PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

This Week at PoP

Sunday November 1
All Saints Day
8:30-10a Flu Shot Clinic
9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship Service
11:45p Fellowship Time

Monday November 2
5:30p *AA "Promises" Support Group*
6:00p *SA Troop 287*

Tuesday November 3
Election Day
9:00a *ESL*
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters
7:00p Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday November 4
10:00a *Literacy Tutoring - Library*
10:00a *WMU Center for Disabilities*
11:00a Library Committee
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study—Teams
12:00p Pray Without Ceasing
6:00p *Great Lakes Adventure Club*

Thursday November 5
9:00a *ESL*
1:00p Food Distribution/Free Store
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday November 6
10:00a *ESL Open Tutoring*
10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00p Liurgical Arts

Saturday November 7
11:00a Portage Community Resource Expo - Crossroads Mall

Sunday November 8
9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship Service
11:45p Fellowship Time
12:00p *Kzoo Community Foundation*
1:00p *SA Troop 287 Eagle Scout Court*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are beginning the work to fill two three-year Congregation Council terms that open in January 2027. If you are interested in serving, or if you have questions about what the roles involve, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out to any com-mittee member: Lisa Creed, Michelle Eldridge, Paula Kana'an, Melissa Ottesen, Nancy Pendziszewski, or Sue Stapleton.

As we prayerfully gather names and have conversations with potential candidates, we encourage members in our com-munity to reflect on whether this is a way you can serve our congregation at this time.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our Food Distribution's need for food supplement boxes has increased due to the ending of SNAP/other programs. We have given out 77 extra boxes already.

More boxes are available in the Gathering Space. If you would like to donate separate items instead of a full box (ex. jar of peanut butter), a box is also available. We'll make additional boxes from those donations. Thank you for your support, this food is really appreciated by our neighbors.

ELECTION DAY

Voting will be held on Tuesday, November 3. Prince of Peace hosts two Portage precincts for elections - one in the Gym and one in the Gathering Space. Polls are open from 7am-8pm.

Please plan to leave these spaces for voters that day, and remember to cast your vote at *your* polling place!

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION TOPICS:

11/8
Review of the proposed changes to the ELCA's social message on homelessness with Laila Piosson

11/15 & 11/22
Pr. Harry Biles leads a photo exploration of the consequences of Luther's teachings during the post-reformation time period.

GET INVOLVED

CALENDAR NOTES

The Women's Study Group will not meet this week on Nov. 3 as previously scheduled. Their next meeting will be Nov. 17.

BIBLE "PROBLEMS"

This fall Pr. Rachel and other church leaders from Portage and Kalamazoo have been discussing the ways scripture speaks to some of the cultural conversations happening in our world today. A final session will be held at 3pm and 7pm in the Sanctuary at Prince of Peace on Wednesday, November 11. The topic title is "Who Is My Neighbor?"

CHURCH WORK DAY

Our fall church work day is coming up on Saturday, November 14 from 8:30a to 12:00p. We'll be tackling several projects to care for our building and grounds. Please join us if you are able, whether you can spare an hour or stay the whole morning. All skill levels are welcome!

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

The annual Gingerbread Decorating will happen Sunday, November 15 after worship. This is a one-Sunday event, so plan to make a whimsical holiday decoration. The houses are always so varied and creative – and the construction materials are really sweet! It's a joyful way to spend an a afternoon to get in the holiday mood. Lunch will be provided. Watch for more details and a sign-up in the Gathering Space. As always, thanks to Kim and Wade Lawrence for leading this event.

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

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

- Shirley Thompson

Others with Concerns

- Dennis Struble - Leukemia, cousin of Diane Snyder
- Judah Pederson - cancer, 12yo grandson of Tom & Nancy Pederson
- Fred Boyer - brain surgery, friend of Joyce Hare
- Jeff Spring - cancer, Paula Kana'an's brother
- 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
- A critically injured student from SilverRail Elementary & Healing Reins Therapy in Bend, OR, friends of Jeanette Fields

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

- The Mattawan High School community, for students involved in a car accident.

*New names are in **bold**.