



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

August 16, 2026

Visit www.popportage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@popportage.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.



Today we say farewell to Intern Kathleen.

We celebrate her time with us
and pray God's blessings on her
as she continues her journey in ministry!



COMING THIS WEEK

Volunteers Needed:

As Intern Kathleen leaves us on August 16, we need to retrieve the things in her apartment that belong to Prince of Peace. We have scheduled a moving day on Saturday, August 22. Since the apartment may be difficult for people to find, volunteers will meet at the church at 9:00 A.M. before moving to the apartment at 3575 Austrian Pine Way, Apt 4, in Portage. If you can help on that day, contact Marilyn Storch (269)343-3453 ext.14 or (accountant@popportage.org). We need you to contact Marilyn if you are planning to be there so we can inform you if there are any change of plans.

COMING NEXT WEEK



The Book Exchange

We will have the books available to choose from on a table outside the library next **Sunday, August 23**, before and after service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We're famous!

Em was interviewed at the Extravaganza for *Faith Listens*, a podcast brought to you by the Formation Co-Op. The Formation Co-Op is a Lilly funded initiative of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, in partnership with the ELCA, that partners with congregations to explore innovative youth ministry practices to root young people in a lifelong, transformative faith in Jesus Christ.

Link to pod cast: <https://faithlistens.podbean.com/e/letting-go-making-room/?token=16ecc80b5fddbe08ba56bf760dfd2bb7>



PODCAST

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, August 16 Kathleen's Farewell Service

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time

Monday, August 17

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p Evangelism Committee
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Teams

Tuesday, August 18

9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Red Robin
2:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting
5:30p Property Committee - Teams
7:00p Bells
7:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day

Wednesday, August 19

10:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Teams
11:00a Library Committee - Library
7:00p **Church Council meeting** - Teams

Thursday, August 20 Newsletter Deadline

1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:00p Curling Board
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

11:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday, August 23

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

Let Claudia know ASAP if you would like a GWOH DAY Shirt.

They are \$10 & will come in S, M, L or children's.

Items needed are:

130 bath towels, not white or heavy weave.

Max size: 52x27 inches Min size: 20x40 inches

350 bars (3oz bars) soap

400 one subject, spiral notebooks.

Thank you for donating, we'll let you know when we have all we need.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY
to Sign up for September 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>

Birthday Card Ministry

We received an email from Beth Spencer, who saw our card ministry on our website. She is requesting handwritten birthday cards for her husband Earl (09/20/78) after a massive stroke that has left him paralyzed & with severe brain damage. He is unable to have a party, but her hope is to encourage him with birthday cards from near and far! If you are willing to send a birthday card to Earl their address is:



Earl Spencer
34300 John St.
Wayne, MI. 48184

If you choose to send a card, we have cards that you can choose from and we encourage you to use the church address as the return address instead of your personal address.

The ELCA social statement on Human Sexuality from 2009 is being reviewed. Feedback is requested on pages 18-21, where 4 different views on same-gender committed relationships or marriage are discussed. PoP will be holding discussion groups soon.

See elca.org/reconsiderations for more information.

Listen to their Learn and Discern Podcast (Ep 1) for the history and context of these discussions.

Funeral Luncheons - Help Needed!

I'm thankful to all of you who respond when we put out the notice that we need food donations for funeral luncheons. I have enjoyed being the luncheon coordinator for the last several years and now realize that I need to share the responsibility of being a coordinator with one, or several of you. Please reach out and let me know what questions you have and if this is something you would consider. I would be very grateful! Sue Jones



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

- Patt Hewitt - knee replacement surgery
- Carolyn Selby - broken elbow

Others with Concerns:

- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Griselle - rare cancer - cousin of Sandy Bennett
- Mark Keller - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma - uncle of Charlotte Keller
- Dennis Struble - leukemia - family of Diane Snyder
- Judah Pederson - cancer - 12 yr old grandson of Tom & Nancy Pederson
- Judy & Bud Spring - cancer - Paula Kana'an's parents
- Kaye Burns - cancer - Paula Kana'an's aunt
- Steven Steiber - multiple myeloma, meningitis - Linda Smith's brother
- Amy - uterine cancer - friend of Karen Adams
- Diana Dickinson - Myotonic Dystrophy 2 - BJ Stark's daughter.
- Julie Davis - post op recovery - friend of Karen Helmeke
- Noel Kidd, elbow surgery, friend of Joyce Hare
- Pastor Jason & Menasha Lutheran church, home & church damaged in tornado in Menasha WI
- Marilyn Jones - infection - Joyce Hare's cousin
- Cheryl - post-op hamstring surgery - Shirley Thompson's daughter

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

- Gena Baldwin
- Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Cheryl Thomas
- Diana Reames
- Al Ross
- BJ Stark
- Linda Tortorice
- Dianne Zurawski

Those Grieving:

- Family & friends of Suzanne Kero, mother of Sheryl Swodzinski & Beth Kalleward



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