



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

January 4, 2026

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.**

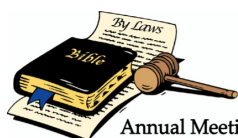
SUNDAY EVENTS



Synod Prayer Partners

You will find today's letter to be signed on the table in the Gathering Space.

COMING SOON



Annual Meeting and Budget Hearings

January 11 Budget hearing at 9:15am in the Social Hall. A Zoom link will be provided.

January 18 Budget hearing at 11:45am in the Sanctuary.

January 25 Annual Meeting at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary. A Zoom link will be provided.

Trivia Night Friday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Registration at 6:30. Get your teams together. Watch for sign up sheet. Proceeds to go to the Good Samaritan Fund.



Friday, February 6 K Wings Game

Pastor Rachel sings the

National Anthem from center ice at

6:50 p.m. Puck drops at 7 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOTE: Due to the office being closed between Christmas and New Years the next deposit will not occur until Tuesday, 1/6/26.

Please note that your checks and offerings **will** be counted in 2025 if they are received before year end.

Adult Faith Formation - January 25

As the new year begins, I will be traveling with Wartburg Seminary to Germany. During this immersive travel, we will explore German history and culture through visits to historical sites (medieval, Reformation, and modern) and careful study of cross-cultural issues like religious identity, immigration, and political extremism in Germany. You are invited to attend Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, January 25, and hear about some of the wonderful things I have learned. – Intern Kathleen



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, January 4 Epiphany is Celebrated

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

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 7

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **NONE NEEDED THIS WEEK! 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 Feb 3** 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

Faith Formation @ Prince of Peace for January 9:15am on Sundays

Jan 4 - Supporting Civil Discourse – Share your story
Jan 11 - PoP 2026 Budget Hearing (also Jan 18 at noon)
Jan 18 - Supporting Civil Discourse – Invite another's story
Jan 25 - Reflections from Germany with Intern Kathleen



2026 Synod Assembly

Each year at the annual meeting, we elect at least two (2) lay members of the congregation to be voting members at the year's Synod Assembly. In order to be elected, you must be a voting member of Prince of Peace. We are also allowed to elect one (1) additional voting member who is a youth or young adult who is confirmed and under the age of 25. The assembly is something like our congregational annual meeting for the ministry of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, of which we are a member congregation. Voting members receive reports from synod committees and officers and the Bishop, review and approve the synod budget and compensation guidelines, and more. There are also excellent educational workshops and powerful worship services! This year we are honored to be hosting the assembly at Prince of Peace, so attending will be as close to home as it gets! The dates for assembly are May 15-16, 2026. For more information about the 2026 assembly, contact Pastor Rachel. To learn more about the experience of being a voting member, you can also reach out to one of our recent attendees: Lisa Creed or Beth Whately.



**Sign up for February in the Gathering Space.
January will be on-line Monday.**

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>



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

- 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 Albrechts - cancer treatment - father of Tonya Albrechts-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
- Jo Anne Meyer - torn rotator cuff - Jan Ellwitz' sister
- Sharon Beck - surgery recovery - Bill Hellman's sister.
- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

