



Weekly News 01/14/2024

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Today: Embrace the Call • John 1:43-51, 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 • Jesus' first words to His disciples were, "Follow Me." Just as Jesus called Andrew and Peter, Philip and Nathanael, He has called you and me to follow Him. He knows us—He sees us, He hears us, and He understands us. More than that, Jesus has plans for us. Embrace His call to follow Him. *What is Jesus calling to you to do or be as you walk alongside Him? Are you prepared not only to listen, but also to embrace the ways Jesus wants to work in Your life?*

About Our Sermon Series: Embrace • At the beginning of this new year, we have opportunity to embrace the uncertainty of the days ahead with a sure confidence in the God who goes with us, whose hand is leading us and whose love is supporting us. Walking with Jesus, the One who embraces us with His boundless love, gives us great faith as we go out with good courage.

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

http://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024_01_14-Epiphany-2.pdf

Bible Classes

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are studying the book of Ephesians. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour, between 9 am & 11 am worship.

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) Pray Like Jesus Prayed – We are looking at the big events in Jesus' life- and the prayers he prayed about them. What can we learn from Jesus' prayers to help us pray today. This will be a fun, interactive discussion. We meet in the Church Office Conference Room from 10:00-10:45 each Sunday.

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.

Church/Preschool Offices Closed – Monday, January 15 • In observation of Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, the church and preschool offices will be closed on Monday, January 15.

Pick Up Poinsettias Today! • Thank you to all those who made contributions to the Poinsettias that made our worship at Christmas so beautiful. If you have not already done so, you may pick up your poinsettia from the courtyard at PoP.

Middle/High School Youth Night Today at 6pm in the FLC! • Students are encouraged to join the fun of games, activities and a first look at the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering! in New Orleans! We will gather in the Family Life Center from 6:00- 7:30. This would be a great event to invite a friend or to check out yourself if you have not been to a Youth Night in a while.

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

Altar Flowers • If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out a form online or contact our church office.

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

Today's Altar Flowers were given by Sharleen Jespersen in celebration of the life of Kent Jespersen and in loving memory by his family. **They are also sponsored by** Lorena Sinning in celebration of Alessandra Salazar's Birthday.

Youth Spirit Night is This Tuesday, January 16 at 5pm-8pm • Spirit night was rescheduled for this coming Tuesday, January 16. Bring the family or gather with friends and enjoy fun, food, and fellowship to benefit our teens. Mentioning PoP Youth at checkout will result with a portion of the profits being donated to our Youth Ministry fundraising efforts. Broadway is located just across Semoran from the church at (1700 Woolco Way.)

Compassion Project • Works with the Samaritan Resource Center and the Healthcare Center for the Homeless and the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. There is a collection site in the church office hallway to donate items such as a clean pair of jeans, a change of underwear, men's shoes (athletic/tennis), a blanket, a backpack, some shampoo, etc.

Thank you for being the Heart, Hands and Feet of Jesus in the Heart of Orlando!

Save the Date - Vacation Bible Camp is set for June 10-14! • VBC will be the second full week of June and will be lots of fun for kids Aged 4- Grade 5 as they explore the coral reefs AND what it means to be God's friend. This program, previously called Vacation Bible School or VBS will be essentially the same program but has been rebranded as VBC to be more attractive to children who may be put off by the term "school". Kids will explore games, crafts, science experiments, snacks, skits, creative Bible storytelling, music and more each day from 9:00-12:15. Information about registration, volunteering and donations will be available soon.

Fruits of Faith

January 7

9:00 Traditional: 127 | 11:00 Contemporary: 60 | 11:00 Spanish: 65 | TOTAL: 252

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

December 24 offerings \$9,046

December 31 offerings \$18,263

January 7 offerings \$16,566

needed each week: \$12,403

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We ask God to comfort Nina Cavalli-Rojas and her family at the death of her uncle Raymond. We continue to pray for the many who grieve in our congregation, that they would be filled with peace and hope through the promises of Jesus, the One who is the resurrection and the life.

Recovering: Barbara Conyers, Carol Fennell, Mike Fleming, Joshula Flowers, Camille Neville, Norma Poutre, Jeff Powell, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, Joni Steidly, Cheryl Strauss, Pat Williams

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Deaconess Ligia Borges, Rebecca Brooks, Delores B, Michael B, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Elizabeth Dawson, Sarah D, Steven Dorsagano, Gail Eaton, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Judy Finnie, Leonard G, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Joe Heinz, Bjorg Hodges, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroeplin, Henry Leon, Jim Lord, Kathy McCartin, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Royanne Martin, George Meder, Lewis Mendez, Christopher Miller, Mario Muniz, Skylar Newport, Debbie Noss, Rick Perre, Miriam Rivera, David Rodgers, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Meridith Swanson, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Ellen Boogher, Sarah vonBraun, Cameron LaPointe, Pastor Brian Roberts, Elena Santana, Marleen Schmidt, Jeff S, Tina T, Janet V, Vincent Ward, Debbie W, Staci Welburn, Dayton Whites, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

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

Special: Lord Jesus, You have embraced us with Your call to follow You. Help us to embrace who You have called us to be as children of God and what You have called us to do as we share Your transforming love with all the world. • 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.

Prayers 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: Jake Allison, Zachary Carbonell, Cody Dowling, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey W

Preschool Prayers—Class of the Month: This month we pray for our friends in the Giraffe class - Ms. Amaya Andres, Arianna, Isabella, Ira, Ayesha, Evrick, Marlene, Gianni, Oliver. We ask the Lord to keep these little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessing upon their families.

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Upcoming Monthly Events

Monday, January 15 – MLK Jr. Day • In observation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the church and preschool offices will be closed on Monday, January 15

ESOL Registration is now open! The 1st level class begins January 17 • If you know of anyone who is a Spanish speaker interested in learning English, direct them to our website which provides detailed information or provide them the church office number and they can speak with Adriana. | <https://poporlando.com/esol/>
(There is a fee of \$250)

Monday, January 22 – January 26 - National Lutheran Schools Week: John 15:5 • NLSW provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Saturday, January 27 – Food Pantry Distribution 9am-11am: Save the date and Spread the Word! If you are interested in volunteering with the Food Pantry, there are several ways to do so! You can help pre-package the food during the weeks prior to the distribution day, help on the actual day of distribution—either as a runner or handing out the groceries. You can donate food items such as chunky soups, pasta, cans of tuna, jars of peanut butter, or donate money to help support this wonderful outreach ministry!

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – 11am Traditional Service and 7pm Combined bilingual service • Save the date on your calendars for our Ash Wednesday services. The Lenten season helps us as followers of Jesus to focus our attention on our need for repentance and to turn toward the redemptive mercy and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus. More information will be provided soon!

Wednesday Lenten Services at 11am Begins Wednesday, February 21 • More information will be provided soon. *Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20*

Saturday, March 2 – Choir Concert – Cornerstone University Chorale • Dr. Kent Walters, Conductor. More detailed information will be provided soon as the time gets closer.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – 6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
7:30pm Culto Español | Templo

Good Friday, March 29 – 11am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
7:30pm Culto Español | Templo

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January Birthdays

Jan. 5 - Kathy Hudson
Dennis O'Neil
David Strauss

Jan. 7 - Kaydan Clarke
Jan. 8 - Krista Brathwaite-Clarke
Jan. 9 - Maddie McKinnon
Jan. 10 - Ellen Ponsford
Jan. 16 - Otto Krumpholtz
Jan. 17 - Pastor Ken Green
Jan. 18 - DCE Eric Gerken
Jan. 20 - Julie Fleming
Jan. 24 - Jose Rojas
Jan. 27 - Linda Burns
Jan. 28 - Jacqueline Cuevas-Cabrera
Jan. 29 - Craig Koenig



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