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Weekly News 04/02/2023

Palm Sunday

“Jesus, the Salvation Bringer” • Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-19; Psalm 118:19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11 • This is Jesus: the one who comes to bring salvation. Jesus rides into Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna!” or, “Save Now!” Jesus enters the Holy City on a mission to bring salvation by taking upon Himself all the pain and suffering and destruction wrought by sin—including our sin. He comes to restore the relationship between God and people. This is the hour when Jesus will be glorified, and His crucifixion is the means by which He will gain victory over the “prince of this world,” drawing all people to Himself. *During this Holy Week we follow the Lord of Life to the cross so that we might die with Him, and so that we most certainly would share in the victory He has claimed for us.*

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

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_04_02-Palm-Sunday.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 (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.

The Mid-week Bible Class for Adults will meet this week • 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.

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/>

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

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.

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.

Easter Sunday, April 9 – He is Risen!

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

11:00am Contemporary Worship | FLC

11:00am Pascua de Resurreccion | Templo

9:00am Traditional Festival Worship | Sanctuary

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

Church/Preschool Offices Closed for Easter Monday, April 10.

Easter Egg Hunt – Thank You! • Thank you to those who volunteered and helped during the event, those who donated candy, and those who supported this event financially. You have made it possible for hundreds of children to hear the Easter Story!

Altar Flowers • To sponsor Altar Flowers in celebration of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or simply out of thanksgiving to God, you can do so at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers> or by contacting the office. **Today's Altar Flowers** were given by Linda I'Anson in honor of Johns 80th birthday that was on Friday, March 31st.

Easter Lilies: Your above-and-beyond gift to support Easter lilies helps beautify our worship spaces at Easter. Please fill out the online form with payment or contact the church office. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/lilies>

Campus Cleaning and Work Party – April 8 – 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 or contacting the church office.

David Ludwig, Jr., to be Director of Worship and Music at PoP/PdeP • David's first Sunday here will be, April 23. 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.

Stellar VBS 2023 Registration is Now OPEN! • VBS will blast off on June 12-16 from 9:00am - 12:15pm daily for kids Age 4- Grade 5. Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Contact DCE Eric Gerken for more information. | <https://vbspro.events/p/events/0ae9c2> | eric.gerken@poporlando.com

LWML Spring Rally – Saturday, April 15 at 7:30am – RSVP by Monday, April 3 • The women of PoP welcome all ladies from the churches in the Greater Orlando Zone and all guest to the LWML Spring Rally for a day of fellowship, Bible study and songs. Registration is \$10 and will begin at 8am-8:45am the day of with coffee, juice, and pastries. Make checks available to Greater Orlando Zone LWML. RSVP to Kathy McCartin. kathymccartin@gmail.com | (407)286-7288

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

March 26

9:00 Traditional: 162 | 11:00 Contemporary: 51 | 11:00 Spanish: 71 | TOTAL: 284

Midweek Lenten Worship on March 29: 43

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

March 12 offerings \$7,132

March 19 offerings \$11,183

March 26 offerings \$11,313

needed each week: \$11,923

PRAYERS

Hospitalized: Annette Royal | **Recovering:** Chris Akerman, Jennifer Montalvo, Rose O'Neil, Pam Robertson

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Eleanor Eaton, Gail Eaton, baby Elijah, John Elmore, Judy Finnie (praise), Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepflin, Joan Krumpholc, Jim Lord, Michael McCarty, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, baby Eli Muchama, Rick Perre, Dorothy Reynolds, 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, Elena Santana, Marleen Schmidt, Cathy Smith, Jeff S, Joni Steidly, Janet V, Debbie W, Nikki Wernsing, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams

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

Special: Lor Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday, You came to bring salvation to all people through Your death and resurrection. Help us to follow you closely this Holy Week, that we would go with You to Your cross, yielding to You so that we would share in the victory You bring. • Jesus, bring peace and hope to our world through the power of Your resurrection. Especially be with the people of Nashville this week after the shooting at Covenant School. • 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.