PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

This Week at PoP

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 BSA Troop 287 Eagle Scout Court

Monday November 9
3:00p Social Concerns Meeting
5:30p *AA "Promises" Support Group*
5:30p Finance Commitee - Teams
6:00p *SA Troop 287*
7:00p Personnel/Exec Comm. - Teams

Tuesday November 10
9:00a *ESL*
9:15a Staff Meeting
1:00p Bunko
7:00p Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday November 11
Veteran's Day
8:00a Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner
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 November 12
9:00a *ESL*
6:00p *Partners in Profit*
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday November 13
10:00a *ESL Open Tutoring*

Saturday November 14
8:30a Fall Clean Up

Sunday November 15
9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship Service
11:45p Fellowship Time
12:00p Fellowship Meeting
12:00p Gingerbread Houses



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 committee 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.



UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION TOPICS:

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

Nov 29 - Dec 13 *The Hope of Isaiah*
During Advent we will take time with the weekly readings from Isaiah. We will ask, "What is the author saying?" "How does it connect with our lives today?" The first week of Advent we will explore Isaiah 64, led by Laila Poisson.

GET INVOLVED

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. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up in the Gathering Space.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Play Bunko @ PoP
1:00pm Tue 11/10

Men's Breakfast @ Mark's Diner
8:00am Wed 11/11

Ladies' Lunch @ Hunan Gardens (WQ Ave)
11:45am Tue 11/17

Women's Study Group
4:00pm Tue 11/17

Book Club - Last one for 2026!
10:00am Wed 11/18

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
- **Justin - Amanda Bischof's friend**
- **Charlotte Weiss - surgery, Joyce Hare's friend**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns

- Gena Baldwin
- Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Cheryl Thomas
- Diana Reames
- Al Ross
- BJ Stark
- Linda Tortorice
- Dianne Zurawski

Those Traveling

- Our Youth are with Living Water Ministries at the Charge event this weekend. We pray they grow in faith, build community, and develop leadership while enjoying the fun of Great Wolf Lodge.

*New names are in **bold**.