



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

September 27, 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.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Liturgical Arts team:

Installation over the Baptismal Font – Seasonal

Wandering Grapevine

Artist - Jeanne Fitzgerald - Hand dyed silk – pleated

Prince of Peace Liturgical Arts Collection Acquired in 2008

Also, check out the mini-exhibit on music in the context of worship, now up in the Gathering Space through Oct. 4. This exhibit centers on a collection of posters Janet Hill has collected over time and the spiritual overview they have inspired.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Topics:

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

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

10/18 Medical mission work in Litein Kenya (Cheryl and Tom Boodt)



New Midweek Bible Study starting:

Pastor Rachel leads a group every Wednesday at 11am for an online Bible study that meets over Microsoft Teams.

Starting October 7, we will begin a study on the Book of Mark in a small group, discussion based format.

To get a copy of the study materials, or a link to the Teams Call, email Ashley at secretary@popportage.org.

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 27

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

Monday September 28

9:30a Ruth Circle
2:00p Care Team Meeting
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p BSA Troop 287
6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom
6:30p Nami Support Group

Tuesday September 29

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
7:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day
7:00p Bells Rehearsal
7:00p Youth Committee Meeting - Teams

Wednesday September 30

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

Thursday October 1

9:00a ESL
1:00p Food Distribution
1:00p Free Store
6:30p South County Fiber Arts - Social Hall
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 2

10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry - Peace Lounge
1:00p Liturgical Arts

Sunday October 4

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p New Member Exploration
2:00p Pet Blessing



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

GET INVOLVED

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 to compete or to

**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

- Wade Lawrence

Others with Concerns:

- Dennis Struble - Leukemia, cousin of Diane Snyder
- 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:

- Cindy Sederstrom on the death of her sister Barbara Piniewski
- Bertha Johnson on the death of her brother Eugene