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Weekly News 04/23/2023 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series • "Identity Verified: Valuable" • 1 Peter 1:17-25, Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-14, Luke 24:13-35 • 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 23 "Valuable" – 1 Peter 1:17-25, Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-14, Luke 24:13-35

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_23-Trad-Easter-3.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.

Welcome Luncheon for David Ludwig, Jr., Today at 12:30p in the Family Life Center • We are blessed to welcome David Ludwig, Jr., as our Director of Worship and Music. There will be a lunch reception today to welcome David and his wife, Janet, following our worship services, beginning at 12:30 in the Family Life Center. *Thank you to those who brought something to be able to make this luncheon/potluck happen.*

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. Students 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 our Lord instituted it. They will learn how to properly prepare for the Sacrament and receive it. Registration is required. Please contact DCE Eric Gerken with any questions. | 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

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!

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

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.

Fruits of Faith

April 16

9:00 Traditional: 112 | 11:00 Contemporary: 51 | 11:00 Spanish: 62 | TOTAL: 225

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

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.

Hospitalized: Thomas Zehnder | Recovering: Jennifer Montalvo, Rose O'Neil, David Rodgers, 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 Kroeplin, Joan Krumpholc, 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 Krumpholc, Mary K.M, Sal LoBue, Joyce Miller, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Caitlyn Thoms, Juan Torres, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Harry Wahl

Special: Lord Jesus, You demonstrated how much You value us, all people, all creation when You spilled Your precious blood at the cross. Your word tells us that You have redeemed us from an empty way of life. Fill us with such love for all people by the power of Your Spirit that our lives would be infused with meaning and purpose—to give ourselves for those that You have considered precious. • Jesus, bring peace and hope to our world through the power of Your resurrection. Where there is war and unrest, bring peace. Where there is evil, restrain it and cancel it's power. Where there is hate, lead your people to overcome by Your love. • Lord, 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.

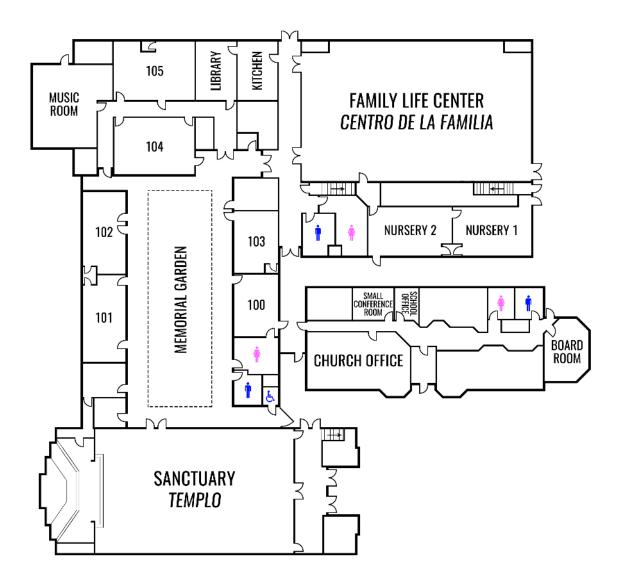
Preschool Prayers—Class of the Month: This month we pray for our friends in the Bear Cubs Class (1 years old) - Ms. Aida, Ezra, Flavio, Kevin, Leo, Max, and Rogan. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessings upon their families.

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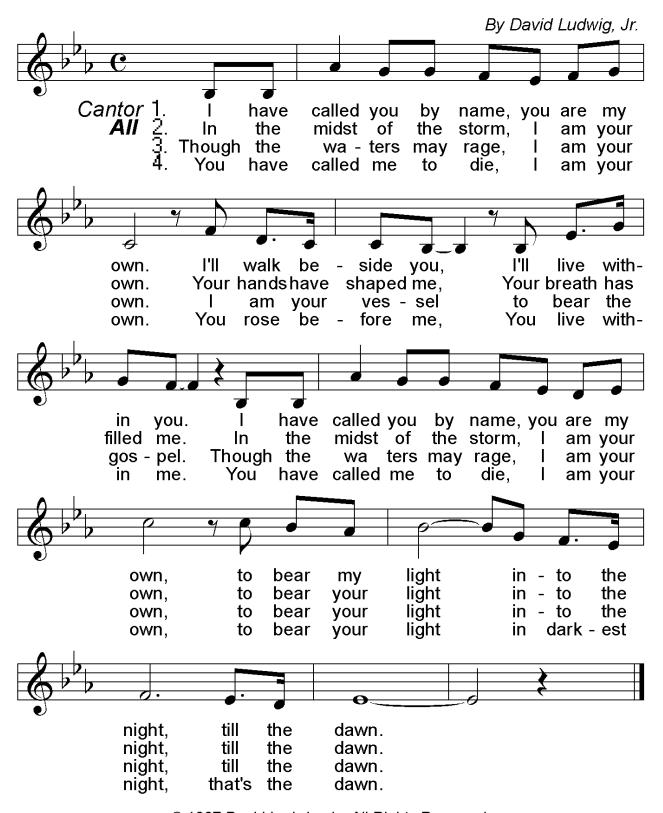
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I Have Called You By Name



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