PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

This Week at PoP

Sunday November 22
9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship Service
11:45p Fellowship Time
12:00p Fellowship Comm. Mtg.
12:00p Gingerbread Houses

Monday November 23
9:30p Ruth Circle
2:00p Care Team Mtg.
5:30p *AA "Promises" Support Group*
6:00p Evangelism Comm.
6:00p Justice & Diversity - Teams
6:00p *SA Troop 287*
6:30p *NAMI Support Group*

Tuesday November 24
Open Doors Shelter Meal
9:00a *ESL*
9:15a Staff Meeting
7:00p Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday November 25
10:00a *Literacy Tutoring - Library*
10:00a *WMU Center for Disabilities*
11:00a Library Comm.
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study—Teams
12:00p Pray Without Ceasing

Thursday November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday November 27
Office Closed - Thanksgiving

Sunday November 29
9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship Service
11:45p Fellowship Time

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Prayer booklets are now available in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful way to keep our focus on Christ during this Advent season and the holy days of Christmas.

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION TOPICS:

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.

ADVENT MIDWEEK DINNER & WORSHIP

On Wednesdays during the Advent season (Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16) we will gather for dinner together and an Evening Prayer service. Please sign-up in the Gathering Space to help with setting/cleaning-up or to bring a part of the meal.

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

GET INVOLVED

HOLIDAY HORS D'OEUVRE PARTY

Our Annual Holiday Party is Friday, December 4 from 7-10pm. Pete & Michelle Eldridge are graciously hosting the adults of PoP again this year in their historic home in downtown Kalamazoo. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space for more details.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Join the Fellowship Committee for a quick and festive ornament exchange! Bring a wrapped gift ornament of your choice, either homemade or purchased (please keep under $15). We'll meet in the gym after worship on December 13th for a fun game to exchange our ornaments!

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2027
Time: 9am-3pm
Where: Prince of Peace



What do we mean when we say that everyone "bears the image of God?" Or that all baptized people are "full members of the body of Christ?" Dr. Char Rauchy Cox will join us all the way from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, to explore what it really means to be part of God's family through the waters of baptism.
Whether you were baptized as a child or an adult, or have not yet been baptized, the entire congregation--kids, youth, and adults of all ages --are invited to this congregational retreat to explore the part that all of us play in our faith community.



PLEASE NOTE:
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26 &
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



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

- **Nancy Pederson**

Others with Concerns

- Dennis Struble - Leukemia,
  cousin of Diane Snyder
- Judah Pederson - cancer, 12yo grandson
  of Tom & Nancy Pederson
- 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
- Justin - Amanda Bischof's friend
- Martin Knope - cancer,
  Keelyn Maurer's father
- Jill Copeland - Pneumonia & Hospice,
  Jim Copeland Sr - Pneumonia,
  parents of Jim Copeland
- **Jerry - Joyce Hare's brother-in-law**
- **Jerry Anderson - Karen Gallagher'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
- Shirley Thompson

Those Grieving

- Friends and family of Patrick Turner,
  friend of Paul Guthrie

*New names are in **bold**.