



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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August 30, 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.



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Kim and Wade Lawrence in honor of their new granddaughter Scottie Elle Henry.



After blessing our front office for 10 years, Administrative Assistant Tamara Preston is celebrating her retirement today. Join us in giving thanks for her decade of ministry with us and wishing her joy in this new phase of her life!

COMING SOON



Euchre Friday, September 11 at 7 PM

We had such a good time, we decided to do it again.
All are welcome to join us.

Are you new to Euchre...never played... no problem.
We have an excellent teacher.

Sign up in the Gathering Space by September 6.

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:

Sept. 19 9-11:30am

Sept. 20 12-2:30pm

Sept. 21 9-11:30am

Sept. 22 6:-8:30pm via Teams

See elca.org/reconsiderations for more information.

Listen to their Learn and Discern Podcast (Ep 1) for the history and context of these discussions. Contact Laila Poisson with questions.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, August 30 Tamara's Retirement Service

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Communion Retreat

Monday, August 31

2:00p Care Team Meeting
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom
6:30p Nami Support Group

Tuesday, September 1

9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters
1:00p Liturgical Arts
7:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day

Wednesday, September 2

10:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Teams
12:00p Pray Without Ceasing
6:00p Great Lakes Adventure Club

Thursday, September 3

1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:30p Cantanti - gym
6:30p South County Fiber Arts - Social Hall
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 4

10:00a Prayer Shawl

Saturday, September 5

10:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday, September 6 Pulpit Swap

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time

Mark your calendars! September 13 is the start of our fall programming schedule. Join us for Rally Sunday and 'God's Work Our Hands' Day as we complete some fun projects for Lutheran World Relief and have a special lunch together.



SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

Thank you for all the donations, we now have everything we need!

Please sign up to help make the kits and pack the boxes. The sign up sheets for work areas on God's Work, Our Hand's day is in the Gathering Space Lunch is provided.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

During the summer months we get fresh produce that requires packaging, so extra hands are STILL needed.

Please consider signing up.

We need help with our Food Distribution and Free-Store! Will you help our neighbors?

It takes 4-5 people to help with this ministry.

Please sign-up & arrive by 12:30 to help set up.

<https://popportage.org/pages/food-distribution-signup>



The Gross Fundraiser continues through September 20th.

This fundraiser benefits the Youth fund that covers travel expenses for the ELCA Youth Gathering (coming up in summer 2027!).

A portion also goes to Living Water Ministries to support summer camp and all the other amazing youth programs they lead all year round. To participate, select an envelope (or multiple). The number on the outside of the envelope is your pledge. Inside the envelope is a card – keep the big side and remove the small end. Write your name on the small end and drop it in the pink collection box for our records. Then, place your gift in the envelope and turn it in to the pink box, the offering plate, or the church office. You can give cash, a check, or via tithe.ly (just select 'Gross Fundraiser' from the dropdown).

If every envelope is returned with the face amount, we will raise \$10,440 to support faith education and experiences for our youth!

From Hope for Creation - The City of Kalamazoo is offering a 6-week class on recycling for students to achieve a certification of Master Recycler. It is Tuesdays from 6-8 starting Aug 25. They are willing to waive the Kalamazoo residency in order to fill the class. Here is the link to register: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qGISf0-BZESwXsKF2TAIJo6vhR7lrWBIRUx8r08hLXNUQUpHUVg1NjRB-WDBVOTc1RkY5M1ZOMFIZVC4u>



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

- Patt Hewitt - knee replacement surgery
- Carolyn Selby - broken elbow & A-Fib
- Terri Drafta

Others with Concerns:

- 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
- 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
- Marilyn Jones - infection - Joyce Hare's cousin
- Cheryl - post-op hamstring surgery - Shirley Thompson's daughter
- George Larson - heart surgery - close friend of Joyce Hare
- Linda Adams - broken shoulder - Karen Adams mother
- Candace Jefferson - cancer - sister of Charles Boyd
- John Nezworski - hospitalized - Kristie Zimmerman's dad

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 and friends of Amy - friend of Karen Adams
- Family and friends of Kayden Smith - friend of Jackson Seguin
- Family and friends of Joe Shetteron - friend of Kristie Zimmerman
- Family and friends of Joyce Thomas - Melissa Copeland's grandmother
- Family and friends of Patrick Higgins - brother of Carly Davis