



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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December 28, 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.

## COMING THIS WEEK

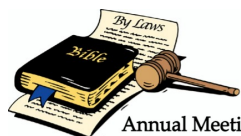
Office Closed from December 24 through January 2.

We will reopen on January 5.

Pastor will be available by cell for emergencies.



## COMING SOON



**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.

**Looking to keep your fingers warm and nimble or downsizing your yarn stash?**

Then the Prayer Shawl Knitters and Crocheters may be the place for you! Whether crafting at home or meeting the first Friday of the month from 10-11:30am in the Peace Lounge, we welcome you to join us. We began this ministry in 2007 we have made over 525 shawls, 170 preemie blankets and 300 cotton dishcloths.

If someone is in need of a comforting shawl, they are available in the storage room off the education wing or contact Dianne Hellman at 269/323-9392 or Claudia Blahnik at 269/352-7430.



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, December 28 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:30a Worship

11:45a Fellowship Time

### Monday, December 29

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

### Tuesday, December 30

### Wednesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

### Thursday, January 1 New Year's Day

### Friday, January 2

### Saturday, January 3

### Sunday, January 4 Epiphany is Celebrated

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages

10:30a Worship

11:45a Fellowship Time



**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 Jan .21** 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



**You can sign up on-line for January.**

Roles to be filled. . .acolytes, worship assistant, reader, ushers, communion assistant, prayer station, 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>

#### Directory Update!

Due to the fire the directory will be delayed until January. We apologize for the inconvenience.



#### 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](http://pray-without-ceasing.org).

The Zoom link is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102538282?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84102538282?pwd=L4MlXRUcrPcMjoQ7sI7I4FoJiLzutc.1)

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**Fellowship time seating** – Looking for a quieter place to sip coffee and hear the conversation you're trying to have – try out the south end of the Gathering Space. We've grouped a few chairs, some plants and old pew to see if this will help with the population pressure on the north end. We're exploring furniture options, and a couple of small pull up side tables for your beverage. Did I mention art work? Comments and suggestions welcome to the Property Committee.



#### 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 - post op surgery
- Kristie Zimmerman - post op surgery
- George Middleton - fractured pelvis and spine.
- Pam Timm - shoulder surgery

#### 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
- **Jo Anne Meyer - torn rotator cuff - Jan Ellwitz' sister**

#### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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