



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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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 THIS WEEK

Directories are available!

If you ordered a physical directory in a binder, it is in the Gathering Space with your name on it. If you ordered "guts" only, it is also in the Gathering Space with your name on it. If you ordered a digital one, you should have received it in an e-blast. If you didn't order one, but want one call the office.



Friday, February 6, 2026

Pastor sings the National Anthem from center ice at 6:50.
Puck drops at 7 PM.

COMING SOON



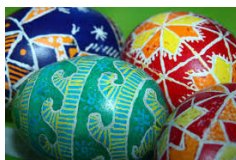
Join us for Ash Wednesday Services February 18 at Noon and 7pm.

Midweek Lenten Services start
Wednesday February 25.

We begin at 6pm with a soup supper, followed by worship at 7pm. Watch for a sign up for the soup suppers in February.

Back by popular demand, craft day is back! **Saturday, February 21st from 10AM-2:00PM.** We will set up tables in the Gathering Space to spread out and work on the craft of your choice. (We will have some tie blankets as well, if you don't have something to work on.) Bring a dish to pass, and we will all share a potluck lunch as we spend time together and chase the winter blues away!

Mark your calendars for the Easter season Pysanky egg event coming up on **Sunday, March 15th** after service. Kim and Wade Lawrence share their expertise every year for this event. For those that don't know, Pysanky eggs are Ukrainian decorated Easter Eggs. The process of creating the designs and dyeing the eggs is really remarkable and fun. If you haven't tried this yet, you are missing out! The designs can be as ornate or as simple as you wish, so all are welcome. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2 Groundhog Day

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room

Tuesday, February 3

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
5:30p Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, February 4

10:00a VITA Tax Clinic
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p Pray without Ceasing

Thursday, February 5

9:00a ESL
1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:30p South County Fiber Arts - Social Hall
7:00p Choir

Friday, February 6

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring
10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge
7:00p K-Wings Game

Saturday, February 7

Sunday, February 8

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

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 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



**Sign up for March is in the Gathering Space.
February is 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.

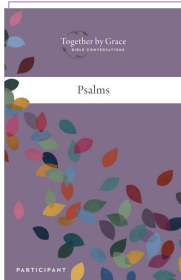
Sign up link! <https://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>

Daily Lenten Devotions

Pastor Rachel wrote three devotions for a series put together by her colleague and our stewardship consultant, Pastor Paul Walters. You can sign up to receive the devotions via daily e-mails from Ash Wednesday through Easter using this link: <http://eepurl.com/bcbuf9>

The Lenten theme this year is "It is Finished".

These are the climactic words of Jesus' life. Everything he did and said lead to this final moment: It is finished. These words are a translation of the important Greek word τετέλεσται (tetelestai). There were many nuances to this word, but what did he mean by these words? Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent as we discover how those around Jesus might have heard these words and how we hear them today.



Wednesday Bible Study

11:00 am on Zoom All our welcome!

We'll begin our next Bible study book on Psalms on 2/4/26. Books are available for pick up in the Gathering Space. If you need one mailed/delivered to you, please let me know ASAP so we can get it to you.

If you need the Zoom link contact the office or Pastor Rachel.

Contribution Statements

Statements were sent out on Wednesday, 1/28/26 by postal mail and email. You should have received yours by now. If you have not received yours yet, please see Marilyn Storch or call the office and she will send another.



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 treatment
- George Middleton - fractured pelvis and spine.
- Pam Timm - shoulder surgery again!

Others with Concerns:

- Bill Albregts - cancer treatment - father of Tonya Albregts-Klemm
- John Helmeke - cancer - Karen Helmeke's brother
- Kathy Berrigan - cancer surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- 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
- Kristopher Pendziszewski - surgery - son of Steve & Nancy Pendziszewski
- Beth Flermoen - ICU - friend of Joyce Hare
- Penny Gould - ICU - sister of Cheryl Thomas
- JoAnne Meyer - continuing issues from fall - Jan Ellwitz' sister
- Dean Hare - knee surgery - son of Joyce Hare
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggner's former pastor in Illinois

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 and friends of Marianne-friend of Shirley Thompson