



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

October 4, 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

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.

OLLI at WMU: Expanding Horizons Through Lifelong Learning

Eli Thomssen, a member of Prince of Peace and of the Western Michigan University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Membership & Marketing Team, will present an overview of the OLLI program on October 11 at 9:15 during the adult learning hour. Lifelong learning enriches people intellectually, socially, and emotionally by keeping the mind active, building adaptability, and nurturing curiosity throughout life. OLLI at WMU offers over 140 courses in a wide variety of subjects.

This session invites you to discover how OLLI can enrich your lifelong learning journey and support your personal growth.

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.

CORRECTION:

'Prayers Without Ceasing' meets every Wednesday at **12pm** in the Sanctuary. The time was incorrectly listed in the October newsletter.

The Chili Cook-off has been postponed until later this winter, most likely in January.

THIS WEEK AT PoP

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

Monday October 5

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p SA Troop 287
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room

Tuesday October 6

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
7:00p Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday October 7

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 Social Hall

Thursday October 8

9:00a ESL
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Sunday October 11

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45p Fellowship Time

Monday October 12

3:00p Social Concerns Committee
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
5:30p Finance Committee - Teams
6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom
6:00p SA Troop 287
7:00p Personnel/Executive Committee - Teams

Tuesday October 13

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
1:00p Bunko - Gathering Space



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

POP Announcement-Making Tips

Memorable announcements are engaging, to the point, and apply to most of the people present. Please include the following:

Your Name: _____

Your role or group: _____

Event/News/Update: _____

Date and time of event: _____

What you want people to do:

___ Sign up ___ Attend/Participate ___ Read ___ Look online

___ Other: _____

Where to find more information:

___ Website ___ Peace Procs/Bulletin insert ___ Newsletter

___ Other: _____

___ By contacting a person: _____

___ e-mail them ___ call them ___ talk after worship

Please do not share personal contact information on the livestream.



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

- **Pr. Tom Pederson –knee surgery**
- 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:

- **Family & Friends of Mary Preston – Tamara's sister-in-law**
- Cindy Sederstrom on the death of her sister Barbara Piniewski
- Bertha Johnson on the death of her brother Eugene

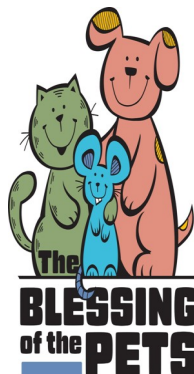
***New names are in **bold**.

GET INVOLVED

TODAY 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.



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.

It's time to collect candy for

Trunk Or Treat! Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 25th from 3-5pm. Donate candy in the green bin in the Gathering Space. Watch for the trunk sign-up soon!

