



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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

April 19, 2026

Visit www.poppottage.org for the weekly POP Announcements, schedule of volunteers and calendar.

In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@poppottage.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.**

SUNDAY EVENTS



Synod Prayer Partners

You will find today's letter to be signed on the table in the Gathering Space.

Prince of Peace was the recipient of prayers on March 15.
You can see all the cards and letters we received on the glass above the sign-up tables.

Wednesday, April 22



Administrative Professionals Day

COMING THIS WEEK



For more information on Kalamazoo Earth Day Events follow the link below:

<https://www.kalamazooearthday.com/copy-of-earth-day-2025>

COMING SOON

Saturday, May 2 at 8:30 to 12:00
is Spring Clean Up Day.

Grab your gloves and rakes and help us spruce up the church lawns after a long winter. *Rain date: May 9*



Prince of Peace Women's Retreat

May 22-23, 2026

Essenhaus Inn

WOMEN'S RETREAT 240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540

Today is the last day to sign up!

Join us for a women's retreat beginning Friday, May 22 and ending Saturday afternoon, May 23. The retreat is being led by Laurie Brown, Intern Kathleen, and Beth Whately. Our theme is: *Drawing From the Well*. You can find information about the Inn and the onsite restaurant at

<https://essenhaus.com/>

Cost: \$110 double occupancy; \$220 single occupancy

All payments should be made to Prince of Peace and we will pay one bill for everyone. Your cost covers your one-night stay and breakfast and the lunch buffet on Saturday. We have a total of 20 rooms available. Double occupancy is not required, but encouraged, so as many of our members as possible can participate. See April newsletter for more details. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, April 19

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Fellowship Meeting - library

Monday, April 20

5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p Master Gardeners - Sanctuary
7:00p Women's Study Group - Flex Room
7:00p Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

Tuesday, April 21

9:00a ESL
9:15a Staff Meeting
9:30a Quilters - Social Hall
11:45a Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Chinn Chinn
12:00p Synod Assembly Planning
5:30p Property Committee - Zoom
7:00p Bells

Wednesday, April 22 Earth Day

10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom
12:00p Pray without Ceasing

Thursday, April 23

9:00a ESL
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 24

10:00a ESL Open Tutoring

Saturday, April 25

8:00a Cathwren Warner Memorial Craft Retreat

Sunday, April 26

9:15a Faith Formation for All Ages
10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p MS/HS Youth Group

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

- ◆ **No new food boxes are needed this week!**
We supplement Food Distribution by making boxes of nonperishable food. Currently, the boxes from SouthMichigan Food Bank has been sufficient. We will let you know when we need more and where to find the empty boxes.
- ◆ **Plyarning!** Our mats are now going to Ethiopia. We need your clean dry cleaning bags. Bring them to the church if you have them!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The sign up for May is in the Gathering Space!

Roles to be filled. . . *acolytes, worship assistant, reader, ushers, communion assistant, prayer station, tech assistants, or fellowship host(s).*



You will be trained &/or paired with an experienced volunteer! Sign up for the position, and day you want to serve. **Sign up link!** <https://poppottage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>



Christ's Cupboard



Are you or someone you know in need of a little help feeding your family this week? If you are in need of a few groceries, or need a few to help someone else, please ask any staff or any committee member about Christ's Cupboard. We have resources to help feed one another, but we can't help you if we don't know who you are. Please speak up and ask a staff or committee member. We don't want anyone in our community to go hungry.

We are NOT accepting clothes.

If you have clothes that you would like to donate, Trinity Lutheran and Sunnyside United Methodist have free clothing banks. Please contact them for drop off times.

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 request to our prayer team at prayer@poppottage.org

Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members with Health Concerns

- Jolaine Snyder - heart issues
- Sandy Foster - broken elbow and ankle

Others with Concerns:

- Patrick Higgins - brain tumor - brother of Carly Davis
- Marilyn D - 17 yr old with rare form of cancer, daughter of Jill Waggoner's former pastor in Illinois
- Rich Gagnon - failing health - father of Maria Markucki
- David Keller - pancreatic cancer - brother of Charlotte Keller
- Lilliana - 10 yr old post-op heart surgery - friend Kathleen Robinson
- Griselle - rare cancer - cousin of Sandy Bennett
- Becky Wiessner - cancer & stroke - friend of Tamara Preston
- Crystal - breast cancer - friend of Paula Kana'an
- Mark Keller - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma - uncle of Charlotte Keller
- Dennis Struble - leukemia - family of Diane Snyder
- Mary Rebert - heart issues - friend of Diane Snyder
- Cindy Vennix - cancer - friend of Sheryl Swodzinski
- **Jennifer Turner - metastatic breast cancer - Don Mertz sister**

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:

- Eric Lehman
- Diane Crocker
- Angie Copeland
- Cheryl Thomas
- Diana Reames
- BJ Stark
- Dianne Zurawski
- Gena Baldwin

Those Grieving:

- Family & friends of Silas Kulkarni- husband of Julie Bringman, ELCA Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, College Park, MD

Celebrations and Praises:-

- **Great grandchild, Claudia Rose Maurer, to Claudia Maurer**