



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

Weekly News from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - Portage, MI

OCTOBER 11, 2026

This Week at PoP

Sunday October 11

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

Monday October 12

3:00p Social Concerns Mtg
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group
5:30p Finance Committee - Teams
6:00p SA Troop 287
7:00p Personnel/Exec Committee - Teams

Tuesday October 13

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
1:00p Bunko
7:00p Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday October 14

8:00a Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner
9:00a Project Connect
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

Thursday October 15

Newsletter Deadline

9:00a ESL
1:00p Food Distribution & Free Store
6:00p Nurse Honor Guard
7:00p Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Christian Ed Committee - Teams

Sunday October 18

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

FALL OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 9AM-4PM
FRI 9AM-12PM

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

It is with extremely grateful hearts for her 18 years of service that we announce the upcoming retirement of Janet Hill, our music director and organist. Janet has shared her time, energy, creativity, and immense talent with us over the years and has been a blessing to us all.

She will be retiring in January, with the exact date yet to be determined. The position will be posted very soon and disseminated broadly. We thank Janet for all that she has given to us, and we know that our entire congregation wishes her the absolute best and God's richest blessings as she moves towards retirement.

If you or others have questions, please contact any of the members of the Personnel Committee listed below.

Sincerely,

The Personnel Committee:

Sue Jones, Chair, and Judson Stemaly, Dennis Stalker,
Jenny Deming, Dave Reinhold, and Pastor Rachel

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION TOPICS:



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

10/25 Martin Luther (Harry Biles)

11/1 Aldea (Dale and Yvonne Gatz)

PRAYGROUND SURVEY

We want to hear from you! All are invited to share feedback on our recently installed 'Prayground.' Take the survey by scanning the QR code, or by filling out a paper copy of the survey from the sign-up table in the Gathering Space.



God's love is for you. Explore God's love with us.

GET INVOLVED

TRUNK OR TREAT

It's time to collect candy for our Annual Trunk or Treat! The event is Sunday, October 25 from 3-5pm. Donate candy in the green bin in the Gathering Space, or sign-up to decorate your trunk and hand out treats to our visitors.

***The Youth Committee purchases non-food items every year to have available for kids to pick if they don't want candy, so please do not bring non-food items, we have plenty, we just need more candy!

HELP FILL PR. RACHEL'S TRUNK

Pastor Rachel's trunk theme 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. Thanks!

BIBLE PROBLEMS: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

This fall, join Pastor Rachel and other church leaders from Portage and Kzoo 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.

Oct. 14 Topic: Christian Nationalism
Nov. 11 Topic: Who is My Neighbor?

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 requests 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, 12yo 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
- 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

***New names are in bold.

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make your contribution
to Prince of Peace.
Just follow the instructions
when you scan the code.

