



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

September 20, 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

This is the final week for the **Gross Fundraiser**. If you've been planning to take an envelope, please do so today! If you haven't returned your envelope yet, please do so ASAP by dropping the envelope in the offering plate or to the office, or by giving on Tithe.ly. Thank you for supporting our youth!

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



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

We are not litigating the topic, but we are doing a study guide ahead of providing a response to the ELCA task force revising the 2009 statement on human sexuality. Contact Laila Poisson with questions.

Sept 20 12-2:30p **Sept 21** 9-11:30a **Sept 22** 6-8:30p via Teams

Adult Ed Opportunities:

9/27 The Lord's Prayer and the Small Catechism, Part 2 (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 on September 27 to delve into this prayer and into Martin Luther's Small Catechism writings to find deeper understanding and appreciation together."

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?

THIS WEEK AT PoP

Sunday September 20

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

Monday September 21

9:00a ELCA Social Statement Discussion
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p BSA Troop 287
6:00p Evangelism Committee
6:00p Master Gardeners - Sanctuary
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Teams

Tuesday September 22

Open Doors Shelter Meal
9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
1:00p SERA
2:30p Stewardship Committee
6:00p ELCA Social Statement Disc. - Teams
7:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day
7:00p Bells

Wednesday September 23

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

Thursday September 24

9:00a ESL
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Saturday September 26

10:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday September 27

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



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

Upcoming Opportunities

Calling All Women! The Women's Study Group meets at church every other Monday at 7pm, and our next meeting is September 21. We'd love to have you join us. Contact Diane Snyder with questions.

Interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace? We will be having a New Member Exploration class on October 4 at 12pm. Please contact the church office, or speak with Em or Pr. Rachel if you'd like to be included. Lunch will be provided.

New members will be recognized on Oct. 11
with a New Member Reception.

Sunday, October 4 at 2pm Back Church Parking Lot

St. Francis was a faithful man, who, among many things, is remembered as one who cared deeply for all God's creatures. To continue in his way of experiencing God in Creation, we invite you to bring your pet, a picture or a stuffed animal for the annual Pet Blessing.



Join us on Sunday, October 11 after worship
and learn who will win the
'Ted Olsen Apron'

Will it be you this year?
Sign up in the Gathering Space
compete or to help out.



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It's time to collect candy for

Trunk Or Treat! Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 25th from 3-5pm. We're expecting a large crowd—the last two years have seen record turnouts of over 500 people! If you'd like to donate candy, please drop it in the green bin in the Gathering Space. Watch for the trunk sign-up soon!



Children's Books Wanted:

Pastor Rachel's trunk theme at our Trunk or Treat is the Reading Rainbow and she gives away gently used children's books. Please help her build this year's collection by donating books (from board books for infants all the way up through chapter books for teens) she can give away. You can put them in the bin near her office. Books don't have to be religious, but please make sure they are in good condition. You can check your local used book store or library sale room for deals, too.



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

- Terri Drafta
- Wade Lawrence
- Pr. Chris Laughlin

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
- Marilyn Jones - infection - Joyce
Hare's cousin
- 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:

- Jenn Jawahir and her family, on
the death of Jenn's brother.