



PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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August 23, 2026

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

In need of prayer? Contact: prayer@popportage.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.



The Book Exchange

We will have the books available to choose from on a table outside the library next **Sunday, August 23**, before and after service.



The Gross Fundraiser begins today and will continue through September 20th. This fundraiser benefits the Youth fund that covers travel expenses for the ELCA Youth Gathering (coming up in summer 2027!). A portion also goes to Living Water Ministries to support summer camp and all the other amazing youth programs they lead all year round. To participate, select an envelope (or multiple). The number on the outside of the envelope is your pledge. Inside the envelope is a card — keep the big side and remove the small end. Write your name on the small end and drop it in the pink collection box for our records. Then, place your gift in the envelope and turn it in to the pink box, the offering plate, or the church office. You can give cash, a check, or via tithe.ly (just select 'Gross Fundraiser' from the dropdown). If every envelope is returned with the face amount, we will raise \$10,440 to support faith education and experiences for our youth!

COMING SOON

Good news! Our new custodian, Charles, joins our staff on Monday. Please introduce yourself to him as he gets acquainted with our building and it's maintenance needs. **Welcome Charles!**



Euchre Friday, September 11 at 7 PM

We had such a good time, we decided to do it again.

All are welcome to join us.

Are you new to Euchre...never played... no problem.

We have an excellent teacher.

Sign up in the Gathering Space by September 6.



Mark your calendars! September 13 is the start of our fall programming schedule. Join us for Rally Sunday and 'God's Work Our Hands' Day as we complete some fun projects for Lutheran World Relief and have a special lunch together.



THIS WEEK AT POP!

Sunday, August 23

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Fellowship Committee - Library

Monday, August 24

2:00p Care Team Meeting
5:30p AA "Promises" Support Group - Social Hall
6:00p Justice and Diversity - Zoom
6:30p Nami Support Group

Tuesday, August 25 Open Doors Shelter Meal

9:15a Staff Meeting
7:00p Bells
7:00p Jubilee Garden Work Day

Wednesday, August 26

10:00a Literacy Tutoring - Library
10:00a WMU Center for Disabilities
11:00a Pastor's Bible Study - Teams

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

11:00a Jubilee Garden Work Day

Sunday, August 30 Tamara's Retirement Service

10:30a Worship
11:45a Fellowship Time
12:00p Communion Retreat

SOCIAL CONCERNS INFORMATION

GWOH DAY is fast approaching and we are getting close to the end for item collection.

Still needed are:

200 bars (3oz bars) soap

125 one subject, spiral notebooks.

Watch for the sign up sheet for work areas on
God's Work, Our Hand's day. Lunch is provided.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Thank you to all who helped bring the bell tables back into the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, August 9. Many hands made quick work! Janet

Funeral Luncheons – Help Needed!

I'm thankful to all of you who respond when we put out the notice that we need food donations for funeral luncheons. I have enjoyed being the luncheon coordinator for the last several years and now realize that I need to share the responsibility of being a coordinator with one, or several of you. Please reach out and let me know what questions you have and if this is something you would consider. I would be very grateful! Sue Jones



**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY
to Sign up for September 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://popportage.org/pages/sign-ups--11>

From Hope for Creation - The City of Kalamazoo is offering a 6-week class on recycling for students to achieve a certification of Master Recycler. It is Tuesdays from 6-8 starting Aug 25. They are willing to waive the Kalamazoo residency in order to fill the class. Here is the link to register: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qGISf0-BZESwXsKF2TAIJo6vhR7lrWB1rUx8r08hLXNUQUpHUVg1NjRB-WDBVOTc1RkY5M1ZOMFIZVC4u>



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@popportage.org

Prayer Corner

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members with Health Concerns

- Patt Hewitt - knee replacement surgery
- Carolyn Selby - broken elbow & A-Fib
- Terry Drafta

Others with Concerns:

- Judah Pederson - cancer - 12 yr old 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
- Amy - uterine cancer - friend of Karen Adams
- Diana Dickinson - Myotonic Dystrophy 2 - BJ Stark's daughter.
- Julie Davis - post op recovery - friend of Karen Helmeke
- Noel Kidd, elbow surgery, friend of Joyce Hare
- Marilyn Jones - infection - Joyce Hare's cousin
- Cheryl - post-op hamstring surgery - Shirley Thompson's daughter
- **George Larson - heart surgery - close friend of Joyce Hare**
- **John Neworski - heart ablation - Kristie Zimmerman's dad**
- **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 and friends of Joyce Thomas - Melissa Copeland's grandmother
- Family and friends of Patrick Higgins - brother of Carly Davis