



Tidings of Peace

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"Touched by
the Gospel,
we seek to be
instruments of
God's Peace,
for the sake
of the world."

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Pastor's Page

Life Springs Forth! Part 2

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? – Isaiah 43:19

Last month, I wrote about church attendance trends in the USA and how I and other Prince of Peace leaders are discerning how best to measure engagement within our congregation. The traditional way of measuring church size has been average weekly worship attendance (or AWA). This number has been used for decades and likely began being tracked when the average churchgoer attended worship at least once a week. Since current research tells us that the average churchgoer is now only attending worship 1-2 times a month, that average attendance number can remain steady while the number of people engaging with a congregation keeps growing.

*I believe this is the trend we are experiencing at Prince of Peace.*¹ The number of people who have significant relationships with our congregation is growing, and those relationships are deepening and expanding whether or not all those people are sitting in a pew or classroom on Sunday morning.

In her book *The In-Between Church: Navigating Size Transitions in Congregations*, Alice Mann writes that steady, incremental change in congregation size is common and easily managed in churches of all sizes, but there are certain points when "just a little bit more" pushes a congregation across an invisible size threshold where systems that worked at the previous size aren't able to keep up anymore. Some changes must be made for the larger congregation to continue thriving. Once a congregation reaches 150 people, it becomes a system of relationships larger than one person (or pastor) can keep in her head.

I invite you to wonder about these things with me:

- God is doing something new and life is springing forth in our community, how are we perceiving it?
- How is God calling us to fulfill our mission to be instruments of God's peace for the sake of the world *now*, in light of the gift of this growth?
- In what ways do our ideas about the size of our community need to shift so that we can more accurately perceive and respond to our current needs?
- What expectations about communication or other systems that keep us connected need to shift to sustain our growing community?
- How do we want to order our lives as God's faithful people **together** into the future?

One way you may have felt the strain of this somewhat invisible growth is if you've tried to get on my schedule in recent weeks – it's hard to find an opening between meetings, pastoral care needs, writing and prep time, and staff transitions. That said, I'd still love to know your wonderings in response to the list of questions above. Please give me a call, text, or e-mail and I'll make some time in the coming weeks to catch up with you about it.

Shalom, Pastor Rachel

¹ See my July 2026 Pastor's Page for the numbers that lead me to this conclusion.

What's Happening at POP!

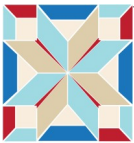
Election Day is Tuesday, August 4

We are polling place.
The gym and the Gathering
Space will be in use.
Please, plan accordingly.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

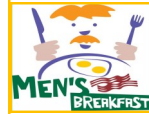
Meets **Friday, August 7 at 10 AM** in the Social Hall.
If you or someone you know would like a shawl, or
for more information about becoming a prayer shawl
creator, please contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.



Quilters

Tuesdays, August 4 & 18 at 9:30 AM
Where: POP Social Hall

Not sure you can sew well enough to
participate? Don't worry! They're happy to teach you,
too. Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.



Men's Breakfast!

8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 12

Mark's Diner on Romence Rd. in Portage.
Join Pastor Rachel for breakfast, prayer, and

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Meet at 11:45am on **August 18** at Red Robin,
5710 S. Westnedge., Portage

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?
Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

Bunko

Join us Tuesday, August 11 at 1 PM

Where: POP Gathering Space

Just a few rolls of the dice and you'll have
this fun game mastered!

Bunko is easy to learn and offers
wonderful opportunities for conversation
and connection with others.

Call Carla Hannemann at 269/216-3498
for more information.



**PURPLE
Heart Day**

AUGUST 7

Join us on Sunday, August 16, as we
say farewell to Intern Kathleen

On Sunday, August 30, Tamara will
retire from Prince of Peace.

Come and celebrate these transitions
in the life of the church family.



On Hiatus

Ruth Circle is on hiatus until September

Contact Claudia Blahnik at 269/352-7430
or cjblahnik@yahoo.com,

if you have hesitations or questions.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

On summer break until September 21.

Have a happy and healthy summer vacation!!
We look forward to seeing you in September!!

Prince of Peace Book Club

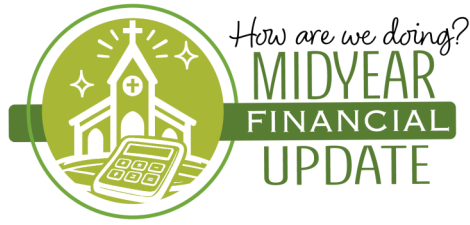
The POP Book Club will not meet in
June, July, and August.

The following is a list of books for this fall:

September "Theo of Golden" by Allan Levi
October "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
November "Lula's Little Library of Banned
Books" by Kristin Miller

Have a great summer and relax
with some good books!

2026 Mid-Year Financial Report



The Finance Committee is pleased to provide this mid-year update.

In January, our congregation approved an operating budget for 2026 of \$555,935, an increase of \$7,475 from the 2025 operating budget of \$548,460. By approving this budget, we both authorized spending by our administration and various committees totaling this amount, and projected that our offerings would be this amount for the year. Through June 30, 2026, our year-to-date offerings for the General Operating Fund have been \$304,450 or 54.8% of our proposed 2026 budget. Thus, we are on track to reach our projected giving.

On the expense side, our year-to-date spending has been \$279,069. This results in a current 2026 surplus through June 30 of \$25,381. The majority of the surplus comes from committees who have not yet spent their budgets, which is common in church budgets as much of the spending is seasonal. Overall, the budget looks good.

In addition to our operating budget, we have many dedicated funds. Dedicated funds are accounts that are not part of our annual operating budget, but function as specific savings accounts for specific ministries or purposes outside of that budget.

Two Dedicated Accounts of particular interest are the General Fund Excess account and the Property account.

The General Fund Excess account currently has a balance of \$84,999. The Finance Committee has recommended that this fund be maintained at a minimum of \$78,000 to cover at least 3 months of salaries and benefits in case of an emergency. Therefore, this fund is slightly higher than the recommended level. The second dedicated account of interest is our **Property Fund**, with a current balance of \$101,409. The Finance Committee has recommended that this fund be maintained at a minimum of \$50,000. Due to the age of some of our facilities and potential projects for the near future, this excess is arguably justified.

The Good Samaritan Fund is another one of our dedicated accounts that deserves special consideration. This account is designed to help households who need assistance in meeting their basic needs. Households may only apply for funds once every 6 months. Prince of Peace members are given first priority, but the fund can be used for nonmembers. The Congregational Council has approved \$4,000 of their discretionary benevolence budget for 2026 for this fund.

This money is in addition to the money provided for this fund by: the interest earned via Flourish Cash and Mercantile Bank CDARS investments, money obtained from the City of Portage grant, and donations by generous members of the congregation designated specifically for this account. So far this year, we have given out \$25,747 from this fund for rent assistance or help with paying utility bills. The vast majority of the assistance has gone to non-members of Prince of Peace. It should be noted, however, that people are turned away each month due to lack of funds. So, if you are interested in donating directly to this fund, your contributions are definitely needed in spite of the many sources of monies for the Good Samaritan Fund.

The Finance Committee would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this fund and let you know your contributions have been sorely needed in our community. The committee would also gladly entertain any questions you may have about the Good Samaritan Fund.

In conclusion, the Finance Committee would like to thank all church members for not only their financial contributions, but also for your volunteer hours in support of our various missions here at Prince of Peace. We couldn't do what we do without your continued generosity.

Respectfully submitted.
Dave Reinhold, treasurer





Social Concerns



God's Work Our Hands Update Coming to Prince of Peace on September 13! Save the Date.

This is a great day for everyone at Prince of Peace to work together in God's name for Lutheran World Relief & other service "hands on" activities.

After a provided "sloppy joe" lunch for all, we move to our prepared areas. Nursery will also be provided. Once again, there will be tasks to complete as a group where all can feel productive, no matter your age or experience. More information will follow later so you can decide where you'd like to participate and sign up in advance.

Tasks will include:

- Assemble Health Kits (400+)
- Assemble School Backpacks (200+)
- Tie LWR quilts (100+)

- Garden in the Jubilee Garden for Mother's of Hope
- Work in Refugee Closet
- Pack, tape, count boxes and prepare for LWR

Items we still need are regular size, not white, bath towels, 3oz. bar soap, and one subject, spiral notebooks.

To complete these activities we need thousands of supplies. This year we have been blessed receiving most of our supplies donated by PoP member Angie Copeland. If you have the opportunity, please thank Angie.

Remember...Save the Date... we need each of you!

Mothers of Hope Annual Walk for Recovery

POP Joining Mothers of Hope in the Annual Walk for Recovery

Join POP members for a community celebration of the recovery process with our friends at Mothers of Hope. POP supports this great organization each year with 900 pounds of fresh produce grown by our volunteers in the Jubilee Garden. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space during July for those who can attend and perhaps we can arrange car pooling from POP.

Join Mothers of Hope's **7th Annual Walk for Recovery**, a community event dedicated to celebrating recovery, healing, resilience, and hope.

Saturday, August 1, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LaCrone Park

535 W Patterson St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007



Each year, community members come together to honor recovery journeys, support loved ones, remember those we have lost, and raise awareness that recovery is possible. Whether you are in recovery, support someone who is, work in the recovery field, or simply believe in creating healthier & stronger communities, you are invited.

Bring family, friends, and walking shoes as we come together to show Kalamazoo that recovery happens, healing is possible, and hope lives here.

Why We Walk

We walk for those in recovery.

We walk for those we've lost.

We walk for families healing together.

We walk to break the stigma.

We walk because hope deserves to be seen.

Together, we heal.

Together, we recover.

Together, we hope.

For questions or additional information, please contact: Don Jones, donjones282@gmail.com

Fellowship

"In Summer, the song sings itself."

– William Carlos Williams

Buckle in POP members! This Fellowship Committee article is chocked full of information and plans for future outings and events!



Euchre Night

We had our first Euchre Night on July 10th. We had 34 people attend, and we had a great time. As the night went on, players changed tables and socialized with everyone at the event. We also had a learning table

with three beginners who played their first game.

Everyone had such a lovely time, the decision was made for this to become a monthly event. Our next euchre night will be **Friday, August 7th at 7:00PM** with a 6:30PM arrival. Once again we will have popcorn for snacking, and you are welcome to bring your own family friendly beverage. If you would like to learn, there will be an instruction table available again. Sign-ups will be in the gathering space. We would love to see you there!



Ladies Tea Social

As part of the festivities around Kathleen completing her internship and heading back to home and seminary, we will have a **Ladies Tea Social, Saturday, August 15 from 2-4PM.**

Dress in your best garden couture (*think floral dresses, large hats and such*), and join us for an afternoon of high tea and related treats.

School age and up welcome! This was a favorite event in years past, and it promises to be a welcome return. Sign-ups are in the Gathering Space with a deadline of August 9th.

Book Exchange

We continue to collect books for our book exchange. We are still working on the date of the exchange, but we are happy to take those extra books off your hands now. Feel free to drop off any books in the gym, and they will be collected after Worship every week.

Night of Destruction

We continue to plan for this exciting new outing for POP! We are organizing a group to attend the **Demolition Derby at the Galesburg Speedway on August 29.**

Kids 5 and under are free, Kids 6-12 are \$10. Adults (including seniors) are \$25.

We are planning to tailgate before the fun. Ticket information and sign-ups coming soon!



Chili Cook Off

The 2026 Pop Chili Cook Off has been scheduled for **Sunday, October 11th** after Worship. Start working on those recipes now to possibly add your name to our winners apron. As we did last year, there will be a small table of judges (*including past winners and other dignitaries*) to be announced soon. We have clarified a couple rules. If you have won the event previously, you can re-enter again after 5 years. If you do re-enter after those 5 years, you can no longer judge as a past winner. More specifics about signing up will be shared next month.



Upcoming Events

We have some tentative dates to add to your calendar so you can plan ahead to spend time with your POP family!

God's work, Our Hands	September 13
Trunk or Treat	October 25
Holiday Hors d'oeuvre Party	December 4
Christmas Caroling	December 13
K Wings Game	February 5



Sunday Fellowship

We are in continual need of volunteers to handle the coffee fellowship after service.

We have seen some new faces recently which is wonderful! If you enjoy grabbing a cup of coffee every Sunday morning, please consider volunteering for a turn. It is a small commitment (not complicated at all) that really does add to the fellowship and community of POP. We have prepared a list of instructions that can be referenced to make this easier. Grab a partner and split the work! Please contact any member of the Fellowship Committee for details.

Local Outing Ideas:

Be advised, unless noted, these will require an entrance fee or tickets. Google the individual event for additional details to plan your outing.

Saturday, August 1 – Jungle Joe's 2nd Annual Mini-Golf Tournament, Portage

August 4-7 – Kalamazoo County Fair, Kalamazoo County Expo Center

Saturday, August 8 – New Wave Music and Art Festival, Lelia Arboretum Society, Battle Creek

Friday, August 21 – Friday at the Flats featuring The Kingpins Drumline, Celery Flats Historic Area, Portage

Ongoing through November – Chihuly Exhibition at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids

Our Next Meeting: Sunday, August 23

Children and Youth News

July was a busy month of learning, fellowship, and preparation!



The middle and high school youth met for a retreat and helped with food distribution. It was a hot day, and we handed out popsicles to people as they waited in line. We also mapped out our lives as trees, describing what grounds us (roots), helps us stand (trunk), and what we give back (fruit).

And of course, Vacation Bible School closes out the month of July!

At the time this article was written, VBS was just getting ready to start, so there's no news yet...but join us in worship on August 2nd to hear the full review from Dr. Archibald Van Diggens & Professor Henrietta Pickles themselves!



You won't want to miss hearing about an amazing week of uncovering the life of Jesus with all our junior archeologists. Some pictures and notes from the week should pop up on the church's Facebook page throughout the week, also.

Keep digging!



Em and other staff members attended a continuing education conference and learned lots about ways to include kids and youth in the life of our congregation. This is not new work – we've been doing this for many years! But there is always more to learn and new things to experiment with. The conference was a nice refresh, and we look forward to all the ways their learning will impact our faith community.

Have you been following along with Family Faith Practices?



There are still extra single-pagers and passport booklets on the table in the Gathering Space if you'd like to participate! We're also posting one practice each week on the church Facebook page if you'd like to follow along from home or on the road.

Here are four practices to try in July:

1. See how many books of the bible you can name! Now, can you get them in order?
2. Memorize a bible verse together! You can practice in the car, at mealtimes, even waiting in line at the grocery store.
3. Practice the Lord's Prayer together as a family. Say it each day before a meal this week.
4. Share God's love with someone outside your family this week. Send them a card, make them a treat, or call to let them know you're praying for them!

Remember that these practices are just suggestions, so adjust them to suit your family as you'd like. If there was a practice you particularly liked, send a note or a picture to Em or Pastor Rachel. We'd love to see how our faith community is finding ways to bring their faith beyond the walls of the church!

Justice and Diversity

Justice & Diversity Team News: August is Intersectionality Awareness Month (written by L. Poisson)



“Ogres are like onions.
Ogres have layers. Onions have layers. You get it? We both have layers.”
~ Shrek 2001

In the first Shrek movie, Shrek’s buddy Donkey explains that lots of people don’t like onions and wouldn’t Shrek rather have layers like a cake or parfait? Whether we are more like onions or parfaits, each one of us has ‘layers.’ These shape how we see the world. But, like Donkey points out, they shape how other people see us too. Intersectionality Awareness Month is a time to think about these layers.

So, I wanted to know how churches looked at the topic of intersectionality. Seeing each other as God’s unique creations felt like a good fit, but I found Christian posts that were both for and against the idea of ‘intersectionality.’ One thing *was* clear though, not everyone used the word “intersectionality” in the same way. Last summer the JD Team news was about how we talk to each other when the topic is tricky.

Step 1 - make sure you are talking about the same thing!

Intersectionality is a way to think about someone’s identities and how they overlap to create combinations of discrimination or privilege (<https://unitedwaynca.org/what-is-intersectionality/>)

So, what is “intersectionality?” First, let us look at the social and legal way it is used. In 1976, several black women sued GM for hiring discrimination. But the court said that said the case could EITHER be about race or sex. Since GM hired black people (e.g., black men on the factory floor) and women (e.g., white women in the cushion sewing room) there was no problem. But do you see the problem? There was no spot for a black woman to work at GM. This case was at the *intersection* of racism and sexism. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DeGraffenreid_v._General_Motors)

When we try to tackle social justice issues, intersectionality reminds us to think bigger. We need to think whether there could be a few issues layering up. We need to see that people with different experiences may see things differently. But we also need to think about how some of our “layers” can work in our favor. Combinations of those layers give us power to help make positive change, and we should do that when we can.

So, why are some folks saying intersectionality is not for Christians? One concern was how some people use the idea of intersectionality to divide people – us and them. And there are plenty of social media posts and rally cries that do this. Folks felt that this was not helping us be “one in Christ” (Galatians 3:27-28). But I want us to think bigger and read all of Galatians 3. It is about how Jesus came to remove the laws that divided “man and woman,” “Jew and Greek.” Of course, in the last 2000 years humans have made new laws... which brings us back to the legal use of intersectionality and the work we have to do to *keep* removing the laws that divide us.

*Dear God – Help us to see
the unique gifts and challenges
that each of your children
brings into the whole
body of Christ.
Let us show them your love,
through us. - Amen*

For more: Check out this classic TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/kimberle_crenshaw_the_urgency_of_intersectionality

Or two of the articles that I read – taking different views of intersectionality

<https://www.dennyburk.com/why-intersectionality-may-be-at-odds-with-the-gospel/>

<https://www.cbeinternational.org/resource/apple-picking-theology-intersectionality-jesus/>

Council and Committees



During Council's June meeting we heard encouraging updates about the continued growth of Prince of Peace and the many ways our congregation is staying connected throughout the year. Pastor Rachel shared that hundreds of individuals are engaged through worship, ministries, and programs. We also heard updates from ministry teams as summer activities get underway. Preparations are in full swing for Vacation Bible School, the Backpack Blessing, and Rally Sunday. Council also approved a new Youth Safety Policy to help support our growing youth ministry. As always, Council is honored to steward PoP's mission. Please seek out those of us in yellow lanyards if you desire learning more.

We Are Missing the Prodigal Kitchen Items!

Over time, a few kitchen items have been lent out, especially rectangular tablecloths (*green ones specifically*). If you happen to have any of these - or any other item - that is now taking up space in your cabinets or cupboard, it would be great if you could please return them to church. Absolutely no questions asked! Just put a note on the item to notify Sue Jones and they'll be put back in their rightful home. Thank you!



Did you know?

That Karen Clyne and the Jubilee Gardeners are planting and growing native plants in the gardens. Watch for more information about the program and plants in the following months.

Adult Faith Formation

"Reformation in Germany: In the Footsteps of Martin Luther" A Tour to Germany

A comprehensive tour to the land of Luther hosted by Pastor Harry Biles, Deacon Sharey & Pastor Rachel Laughlin.

For those of you who have heard Pastor Harry teach, you know his style is "easy on the ears" and long on information and stories. Pastor Harry, Deacon Sharey and Pastor Rachel have offered to lead Prince of Peace members (and guests) to experience Martin Luther's faith journey as the Reformation come alive.

This tour offered by EO (Educational Opportunities) Tours includes airfare from New York, first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, professionally guided tours (enhanced by Pastor Biles' lively commentary) and much more! Pricing starts at about \$4,300 per person (not including airfare to NYC and back and other possible incidentals)

The tour is proposed for October 5-13, 2027.

We would like to gauge interest from POP members over the next few weeks. We plan to hold meetings soon to give you more information. In the meantime, Dale and Mikki Holder, and Rob and Chris Wagley (along with Pastor Harry and Sharey) can share information about this exciting opportunity for learning and fellowship.

An "interested (*but not committed!*)" sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Space over the next few weeks. Please help us assess the level of interest we have in putting a group together. Up to 50 spaces are available.



Photo by [Andreas Haubold](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Living Our Faith

Thank You!

- *Thank you for your recent cash donation to **Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes**. During the summer months, when many struggle to put food on the table, your generosity serves as a life line. It enables us to reach families in need, secure our programming, and work to ensure that none of our neighbors go without a meal. – With gratitude, Jennifer E. Johnson, Executive Director.*
- *Thank you for your generous gift to **Ministry with Community**. We believe no one should face life's hardest challenges alone. What make this possible is not just our staff or programs, but the power of community. That community includes **you**. – With appreciation for respecting the dignity of every person, Sid Ellis, Executive Director.*

On-Line Giving

On-line Giving Has Never Been So Easy!



You can click or copy and paste the link
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2250097>
 or use the QR code.

You can also go to the Prince of Peace website
 & click on the giving button.

For questions contact either Marilyn or Tamara.

- *On behalf of **Western Michigan University**, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your recent donation supporting the Montgomery Essential Needs Fund. Your contribution directly impacts the educational experience of our students. – Monica K. Priest, Director of Donor Relations.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/1	Sharin Noall Jacob Howes Mitchell Kalleward	8/14	Dwain Leaser Jason Youngdale David Flagler
8/2	Danielle Rieck	8/17	Zoey Roberts
8/3	Anne Breneman	8/18	Steve Creed
8/4	Jessica Ruckstaetter Pam Timm	8/20	Alice Lago
8/6	Sarah Lindmark Roy Weber	8/21	Michael Williams Matthew Williams
8/7	Eleanor Ross Joyce Hare	8/22	Svein Thoen
8/8	Don Bennett Kathryn Schatz	8/23	David Snyder Amanda Bischof
8/10	Karen Maney	8/26	Tara Selter Randy Martin
8/12	Henry Wisloski Robert Bauckham	8/30	Marti Haug



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

Jason & Mina French	August 2
Michael & Beth Whately	August 4
Lee & Darcy Banitt	August 6
Mark & Mary Clyne	August 9
Michael & Heather Girand	August 9
James & Anne Vogt	August 11
Julie & Larry Wentzel	August 12
Kristie & Jeremy Zimmerman	August 12
Alison & Eric Carlson	August 15
Dale & Yvonne Gatz	August 15
James & Jerilyn Johnston	August 16
Ray & Linda Isakson	August 17
John & Christine Thommen	August 18
Don & Kathy Eklov	August 19
Richard & Patt Hewitt	August 19
Donna & Joel Pennington	August 22
Sharon & Harry Biles	August 23
Eric & Michelle Nitz	August 29
David & Valerie Flagler	August 29

Prince of Peace Calendar — August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Party for Piano! 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	27 2:00pm Care Team Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:00pm Justice and Diversity Meeting - Zoom 6:00pm Vacation Bible School 6:30pm Nami Support Group	28 Open Doors Men's Shelter Meal 9:15am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Curling Board 6:00pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Bells - Read Rhythm 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	29 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Teams 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	30 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	31 6:00pm Vacation Bible School	1 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day
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30 Tamara's Retirement Service 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Communion Retreat	31 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	1 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	2 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Teams 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 6:00pm Great Lakes Adventure Club - Social Hall/Flex	3 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:30pm South County Fiber Arts 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge	5 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day



Legend:

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous ESL—English as a Second Language

NAMI —National Alliance on Mental Illness