



# PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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April 12, 2026

Visit [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org) for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: [prayer@poppottage.org](mailto: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.

**Prince of Peace was the recipient of prayers on March 15.**  
You can see all the cards and letters we received on the glass above the sign-up tables.



## COMING THIS WEEK

**Pastor Morgan will be on call while Pastor and Intern Kathleen are away at the Intern Retreat on Monday and Tuesday.**

Contact the office or call Pastor Morgan on his cell.



### Bunko!

**Tuesday, April 14 at 1 p.m.**

in the Gathering Space. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT POP!

### Sunday, April 12

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

### Monday, April 13

- 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, April 14

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

### Wednesday, April 15 Tax Day

- 10:00a Book Club - Peace Lounge
- 10:00a VITA Tax Clinic
- 10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
- 11:00a Library Committee - Library
- 11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
- 12:00p Pray without Ceasing
- 7:00p Church Council meeting - Zoom

### Thursday, April 16 Newsletter Deadline

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

### Friday, April 17

- 10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

### Saturday, April 18

### Sunday, April 19

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

## COMING SOON

**Saturday, May 2 at 8:30 to 12:00**  
is Spring Clean Up Day.

Grab your gloves and rakes and help us spruce up the church lawns after a long winter. *Rain date: May 9*



WOMEN'S RETREAT

### Prince of Peace Women's Retreat

**May 22-23, 2026**

**Essenhaus Inn**

**240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540**

Join us for a women's retreat beginning Friday, May 22 and ending Saturday afternoon, May 23. The retreat is being led by Laurie Brown, Intern Kathleen, and Beth Whately. Our theme is: *Drawing From the Well*. You can find information about the Inn and the onsite restaurant at [essenhaus.com](http://essenhaus.com).

**Cost:** \$110 double occupancy; \$220 single occupancy

All payments should be made to Prince of Peace and we will pay one bill for everyone. Your cost covers your one-night stay and breakfast and the lunch buffet on Saturday. We have a total of 20 rooms available. Double occupancy is not required, but encouraged, so as many of our members as possible can participate. See April newsletter for more details. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **No new food box are needed this week!**  
We supplement Food Distribution by making boxes of nonperishable food. Currently, the boxes from SouthMichigan Food Bank has been sufficient. We will let you know when we need more and where to find the empty boxes.
- ◆ **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



**ENERGIZING  
OUR FAITH \*  
EARTH DAY 2026**

#### Adult Ed Sunday, April 19

*Energizing Our Faith.*

Through prayer, readings, and reflection, we will be called to build a more

sustainable world. This session will be an opportunity to understand how the call for a more sustainable world fits into our faith and invites us to take action to protect God's creation and our neighbors.

#### The sign up for May is in the Gathering Space!

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>



For more information on Kalamazoo Earth Day Events follow the link below:

<https://www.kalamazooearthday.com/copy-of-earth-day-2025>

#### We are NOT accepting clothes.

If you have clothes that you would like to donate, Trinity Lutheran and Sunnyside United Methodist have free clothing banks.

Please contact them for drop off times.



**Grateful thanks** to the following people who helped acquire, prepare and place palm plants and Easter flowers in our Worship space for Palm Sunday and/or Easter. Sharey Biles, Claudia Blahnik, Joyce Hare, Claudia Lee, Randi Martin, Sandy Mertz, Kris Rieck and Pam Timm. Laurel Hopper & Jeanette Field, Liturgical Arts & Environment Ministry

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

- 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 Silas - husband of Julie Bringman, ELCA Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, College Park, MD**
- Family & friends of Jeanette Gagnon - Maria Markucki's mother