



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS SPECIAL EDITION

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Visit [www.poppportage.org](http://www.poppportage.org) for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.  
In need of prayer? Contact: [prayer@poppportage.org](mailto:prayer@poppportage.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.

### Happy Easter!

We're glad you're here! If you're new, welcome!  
Let us introduce ourselves: We are Lutheran Christians. We don't have all the answers.

We do have faith that God's love is for everyone: people of every color, size, gender identity, sexuality, age, race, ability, and every other category we can dream up. God created us all. God loves us all. This morning we

celebrate that Jesus died and rose again for all people to have new life! Here at Prince of Peace, we strive to be instruments of God's peace for the sake of the world and we'd love to have you join us as we read scripture, talk about big questions, serve others in Jesus' name, and seek to work for justice and peace in all the world.

*Members, please use this special edition of the Peace Proclamations to share what you love about our faith community with your friends and neighbors and invite them to join us.*



## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

- 8:00a Easter Worship
- 9:00a Enhanced Fellowship in the Gym
- 10:30a Easter Worship

### Monday, April 6 Office Closed

- 5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
- 7:15p Women's Small Group

### Tuesday, April 7

- 9:00a ESL
- 9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
- 5:30p Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall

### Wednesday, April 8

- 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

### Thursday, April 9

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

### Friday, April 10

- 10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

### Saturday, April 11

### Sunday, April 12

- 9:15a Faith Formation
- 10:30a Worship
- 11:45a Fellowship Time

## COMING SOON

### Upcoming Events

- May 2 Spring Clean up *Rain date: May 9*
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 15-16 Synod Assembly at Prince of Peace
- May 17 Graduation Sunday and Picnic
- May 25 Office Closed for Memorial Day

## SUNDAY EVENTS

### Regular Sunday Schedule

- 9:15 Faith Formation
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:45 Fellowship Time

# Regular Worship Schedule





## Ways to Connect and Grow

Bible Study - Every Wednesday at 11am on Zoom

Bread and Breakfast - make bread on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9am.

Choir - vocal musicians who help lead worship.  
Rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm.

Food Distribution & Freestore - drive-through distribution of fresh food and personal care items on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1pm.

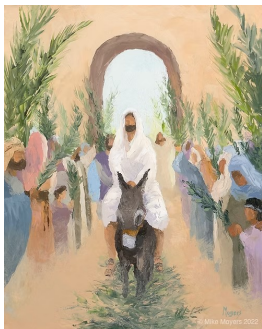
Handbell Choir - musicians who play during several services throughout the year. Rehearses on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Jubilee Garden – provide fresh vegetables to food banks throughout the summer from the garden behind the church.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - knit & crochet prayer shawls on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 10am.

Quilters - sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9:30.

For more group details, call the office or check out our website!  
You can also follow us on Facebook (Prince of Peace, Portage, MI – ELCA) or subscribe to our YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/@popportage](http://www.youtube.com/@popportage)).



**Mike Moyers a contemporary impressionist tells the story of life & faith through his art.**

A collection of his work from Palm Sunday through Easter Resurrection & beyond will be exhibited in the Gathering Space and Sanctuary during April & May. Envisioning scripture he strives to “paint God’s wonders” by diving deep into prayer & Word before lifting the brush.

His work calls us to look beyond familiar ways of expressing these stories opening us to “contemplative interpretation between God & the viewer.” The exhibit is made possible with donations to the Liturgical Arts dedicated fund.

*Art by Mike Moyers, used with permission*

### 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

- Linda Sue Boeschstein - knee replacement
- Patt Hewitt - cornea transplant
- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Sandy Foster - broken elbow and ankle
- **Eli Deming - broken foot**

### Others with Concerns:

- 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 Gagnon - failing health - father of Maria Markucki
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- Lilliana - 10 yr old post-op heart surgery - friend Kathleen Robinson
- Olivia - 11 yr old at Mary FreeBed recovering from peanut allergy
- Griselle - rare cancer - cousin of Sandy Bennett
- Becky Wiessner - cancer & stroke - friend of Tamara Preston
- Crystal - breast cancer - friend of Paula Kana'an
- Paul Sanderson - non-union of broken leg - friend of Tamara Preston
- **Mark Keller - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma - uncle of Charlotte Keller**
- **Dennis Struble - leukemia - family of Diane Snyder**
- **Mary Rebert - heart issues - friend of Diane Snyder**
- **Cindy Vennix - cancer - friend of Sheryl Swodzinski**

### Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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

### Those Grieving:

- **Family & friends of Jeanette Markucki - Marie Markucki's mother**
- Family & friends of Marlowe Crocker
- Family & friends of Rebecca Grose - best friend of Tamara Preston
- Family & friends of Brian Salliotte - cousin of Sue Jones

### Celebrations and Praises:-

- Birth of Matthew Walker - newest son of Scottie and Emily Walker