



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ♦ 1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024 ♦ Phone: 343-3453

May 10, 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.

Congratulations to All Our Graduates!

See the bulletin for who's graduating and their plans.



Join Us Today for the End of the Year Picnic

Hot dogs and all the fixins'.

Chuck-a-Duck Youth Fundraiser

\$2 a duck or 3 for \$5



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, May 17 Grad Sunday and Picnic

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Graduation Picnic

Monday, May 18

9:30a Ruth Circle
1:00p Evangelism
2:00p Care Team Meeting
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p Master Gardeners - Sanctuary
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

Tuesday, May 19

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Moors
5:30p Property Committee - Zoom
6:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, May 20

10:00a Book Club - Peace Lounge
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, May 21 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, May 22

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring
5:00p Women's Retreat - Das Essenhaus

Saturday, May 23

9:00a Women's Retreat - Das Essenhaus
11:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library

COMING THIS WEEK



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Prince of Peace Women's Retreat

May 22-23, 2026

Essenhaus Inn

240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540

The retreat is being led by Laurie Brown, Intern Kathleen, and Beth Whately. Our theme is: *Drawing From the Well.*

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

All checks should be made to Prince of Peace, or paid online through Tithe.ly and we will pay one bill for everyone

COMING SOON

On Monday May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Friday, June 26 - 6:35 pm

Tickets are \$15 and include a Growler's hat.

Pastor Rachel sings the National Anthem.

Sign-up in the Gathering Space.



SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **NEW food boxes are needed! See the May Tidings for thelist!**
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

Today is the last day to sign up 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>

The **Extended Ministries Endowment Committee** is pleased to announce that funds will be available in 2026 extended ministries that are not supported by the operational budget of POP. The amount available for 2026 is \$8,260.69. All requests are carefully evaluated by the Endowment Committee.

The **committee welcomes written requests** with the following information: 1) Name of requestor (POP member) 2) Name of extended ministry 3) Brief description and potential impact of the ministry 4) Amount of monies requested. The Endowment Committee will then review the request and determine if monies will be distributed. Please contact Mark Clyne via email (markclyne@sbcglobal.net) or any of the other Endowment Committee members (Carole Nelson, Joyce Stout, Alex Baas-Peterson, Don Jones) or fill out a paper form available from the church office with any requests and place them the Endowment Fund mailbox in the workroom. If you use a paper form, please notify an Endowment Committee member as we currently do not monitor the mailbox regularly.

Please submit your request at least 1 month in advance of the need for the money to allow us to process your request and before June 30th to insure funds will still be available for your request.



**Summer Office Hours Begin June 5
M-Th 9-4. Closed Fridays**



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

- Marilyn Storch - post op
- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Nancy Pederson - Parkinson's

Others with Concerns:

- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggner's former pastor in Illinois
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- Griselle - rare cancer - cousin of Sandy Bennett
- Crystal - breast cancer - friend of Paula Kana'an
- 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
- Jennifer Turner - metastatic breast cancer - Don Mertz sister
- Tracey Hatch - post - op bowel resection
- Patty McNally - post mastectomy surgery - friend of Joyce Hare.
- Kendall Basor - radical mastectomy surgery - friend of Joyce Hare
- Judah Pederson - cancer - 11 yr old grandson of Tom & Nancy Pederson
- Judy & Bud Spring - cancer - Paula Kana'an's parents
- Kaye Burns - cancer - Paula Kana'an's aunt
- Caroline Kana'an - broken hip - Tim's mother

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

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