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## Weekly News 04/16/2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Sermon Series • “Identity Verified: Child of God”** If Holy Week and Easter Sunday bring us right up close and personal with who Jesus is and all that He has done for us, then the season of Easter (the 50 days from Easter Sunday to the Day of Pentecost) give us opportunities to check our identities against who God has declared us to be in His word. Jesus has made us to be a new creation through the power of His resurrection. What type of people does that make us as we serve Him and others in this world? To guide our conversations, we will be following the 1st letter written by the Apostle Peter, the one whose own identity as a child of God was verified when Peter was restored by His Risen Lord.

**April 16 “Genuine” – 1 Peter 1:3-9, Acts 5:29-42, John 20:19-31**

April 23 “Valuable” – 1 Peter 1:17-25

April 30 “Followers” – 1 Peter 2:19-25

May 7 “Chosen” – 1 Peter 2:2-10

May 14 “Prepared” – 1 Peter 3:13-22

May 21 “Humble” – 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

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

[https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023\\_04\\_16-Trad-Easter-2.pdf](https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023_04_16-Trad-Easter-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”) 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.

**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.

**Welcome Luncheon for David Ludwig, Jr.** • Next Sunday, April 23, we are blessed to welcome David Ludwig, Jr., as our Director of Worship and Music. There will be a lunch reception to welcome David and his wife, Janet, following our worship services, beginning at 12:30 in the Family Life Center. *What can you bring?* First, yourself! If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Q, a side dish or salad; and R-Z, a main dish to share. Please contact Judy Tencza if you would like to know more about how you can help. | (203)214-7931 | [judy.tencza@poporlando.com](mailto:judy.tencza@poporlando.com)

**Lutheran Haven’s Spring Flea Market – Saturday, April 22 at 8am** • Check out Lutheran Haven’s Spring Flea Market on Saturday, April 22. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and drinks, clothing, appliances, artwork, antiques, houseware, holiday items, jewelry, etc. This is sponsored by Lutheran Haven Auxiliary to benefit Lutheran Haven Assisted Living and Memory Care. | 2041 W. State Road 426 Oviedo, FL 32765

**Today’s Altar flowers** were given by Bob & Colleen Eldredge, in memory of their parents and family as they celebrate 68 years together (March 12) and Bob’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. *Happy Anniversary & Happy Birthday!*

**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.

**First Communion Classes – Registration Now Open! – Pre-Registration Required – Saturday, May 13 at**

**9:30am-12pm** • This workshop is for students who are at least in 3rd Grade or older. They will participate in sessions led by Pastor Adolfo Borges, Deaconess Ligia Borges, and DCE Erick Gerken. This will help students understand what Communion is and how it began. They will learn how to properly prepare for the Sacrament and receive it. Early Registration is required. Please contact DCE Eric Gerken with any questions. | [Eric.gerken@poporlando.com](mailto:Eric.gerken@poporlando.com)  
Registration: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f58dbc>

**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](mailto:eric.gerken@poporlando.com)

**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](mailto: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**

**April 9 | Easter Sunday**

**6:30 Sunrise Service: 47 | 9:00 Traditional: 172 | 11:00 Contemporary: 81 | 11:00 Spanish: 168 | TOTAL: 468**

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

March 26 offerings \$11,313

April 2 offerings \$18,752

April 9 offerings \$11,965                      needed each week: \$11,923.

**PRAYERS**

**Prayers of Comfort:** For the family and friends of John Wells, we ask the Lord's comfort and peace.

**Recovering:** Jennifer Montalvo, Rose O'Neil, Annette Royal

**Healing and Strength:** Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Steven Dorsagano, Eleanor Eaton, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Judy Finnie (praise), Rev. Dennis Glander, Noah Glasberger & family, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepflin, Joan Krumpholtz, Jim Lord, Michael McCarty, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, 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 Krumpholtz, Mary K.M, Sal LoBue, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms, Juan Torres, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

**Special:** Lord Jesus, Risen One, give us such joy and confidence in You and Your power that our lives would exhibit a genuine faith in every circumstance. Increase our love for You and for all those for whom You gave Your life so we would be filled with joy at being Your people. • Jesus, bring peace and hope to our world through the power of Your resurrection. Especially be with Christians who are persecuted because of their trust in You. • 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.

**For those in the military or deployed:** Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey W.

**Preschool Prayers—Class of the Month:** This month we pray for our friends in the Bear Cubs Class (1 years old) - Ms. Aida, Ezra, Flavio, Kevin, Leo, Max, and Rogan. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessings upon their families.

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**Easter Lilies 2023 – Pick Up Lilies Today!** • If you have not already done so, you may pick up your lilies from the courtyard at PoP. *Thank you to all those who helped beautify our worship of Our Risen Lord. May He bring comfort, peace, and life to all.*

Pat Bak – In memory of her brother

Stephanie Carbonell – In memory of Stephen and Eleanor Haydamach

Frank & Shar Dluhy – In memory of Arnie O' Reilly

Pastor Ken & Peg Green – In memory of our moms, Joanne Green & Elke Heinz.

Joseph Heinz – In memory of wife Elke Heinz

Ken & Judy Holzscheiter – In Celebration of Easter Sunday

David & Linda House – In memory of loved ones

John & Linda l'Anson – In memory of mom Ruth Potier

Kathy McCartin – In memory of husband Ron McCartin and parents, Ray and Ethel Schloemer

Don & Karen Melick – In memory of their parents

Jerry Lemcke – In memory of wife Carlene Lemcke

Jim & Cherie Nocks – In celebration of the risen Christ

Gerry & Debbie Noss – In Celebration of our Risen Lord

Jeff & Pam Robertson – In memory of Carl & Betsy Tange and Doug & Loretta Malesev

Ron & Marleen Schmidt – In celebration of God's blessings

Pete Spudich – In memory of parents

Vicky Stork – In memory of Gloria White, John and Joyce White and Lucille Dorman

Gwen Taliver – In memory of Viola Baker and SGT. Gene Hawkins

Sonia Tellez – In memory of loved ones

Zaida Torrez -In memory of Bud & Celeste Youtz, Vicenta Rivera, and Hector R. Vázquez

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