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Weekly News 03/05/2023 2nd Sunday in Lent

This Sunday • “Jesus Is Life and Love” • John 3:1-17 (“For God so loved the world...”); Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 • Week 2 of our **“This Is Jesus” Sermon Series**. Some have described the Season of Lent as a journey, going with Jesus as He makes His way to Jerusalem, to the cross, to the grave, and then at Easter, to the empty tomb. As we journey with Jesus through the Scripture, we get to see what He is like, who He is, what He does. We also get to consider what this all means for us in our context, and by insights and understanding given by the Holy Spirit, applying these things to our lives. Our Scripture focus will be the Gospel lessons appointed for each Sunday.

March 12 “Jesus Is the Giver of Living Water” – John 4:4-26, 27-30, 39-42; Ezekiel 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-8

March 19 “Jesus Is our Light and Sight” – John 9; Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14

March 26 “Jesus Is our Grave Robber” – John 11:1-45; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11

April 2 “Jesus Is the Salvation Bringer” – John 12:12-19; Psalm 118:19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11

To view/print Sunday’s 9am Worship bulletin:

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_03_05-Lent-2.pdf

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.

New-ish to Prince of Peace? Come to the Pastor’s Reception Today! 2:00pm, FLC • The Pastor’s Reception gives you an opportunity to learn more about what makes Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz distinct as we serve God in Central Florida. At the Pastor’s reception you can also learn more about how to become a member of PoP/PdeP.

Midweek Lenten Worship – Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Light lunch to follow • Series: **“40 Days”** • This week: David & Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-58). Each Wednesday we explore significant time periods marked by the number forty in the Bible. As we look at what God did with and for His people during those times, we will see how God moves in and through His people during times He has set aside for drawing us near to Him. Thank you to Kathy McCartin and the ladies of the LWML who have helped make the lunch gatherings possible following worship.

Devotional resources: <https://www.lhm.org/lent/> and devotions produced by leaders in the Florida Georgia District can be found at <https://flgadistrict.org/lentendevotions/>

PoP/PdeP Polo Sales • LWML Fundraiser for Missions • Order through March 19 • You can purchase polos by contacting Debbie Noss at (407) 658-8908 or speaking with her on Sundays in-between and after worship services.

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

Easter Lilies: It's not too early to order Easter lilies to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Day. Please fill out the online form with payment or contact the church office. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/lilies>

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry: Baby Bottle Campaign Due March 19 • Baby bottle fundraisers amount to thousands of dollars in support of pregnant women in crisis each year. This is a vital ministry which needs your support! Baby bottles will be in the narthex and FLC, for you to grab and take home and fill with your change, dollars or checks to help with this ministry.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Volunteers & Donations Needed! • Our Annual Easter Egg hunt is Saturday; April 1st and we are looking for donations and volunteers. We are dependent on volunteers to help work the event and to help supply the event. Your donation of time, money or candy helps make the events successful. Please prayerfully consider helping. You can fill out the volunteer form online | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f1ee74>

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

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!

Fruits of Faith

February 26

9:00 Traditional: 115 | 11:00 Contemporary: 64 | 11:00 Spanish: 70 | TOTAL: 249

Midweek Wednesday March 1: 47

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

February 12 offerings \$22,273

February 19 offerings \$8,899

February 26 offerings \$10,831 needed each week: \$11,923

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We ask the Lord to comfort Connie Lerchen and her family at the sudden and unexpected loss of her daughter-in-law. We also continue to pray for Vicki and Chris Stork and their family at the loss of Vicki's sister Gloria White. A memorial service for Gloria will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 11:00.

Hospice Care: Karin Collins (friend of Nina Cavalli-Rojas)

Hospitalized: Merle Kroepelin | **Recovering:** Chris Akerman, Pam Robertson, Cody Rhodes

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Gail Eaton, baby Elijah, John Elmore, Carol Fennell, Judy & Jim Finnie, Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Jim Lord, Michael McCarty, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, baby Eli Muchama, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, 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 Eaton, Bob and Colleen E, Linda House, Minnie Hutchinson, Linda Jackson, Joan & Otto K, Mary K.M, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Annette Royal, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms, Juan Torres, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

Special: Jesus, you embody God's love in that you gave Your life for the whole world. Give to us new birth—new life from above—so that we would know Your perfect love and reflect that to a world that is perishing. • Jesus, bring peace to those who are in distress and have encountered violence. Have mercy upon us. Be with those who are in war-torn parts of our world (Myanmar, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Venezuela, Mexico, Yemen). Have mercy and deliver the people from violence and war. For areas of the world that have suffered tragedy and natural disasters, Lord, have mercy. • 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.