



"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace, for the sake of the world."

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Pastor's Page

If one member [of the body] suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

- 1 Cor. 12:26-27

During this season of Lent we are exploring what it means to continue in the covenant of our baptism. The Rite of Holy Baptism begins with these words that lay out what it means to be baptized:

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. - ELW pg. 227

Everyone who has ever been baptized is a member of God's family and a member of the Church (capitalized because I'm using it to mean the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church). So, we are connected by faith to every believer of every place and time. This kind of membership is sort of like your membership in your family of origin, it is part of who you are by birth (baptism being your birth to new life in Christ).

When a person is baptized, they also become a member of a particular Christian community. When I was baptized, I became a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Louisville, KY, because that is the congregation where I received the sacrament. Over the years, my congregational membership has transferred many times and each of those congregations has a place in my heart and in the story of my faith journey. Now my membership resides here at Prince of Peace because you have called me to be your pastor and I get the joy of serving among you! This kind of membership is more about record keeping and clarity about where we intend to invest our time and resources.

Being a member of a congregation is a way of saying, "There are many communities of faith, but I am choosing to support and be supported by this one." To exist as a religious organization in the United States of America, there are certain definitions of membership we agree to abide by, which are laid out in our congregational constitution. When we take attendance or review the rolls or request your updated contact information, we do so to ensure accurate records and documentation in accordance with these guidelines.

Later in this newsletter you'll find a list of names of some members of our congregation with whom our office has lost touch. It could be simply that people have moved and changed their phone numbers or e-mail addresses so our ways of staying in contact with them have been lost and we simply need to reconnect. It is possible they have chosen to invest in a different congregation at this time in their lives and haven't told us. If so, we will wish them well and transfer their records to the new congregation, grateful to have had a part in their journey of faith for however long they were here.

If you aren't yet a member of Prince of Peace and are interested in becoming one, please come talk to me and we'll schedule a new member exploration event!

Shalom, Pastor Rachel



What's Happening at POP!



Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets **Friday, March 1 at 10 AM** in the Social Hall.

If you or someone you know would like a shawl, or for more information about becoming a prayer shawl creator, please contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Join us for a lively and informative discussion!!

The book is **Refugia Faith** by Debra Rienstra

Monday, March 4 and Monday, March 18

Via Zoom@ 7:15 pm. Contact Diane Snyder for the link!!

When: Tuesday, March 12 at 1 PM

Where: POP Social Hall



BUNKO

Just a few rolls of the dice and you'll have this fun game mastered!

Bunko is easy to learn and offers wonderful opportunities for conversation and connection with others.

Call Carla Hannemann at 269/216-3498 for more information.

Ladies Lunch Bunch meets **Tuesday, March 19**

Meet at 11:45am at Monelli's Italian Grill, 7141 S Westnedge, Portage

Questions? Car pool? Need a ride?

Contact Dianne Hellman, 323-9392.

This is a great time for good food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.



Ruth Circle will meet Monday, March 25

Biblical stories of the natural works help us grow our love for God, other creatures and the Earth. This is the focus of this Springs study in the Ruth Bible Study group, which meets at 9:30am the fourth Monday of the month in the Social Hall. Copies of the lesson are found in the library and the Gather magazine, the magazine of WELCA.

Please, join us for wonderful fellowship and coffee before the lessons.

Questions: Claudia Blahnik at 269/352-7430 or cblahnick@yahoo.com.



BREAD AND BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Bread construction will begin at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served at about 9:00 a.m. Come and bake bread, or just come for the breakfast and conversation...it's all good!

For more information, or to be included on the mailing list, talk with Wade Lawrence at church, email him at

wade.b.lawrence@gmail.com,

or call him at (269) 353-9885.

We hope to see you there!

Quilters

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19 at 9:30 AM

Where: POP Social Hall

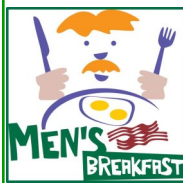
Not sure you can sew well enough to participate? Don't worry!

They're happy to teach you!

Contact Sheryl for more information: 267-6274.



Men's Breakfast



8:00 AM, Wednesday, March 13

Michelle's on Romence Rd. in Portage. Join Pastor Rachel for breakfast, prayer, and conversation.

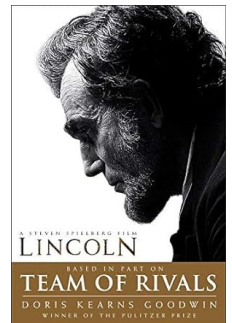
Tell them you're with Prince of Peace. We've got the back room reserved.

Prince of Peace Book Club

The POP Book Club will meet in the coffee room **Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00am.** We will begin the discussion of "Team of Rivals" by

Doris Kearns Goodwin. Since this is a long book, we will discuss chapters 1-9 in March and continue with the rest of the book in April and May. We also have a study guide available thanks to Carla H. This is a nonfiction book about Abraham Lincoln and the men surrounding him.

The first chapters deal with the men who were running for President in 1860 and election politics which seems especially appropriate for reading during this election year.





Social Concerns - "Feature stories"

**Wade Lawrence shares his "Bee Story" -

The Jubilee Garden Apiary began the year with one overwintered colony, which was soon joined by a new colony in early May. With two colonies, it became necessary to be able to distinguish them in conversation, so the overwintered colony became the U of M hive, and the new colony became the MSU hive. The goal for the MSU hive was to build up in strength to be ready to survive its first Michigan winter. The goal for the U of M hive, having made it through last winter, was to produce a honey crop. Both colonies achieved their respective goals. The MSU colony grew steadily over the summer, steadily gaining weight as the population grew and winter stores were brought in by the workers. The colony went into winter with four brood boxes and weighed about 200 pounds (about 100 of which was food stores). Meanwhile, the U of M colony brought in enough nectar and pollen to sustain it over the coming winter, while also putting up a surplus crop of honey. And in early September, we had a honey harvest event attended by a dozen or so participants who learned the sticky ins and outs of getting honey from the comb and into jars. The bees are now tucked away until spring, but preparations have already begun inside the hives for the coming season. The queens have already begun laying eggs for the next generation of workers, so that when the first nectar and pollen sources begin to appear in

about 6 weeks (!), there will be a workforce ready to hit the ground running -- or flying as the case may be. The way things currently stand, we're looking forward to another successful beekeeping season in 2024.



** WMU Seita Scholars give thanks.

The Seita Scholar program is designed to address the academic gaps and needs that many youth who experience foster care encounter. We support this program through our local benevolence funding. A young Seita Scholar who will graduate this spring said, *"The Scholars program is not just a program for me; it is a community that I can call home and family. They have made me feel welcome and that this is a safe place to call home. I am grateful for them believing in me and supporting me to go above and beyond in my college experience."*

**Everyone loves to Quilt -

ESL student Mohmmmed lends a hand to Sheryl and Yvonne as they put the finishing touches on a quilt top made by Annette Smith. Quilters often have ESL learners stop by.

Note:
March 16 is
National Quilt Day 2024.
Thank a POP quilter on that day for setting a record in 2023 making 134 LWR quilts.



**Food Distribution means a great deal to the folks who we serve.

Not only are food and extras delivered. We have seen tears from people who have only a few dollars left for the week and are so grateful that they now have a box of groceries and a container of laundry detergent. Mike Whately, our manager, often comments on our regulars that "they know we care." We also take a few moments to pray with them if they ask us to. If you have a free afternoon on the first and third Thursday of the month join the FD gang, it's a wonderful experience.



** Refugee Christmas Family is a blessing .

Thanks from our most recent Refugee family for their Christmas gifts and food baskets. All the happy children are pictured here on the December. Only the oldest, Bilali, is not in the photo, he's working at his job. They have all grown so much since we first met them three years ago.



Educational Opportunities

ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Earth Day events will be happening in the Kalamazoo area April 6 - 22.

For a list of these events, go to <https://www.kalamazooearthday.com/team-1>



A book discussion with Douglas Tallamy, the author of *Nature's Best Hope: An Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*, will be held on **March 20** from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. at the Portage United Church of Christ (2731 Milham, Portage). Learn how you can convert your yard into a Homegrown National Park. You don't need to have read the book to enjoy the event. RSVPs are appreciated and can be made by emailing your intent to info@hopeforcreation.net.

Hope for Creation, "an inter-religious group working to encourage and support faith-based action on climate change in greater Kalamazoo", will be celebrating its tenth anniversary on **May 2** from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the First Congregational Church at 345 W. Michigan Ave. in downtown Kalamazoo. The event will host Debra Rienstra, author of *Refugia Faith*. This book describes how people of faith can summon the hope and the courage needed to heal and restore our home planet. Dinner will be served, so come and learn how people of faith can help preserve God's gift of mother earth. You can RSVP for this event by emailing your intent to info@hopeforcreation.net.



Scrapyard Crosses March 2024

A Jim Foster Exhibit

In his own words "in the crosses I make, it is scrap steel, bits of copper and barbed wire, discarded faucet handles, abandoned gears. Just as God works through the water and the bread and wine to find beauty and value among

those abandoned by others or themselves my work with scrap steel seeks to find beauty in discarded metal and give that scrap new purpose." The purpose this Lenten season is to engage in his work searching for our own meaning as we face the cross.



Council and Committees



Council officially had the first meeting of 2024 in February with the installed council.

We officially welcomed new officers Lisa Creed - President, Paula Kana'an - Vice President, and Judson Stemaly -Secretary and new members Noel Sederstrom, Eric Diring, Jeremy Zimmerman, Alex Zimmerman. We are excited to help steward POP and honored by this opportunity to serve. Remember to seek out any one us in a yellow lanyard on Sundays if you ever have questions for Council.

Council was updated on the arrival and settling in of Emma Janzen, our new intern. We were also updated on Em Witteveen starting with more hours and having exciting ideas and initiatives around POP for engagement with families. Have you noticed the "Prayground" area in the gathering space for kids and adults alike to connect through art?

Every month council reviews the monthly statistical report. This report shows members who have joined our congregation and those who have left for whatever reason and attendance trends. There are on-going efforts by staff and council to organize and streamline POP's documentation regarding member information.

Council would like to take a moment to specifically thank POP staff for going above and beyond during a very busy January. From starting a new year and all the busyness that comes with that, to planning and making sure all was set for Emma to arrive and the season of Lent arriving with haste, POP staff have risen to the occasion and gone above and beyond in many ways, extending Jesus' supportive, loving hands in very effective ways.

Many heartfelt thanks for POP staff!

Administrative Committees

Executive Board *Meets the 2nd Monday*

President: Lisa Creed
Vice-President: Paula Kana'an
Secretary: Judson Stemaly
Pastor: Rachel Laughlin

Council is the Executive Board & the Liaisons, listed on pg 8.
Meets the 3rd Wednesday, except during Advent & Lent

Nominating *Meets as needed*

Chair: Dick Hewitt
At Large: Sue Jones
Laila Poisson
Dave Reinhold
Idy Stemaly
Paul Swodzinski

Mutual Ministry *Meets as needed*
Rachel Laughlin Matt Erdmann
Dennis Stalker Bette MacKenzie

Personnel *Meets the 2nd Monday at 7pm - Zoom*

Chair: Sue Jones
Rachel Laughlin
Judson Stemaly
Paula Kana'an
Lisa Creed

Assembly Voting Members Steve Pendziszewski,
Paula Kana'an

The Extended Ministries Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that funds will be available in 2024 for disbursement to potential extended ministries beyond the operational budget of POP. Please watch for future newsletter or Peace Proclamation articles for the exact amount available for 2024.

The committee welcomes written requests with the following information: 1) Name of requestor 2) Name of extended ministry 3) Brief description and potential impact of the ministry 4) Amount of monies requested. The Endowment Committee will then review the request and determine if monies will be distributed.

Please contact Mark Clyne via email (markclyne@sbcglobal.net) or any of the other Endowment Committee members (Kevin Jawahir, Carole Nelson, Joyce Stout, Mike Wathen) or fill out a paper form available from the church office with any requests and place them the Endowment Fund mailbox in the workroom. If you use a paper form, please notify an Endowment Committee member as we currently do not monitor the mailbox regularly.

Fellowship News

"The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his kingdom in the world...The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship."

N T Wright

This month's quote is my favorite so far because it gives a great definition of what fellowship in the church is. I especially like the "learn from one another and teach one another part" because we at POP are truly blessed to have members who are willing to share their talents and skills with everyone.

One of the best examples of this is the upcoming **Pysanky egg** event coming up on Sunday, March 3rd after service. Kim and Wade Lawrence share their expertise every year for this event. For those that don't know, Pysanky eggs are Ukrainian decorated Easter Eggs. The process of creating the designs and dying the eggs is really remarkable and fun. If you haven't tried this yet, you are missing out! The designs can be as ornate or as simple as you wish, so all are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you for filling out the fellowship surveys!

This gives us feedback on what events are important to you, and what you might like to see in the future.

You are always welcome at our fellowship committee meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30PM, either in person or on Zoom. More hands mean less work, so we truly appreciate whether you can help a little or a lot! Contact Tamara Preston for the Zoom link.

Reminder that we are always looking for volunteers to handle coffee and refreshments after service. It really is very simple, but it means so much to our POP family. If you have questions, please see Tammy Cooper or Tamara Preston. You can sign up online or on paper like our other service volunteer positions. Just sign up under "Fellowship".

The Easter season is upon us. Often that means an increase of visitors and newcomers. Please be on the lookout to share a smile or a greeting to make them feel welcome! And don't forget to wear your nametag!

This and That



Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 10.

Don't forget to set your clocks
back before you go to bed on
Saturday, March 9

We are Updating our Membership!

We are reaching out to members who haven't been with us recently.

There are some folks that we have lost track of. If you have contact information for anyone listed below, please contact the office.

Joan Behnke

Betsy & Mark Craig

Felix Fernandez

Paul Grodecki

Michelle Gustafson

John & Leslie Kepplinger

Christine & Nicholas Tarpley



Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church

Dear friends,

At the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, several memorials directed the ELCA to convene a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC). The CRLC has been meeting since the summer of 2023 and has been considering our church's structures, constitutional language, and how our church might change to be better prepared to meet the needs of our current time. The CRLC invites all of us as ELCA members to [complete an online survey](#). The deadline to complete the survey is March 15, 2024. Please join me in participating in this important survey. Your thoughts, experiences, and opinions really matter. You and I both love our faith community. Let's lean into this conversation along with others from all across our ELCA community.

In fellowship with you,
Don Jones, POP member

The survey link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFULRwoXTH7qTIRgWPPN5VV6UXiRhejngKfdkjJEIAPhdo1w/viewform>



On-Line Giving

On-line Giving Has Never Been So Easy!

You can click or copy and paste the link

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2250097>

or use the QR code.



You can also go to the Prince of Peace website & click on the giving button.

For questions contact either Marilyn or Tamara.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/1	Jaxin French Walter Arntson	3/13	Jacob Mills	3/20	Brian DeVries Alexander Zimmerman	3/28	Benjamin Walker
3/2	Lena Klemm Idy Stemaly	3/14	Karl Westra Jacob DeVries	3/21	Charlotte Chicantek	3/29	Dale Gatz
3/3	Jerilyn Johnston Cassandra Whately	3/15	Charlotte Steele	3/27	Alex Seelbinder Lorri Walch Elsa Klemm Carol Stezowski	3/30	Ryan Hannemann
3/7	Jennifer Oskins Carol Christianson Annette Smith	3/17	Stephen Bigelow Jim Foster Peter Maurer			3/31	Renee Beck
3/8	Mina French Christian Maurer David Grinder	3/18	Dave Walch Ryan Mickelson				
		3/19	Mike Myers Carly Davis				

Anniversaries

Dale & Micki Holder	March 11
Dave Reinhold & Susan Stapleton	March 14
Eli & Hilde Thomssen	March 24
Robert & Lynda Bauckham	March 26
Linda Tortorice & Alphonso Ross	March 28
Michael & Julie Cartier	March 31



2024 Committees



Care Team *Meets the 4th Monday at 4pm - Hybrid*
 Chair: Lynne Wathen
 Liaison: Nancy Pendziszewski
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 At Large: Michelle Eldridge
 Jan Ellwitz
 Yvonne Gatz
 Lori Hannemann
 Dick Hewitt
 Betsy Stalker
 Dennis Stalker
 Trish Wiita

Christian Education & Youth Committee

Chair: Em Witteveen
 Liaison: Carol Christianson, Christian Ed
 Liaison: Lee Banitt, Youth
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 Youth Rep: Alex Zimmerman,
 At Large: Lisa Creed
 Sue Jones
 Claudia Lee
 Idy Stemaly
 Judson Stemaly

Currently meets as needed, reorganizing

Evangelism Committee *Currently meets as needed*

Chair: Gail MacNellis
 Liaison: Jenn Jawahir
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin

Fellowship Committee *Meets the 4th Sunday after church*

Chairs: Tammy Cooper/Tamara Preston
 Liaison: Eric Diring
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 At Large: Karen Diring
 Claudia Lee
 Idy Stemaly
 Pam Timm
 Em Witteveen
 Kristie Zimmerman

Finance Committee *Meets the 2nd Monday - Zoom*

Treasurer: Dave Reinhold, Appointed
 Church Acct: Marilyn Storch
 Liaison: Noel Sederstrom
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 At Large: Michelle Eldridge
 Sue Grinder
 Sue Stapleton
 Lori Hannemann

Property Committee *Meets the 3rd Tuesday, as needed*

Chair: Pete Eldridge
 Liaison: Jeremy Zimmerman
 Custodian: Steve Haddix
 At Large: Bill Hellman
 Ray Isakson
 Karl Klemm
 Paul MacNellis

Social Concerns *Meets the 2nd Monday at 6pm - Zoom*

Chair: Claudia Lee
 Liaison: Gail MacNellis
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 At Large: Mark Clyne
 Yvonne Gatz
 Marti Haug
 Paul MacNellis
 Betsy Stalker
 Dennis Stalker
 Joyce Stout
 Sheryl Swodzinski
 Lynne Wathen
 Consult: Dale Gatz & Don Jones
 Plyarn: Valerie Flagler
 Prayer Shw: Dianne Hellman

Stewardship *Meets as needed*

Chair: Kathy Eklov
 Liaison: Don Eklov
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 At Large: Marti Haug
 Don Jones
 Sue Jones
 Betsy Stalker
 Dennis Stalker
 Marilyn Storch

Worship *Meets 3rd Monday at 7pm, mostly by Zoom*

Chair: Marilyn Storch
 Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
 Liaison: Laura Bovenkerk
 Director: Janet Hill
 Handbells: Janet Hill
 At Large: Jeanette Field
 Laurel Hopper
 Kris Rieck

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Week

When we join Christians around the world to enter into the story of our salvation more deeply, following Jesus through death to new life.

Palm Sunday March 24 10:30 AM

We mark Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We hear the passion narrative of Jesus' suffering, death, and burial for our sakes.

Maundy Thursday March 28 7:00 PM

We begin the Three Days, a single movement that unfolds over three worship services tonight, Good Friday, and at the Easter Vigil. This night, we remember Jesus' command to love one another.

Good Friday March 29 7:00 PM

Our journey with Jesus continues as we hear the passion narrative once more. We honor the cross of Christ as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation.

Easter Vigil March 30 7:00 PM

To celebrate Christ's passage from death to life, we gather around strong signs of our faith: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the great stories of salvation from the Hebrew Scriptures, the water and Word of baptism, and the first resurrection meal.

Easter Sunday

March 31 8:00 AM and 10:30AM
with enhanced Fellowship

We continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection with communion and special music.

Help Needed



LAWN-MOWING TEAM

WE NEED HELP!

(and you are invited)

Prince of Peace has a beautiful landscape with trees, lawn, and special plant-

ing areas. We do have a dedicated group of folks who work to keep our lawns looking great from April through October. Over the years our ranks have thinned out. If you are interested in helping us fill out the cutting schedule or have questions, please contact Bill Hellman at db.hellman@aol.com.

Save the Dates

April 1	Office Closed for Easter Monday
April 21	Ministry Recognition Sunday
May 4	Spring Clean up, <i>Rain date: May 11</i>
May 11	Synod Assembly
May 12	Mother's Day
May 18	Synod Disability Day
May 19	Graduation Sunday and Picnic
May 27	Office Closed for Memorial Day



Prince of Peace Calendar — March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:15am Faith Formation 9:15am Mental Health - Adult Learning Series 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship Time 2:00pm SCA-3 Hills	26 9:30am Ruth Circle 10:30am Literacy Tutoring - Library 4:00pm Care Team Meeting 5:30pm AA "Promises" Support Group 6:30pm Fellowship Committee Meeting - Hybrid Meeting - Youth Room 7:00pm Justice and Diversity Meeting - Zoom	27 Open Doors Men's Shelter Meal 7:00am Presidential Primary 9:00am ESL 9:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bells	28 10:00am WMU Center for Disabilities 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Early Music Michigan - Social Hall 7:00pm Lenten Mid-Week Service	29 9:00am ESL 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 10:00am ESL Open Tutoring 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Social Hall 12:00pm ESL - Digital Skills 4:30pm Basketball drop in	2 9:00am Bread & Breakfast
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Legend:

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous ESL—English as a Second Language

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