



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS SPECIAL EDITION

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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.



**Merry Christmas!**  
**We're glad you're here tonight.**

*If you're new here, welcome!*

Let us introduce ourselves: We are Lutheran Christians. We don't have all the answers.

We do have faith that God's love is for everyone: people of every color, size, gender

identity, sexuality, age, race, ability, and every other category we can dream up. God created us all. God loves us all. Jesus is born tonight to bring peace and hope to everyone in our weary world. Here at Prince of Peace, we strive to be instruments of God's peace for the sake of the world and we'd love to have you join us as we read scripture, talk about big questions, serve others in Jesus' name, and seek to work for justice and peace in all the world.

*Members, please use this special edition of the Peace Proclamations to share what you love about our faith community with your friends and neighbors and invite them to join us in the new year.*

## COMING THIS WEEK



## SUNDAY EVENTS

### Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes January 4

9:15 Faith Formation  
10:30 Worship  
11:45 Fellowship Time

**Regular  
Worship  
Schedule**



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30p Family Christmas Eve  
8:30p Traditional Christmas Eve

### Sunday, December 28

10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship

### Monday, December 29

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall

### Friday, January 2 Office closed

10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry — Social Hall

### Sunday January 4 Epiphany is Celebrated

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship

## A Blessing for Loving the World

Remember, Beloved.

The call is not

To save the world

But to love it well

And behave generously

Like all of it is worth saving.

Meta Herrick Carlson,  
Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season

### Ways to Say Merry Christmas!

God Jul — Swedish

Nadolig Llawen — Welsh

Frohe Weihnachten — German

Feliz Navidad — Venezuelan

shchaslyvoho Rizdva — Ukrainian

Crăciun fericit — Romanian

Buon Natale — Italian

Ya'at'eeh Késhmish — Navajo

## COMING SOON

**Friday, January 23**

Trivia Night at 7:00pm - proceeds go to the Good Samaritan fund to assist with rent & utilities in our community.

**Friday, February 6** K Wings game at 7:00pm.

**Wednesday, February 18**

Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:00pm.

**Wednesdays in Lent**

6:00pm Lenten Supper      7:00pm Lenten Worship

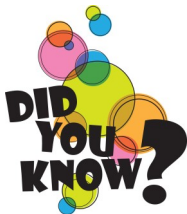
## A Blessing for Christmas

### A Blessing for Sanctuary Decorations

Evergreen, candlelight, and creche  
Come out of storage,  
Dusty remnants polished clean,  
And the space awakens with  
Simple symbols of what can't wait –  
The God who flourishes,  
Who shines in the darkness,  
Who makes a home among us,  
Declaring our ordinary  
Good enough all over again.

by Meta Herrick Carlson, Ordinary Blessings for the  
Christmas Season: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations

Our thanks to the many hands who helped decorate  
this sanctuary in honor of Christ's birth.



**Did You Know?** We provide financial assistance for housing and utilities once a month and food assistance twice a month to our greater community.

Through our Good Sam program, we are able to help those with rent and utility needs. This year, through your generosity and the City of Portage Grant, we have assisted over 160 people and given away over \$43,000.

Our Food Distribution and Free Store, provide fresh food, personal care, household and childcare items. Since January, we have provided food to over 6400 people. We have been able to supplement the boxes from SW Michigan Food Bank with your generous donations.

**None of this would have been possible without your support!**



### 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

### Members with Health Concerns

- Gena Baldwin - cancer reoccurrence
- 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
- Tom Hodges - hospice - Pastor Rachel's grandfather
- Eileen Mitchell - stroke recovery - Jolaine Snyder's - aunt
- Kathy Berrigan - cancer surgery - friend of Joyce Hare

### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

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