



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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March 8, 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.



MEMBERSHIP Exploration

Today is the New Member Exploration

If you are interested in membership at Prince of Peace join us in the Social Hall 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.

COMING THIS WEEK

Midweek Lenten Services Wednesday March 11.

We begin at 6pm with a soup supper, followed by worship at 7pm. Sign up for the soup suppers is in the Gathering Space.



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 is in the Gathering Space.



COMING SOON



H O L Y W E E K

<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>April 2</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>April 3</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	<i>April 4</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>April 5</i>	<i>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM</i>

enhanced Fellowship between services in the gym.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
- 10:30a Worship
- 11:45a Fellowship Time
- 12:00p **New Member Exploration Lunch**

Monday, March 9

- 3:00p Social Concerns Committee
- 5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
- 5:30p Finance Committee - Zoom
- 7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:00a Men's Breakfast – Mark's Diner
- 10:00a VITA Tax Clinic
- 10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
- 11:00a Pastor's Bible Study – Zoom
- 12:00p Pray without Ceasing
- 6:00p **Lenten Soup Supper**
- 7:00p **Lenten Worship**

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00a ESL
- 6:00p Partners in Profit
- 7:00p Choir

Friday, March 13

- 10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

Saturday, March 14

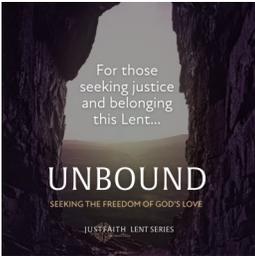
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- 12:00p **Pysanky Eggs**

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



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 4, March 15 (facilitator: Marti Haug): "One Thing I do Know": The Story of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41)

This session and its subsequent weekly reflections explore the story of the man who was born blind, introduce participants to a theology of disability, and highlight some of the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to the Church.

The April Sign up is out and the Holy Week Sign up 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>



Exciting Extracurriculars

Are you involved in a community play or band?
Does your child play school sports?

Tell us about special events so church members can support each other! Fill out the details on the back the

Event Save the Date card and turn it in to the office.

Find the cards on the Welcome table next to the prayer cards.

Events are listed in the newsletter each month on the Fellowship page.

You will need to get your article in by the third Thursday of the month for next month's newsletter; example you are in a play in early May, you will need to get your article in the April issue, if it is later in May then it could be in either issue.

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

- George Middleton - fractured pelvis & spine.
- Linda Sue Boechenstein - knee replacement
- Patt Hewitt - cornea transplant
- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Marlowe Crocker - hospitalization
- **Andrea Seguin - upcoming surgery**

Others with Concerns:

- Kathy Berrigan - cancer surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggoner's former pastor in Illinois
- Rich & Jeanette Gagnon - failing health and Jeanette is in hospice - parents of Maria Markucki
- John Neworski - health issues - Kristie Zimmerman's father
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- **Olivia - 11 yr old in ICU from peanut allergy**
- **Lilliana - 10 yr old undergoing heart surgery—friend Kathleen Robinson**

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 Paul Fleming - friend of Tamara Preston**
- **Family & friends of Eileen Mitchell - Jolaine Snyder's aunt**

Celebrations and Praises:-

- **Melissa Ottesen - cancer free**
- **John Helmeke - Karen Helmeke's brother - cancer free**
- **Cherie - in remission - sister of Marilyn Storch**