



## Weekly News 12/1/2024 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

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**Today: "Tis the Season: A Season for Justice" • Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 19:28-40** • We are at a time of the year when the word "seasons" comes up in a number of contexts: a "change of seasons" (a handful of cooler days); the "holiday" or (better yet) "Christmas season" (how many shopping days?); maybe also "seasons of life"; or for the church-savvy a change in the "seasons of the church year." As we prepare for Christ's coming, we take time to consider the character of this season.

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

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**Advent Devotions** • Looking for Advent Devotionals to help you prepare spiritually? Written by pastors and leaders in the FLGA District, you can subscribe to daily devotionals by going to <https://flgadistrict.org/adventdevotions/> | Lutheran Hour Ministries also has devotionals available at <https://www.lhm.org/advent/>.

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**Nursery Available During All Services.** For babies 6 months to age 4, located in Room 100 (*across from the church & school office*), with sign-in (required) and drop-off up to 15 minutes prior to the service and pick-up shortly after the service ends. The kids can play while they watch/listen to the worship live-stream. All our volunteers have completed background checks and are ready and willing to care for your child. Contact DCE Eric for more information!

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### **Bible Classes**

**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am** • The class is led by Jim Essig. We are studying the book of 1 Corinthians. 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: Kingdom Quest** • Kingdom Quest is a Bible overview curriculum that teaches children the core stories of the Bible and helps them see why they matter today. We help children experience God's love through Bible stories, crafts, games and more., as we learn to follow Jesus. The children will have a lot of fun and learn important faith lessons at the same time. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

**Youth Bible Class – 10:00am** • This youth bible class will be held at McDonald's (next to the church) for breakfast and bible study. They will be looking at what the bible says about serving him as a teen and having bible-based discussions. *Be sure to have the bible app downloaded on to your phone!*

**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.

**Are you looking for meaningful daily devotionals that connect with everyday life?**

- Our Daily Bread. "Helping you connect with God. Every day. Every way." | <https://www.odp.org/>
- Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/>.

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**Advent Wednesday's Worship Service - Beginning This coming Wednesday December 4** • Join us for midweek Advent worship at 11am in the sanctuary as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Followed by a light meal.

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**Advent Day of Service – Save the Date for Wednesday, December 11 at 4pm** • Our "Advent days of service" gather us together as we prepare for the coming Christmas season by intentionally seeking to give our time and effort to help others. ALL are invited on Wednesday December 11 to help wrap gifts for our Angel Tree Ministry!

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**Advent Season** • Starting Wednesday December 4, we are planning to provide soup, bread and dessert after the 11:00am Advent service. If you would like to help with setup, cleanup, providing soup, bread or dessert, please contact Kathy McCartin at her home number of 407-286-7288 or email of [kathymccartin@gmail.com](mailto:kathymccartin@gmail.com).

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**Combined (Bilingual) Worship – Sunday, December 8 at 10:30am** • Come join us as we come together as one to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Meal/Potluck and Congregation Meeting follows worship – Sunday, December 8** • (*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*) | Join, celebrate and feast as one people of God, one Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz.

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**2025 Offering Envelopes Ready for Pick Up** • If you have requested envelopes, before, in between or after services please stop by the narthex or the FLC to pick up your boxed set. There are unassigned boxed envelopes for those who are new members and wish to have envelopes. If you are interested in offering envelopes, please contact the church office so we can provide you with a set and assign you a number. | (407)277-3945 or [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)

**Angel Tree Ministry – Friday, December 13** • The Angel Trees are up and FULL of angels to choose from! We will be working with 10 schools surrounding our community, PoP Preschool, and children of ESOL students —Providing gifts to the children this Christmas. If you are unable to get an angel from the tree, please donate online or give through your regular giving and mark your donation as Angel Tree Ministry. [www.poporlando.com/give/](http://www.poporlando.com/give/)

**Christmas Concert: Un Encuentro de Navidad – Coral Clave del Sol – Saturday, December 7 at 7pm** • A Holiday tradition that is done every year by the community choir. This year for the first time there will be children singing. You are invited to enjoy some beautiful tunes! Tickets are available for purchase: \$15 per person – Children 10 years old and under are free. | Director Andres Soler at 407-406-2468



**Peter Mayer Stars & Promises Christmas Concert: "Once Upon a Winter's Night" Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm** • Prince of Peace is hosting the 25th anniversary tour of Peter Mayer's acclaimed Stars & Promises Christmas Concert, "Once Upon a Winter's Night". You can still purchase tickets online. So if you haven't purchased a ticket, make sure you do so today! | <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-mayer-25th-stars-promises-christmas-2024-orlando-fl-tickets-994427799317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**Pint Jars Needed for LWML Holiday Sale** • LWML ladies are asking for donations of pint jars, wide mouth or regular ones, for the cookie/doggie treats sale in December. You can drop off the donations during the week in the church office or leave them in the narthex or FLC for the ladies. Thank you!

**LWML Holiday Sale – Orders Due by December 9** • The LWML ladies will begin taking preorders for Christmas cookies and Doggie treats in between services beginning today. Orders can be placed in-person or by filling out the form at the link below. If you have any questions, contact Kathy McCartin. <https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-Cookieorderform.docx>

**Youth Christmas Trivia Fu(n)draiser – Saturday, December 14, 3pm** • Save the date for this friendly competition over 3 rounds of Christmas related trivia songs, movies, history, and traditions. Admission is \$20/person. Come as a team or form a team when you get here. Prizes for the winners. Christmas treats are available for refreshments.

**Christmas Poinsettias – Order Today!** • If you wish to place Poinsettias this Christmas season, please fill out an online form or use the Poinsettias Envelopes located by the entrances. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/poinsettias>  
**Altar flowers can be ordered any time throughout the year:** <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers>

**Youth Spirit Night: Tuesday, December 10 at Broadway Pizzeria** • Between 5pm-8pm, just mention PoP Youth with your dine in or carryout order. Come and enjoy a family meal and meet with other church members or grab some takeout and say "Hi" when you are there. (1700 Woolco Way)

**Preschool Classroom Christmas Wish List: Amazon Gift List** • Bless a preschooler teacher and her classroom this Christmas with a gift from our preschool's Amazon Wish List! These special gifts for the classroom will be opened by the children during their classroom Christmas party. We did this last year, and it worked out very well! Please share with your family and friends. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/261B8665P2K74>

**Holiday Shopping Made Easy – Gift Cards Through RaiseRight!** • The Gift Card program through Raise Right supports our youth ministry. **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.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** • Support Prince of Peace by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars® today. Simply go to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**Pastors and Staff Appreciation Gift** • Our Personnel Committee and Board invite you to thoughtfully consider giving a special donation for an end-of-year gift to pastors & staff. Because the pastors & staff will be foregoing raises this year due to budget constraints, PoP/PdeP's lay-leaders encourage you to be especially generous this season, showing appreciation for our gifted staff. Please note "Staff Gift" on your envelope or online gift. Thank you for your consideration.

## Fruits of Faith

Sunday, November 24

9:00am Traditional: 123 | 11:00am Contemporary: 66 | 11:00am Español: 69 | TOTAL: 258

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

November 10 offerings \$10,643

November 17 offerings \$23,019

November 24 offerings \$25,851 (includes IRA charitable contributions; see below how you can make a gift)

*needed each week: \$12,403 | As of 10/31/2024, our Year-to-Date, offerings are \$52,360 less than budgeted. Thank you to all those who have helped us gain ground against our deficit. Would you consider a special gift for the end of 2024?*

**Make an IRA gift to Prince of Peace! Are you over 70½?** Each year the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds owners of traditional IRAs who are over 70½ that they may make a charitable gift from a traditional IRA. Learn more how you can make a difference by clicking here <https://bit.ly/ira-charity-gifts>.

## PRAYERS

**Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Ellen Boogher, Sheila Dean, Gail Eaton, Daryl Flynn, Joe Heinz, Susanne Johnson, Connie Lerchen, Dan Meier (son of Peter Meier), Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Debbie Noss (released), Norma Poutre, Jeff Powell, Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Mario Rodriguez, Sheila Roberts, Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, James Stanley, Tony Steinbronn, Shirley Stockett, Pat Williams

**Healing and Strength:** Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Kurt Bickel, Rebecca Brooks, Sarah Dierking, Judy & Jim Finnie, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Merle Kroepelin, Henry Leon, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Lewis Mendez, Kay Minick, Mario Muniz, Rick Perre, Raya Pokigo, Miriam Rivera, Nitz Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Jerry Warnock, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

**Receiving Treatments:** Sarah vonBraun, John Dierking, Joshula Flowers, Brenda Green, Debbie Holley (Pam Fuller's sister) Cameron LaPointe, Elvie Lord, Larry Jones, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Tina T, Janet V, Amber Vittone, Debbie W, Brenda Williams, Michelle Zicarelli

**Continued Care:** Chuck Boogher, Rick Burns, Pat C., Kelly DeFrietas, Al & Linda Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Linda Jackson, Otto Krumpholtz, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki & Sal LoBue, Todd O, Ray Pirino, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V

**Family & Friends:** Delores B, Michael B, Evelyn Brucks (Marlene Browne's mother), Donna C, Danny Conlin, Elizabeth Dawson, Jameson Doud (young relative of Lu Burchfield), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Ralph Holt, Helen Laurie (sister of Stephanie Carbonell, hospitalized), Christina, Stephanie, Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Fran Federman, Leonard G, Ruth Johnson (sister of Kathy McCartin), Meghan Miller, Vincent Ward (treatments), Jim Obenour, Carlyn and Sarah (fighting cancer), Haley, David Rodgers

**Special:** Lord, this is season of growth, preparation, and opportunities to share Your love. We ask You, Jesus, to help us to do justice as we love mercy and walk humbly with You. • We continue to pray for those affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene and other disasters. • Be with President Biden, President-elect Trump, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • Watch over and keep all 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, Sam Beasley, Zachary Carbonell, Billy Embach, Kyle Holysz, Matthew Rojas, Meghan Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey, Anthony Witcher.

### Christmas Eve Worship — Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm Family Worship | Glow Sticks | FLC

5:30pm La Vispera de Navidad | Templo

7:30pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight

10:00pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight

### Christmas Day Worship — Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

### New Year's Eve Worship — Tuesday, December 31

6:00pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

7:30pm Culto español | Templo



*The church office will be on a modified schedule between Christmas and New Years.*

**Lutheran Haven Christmas Seal Outreach** • Lutheran Haven's Benevolent Care Ministry assists Lutheran Haven residents when a critical need arises. This campaign raises funds that are crucial to funding various needs for residents of the Haven, such as providing home care services. See the envelopes located at our entrances.

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### **December Anniversaries**

December 2 – Bob & Marcy Weisel  
James & Judy Finnie  
December 25 – Chuck & Ellen Boogher  
December 31 – Aurelio & Annie Martinez



*In Remembrance: December 18 – Bob & Joanne Hahn would have been married 60 years.*

### **December Birthdays**

December 1 – Debbie Dowling  
December 3 – Zaida Vargas  
Douglas Polkosky  
Patricia Cunningham  
December 4 – Vicky Stork  
December 5 – Hayden Tyler  
Marco Sinning  
December 6 – Kelli Kalinowski  
December 7 – Ligia Borges  
December 8 – Rick Armstrong  
December 11 – Madelyn Nichols  
Noah Reynolds  
December 12 – Kristen Jensen-Ivanic  
December 14 – Evelyn Wasser  
December 16 – Alyssa Wessel  
Bill Jordan

December 18 – Emma Del Rio  
December 21 – Teresa Jordan  
December 22 – Numeena Otto  
December 24 – Chris Ivanic  
December 25 – Marlene Browne  
Betty Wienrich  
December 27 – Ron Spohn  
December 29 – Muriel Pedersen

*In Remembrance:  
December 4 – Bob Hahn would've turned 85 years old.*



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*Missing a birthday or anniversary and wishing to add to the list? Please email [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)*

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