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Weekly News 07/23/2023

Today: My Neighbor: The Person Next Door • Luke 11:1-13; Ecclesiastes 4:7-12; Philippians 2:1-11 • This week we keep things simple. Who is my neighbor? It is the person next door. Or down the street. Or a family member, near or far. Wherever we are, wherever we go, we will encounter a neighbor. How will we receive them? What responsibility do we have to our neighbor? And what is the key to fulfilling that? *Jesus told a story about neighboring, and He wrapped that story into His teaching on prayer and the gift of the Holy Spirit. There is the starting place for us to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus to our neighbor.*

Summer “Back to Basics” Sermon Series: “Who Is My Neighbor?” • It is one of the most fundamental tenets of the Christian faith. God has commanded us to love—first and foremost, to love Him above all things, and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. It all sounds so simple, but it isn’t always easy. The question we ask ourselves this summer as we go back to basics is, “Who is our neighbor?” And what does love for our neighbor look like in the world in which we live? And what makes that love so extraordinary?

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

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023_07_23-Trad-Pentecost-8.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.

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 will resume classes again on Wednesday, August 2 at 9:30am in the Board room.

Be Equipped to Serve God – September 28-30, 2023 – President’s Equip Conference • This local conference is a gathering for volunteers, leaders, pastors, board members, educators, youth leaders, and administrators to be better equipped to work alongside each other to connect people to Jesus. Happening at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace, early registration is \$149.00 before August 15. Limited scholarships are available to those who demonstrate need. | To learn more, or to register now, go to <https://flgadistrict.org/pec/>

Support the Kenya Mission • Support Kenya missionaries Shara and Michael Osiro (LCMS World Mission). Donate through our online form or our online giving page where you can chose "Kenya Mission" from the "give to" drop-down menu. If using a check, please indicate "Kenya Mission" in the memo field.

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Summer Office Hours • The church office will close at noon on Fridays during June and July. If you need campus access on Friday afternoon, please call ahead to make special arrangements.

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
<https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/volunteerinterest>

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 Gwent Taliver in celebration of her birthday and her grandson’s, SGT Gene Hawkins, birthday. *Happy Birthday, Gwen! And we are forever grateful to SGT Hawkins for his service.* ★

Community Outreach: Annual Back-to-School Event – Saturday July 29 – Volunteers Needed! • This outreach

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shows hospitality and neighborly love to hundreds and hundreds of families in our community. Volunteer before, during and/or after the event. To make the event a success, we need YOUR help. Volunteers are needed and appreciated to prepare backpacks, set up and clean up for the event, and help during the event. There are many time slots available for both morning and afternoon on Saturday. Be sure to click the "Volunteer Sign-Up" button below to sign up for the day(s) and time(s) that work best for you. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/backtoschoolevent21>

Financial Contributions • If you would like to contribute towards this event, you can donate online, mail to the church, or drop it off at the church office. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/give/online>

Help Fund our Students Trip to the LCMS NYG July 2025 through Raise Right! • It may seem far off, but the next National Youth Gathering will be upon us before we know it and preparations have already begun! The Gift Card program through Raise Right supports our youth. **You can use this ID code: CFA82EEB65547** to identify Prince of Peace Youth as the organization you want to benefit from your order and start shopping.

Upcoming Youth Events: (Middle School & High School)

Sunday, July 23 – Youth Mini-Golf at Congo River Golf - 4:00 pm

Saturday, July 29 – Community Service – Help with Back-to-School Event at PoP – 8:00 am- Noon

Fruits of Faith

July 16

9:00 Traditional: 100 | 11:00 Contemporary: 46 | 11:00 Spanish: 85 | TOTAL: 231

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

July 2 offerings \$11,757

July 9 offerings \$7,980

July 16 offerings \$16,859 needed each week: \$11,923.

PRAYERS

Recovering: Sylvia Bourgeois, Eleanor Eaton, Henry Leon, Joni Steidly

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, Carmen Diaz, Steven Dorsagano, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Judy Finnie, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Rebecca Rhodes, Harley Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepflin, Joan Krumpholc, Larue (friend of Gwen Taliver), Jim Lord, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Dale P., Rick Perre, Dorothy Reynolds, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Janette Seeds (friend of Barbara Hahn), Rex Serio, Cindy Sibley, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson (vocal rest), Sonia Tellez, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Ellen B., Sarah vB, Ellen Boogher, Kent Jespersen, Cameron LaPointe, Pastor Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Marleen Schmidt, Jeff S, Janet V, Debbie W, Staci Welburn, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

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

Special: Heavenly Father, we pray that Your Holy Spirit would open our eyes to the neighbors who are all around us and guide us in ways to serve them. Let the love of Jesus be evident in all we do. Let the power of Your Spirit move us so that truly we are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus. • We ask that the Lord send His guardian angels to watch over all those who travel during the summer months. • 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 ask the Lord to watch over and keep our first responders safe. • We thank you for the families we were able to serve in yesterday's Food Pantry. We ask that you would supply all the needs for those who suffer food insecurity, and help us to be a part of Your work. • We offer prayers for our church body, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as we prepare for the national convention July 29 to Aug. 3, 2023, in Milwaukee. Make our church body to be a bright light, shining with the hope and love of Jesus in a dark world.

For those in the military or deployed: We pray for those who serve our nation in the armed services and for those who are deployed, especially those connected with our PoP/PdeP family: Zachary Carbonell, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey W.

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News Extra—Around Campus – Facility Upgrades and Renovations

New Wayfinding Signage Up – Work on signage began last week. We invite you to take a walk around campus and see where signage has been put in place. It looks nice and is functional, especially useful for people new to PoP/PdeP and our Preschool. (Larger directional signs are still in process).

Parking Lot Repair and Resurfacing Begins Monday! This project addresses a number of safety concerns, especially in areas where concrete has deteriorated over time. Concrete parking areas along the FLC and extending to accessible parking near the Sanctuary will receive a 1½” overlay, or cap. All areas will be sealcoated. Here’s the schedule:

Monday, 7/24 – sealcoating of driveway on the McDonalds side – *no parking on that side Monday, please*

Tuesday, 7/25 – sealcoating of existing asphalt on the side by the Sanctuary and Admin Building – *no parking on the Curry Ford Side on Tuesday, please.* (You will, however, be able to park on McDonalds on Tuesday.)

Tuesday, 8/1 – overlay of concrete area from dumpster to Curry Ford Road – all other parking areas will be accessible, although foot-traffic over the affected areas will be restricted while the work is taking place.

New Monument for Memorial Garden Ordered– Thank you to those who have made leading gifts and donations!

Lack of space for new name plates has necessitated purchase of an additional granite monument for the Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz Memorial Garden. The monument has been ordered and will be installed once completed (likely, in fall). Funding for the new monument will come from a mix of special donations (thank you again!) and existing funds in the Bastien Memorial Account. Cost: just under \$11,000. *Would you like to contribute a gift above and beyond your regular offerings to the new monument? Please contact Chief of Staff/Bookkeeper Pam Fuller in the church office to learn more (pam.fuller@poporlano.com).*

Completed or Nearing Completion:

Administration Office – We added new paint in the hallway and lobby area.

Campus Restrooms (final stages) – Sinks and toilets have been repaired or replaced and plumbing has also been updated.

Music room & FLC Hallways – There is new flooring in the music room hallway and the FLC hallway.

Large Conference Room – New flooring, new conference table and chairs, new paint, and new blinds.

Kitchen – new cabinets, new flooring, new plumbing, new paint, and new warmer oven.

Old Library (off of Kitchen) – New paint, and blinds coming soon, new flooring; removal of stored items/clutter and dated bookshelves | purpose: to create an attractive, functional workspace and meeting area, giving a fresh look to an area preschool families and church members walk past 7 days a week | Cost: \$2,100, funding source: Significant Gift of Mission and Ministry (\$383,000 of the \$1M “M&M Gift” was set aside for Renovation, Aesthetics, Improvements, and Safety)

Preschool “Baby Room” (Old Preschool Office) – new flooring and cabinets | purpose: safe, clean, and special place for our “littles”; eliminate source of insect pests (old cabinet) | Cost: \$3,100, funding source: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, grant distributed through state of Florida.

New Monument for Memorial Garden – Lack of space for new name plates has necessitated purchase of an additional granite monument for the Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz Memorial Garden. The monument has been ordered and will be installed after Easter. Funding for the new monument will come from a mix of special donations (thank you to those who have given leading gifts!) and existing funds in the Bastien Memorial Account. Cost: just under \$11,000. *Would you like to contribute a gift above and beyond your regular offerings to the new monument? Please contact Chief of Staff/Bookkeeper Pam Fuller in the church office to learn more (pam.fuller@poporlano.com).*

Upcoming Projects

Music Room update

Preschool classrooms cabinets and flooring