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Weekly News 05/21/2023 Ascension Day (observed) & 7th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series • “Identity Verified: Humble (yet Empowered)” • 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11, Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53 • Today we observe Ascension Day where we remember how, 40 days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended bodily into heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father (*Acts 1:1-11*). Jesus reigns in glory over all things, over every power, authority, and dominion, for the sake of His gospel and His church (*Ephesians 1:15-23*). We also wrap up our sermon series on 1 Peter, where we have checked our identities against who God has declared us to be in His word. We wrestle honestly with the paradox of being completely humble before God while acknowledging the “incomparably great power” Jesus, our risen and ascended Lord, has given us to live as the people of God.

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

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023_05_21-Trad-Easter-7.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 (5/24) and next (5/31) before taking some time off for the month of June. • 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.

Festival of Pentecost – Sunday, May 28, 10:30am – Come Celebrate!!!

Combined/Bilingual Worship (Day of Pentecost) – One Worship Service for all God’s People at 10:30am • One of the things we value as a multicultural congregation is the opportunity to join together for bilingual worship. Join us as we combine all 3 services for a powerful celebration of God’s grace at work among us. *Note: there will be no adult or children’s Bible classes on Sunday, May 28.*

Meal/Potluck at 12:00 Noon in the FLC • Join, celebrate and feast as one people of God, one Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz. (*Last names beginning with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Q, a side dish or salad; and R-Z, a main dish to share.*)

Congregational Meeting to Celebrate God’s Work Among Us + Election of Board of Directors Members • (following the Combined Pentecost Worship Service) • Semi-annual Congregational Meetings are just one of the ways you can invest in the ministry of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz. At the Congregational Meeting, members are elected to the Board of Directors and updates for key ministry initiatives are presented.

Celebrate Our VPK Graduates! Friday, May 26, 11am • All are invited to join us on this Friday, May 26, at 11:00am, as we celebrate all these young people have accomplished as we come to the end of another awesome school year!

Stellar VBS Registration is OPEN! • June 12-16 from 9:00am 2:15pm daily for kids Aged 4- Grade 5. Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they’ll have a blast shining Jesus’ light to the world.

Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/0ae9c2>

Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 28 at 12:15pm (following the Combined Pentecost Worship Service) – Election of BOD Members • At the Congregational Meeting, members are elected to the Board of Directors and updates for key ministry initiatives are presented.

Board of Directors—Slate of Nominees Announced • The Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees for open positions on the Board as presented by the nominating committee: Camille Neville; Celso Rivera, Maria Vazquez*, and Thomas A. Zehnder. (* indicates incumbent). Biography information for our candidates will be available next week.

Additional information from our bylaws about the nominations process is below:

BYLAWS - ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee consisting of the continuing directors and pastor shall draw up a slate of nominees for each vacant position on the Board of Directors. An eligible nominee shall be an active voting member (Article V and VI of the Constitution) of the congregation. Each nominee shall be contacted to verify his or her willingness to accept the nomination. Additional nominations by any voting member may be made during a two-week period following the publication of the slate of nominees as chosen by the nominating committee. Such additional nominations shall be made in writing to the chair of the nominating committee, providing said nominee meets the requirements for eligibility above and has expressed his or her willingness to serve. Prior to balloting a final slate of all nominees shall be published. Elections shall be held during the May/June congregational meeting. The installation of newly elected directors will take place on a Sunday prior to the July meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote for any director, a second ballot shall be cast etc., until one candidate has a majority.

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