



Weekly News 07/30/2023

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Today: "Who Is My Neighbor? Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing" • Mark 12:28-34; Isaiah 58:1-12; James 2:1-8 • "Who is my neighbor? The people Jesus loves." We've seen that means all people. Our enemies. Our friends. The unlovable. Those who think differently. The immoral. The foreigner. The person next door. The unwelcome. The least of these. Jesus died for all, demonstrating God's most remarkable grace. Jesus challenges us and invites us to follow Him in showing others this love. Today as we follow Jesus, we have a reminder to keep the main thing the main thing. Love God (who first loved us). Love people. As simple as that sounds, it is the highest calling in the Kingdom of God. *Prayer: Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow. Help us to be an accurate reflection of the love You have shown. Amen.*

To view or print Sunday's 9am Worship bulletin:

https://www.poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023_08_06-Trad-Pentecost-10.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: Heart of God • This year, our Sunday School will be digging into the "Heart of God"! Our volunteers will help children understand God's attributes through Bible stories, crafts, games and more. Each week the children will learn about who God is and how we can follow Him. The children will have a lot of fun and learn important faith lessons at the same time. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

YOUTH SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (6th-12th) • The class will dive into what it means to be a friend, how to be a friend—even when your friends don't share your faith. We always manage to have fun while we discuss God's Word and what it means for us today. Class will meet in the Board room in the church office from 10:00am-10:45am.

The Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • 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.

Thank you to all Back-to-School Volunteers! • We would like to say "Thank You" to all volunteers who helped fill bags with school supplies, helped during the event and after, to all vendors participating, and to those who donated towards the event. We were so blessed to serve 770 guests from our community last Saturday.

A New Sunday School Year in a New Location - Starts Sunday, August 13! • Sunday School is moving downstairs this Fall. They will be in Room 105 - (Between the Library and Music Room- watch for signs). This change was made to make the Sunday School more accessible, easier to find for visitors and closer to bathrooms.

New Youth Ministry Opportunities • Like our Children's Sunday School, our Youth Ministry also begins a New Year on Sunday, August 13th in a new location. The Sunday Morning Youth Class for Middle School and High School students will meet in the Church Office in the Conference Room from 10:00-10:45. This change makes the room more accessible for students and volunteers and moves us closer to bathrooms.

Lunch & Zilch – Thursday, August 17 at 11:30am • Jim Essig is hosting another Lunch & Zilch on Thursday, August 17. Save the Date and bring along some friends for some fun! Please RSVP to Jim by text or email by August 14. Winners will get a prize! | Cell: (407)446-7147 | jim.essig@poporlando.com

Donations Needed for LWML District Retreat "ingathering" • Our LWML will be accepting donations for the St. Gerard Maternity Home and Resource Center, St Augustine, FL. and will be taking them to their retreat September 22-24. Containers have been set up in the Narthex, and FLC. Items needed are: (New items only please) Diapers (Sizes Newborn, 4, 5 & 6), baby wipes, baby formula, pacifiers, diaper rash ointment, soft swaddling blankets, burp cloths. Also needed: toiletry items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, travel size shampoo, facial wash cloths, and combs.

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 John & Linda l'Anson in celebration of their 28th anniversary on August 5.

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Be Equipped to Serve God – September 28-30, 2023 – President’s Equip Conference • This local conference helps volunteers, leaders, pastors, board members, educators, youth leaders, and administrators to be better equipped to work alongside each other to connect people to Jesus. Location: Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace | Early registration deadline August 15 – \$149. Limited scholarships are available from PoP. | <https://flgadistrict.org/pec/>

Youth Spirit Night – Tuesday, August 8 at 5pm-8pm at Broadway Pizzeria • Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, Broadway Pizzeria donate of 15% of your total bill to our Youth Ministry. Please remember to say you are supporting PoP Youth at check out. (1700 Woolco Way – on the other side of Semoran from the church, near Sedano’s)

Raise Right Helps Fund our Student Ministry! • It may seem far off, but the 2025 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, August 6 – Youth Night • Middle & Highschool students gather for games, snacks & devotional time.

Tuesday, August 8 – Spirit Night at Broadway – 5pm-8pm • Dine in or carry out. 15% of each sale benefits Youth at PoP.

Sunday, August 13 – Bowling at Boardwalk Lanes (10749 E. Colonial) – 5pm-7pm • \$15 a person

Fruits of Faith

July 30

9:00 Traditional: 100 | 11:00 Contemporary: 52 | 11:00 Spanish: 66 | TOTAL: 218

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

July 16 offerings \$16,859

July 23 offerings \$12,944

July 30 offerings \$12,030 needed each week: \$11,923.

PRAYERS

Thanksgiving: We give thanks with Adelle Paltín and Tony Panella as they celebrate yesterday’s wedding. (Adelle is the daughter of Preschool Director Anne Dobbins; she was also a part of our strings ensemble Christmas Eve)

Prayers of Comfort: We continue to pray for our Preschool Cook, Jennifer Montalvo and her family, after the tragic deaths of her mother and brother. | We ask for the Lord to comfort Barbara Conyers and her family at the death of her brother-in-law, Leon Stenzel.

Hospice Care: Eleanor Eaton

Hospitalized: Deaconess Ligia Borges, our Director of Community Outreach

Recovering: Sylvia Bourgeois, Jayson Gerken, Joe Heinz, Henry Leon, Joni Steidly

Upcoming Surgeries: Dorothy Reynolds, Kay Richards, Cindy Sibley

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, Ruth Hoagland, 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, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Janette Seeds (friend of Barbara Hahn), Rex Serio, 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: Lord Jesus, you always kept the main thing the main thing, loving us to the every end. As our resurrected Lord, we ask you to live and reign in us by the power of Your Spirit, that we would reflect Your love to the world. • Dear God, 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. • Lord, watch over and keep our first responders safe. • We ask the Lord to be with all teachers and families as our communities prepare for a new school year.

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 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 the 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@poporlando.com).*

Completed or Nearing Completion:

New Wayfinding Signage Up – Work on signage is complete. 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.

Parking Lot Repair and Resurfacing Complete! This project addressed several safety concerns, especially in areas where concrete has deteriorated over time.

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.

Upcoming Projects

Music Room update

Preschool classrooms cabinets and flooring

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COMMUNION AND SENDING HYMN

I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE

**I need you. You need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me. Agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body.**

**It is his will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me. I need you to survive.
You are important to me. I need you to survive.**

**I pray for you. You pray for me.
I love you. I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you. I need you to survive.**

**It is his will that every need by supplied.
You are important to me. I need you to survive.
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