



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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February 15, 2026

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## 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

**FYI: The Women's Study Group Zoom February 16 at 7pm.**



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. Sign up for the soup suppers is in the Gathering Space.

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!

## COMING SOON

### MEMBERSHIP Exploration

#### New Member Exploration

If you are interested in membership in Prince of Peace exploration luncheon on **Sunday, March 8** after worship. This is an informal way to learn about

what it means to be a member at Prince of Peace. We will receive new members on Sunday, March 15 during worship, attending the lunch does NOT commit you to joining. If you would like to attend, let Pastor Rachel know or contact the office.

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 designs can be as ornate or as simple as you wish, so all are welcome. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up will be coming.



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, February 15 Transfiguration Sunday

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship Time  
12:00p Printmaking for Youth

### Monday, February 16 President's Day

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall  
6:00p Master Gardeners - Sanctuary  
7:00p Women's Study Group - Zoom  
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

### Tuesday, February 17 Fat Tuesday

9:00a ESL  
9:15a Staff Meeting  
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall  
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Crew  
12:00p Kalamazoo Conference - Social Hall  
7:00p Bells

### Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

10:00a VITA Tax Clinic  
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities  
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom  
12:00p Ash Wednesday Service  
12:00p Pray without Ceasing  
7:00p Ash Wednesday Service

### Thursday, February 19 Newsletter Deadline

9:00a ESL  
1:00p Food Distribution  
1:00p Free Store  
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo  
7:00p Choir

### Friday, February 20

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

### Saturday, February 21

10:00a Sewing and Craft Day

### Sunday, February 22 First Sunday in Lent

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages  
10:30a Worship  
11:45a Fellowship Time  
12:00p Church Council meeting - Social Hall  
12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library  
5:00p Hope for Creation - Social Hall

### 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



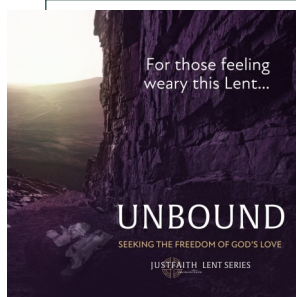
Today is the last day to sign up for March in the Gathering Space. March will be on-line tomorrow.

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>



This Lenten season, the Adult Faith Formation hour (9:15am Sundays) will use the *JustFaith Ministries* series **Unbound: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love**. each week we will reflect on a Bible relationship and what it shows us about our relationships with God and each other today. **Week 1 (2/22):** Lead Us Not into Temptation: Jesus in the Wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). All are welcome

**Vacation Bible School dates have changed!**  
We will host VBS here at PoP July 27-31 (M-F)  
from 6-8 pm. More info coming soon!



**Handouts from the Finance Faith Formation class**  
are available in the brochure rack by Em's office  
or contact the office for print or digital copies.

### 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>

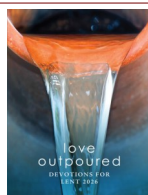


### Directories are available!

All the pre-ordered directories on in the Gathering Space. If you didn't pre-order, you can still get one, just call the office at 343-3453.

### Lenten Devotion Books

You will find the Lenten Devotionals in the Gathering Space under the hanging by the water fountain.



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](mailto:prayer@popportage.org)

### Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

#### Members with Health Concerns

- Melissa Ottesen - cancer reoccurrence
- Ann Lindahl - cancer treatment
- George Middleton - fractured pelvis & spine.
- Pam Timm - thyroid surgery

#### Others with Concerns:

- John Helmeke - cancer - Karen Helmeke's brother
- Kathy Berrigan - cancer surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- 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
- Rich & Jeanette Gagnon - failing health & Jeanette is in hospice - parents of Maria Markucki parents
- John Neworski - health issues - Kristie Zimmerman's father

#### 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 Penny Gold - sister of Cheryl Thomas, mother of Camille Dould
- Family & friends of George Forsberg - prior member

#### Celebrations and Praises.-

- Bill Albrechts - cancer free after treatment