



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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September 13, 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.**

GET INVOLVED

Today is the ELCA's annual day of service "God's work. Our hands." Day. After the service we will have lunch together, then complete some projects for Lutheran World Relief as we join congregations around the country activating in God's name to serve their neighbors.



Happy 100th Birthday! Long-time member Jack Jones is turning 100 years old on September 27. Join us in celebrating this special birthday by sending birthday cards! Cards can be mail to:

Jack Jones
8709 Conestoga Street
Portage, MI 49024



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.

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

The next two conversations will be:

Oct. 14 Session 2: Christian Nationalism

Nov. 11 Session 3: Who is My Neighbor?



Use this QR code to make your contribution to Prince of Peace. Just follow the instructions

THIS WEEK AT PoP

Sunday September 13

God's Work Our Hands Day

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45p Lunch and GWOH

Monday September 14

3:00p Social Concerns Committee
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
5:30p Finance Committee - Teams
7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Teams

Tuesday September 15

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Fletchers Pub
2:30p Stewardship Committee
5:30p Property Committee - Teams
6:00p Audit Committee
7:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day
7:00p Bells

Wednesday September 16

10:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
10:00a Book Club - Peace Lounge
11:00a Library Committee
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Teams
12:00p Pray Without Ceasing
7:00p Church Council meeting - Teams

Thursday September 17

Newsletter Deadline
9:00a ESL
1:00p Food Distribution/Free Store
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard of Kalamazoo
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Saturday September 19

9:00a ELCA Social Statement Discussion
10:00a Gull Meadow Farms
10:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday September 20

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p ELCA Social Statement Discussion
12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Calendar Correction:

Book Club is meeting this Wednesday 9/16 at 10am. This fall we will read and discuss:

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

Book Club meets monthly at 10am
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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?”

The ELCA is reconsidering their 2009 statement on human sexuality, specifically the section on same-sex marriage. We are being asked for our opinions on the actual statement. This will help the ELCA task force write their first draft revisions.

Sept 19 & 21 9-11:30am

Sept 20 12-2:30pm

Sept 22 6-8:30pm via Teams

We are not litigating the topic, we are doing the study guide ahead of providing a response. Contact Laila Poisson with questions.

Adult Ed Opportunities:

9/20 & 27 The Lord's Prayer (Laila Poisson)

10/4 What is Thrivent? (local Thrivent consultant Michael Farrance)

10/11 Osher Life-Long Learners Institute (Eli Thomssen)

“We pray the Lord's Prayer together every week during worship. Many of us have known it since before we can remember! Join us for Adult Ed September 20 & 27 to delve into this prayer and into Martin Luther's Small Catechism writings to find deeper understanding and appreciation together.”

There is still space open in the 2026-2027 Adult Ed calendar! Reach out to Laila Poisson if you're interested in seeing a topic brought to this time slot.



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

- Kathey Oosterwal
- 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
- 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
- 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 Kayden Smith - friend of Jackson Seguin