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## Weekly News 04/30/2023 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter “Good Shepherd Sunday”

**Sermon Series • “Identity Verified: Followers” • 1 Peter 2:19-25, Acts 2:42-47, John 10:1-10** • Easter Sunday and all the events surrounding Jesus’ victory brought us right up close and personal with who He is and all that He has done for us. Now during the season of Easter (the 50 days from Easter Sunday to the Day of Pentecost) we have an opportunity 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 30 “Followers” – 1 Peter 2:19-25, Acts 2:42-47, John 10:1-10 (“Good Shepherd Sunday”)**

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\\_30-Trad-Easter-4.pdf](https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023_04_30-Trad-Easter-4.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.

**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](mailto:Eric.gerken@poporlando.com)  
Registration: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f58dbc>

**Mother’s Day Luncheon – Sunday, May 14 at 12pm in the FLC** • All families of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz are invited to the Mother’s Day Luncheon prepared and served by the men of the 11am Spanish service. We will have delicious food, special music, and great fellowship. We hope to see you there!

**Hosted at PoP: Community Meeting OPD Chief of Police Eric Smith – Thursday, May 11 at 6pm in the FLC** • Join the Orlando Police Department for a community meeting here at Prince of Peace Family Life Center.

**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.

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**Help Launch STELLAR VBS into Orbit! – Donations Needed!** • We need your help to make sure that VBS is "out of this world" this year! A list of items requested as donations is found at Sign-Up Genius. Please bring donated items to the church office for DCE Eric Gerken. This list will grow so be sure to check back every so often to see if you can help us Shine Jesus Light with your VBS donation! [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eaaac2cabfc1-stellar#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eaaac2cabfc1-stellar#/)/

**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)

### **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 9 offerings \$11,965

April 16 offerings \$8,779

April 23 offerings \$15,069                      needed each week: \$11,923

### **PRAYERS**

**Recovering:** Jennifer Montalvo, Rose O'Neil, David Rodgers, Annette Royal, Rev. Thomas Zehnder

**Healing and Strength:** Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Alice Darling, Elizabeth Dawson, Sarah D and baby Sam, Steven Dorsagano, Eleanor Eaton, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Judy Finnie, 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, You are our Good Shepherd. Help us to follow You wherever You lead, be that "green pastures" and "still waters," or the "valley of the shadow." Fill us with such trust and faith in You that we would joyfully take up our crosses, walking in Your way to help others be turned toward You to follow the "shepherd and overseer of our souls." • 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 its 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.

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