, Noelle Lumi**