



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

September 6, 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

Next Sunday, 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 projects for Lutheran World Relief and have a special lunch together.



Pulpit Swap—Today we are led in worship by Pr. Chris Laughlin. He joins us from his church, Immanuel Lutheran in Allegan, while Pr. Rachel is preaching there this morning. Welcome Pr. Chris!

Synod Prayer Partners

You will find today's letter to be signed on the table in the Gathering Space.



COMING SOON



Euchre Friday, September 11 at 7 PM

We had such a good time, we decided to do it again!

Are you new to Euchre? Never played?

No problem! We have an excellent teacher.

Sign up in the Gathering Space by September 6.

Bible Problems: A Community Conversation

Join Pastor Rachel and other church leaders from Portage and Kalamazoo as we discuss the ways scripture speaks to some of the cultural conversations happening in our world today. In September, Pr. Rachel will be joined by Fr. Mike Wood of St. Barnabas Episcopal and Pr. Caleb Williams of Milwood UMC.

Each session will be held twice on the same day at 3pm and 7pm in the Sanctuary at Prince of Peace.

- Sept. 9** Session 1: Women Preachers
- Oct. 14** Session 2: Christian Nationalism
- Nov. 11** Session 3: Who is My Neighbor?



All are invited to Gull Meadow Farms on Saturday, September 19th from 10-2 for apple picking and activities! We'll meet up at noon for donuts and cider, and you can explore the farm and all the fall offerings they have. Sign up is on the table in the Gathering Space, contact Alex Baas-Peterson for more information.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday September 6 Pulpit Swap

- 10:30a Worship
- 11:45a Fellowship Time

Monday September 7

Office closed—Labor Day

- 5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall

Tuesday September 8

- 9:00a ESL
- 9:15a Staff Meeting
- 1:00p Bunko - Gathering Space
- 6:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day

Wednesday September 9

- 8:00a Men's Breakfast — Mark's Diner
- 10:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
- 10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
- 11:00a Pastor's Bible Study — Teams
- 12:00p Pray Without Ceasing
- 3:00p Community Conversations
- 7:00p Community Conversations
- 7:00p Church Council meeting - Teams

Thursday September 10

- 9:00a ESL
- 6:00p Partners in Profit
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Christian Ed Cmte. mtg - Teams

Friday September 11

- 7:00p Euchre Night

Saturday September 12

- 10:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday September 13

God's Work Our Hands Day

- 9:45a Faith Formation for All Ages
- 10:30a Worship
- 11:45a Fellowship Time
- 12:00p Lunch and GWOH

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Gross Fundraiser continues through September 20th. Thank you for all the donations so far! This fundraiser benefits the Youth's travel expenses for the ELCA Youth Gathering next 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!

"What is your stance on same-sex marriage?"

Join Justice & Diversity for a review of the ELCA Social Statements on Human Sexuality.

Sept 19 & 21 9-11:30am

Sept 20 12-2:30pm

Sept 22 6-8:30pm via Teams

See elca.org/reconsiderations more information.

Contact Laila Poisson with questions.



Reminder: The Church office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day. We will return to our fall office schedule on Tuesday, September 8.

Regular Office Hours are:

Mon-Thur 9am-4pm

Fri 9am-12noon

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,

so please consider signing up

for the next distribution on September 17.

Please arrive by 12:30 to help set up.



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



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:

- Barbara Piniewski - sister of Cindy Sederstrom
- Candace Jefferson - cancer - sister of Charles Boyd
- John Nezworski - hospitalized - Kristie Zimmerman's dad
- 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

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

