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## Weekly News 03/26/2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**This Sunday • “Jesus Is Our Grave Robber” • John 11:1-45; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11 •** Week 5 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.

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

**NEW! To view or print Sunday’s 9am Worship bulletin:**

[https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023\\_03\\_26-Lent-5.pdf](https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_03_26-Lent-5.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”) and what it means that we are God’s people. 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) •** “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.

**Lunch & Zilch – This Wednesday, March 29 at 12:00pm •** Jim Essig is hosting another Lunch & Zilch this Wednesday right after the Lenten service and lunch. Please RSVP to Jim by text or email on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Winners will get a prize! | Cell: (407)446-7147 | [jim.essig@poporlando.com](mailto:jim.essig@poporlando.com)

**Midweek Lenten Worship – Wednesday at 11:00 am – Light lunch to follow • Series: “40 Days” •** This week is our final mid-week Lenten service. We are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Zehnder sharing God’s word about the 40 years Israel was in the wilderness, “Testing In the Wilderness: Wilderness Wandering” (Deuteronomy 8:1-18; 2:1-7; 29:4-6; Joshua 5:6). Thank you to Kathy McCartin and the ladies of the LWML who have made the lunch gatherings following worship such an opportunity to connect with each other.

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

**David Ludwig, Jr., to be Director of Worship and Music at PoP/PdeP •** David Ludwig, Jr., accepted our invitation to serve as Director of Worship and Music and he will begin his ministry here on Sunday, April 23, two weeks after Easter. We continue to keep David and his wife, Janet, in our prayers during this time of transition, as well praying for Redeemer Lutheran in Winter Park where David is concluding 14 years of ministry.

**Easter Egg Hunt – Spread the Word! Saturday, April 1 at 9am – 12pm •** Spread the word and join us for our annual easter egg hunt here at PoP/PdeP. There will be traditional Egg Hunts for kids starting every 15 minutes, craft and carnival game station with prizes, raffles for gift cards, Kona Ice Truck, lots of candy and more!



## ***Holy Week & Easter Schedule***

**Community Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 1, 9:00-12:00**

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**Palm Sunday, April 2 – English: 9am & 11am | Español: 11am** • Celebrating the Triumphal Entry and marking the beginning of Holy Week, Palm Sunday services have deep and rich theological significance for our faith.

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**Maundy Thursday, April 6 – English: 6pm | Español: 7:30pm** • A special service focusing on the institution and meaning of the Lord's Supper, especially in relation to our Lord's Passion.

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**Good Friday, April 7 – English: 11am & 6pm | Español: 7:30pm** • Good Friday focuses especially on the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year's Tenebrae (service of darkness) will reflect on the last seven words of Christ from the cross.

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**Easter Sunday, April 9 – He is Risen!**

**6:30am** Easter SONrise in the Memorial Garden/Courtyard

**9:00am** Traditional Festival Worship | Sanctuary

**11:00am** Contemporary Worship | FLC

**11:00am** Pascua de Resurreccion | Templo

*Holy Communion will be offered at all our Easter worship services.*

***\*Church office & Preschool Closed for Monday, April 10. (Easter Monday) \****

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## ***News Extra—Around Campus – Facility Upgrades and Renovations***

***Old Library (off of Kitchen)*** – new flooring; removal of stored items/clutter and dated bookshelves | purpose: to create an attractive, functional workspace and meeting area, giving a fresh look to an area preschool families and church members walk past 7 days a week | Cost: \$2,100, funding source: Significant Gift of Mission and Ministry (\$383,000 of the \$1M “M&M Gift” was set aside for Renovation, Aesthetics, Improvements, and Safety)

***Preschool “Baby Room” (Old Preschool Office)*** – new flooring and cabinets | purpose: safe, clean, and special place for our “littles”; eliminate source of insect pests (old cabinet) | Cost: \$3,100, funding source: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, grant distributed through state of Florida

***New Monument for Memorial Garden*** – Lack of space for new name plates has necessitated purchase of an additional granite monument for the Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz Memorial Garden. The monument has been ordered and will be installed after Easter. Funding for the new monument will come from a mix of special donations (thank you to those who have given leading gifts!) and existing funds in the Bastien Memorial Account. Cost: just under \$11,000. *Would you like to contribute a gift above and beyond your regular offerings to the new monument? Please contact Chief of Staff/Bookkeeper Pam Fuller in the church office to learn more ([pam.fuller@poporlano.com](mailto:pam.fuller@poporlano.com)).*

***Campus Cleaning and Work Party*** – *Help get the Lord's house ready for our Resurrection celebrations at Easter!* We have tentatively planned a “beautification day” for the Saturday of Holy Week, April 8. Please express your interest by email Pam Fuller [pam.fuller@poporlando.com](mailto:pam.fuller@poporlando.com) or contacting the church office.

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