



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

People were bringing children to [Jesus] in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



- Mark 10:13-16

"In the educational setting children are not held at a distance. As we shall see, they can grasp the language with their hands, so they can more deeply grasp it with their lives. When religious education is conceived of as Godly play and children are given appropriate means to make meaning and find direction in life and death, then religious education enhances worship and worship enhances religious education."

- Jerome W. Berryman, *Godly Play: An imaginative approach to religious education*

Our Prince of Peace community has long welcomed children in worship and encouraged people of all ages to get to know Jesus through worship, service, learning, and fellowship. This fall, we're trying something new to make that welcome even wider! On Sunday, August 23, we introduced a new space within our sanctuary called a *Prayground*. This space is intended for young children who are learning how to be part of the full worshipping community to participate through play and prayer.

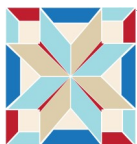


Thanks to education researchers, we know that children often learn best when their bodies can move. Our Prayground is equipped to be a safe place for children to move and explore different parts of worship with cushioned flooring, soft toys, and child-sized versions of some of the elements we use in worship such as an altar and paraments, communion-ware, and even play bread! There are colorful ribbon rings pre-readers can use to dance to hymns as they learn to sing praise to God. There are laminated cards with icons to help children learn to recognize different parts of worship such as singing, praying, listening, and sharing communion and how to participate in them.

The Prayground is not a nursery. That space, which is lovingly tended each week by Melissa C. and Megan Z., will still be there for those who need space to be louder or move more than would be safe or considerate of others in the sanctuary. The Prayground is a place where young children can grasp the language of worship in their hands and learn to be part of the larger body of Christ here at Prince of Peace through play.

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What's Happening at POP!



Quilters

Tuesdays, September 1 and 15 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, September 9

Mark's Diner on Romence Rd. in Portage.

Join Pastor Rachel for breakfast, prayer, and

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Meet at 11:45am on **September 15** at Fletcher's Pub,

6946 W. Q. Ave., Kalamazoo

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?

Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.



**Ruth Circle will resume on
Monday, September 28 at 9:30a
in the Social Hall**

Theme this fall is

"Bold Faith, on an Unexpected Journey."

Come join us for fellowship, snacks and wonderful learning opportunities, enhancing our faith and living out our lives in Christian service.

Study guides are available in the library or just come!

Contact Claudia Blahnik at 269/352-7430

or cjblahnik@yahoo.com,

if you have hesitations or questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets **Friday, September 4 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.

Bunko

Join us Tuesday, September 8 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.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Like to read, study and discuss?

Like to share faith stories and experiences?

Like to be with loving, caring women?

Would love to have you join our group!!

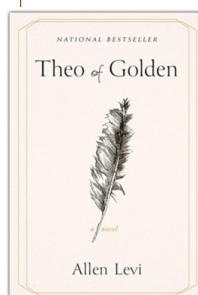
We will decide what we'd like to read and study this year and would love to have your input.

**Our 1st gathering is Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm,
in the Flex Room at POP!!**

Come and check us out!!

Prince of Peace Book Club

The book club will resume meeting on
Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00am
in the Peace Lounge.



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

See you then!



Return to Fall Hours

Beginning on
Tuesday, September 8
we will return to our fall
office schedule.

The office will be open
from 9-4 Monday through
Thursday and 9-noon on
Fridays.



God's Work. Our Hands" Day is coming up very soon!

GWOH is a traditional national day of helping for the ELCA Lutheran Church. Prince of Peace has participated in this day of God's Work for nearly 10 years. Any kind of God's work can be done, raking a yard, making food for shut ins, etc. Our church has chosen to work on Lutheran World Relief, LWR, projects and local needs projects. This year the following projects will be available for anyone, any age or any skill level. Hosts are listed for each task.

A sign up board is in the Gathering Space so you can choose an event to work on.

Jubilee Garden work - Mary and Mark Clyne
 Refugee furniture work - Don Mertz
 LWR Health Kit assembly - Dale and Yvonne Gatz
 LWR Backpack assembly - Idy Stemaly
 LWR Quilt tying - Martha Irons, Jolene Pederson
 Prayer Shawl team - Marilyn Lund
 Packing/Labeling team - Judson Stemaly
 Lunch support - Gail MacNellis

A "sloppy joe" lunch will be served right after the service, and then we will get right to work on projects of your choice.

Hundreds of projects will be made/assembled with so many of our hands. In October we will bring all packed and labeled boxes of our gifts to a large truck who will transport them to Minneapolis where they will be sent all over the world to help many, many people in need.

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and service in God's name.

"Save the date"

Project Connect 2026 - October 14

Housing Resources Inc.

Noon to 3

More information will follow soon about how you can help with Project Connect 2026.

News from the Garden



Ruth Halcomb, pictured, is regular volunteer for the Jubilee and Native flower Pollinator garden and drives from the Richland area to help.

Ruth was weeding and is now standing by the native flowers planted last year by Karen Wilson.

The lavender flowers are wild petunias, (*Ruellia humilis*) & the yellow ones are Partridge pea (*Chamaecrista fascicula*)

(The wild petunias are beautiful and delicate compared to the bigger plants.

Prince of Peace and Karen were gifted 5 more wild petunia plants from The Painted Lady Greenhouse, founded in 2025, is operated by Quyen and Cameron.



Fellowship



Women's Tea: We had a delightful time at the tea for Intern Kathleen on August 15. The Fellowship Committee pulled out all the stops for this event.

Karen Gallagher won the best hat award with her Michigan ball cap adorned with tea bags hanging all around.



Euchre, Friday, September 11, 7 PM



Euchre friends are meeting monthly on the first or second Friday of each month. There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to participate on the 11th. If you need extra practice or don't know how to play, sign up and someone will be there to teach you. Just note that on the sign-up sheet.

God's Work, Our Hands is being planned by Social Concerns, but we want to remind everyone to participate. There will be a sloppy joe lunch.

Upcoming Events
(watch for details):



October 11	Chili Cookoff
October 25	Trunk or Treat
December 4	Holiday hors d'oeuvre Party
December 13	Christmas Caroling
January 22	Trivia Night
February 5	K Wings Game

At our meeting on August 23, several new ideas were shared. We're working on details for including some of these events, including a cookie exchange, Cornwell Turkey Farm Dinner Theatre, an adult game night, a trip to Gull Meadow Farms, and a camping weekend. Watch for details.

Local Outing Ideas:

Chihuly Exhibition at Meijer Gardens through November 1

Adults \$9; Children (3-13 yrs) \$5; Members are free

Night of Destruction at Kalamazoo Speedway, Saturday, September 12, 7 PM

School bus racing, trailer racing and fireworks. Adults \$25; Children (6-12) \$10; Ages 5 and under are free

Portage Fall Fest, September 19, 10 AM-1 PM, Free

Fall refreshments, a magician of mystery, LIVE music, tractor rides, a petting zoo, and an antique tractor show. Demonstrations in pottery, fiber spinning, blacksmithing and rope making. Shop at the bazaar.

Card Shower



Jack Jones turns 100 on September 27!

Please shower him with cards and notes of love and support. Let him know that he is loved and remembered by his church family.

Jack's address:

8709 Conestoga
Portage MI 49024

Pastor's Page Continued

As Engagement Coordinator Em has put it, "Church is for everybody, but it doesn't mean one size fits all." This Prayground is just one of the many ways we strive to welcome people of all ages and abilities in worship. Maybe you utilize the hearing loop devices or sanctuary fidget toys, enjoy being able to read from the power point or see the music notes in the hymnal, like to sit in the chairs with arms or appreciate the ramp to the music area or the chancel. All these elements of our worship space serve to support the whole body of Christ worshipping God together.

Shalom,
Pastor Rachel

PS - Because the Prayground is a new tool for including people in worship, we will be seeking congregational feedback on how it is working out for children, families, and people of all ages who worship with us regularly. To give everyone a chance to experience the Prayground before giving that feedback, we'll wait until later this month (September) before sending out a survey. Please keep an eye out for an e-mail with more details.

This and That

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

There has been a recent spate of text spam messages sent to our members.

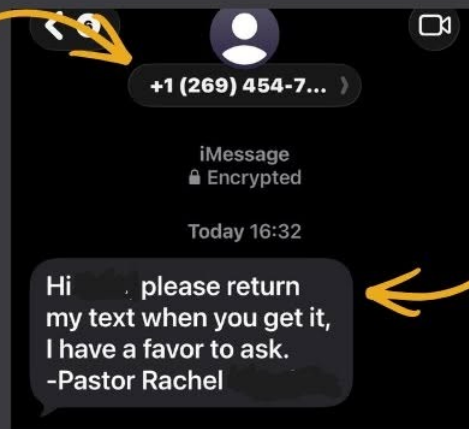
Pastor created this alert to help you recognize the scam and how to protect yourself from them.

SCAM ALERT!

Always verify the phone number or e-mail address of the person the message claims to be from. The correct information for Pastor and staff members is in the church directory.



If you receive a scam text, use your phone's scam reporting system and then block the number.



Due to the prevalence of these scams, Pastor and staff do not make non-specific requests for "favours" and will never ask you for gift cards.

When we do ask you to give money to the church or a cause we're supporting it will ONLY be through a website (ours or a partner ministry's) or via our usual giving methods such as the offering plate.

Farewell and Godspeed

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

As I look back on this past year, my heart overflows with profound gratitude for each of you. When I first arrived as your intern, I came with a head full of theology and a heart eager to learn.

As my scheduled time with you comes to an end and I am preparing to return to seminary to complete my degree, I leave with something far more precious: the deep joy of having shared life and ministry with this beautiful community.

Thank you for opening your hearts, your homes, and your lives to me. You have been so much more than a site for my internship; you have truly become my church home.

I am deeply thankful to Pastor Rachel for her incredible mentorship, wisdom, and guidance throughout this year, and to all of you for your endless patience and encouragement.



Together, we have gathered around Word and Sacrament, and your faithful witness has profoundly shaped the pastor I am becoming.

While my time here has concluded, the lessons I learned and the love I experienced in this congregation will accompany me into the classroom and my future ministry.

Thank you for being a wonderful congregation and a true blessing on my journey. I will continue to hold you all in my prayers.

Peace be with you,
Intern Kathleen



aka Professor Henrietta Pickles



What a wild ride it's been!

We have weathered the storms of life together, from pandemics to fires and tornadoes. We have had joys and sorrows, births and death . . . times of celebrations and times of crisis, but through it all you have been a supportive and loving home.

I have felt your love and support for me through all the 10 years I have ministered to you through my job. I have had so many wonderful words of encouragement spoken to me, notes of friendship and fellowship, prayers during illness and hugs of caring.

I will miss being a daily part of the life of this church and will suffer from some serious FOMO* not being in the loop. Now I can find a new life in the congregation of Prince of Peace and find new ways to serve and be a part of the family.

I am honored to have been in your employ and want you to know that of all the churches I have been a part of Prince of Peace is as close to the ideal of Christianity that I have known. You serve the Lord in love and joy in how you reach out to the least, the lost and the last. You minister to the world, the local community and your church family with service and word. You WALK the WALK!

Thanks for the ride!

Your sister in Christ, Tamara Joan Preston

*Fear of Missing Out

Welcome to Our New Staff



Hello Prince of Peace!

I'm Ashley Wineland, and I'll be your new administrative assistant. I was born and raised in Port Huron and attended the University of Michigan (Go Blue!). My husband, Max, and I met in Ann Arbor and now live in Texas Corners with our three kids – Tommy, Peter, and Maggie. We currently attend Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Kalamazoo. I'm the elementary Sunday school teacher there on Sunday mornings, and also volunteer with the Christian Education I look forward to meeting all of you and hearing more about the good ministry work happening at PoP. Please stop by the office and introduce yourselves, and let me know how I can support you all!

Hello Prince of Peace Congregation!

My name is Charles Boyd and I am pleased and blessed to announce that I am your new custodian! I am a believer in Jesus Christ and work heavily in Ministry at my place of worship. I look forward to this new relationship and to providing clean spaces in which your congregation may worship.



The church will be
closed on
Monday, September 7
in observance of
Labor Day



Children and Youth News



VBS wrapped up right at the end of July, so we didn't get a chance to share pictures and stories in the last newsletter! 17 different kids participated across the five days, and over 20 older youth and adults gave of their time to help with crafts, games, and as Tour Guides. Thank you to everyone who made it a successful week!

Monday: The first Christmas

Tuesday: Jesus teaches at the temple

Wednesday: Calling the first disciples

Thursday: Jesus feeds 5,000 people

Friday: The first Easter

We capped off an incredible week with a special Sunday morning visit from Professor Pickles and Dr. Archie, who shared with the congregation about our week during worship on August 2nd. With the artifacts packed safely away and all the sand returned to the outdoors, we look forward to another great VBS program next summer!



All of our youth are back in school as of August 31st. Please pray for a successful kick-off to their year! Thanks to several folks in our congregation, all of our youth received Back-to-School prayer postcards in the mail as they were prepping for their new year. These prayers and small words of encouragement are great ways to support busy kids and youth who are a vibrant part of our congregation. Many of our kids and youth are also in the midst of their fall sports and extracurriculars! We have football players, band members, soccer players, cheer leaders, cross-country runners, 4H-ers, and more! Em tries to make it to a game or performance for each of our youth throughout the school year. Reach out to her if you'd like to ride along, or see the "Em's Fridge" bulletin board outside her office to check out pictures and programs of our kids in action. Our current college students are also represented on the 'Fridge'!



We had a wonderful week digging into the life of Jesus.

We uncovered artifacts in the bible story cave with Professor Henrietta and Dr. VanDiggens,

recreated ancient tools in the Craft Bazaar, tried some tasty snacks in the Snack Marketplace, made music with Ms. Janet, and played games in the outdoor arena (aka back parking lot).

All week, we puzzled through the mystery of what the cave may have been used for in the distant past. The artifacts we discovered led us to many different conclusions, but we ultimately deduced that it had once been used as a church by a faith community much like our own!



Justice and Diversity

Justice & Diversity Team September News (Submitted by Laila P & Sue S)

What is your stance on same-sex marriage? Yes, YOU are being asked to share your view on same-sex (or same-gender) committed relationships and Christian faith. The deadline to complete the 5 to 10-minute nation-wide survey from the ELCA is September 30, 2026.

Here is the back-story -

In 2009, the ELCA adopted “A Social Statement on Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust.” This talks about many topics, but one is same-sex committed relationships

In 2015, the US Supreme Court made same-sex marriage a legal right, but this ruling did not put requirements on religious groups

In 2025, the ELCA was asked to review the 2009 social statement for two reasons, (1) to update the LGBTQIA+ terms used in the statement, and (2) to revisit the section on same-sex committed relationships

What is there to revisit? The 2009 version lists 4 belief statements to reflect the ways “faithful people can and will come to different conclusions about the meaning of Scripture” (page 20). These statements range from same-sex relationships as sinful requiring celibacy – to full recognition of all committed relationships as marriage. Because there was no consensus, we were asked to live in love and support of our neighbors, to respect each other’s conclusions, and to revisit this topic in the future. *Now is that time to revisit.*

Over the next 4 weeks you will see notes in the bulletin to help you consider the Social Statement on Human Sexuality and other related works. Then we will offer 4 opportunities (daily, Sept 19 – 22) to come together as Children of God for community discernment. See the calendar and Peace Procs for details.

Find the statement, podcasts, survey and more info here: elca.org/reconsiderations

Meanwhile at Prince of Peace – While the ELCA is revisiting beliefs of the individuals, we have been looking into making a congregation-wide statement of inclusion.

Over 3 years ago, the Justice and Diversity Team was asked by PoP members to consider becoming an RIC congregation. In this past year we took steps to start that process. This does not change the Christian freedom you have to interpret the scripture according to your own conscience. This does begin a journey of conversation and learning as a community to determine what we collectively believe at PoP.



The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has since 1983 been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. In 2021, the RIC expanded its partner commitments to ensure not only the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions but also to support racial equity and commit to anti-racist work. Currently, over 1100 Lutheran churches in the U.S. have gone through the program and carry the distinction of being a RIC congregation, including Lutheran Church of the Savior in Kalamazoo.

Over the past year, the Justice and Diversity Team at Prince of Peace has been learning about what would be needed to begin a faith journey toward becoming a Reconciling in Christ Partner. We began by having three team members attend an online training session on “Building an Inclusive Church” followed by four members attending an Eliminating Racism & Creating Celebrating Equity (ERACCE) training. Materials provided for the Building an Inclusive Church training included a “Faith Community Assessment”, tool designed to help congregations select an appropriate pace to begin the welcoming and affirming journey to becoming a RIC church and a “Becoming an Inclusive Church Toolkit” with strategies for embarking on the journey. The Faith Community Assessment has now been completed by members of several of our committees including Church Council. Learn more about the process & resources here: reconciling-works.org

This fall, the Justice and Diversity Team is planning to engage more of the congregation on what becoming a RIC church means and what that faith journey might look like. We hope you will be willing to be part of this conversation.

Council and Committees



During Council's July meeting we heard about many things happening at Prince of Peace as summer begins to wind down and we look ahead to fall. There were 14 children registered for VBS and seven youth were signed up for the youth retreat. We also heard about plans for the fall, including the Good Neighbors Kalamazoo education series and a new faith exploration program for middle and high school youth. We are excited about finding new ways to bring our youth more fully into the life of the congregation.

Council also talked about ways to improve communication between Council, staff, and committees, with a leadership training planned for August. PoP has also been invited to participate in the Community Information Exchange planning group for Kalamazoo County, helping connect people with community resources. As always, council is honored to steward PoP's mission. Please seek out those of us in yellow lanyards if you desire learning more.

Adult Faith Formation

OLLI at WMU:

Expanding Horizons Through Lifelong Learning

Eli Thomssen, a member of Prince of Peace and of the Western Michigan University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Membership & Marketing Team, will present an overview of the OLLI program on **October 11 at 9:15 during the adult learning hour**. Lifelong learning enriches people intellectually, socially, and emotionally by keeping the mind active, building adaptability, and nurturing curiosity throughout life. OLLI at WMU offers over 140 courses in a wide variety of subjects. This session invites you to discover how OLLI can enrich your lifelong learning journey and support your personal growth.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 13th!

Join us at 9:15am in the Flex Room for our first adult ed presentation – an introduction to Microsoft Teams.

Did you know that Prince of Peace has switched from using Aoom to Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings and classes?

We will walk through how to join meetings, mute and unmute, use the chat feature, and more on your phone or computer.

Don't forget to bring your devices with you!



An update on the trip to Germany

Pastor Harry, Deacon Sharey and Pastor Rachel are excited 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 Grand Rapids, first class hotels,

breakfast and dinner daily, professionally guided tours (enhanced by Pastor Biles' lively commentary) and much more! Pricing starts at \$4,696 per person (not including possible incidentals)

The tour is October 5-13, 2027.

An "interested (*but not committed!*)" sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. If you sign up, someone will reach out to provide more information regarding the trip.

There are already at least two people committed to the trip, besides the hosts. There is space for 50 to go on the trip.

We hope that you will join us on this faith and fun filled journey



Living Our Faith

Thank You!

- *Thank you for your recent donations of 142 pounds of food to **Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes**. Your generosity directly supports our grocery assistance programs, helping us serve over 800 individuals every sing day.*
– Sincerely, Jennifer E. Johnson, Executive Director.
- *Because of your generosity, **Gryphon Place**, continues to provide hope and connection to thousands of people throughout our community. Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping ensure that no one in our community has to face conflict or crisis alone. Your partnership is making a lasting difference, and we are deeply grateful to have you as part of the Gryphon Place family.* – With sincere gratitude, Marcella Alcala, 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

9/1	Sarah Beuker Bruce Mills	9/9	Joelyn Rich Liam Jensen	9/17	Morgan Schuhknecht Bette MacKenzie	9/25	Jennifer Gatz Paula Kana'an
9/2	Karen Knapp Andrew Poisson		James Morgan		Julia Zaleski	9/26	Amelia Maurer Alexis Maurer
9/3	Emily Witteveen	9/10	Kathleen Robinson Stacey Henry	9/18	Craig Satterlee Larry Wentzel	9/27	Jack Jones Janet Hill
9/4	Karen Wilson Valerie Flagler	9/11	Nathaniel Scaglione	9/21	Michael Whately Jocelyn Steinke		Sue Grinder
9/7	Natalie DeVries	9/12	Bob Drafta Jayden Guthrie	9/23	Andy Anderson Heather Maurer	9/28	Julie Cartier Kelly DeRango
9/8	Chris Poisson Nancy Mason	9/13	Dianne Zurawski		Gary Bischof	9/ 29	Brent Palarz
		9/16	KC Copeland		Catherine Wisloski	9/30	Mitchell Eldridge Kaya Ottesen
				9/24	Gordon Hare		

Anniversaries

Ray & Sandra Williams	September 1
Kevin & Jennifer Jawahir	September 2
Joelene & Kevin Pedersen	September 3
Mitch & Heather Maurer	September 3
Dwain & Barbara Leaser	September 7
Tom & Sherri Webster	September 8
Greg & Lori Hannemann	September 10
Sue & David Grinder	September 15
Brian & Karen DeVries	September 16
Mark & Gail Brown	September 17
Brian & Kris Rieck	September 18
Thomas & Sharin Noall	September 22
Dave & Lorri Walch	September 24
Catherine & Stephen Wisloski	September 27
Karen & Doug Wilson	September 28



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Prince of Peace Calendar — September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 1:00pm Liturgical Arts 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	2 10:00am Literacy Tutoring 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 Cantanti 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
6 10:30am Worship - Pulpit Swap 11:45am Fellowship Time	7 Labor Day 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group	8 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Bunko - Gathering Space 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner 10:00am Literacy Tutoring 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Teams 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 3:00pm Community Conversations 7:00pm Community Conversations	10 9:00am ESL 6:00pm Partners in Profit 6:30pm Cantanti 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Christian Ed Committee - Teams	11 Patriot Day 7:00pm Euchre Night 	12 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day
13 God's Work, Our Hands Day 9:15am Faith Formation for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time	14 3:00pm Social Concerns Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 5:30pm Finance Committee mtg. - Teams 7:00pm Personnel/Executive Committee - Teams	15 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 9:30am Quilters - Social Hall 11:45am Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Fletcher's Pub 2:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Property Committee - Teams 7:00pm Jubilee Garden Work Day	16 10:00am Literacy Tutoring 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Library Committee - Library 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Teams 12:00pm Pray Without Ceasing 7:00pm Church Council meeting - Teams	17 Newsletter Deadline 9:00am ESL 1:00pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Free Store 6:00pm Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo 6:30pm Cantanti 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 ** NEVER FORGET **	19 9:00am ELCA Social Statement Discussion 10:00am Jubilee Garden Work Day
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Legend:

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous

ESL—English as a Second Language

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