



Weekly News 01/22/2023

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Today in Worship • “Do Not Delay” • Matthew 4:12-25, Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Jesus’ first words to His disciples: “Follow Me.” Jesus calls Peter and his brother Andrew: “I will send you out to fish for people.” Without delay they leave their nets behind and follow Jesus. Jesus calls James and his brother John. Again, without delay they leave everything—their father and their livelihood—to follow Jesus. These were Jesus’ first followers. You and I are followers of Jesus. Do we listen for His voice speaking clearly in God’s Word? Do we make time to ponder that Word and allow the Spirit to speak in that “still small voice” (1 Kings 19:12)? Are we prepared to follow him without delay—ready to leave everything to follow Him? *If we saw our primary identity as followers of Jesus—and if we allowed to Holy Spirit to move us without delay—how would our lives change? How would Jesus, our Leader, use our availability to change the world?*

About this Series: “We Are Followers” • As God invites us to follow Jesus, our lives are transformed. More than that, as we spend time with Jesus following Him along the way, we continue to discover that His transformation in our lives, the ways that Jesus shapes our lives as we walk with Him, connect directly to His purposes for us. Jesus uses us to extend His invitation to others.

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.

This Is National Lutheran Schools Week – January 22-27, 2023 – Colossians 1:15-20 • National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

We Want You to Be Involved Too! • We are asking you, the congregation, to pray daily for our preschool, staff, director, and students. We appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement this week and always for our Preschool!

Pick Up Poinsettias Today! • Thank you to all those who made contributions to the Poinsettias that made our worship at Christmas so beautiful. If you have not already done so, you may pick up your poinsettia from the courtyard at PoP. **Thank you** again to all who helped beautify our worship spaces through your gifts.

Volunteers Needed! Help Serve the Lord • We are looking for volunteers that are willing to help serve the Lord by helping with ushering, communion assistant, projection, live stream, altar guild and transportation. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Adriana at (407) 277-3945 for more information. | adriana.alas@poporlando.com

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.

Workshop for Missions, Saturday February 4, 9am-2pm, at Prince of Peace • Learn more about one way to turn the tide on church decline in growing communities. Rev. Dr. Peter Meier from the Florida-Georgia District (LCMS) will lead an **“UNtroduction to Church Planting.”** This “UNtroduction” will give us the WHY and the URGENCY of starting new and introduces the WHAT and the HOW of starting new. Lay leaders and pastors from areas congregations are encouraged to attend together. The UNtroduction is free, and lunch is provided for all [who register here](#).

Compassion Project • Works with the Samaritan Resource Center and the Healthcare Center for the Homeless and the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. There is a collection site in the church office hallway to donate items such as a razor, a clean pair of jeans, a change of underwear, a battery, a blanket, a backpack, some shampoo, etc.

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!

Food Pantry – Save the Date! January 28 at 9am • We at the Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz Food Pantry are committed to fighting food insecurity. Our Food Pantry is helping meet their needs and spreading the love of Jesus! Volunteers are always needed!

Fruits of Faith

January 15

9:00 Traditional: 120 | 11:00 Contemporary: 45 | 11:00 Spanish: 66 | TOTAL: 231

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

January 1 offerings \$13,354

January 8 offerings \$17,652

January 15 offerings \$11,857

needed each week: \$11,923

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for the family and friends of Ginny Fussell, especially her husband Brannon, and children Brennah and Chase. Grant to them your peace and the comfort of knowing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. | We continue to pray for the family and friends of Jan Fry. A celebration of life for Jan will be held next Sunday, January 29, at 2:00pm at Prince of Peace.

Hospice Care: Ellie Dreves

Recovering: Chris Akerman, Larry Jones, Joan Krumpholtz,

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Earl Caldwell, Karin Collins, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, baby Elijah, John Elmore, Jim Essig (thanksgiving), Carol Fennell, Judy & Jim Finnie (thanksgiving), Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroeplin, Jim Lord, Jodie Lymous, Michael McCarty, Lewis Mendez, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, Nitzza Rohena, Nancy Schloemer, Rex Serio, Cindy Sibley, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson (wrist, back), Gwen Taliver, Sonia Tellez, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

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

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

Special: Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You so we would know and experience Your forgiving love. You send us into the world so others would know your grace and mercy. Help us to follow and serve without delay. • We pray for areas of the world torn apart by war and violence: Ukraine, Myanmar, Mexico, Ethiopia, Yemen, and more. • 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.

Preschool Prayers—National Lutheran School’s Week: As we begin National Lutheran Schools week, we thank You, Jesus, for the ministry Prince of Peace has had to young children for over 60 years. Draw these families close to You as we demonstrate Your love and share Your good news.