



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

January 11, 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.

SUNDAY EVENTS



Synod Prayer Partners

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



COMING SOON



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

January 25 Annual Meeting at 12:00pm in the Sanctuary. There will be an enhanced fellowship time.

A Zoom link will be provided.

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

Registration at 6:30.

Sign-up in the Gathering Space by Sunday, January 18.



Create a team of 6-8 people, a partial team, or come by yourself!

We'll assign you to a team. Cost is \$10 per person.

We will have pizza, popcorn and cookies available for purchase. .

Coffee, tea and water will be available at no cost. You may bring your own non-alcoholic beverages, but outside food is discouraged as this is a fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Fund.



Friday, February 6, 2026 Sign up by Sunday, January 25.

Pastor sings the National Anthem from center ice at 6:50.

Puck drops at 7 PM.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$13 for children (ages 2-12).

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace with "Wings" in the memo line. Online sign-up will be available the week of January 11 and you can pay for tickets through Tithely.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

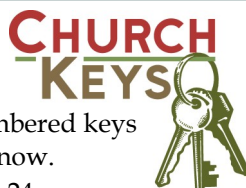
Adult Faith Formation - January 25

I am currently in Germany, exploring German history & culture through visits to historical sites (*medieval, Reformation, & modern*), careful study of cross-cultural issues like religious identity, immigration, & political extremism in Germany. You are invited to attend Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, January 25, & hear about some of the wonderful things I learned. - Intern Kathleen

Key Audit

If you have one of these numbered keys please let the office know.

Key # 10, 12, 22, 23, 24



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, January 11

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
9:15a **Budget Hearing**
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p **MS/HS Youth Group**

Monday, January 12

3:00p Social Concerns Committee
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
5:30p Finance Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

8:00a Men's Breakfast - Mark's Diner
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p **Pray without Ceasing**

Thursday, January 15 Newsletter Deadline

9:00a ESL
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo
6:00p Refugee Collective Town Hall - Social Hall
7:00p Bells

Friday, January 16

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring
6:00p Refugee Collective Town Hall - Social Hall

Saturday, January 17

Sunday, January 18

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p **Budget Hearing**
12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library

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 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 is in the Gathering Space.
January will be on-line.**

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>

January 18 is National Michigan Day!

Have a party and an Oberon or Fanta to celebrate



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

- Paul Guthrie - cancer treatment
- Melissa Ottesen - cancer reoccurrence
- Marti Haug - broken shoulder
- Ann Lindahl - 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
- 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**
- **Family of Diane Zurawski - brother Doug and nephew, William**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

Those Grieving:

- **Family & friends of Ron Witteveen - Em Witteveen's grandfather**
- **Family & friends of Tom Hodges - Pastor Rachel's grandfather**