



Weekly News 11/27/2022 1st Sunday in Advent

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Advent: Practices to Prepare • In the church we set aside time in the weeks before Christmas to prepare for the coming of Christ—preparing to celebrate at Christmas Jesus' first coming as well as preparing in these last days for His return in glory. We call this time of year, "Advent," which means 'coming.' How will we prepare for the coming of our Savior and King? What practices ought we put into place? God's Word leads the way.

November 27 – "Walk in His Ways" – Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 21:1-11 | The Lord draws us to Jesus to know Him as the way, the truth, and the life. He teaches us to walk in His ways so that we will walk the path of blessing and peace that He has set out for us—so that we walk in His light and can share that light with others.

Upcoming weeks:

December 4 – "Pray for New Life" – Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

December 11 – "Open Your Eyes" – Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-11, Matthew 11:2-15

December 18 – "Ask for a Sign" – Isaiah 7:10-17, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Bible Classes

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are looking at the Gospel of Luke. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour, between the 9 am & 11 am worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGE 4 – GRADE 5: Foundations of Faith • Kids will make crafts, play games, and learn the basic truths about God using both Old Testament and New Testament stories. Kids will walk away from each class with a new "God is..." statement (i.e. "God is powerful" or "God is kind"). Sunday School meets upstairs in the Family Life Center classrooms from 10:00-10:45 on Sunday mornings.

"Kid Video" every week: Did you know that DCE Eric Gerken produces a weekly kid video that ties into the Foundations of Faith lesson? Great for kids, families, and adults. The video is posted weekly to our Facebook and YouTube channels. (Tip: start a faith-conversation with your kids or grandkids using that video as a starting place.)

YOUTH SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (6th-12th) • "Word One Bible Studies" – a mixture of discussion and experiential learning – come check it out – in the far, upstairs classroom in the Family Life Center from 10:00am-10:45am.

Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 10:30am in the Board Room. Our topic is looking at Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's theme. Led by Pastor Ken.

Nursery Ministry – position open • Do you know someone who might be interested in serving our children and families as our Sunday nursery attendant? Please contact eric.gerken@poporlando.com | 402-620-5877

Angel Tree Ministry – Pick an Angel from The Tree to Help a Family in Need! • Bring Gifts by Sunday, December 11 • The Angel Trees is up in the Narthex and in the Family Life Center and FULL of angels to choose from! We will be working with 10 schools surrounding our community, PoP Preschool, and children of ESOL students — Providing gifts to the children this Christmas. If you are unable to get an angel from the tree, please donate online or give through your regular giving and mark your donation as Angel Tree Ministry. www.poporlando.com/give/

Advent Wednesday's November 30, December 14 – Family Life Center at 5:45pm • Our "Advent days of service" on Wednesday evenings gather us together we prepare for the coming Christmas season by intentionally seeking to give our time and effort to help others.

November 30 – Christmas Tre & Campus Decorating | December 14 – Angel Tree Gift Wrapping

LWML Holiday Sale – Order Today, through Sunday, December 11 • Preorder your Christmas cookies and Doggie treats to support missions. Orders can be placed in-person in between services or by filling out the form at the link <https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Cookieorderform2022.pdf> | kathymccartin@gmail.com

Christmas Concert by Coral Clave Del Sol (Hispanic Community Choir) – Saturday, December 10 • A Christmas Concert by Coral Clave Del Sol will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. The Community Choir is led by Andres Soler, Music Director for Principe de Paz.

Lutheran Haven Christmas Seal Outreach • Lutheran Haven's Benevolent Care Ministry assists Lutheran Haven residents when a critical need arises. With your help, the financial resources raised by this campaign are crucial to funding various needs for their residents such as providing home care services. There are envelopes located by the entrance of the church that provide more information and for you to take.

Pint Jars Needed – until December 6 • LWML ladies are asking for donations of pint jars, wide mouth or regular ones, for the cookie/doggie treats sale in December. You can drop off the donations during the week in the church office or leave them in the narthex or FLC for the ladies. Thank you!

Lunch & Zilch – Thursday, December 1 at 11:30am | FLC • Join us for another fun event! There will be a cost of \$10 per person, which will cover lunch and the prizes for the Zilch winners. Please RSVP by calling or texting Jim Essig at (407) 446-7147 or emailing him at jim.essig@poporlando.com, by Monday November 28. Invite a friend to join you for this fun time, even if you don't know how to play!

Hurricane Ian Response • Our FLGA District is on the leading edge of coordinating our church body's disaster response. In addition to prayers, the greatest need is financial assistance as the district partners with LCMS Disaster Response to match grants for workers and congregations of more than \$800,000. If you would like to donate, learn more about the response, or volunteer, please visit <https://flgadistrict.org/lert/>.

PoP Preschool • Do you know someone who might be looking for an amazing preschool for their child? While our infant and 1y/o classes are full, we still have limited openings for 2y/o through VPK. Call (407) 275-6703 to learn more!

Altar Flowers • If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out a form online or contact our church office.

<https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers>

Today's Altar flowers were given by Jim and Elvi Lord in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

Order Christmas Poinsettias here: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/poinsettias>

Fruits of Faith

Worship Attendance: November 20

9:00 Traditional: 100 | 11:00 Contemporary: 54 | 11:00 Spanish: 51 | TOTAL: 205

Giving: Thank you for your faithful engagement in our ministry through your gifts and offerings.

November 6 offerings \$11,053 (includes electronic giving)

November 13 offerings \$9,057 needed each week: \$11,202

PRAYERS

Hospitalized: Merle Kroepin | **Recovering:** Alice Darling, Nancy Schloemer | **Comfort:** Charlotte Hansen at the death of her husband, Tom | We pray against all violence and hate, asking the Lord to restrain evil everywhere.

Healing and Strength: Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Earl Caldwell, Karin Collins, Danny Conlin, Linda Dicks, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Judy & Jim Finnie, Ginny Fussell, Rev. Dennis Glander, Bob Hahn, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, David House, Jim Lord, Michael McCarty, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Cindy Sibley, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson (back), Gwen Taliver, Sonia Tellez, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Barbara Browne, Rev. Amy Bradley, Sarah vB, Jan Fry, Kent Jespersen, Dorothy R, Rev. Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Marleen S, Cathy Smith, Jeff S, Joni S, Janet V, Debbie W, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams

Continued Care: Chuck Boogher, Kelly DeFrietas, Al Dicks, Eleanor Eaton, Bob and Colleen E, Linda House, Minnie Hutchinson, Linda Jackson, Bill Jordan, Joan & Otto K, Mary K.M, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Annette Royal, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl, Gloria White

Special: With all Christians we pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come! In our time of watching, serving, and waiting, teach us Your ways so we would walk with You. Shine Your light so we would light up the world. • We continue to pray for recovery efforts for Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole • We ask the Lord to be with President Biden, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • We pray for those who serve our nation in the armed services. We also ask the Lord to watch over and keep our first responders safe.