



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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February 22, 2026

Visit www.poppottage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.
In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@poppottage.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

Midweek Lenten Services 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.



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

Registration at 6:30.

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.

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.



PALM SUNDAES and PALM CROSSES

All are invited to enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes and learn to make palm crosses on Palm Sunday after worship, hosted by the Youth Committee!

THIS WEEK AT POP!

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*

Monday, February 23

- 9:30a Ruth Circle
- 1:30p Care Team Meeting
- 5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
- 6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom
- 6:30p Nami Support Group
- 7:00p Christian Education Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, February 24 Open Doors Shelter Meal

- 9:00a ESL
- 9:15a Staff Meeting
- 7:00p Bells
- 7:00p Youth Committee Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00a VITA Tax Clinic
- 10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
- 11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
- 12:00p Pray without Ceasing
- 5:15p Nat'l Youth Gathering Info Mtg - Hybrid
- 6:00p **Lenten Soup Supper**
- 7:00p **Lenten Worship**

Thursday, February 26

- 9:00a ESL
- 7:00p Choir

Friday, February 27

- 10:00a ESL Open Tutoring
- 6:30p Trivia Night Registration
- 7:00p **Trivia Night**

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday in Lent

- 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

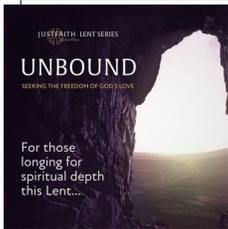


The Holy Week Sign up is out..

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>



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.

All are welcome

Session 2, March 1 (facilitator: Intern Kathleen Robinson): Nicodemus at Night (John 3:1-21)

This session contrasts Jesus' teaching with religious rule-keeping to help your group recover the heart of the Law: love and freedom. You'll then reflect on how we can live out Jesus's teachings fully and without compromise.

Daily Lenten Devotions It's not too late to sign up!

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>

Lenten Devotion Books

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



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.



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

- 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
- 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
- **David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller**

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 Joshua Guthrie - son of Greg & Christine Guthrie**
- Family & friends of Penny Gold - sister of Cheryl Thomas, mother of Camille Dould
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Celebrations and Praises.-

- Bill Albrechts - cancer free after treatment