



Weekly News 12/15/2024

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Today: "Tis the Season: A Season of Victory" • Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28 • The third Sunday of Advent emphasizes the joy we have as God's people. Our joy flows from the real victory that Jesus, the Christ Child brings, His complete defeat of all God's enemies. Jesus provides His presence, protection, tender care to all God's people.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024_12_15-Advent-3.pdf

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 devotions available at <https://www.lhm.org/advent/>.

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!

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 devotions that connect with everyday life?

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

LWML Holiday Cookie Sale – Order Pick Up TODAY • Thank you to all who helped support the mission and outreach. Please plan to pick up your orders today between services. Contact Kathy McCartin for more information.

Thank you! Angel Tree Ministry • Thank you to all those who supported our Angel Tree Ministry by purchasing a gift, donating funds, or helping wrap gifts and distributing them. Special thanks to Deac. Ligia Borges, who is our vital link to the local schools and community, and who heads up this effort.

Church Office Closing Early on Monday, December 16 • The church office will be closing early tomorrow for a staff team building activity. We will return to normal business hours on Tuesday, December 17.

Advent Wednesday's Last Worship Service – This Wednesday, December 18 • Join us this coming Wednesday for our last midweek Advent worship at 11am in the sanctuary as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Followed by a light meal.

Hispanic Christmas Luncheon – Sunday, December 22 at 12:30pm • All are invited to join our Hispanic Christmas Luncheon on December 22 at 12:30pm, sponsored by our brothers and sisters in Christ in our 11:00 Spanish service. Come and get a taste of Christmas!

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>

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.

Christmas Worship Schedule • Join us for another year as we Celebrate Jesus Christ!

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 (holy communion)
10:00pm Traditional Worship | Candlelight (holy communion)

Christmas Day Worship — Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary (holy communion)

New Year's Eve Worship – Tuesday, December 31 at 6pm Traditional NYE worship AND 7:30pm Adoracion en Espanol • We invite you to join us for special evening worship services on New Year's Eve as we give thanks and praise for the year gone by and pray for God's continued guidance, grace, and provision in the year ahead.

Holiday Office Hours of Operation • The church office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 22 and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 2. Church staff members are available to serve you by appointment. As staff will be in and out of the office during this time. Please call ahead if you are planning to stop by or have a need. For pastoral emergencies, please feel free to contact Pastor Ken (703) 338-4387, or Pastor Borges (407) 777-5119, directly.

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/gl/guest-view/261B8665P2KZ4>

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.

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.

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

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

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, December 8 Combined Worship

10:30am Combined Bilingual: 215

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

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

December 1 Offerings \$13,506

December 8 offerings \$ 8,376

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

Prayers of Comfort: We ask the Lord to surround the family of Norma Poutre with His comfort and peace. Norma died December 6. | Lord, also comfort Curtis Harris at the death of his mother Sarah. Remind us of Your victory over death and Your resurrection promises.

Hospitalized: Chuck Boogher, Rick Burns

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), 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 Kroepflin, Henry Leon, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Lewis Mendez, Kay Minick, Mario Muniz, Rick Perre, Raya Pokigo, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Jerry Warnock, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

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

Continued Care: 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 of heaven and earth, as we approach the birth of Jesus with joyful expectation, help us to live in the victory He has brought. With Christ as our King, grant that in humility we would live with confidence as the people of God, ambassadors to share Jesus' love with the world. • We thank You, Lord, for the families we served through our Angel Tree project. We pray that you will be with all preparations for the Food Pantry distribution on Dec. 21. In all our interactions during this season, allow the light of Jesus to shine through us. • 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.

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



December Anniversaries

December 2 – Bob & Marcy Weisel
James & Judy Finnie
December 21 – Philip & Ena Chang
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.*



Missing a birthday or anniversary and wishing to add to the list? Please email staff@poporlando.com

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