



## Weekly News 01/12/2025 The Baptism of our Lord

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**Today: "He Knows Just What You Need: A Connection with Jesus" • Readings: Luke 3:15-22; Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11** • Today we commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. We celebrate how Jesus completely connected with our humanity by being baptized along "with all the people." Jesus forged a connection with us the day we were baptized. The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to us and the Father's declaration covers us: We, too, are beloved children of God, with whom He is well pleased. *Being connected with Jesus is just what we need. How would you explain that to someone? How can you live that every day?*

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

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025\\_01\\_12-Baptism-of-our-Lord.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025_01_12-Baptism-of-our-Lord.pdf)

**Nursery Available During All Sunday 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. See 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/>.

**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. **Thank you** again to all who helped to beautify our worship spaces through your gifts. *(Missed the list? You can see it in last week's news <https://poporlando.com/weeklynews/week-of-december-22-2024/#poinsettias>)*

**Artificial Christmas Trees Make Great Early VBC Donations** • If you're replacing an artificial Christmas tree this year, please don't throw it away! We need many trees for our "True North" Vacation Bible Camp next summer to create an Alaskan forest for the kids. *To donate a tree, contact DCE Eric Gerken at the church office for drop-off instructions; do not leave it at the church.*

**LWML Collecting Eyeglasses Until September 7 for Future Mission Trip** • LWML will be collecting all types of eyeglasses/readers until September 7<sup>th</sup> for their Mission Coordinator to Kenya. There are containers located in the narthex and family life center.

**Youth Spirit Night – Tuesday, January 14 at Broadway Pizzeria from 5pm-8pm** • Join us at Broadway (1700 Woolco Way) for some great Italian food AND help us raise funds for the upcoming Youth Gathering. Our group of 16 youth and adults need your help and you can support just by going out for dinner. all customers, dine in and carry out, who mention Prince of Peace will have at least 15% of their total bill donated back to our teens. We hope to see you there !

**Sunday Night: Youth Night- 6:00-7:30 in the FLC** • Youth Night is a fun chance to do some games and activities together and then finish off the night with a short devotion. Starting with this event, the next few Youth Nights will have devotions focused on managing anxiety and stress.

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**PoP Kids Family Board Game & Pizza Party – Friday, January 17 at 5:30pm** • Join us for the PoP Kids Family Board Game and Pizza Party at Prince of Peace Church! We'll have various stations set up with a selection of board games for families to enjoy and explore together. At the end of the event, there will be some fun contests, giving a chance to take home some of the board games! Don't forget to wear your PoP Kids T-shirt! If you still need one, please let us know your size. ***This is a Family Event—please note we are unable to accommodate student drop-offs.***

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**Church/Preschool Offices Closed – Monday, January 20** • In observation of Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, the church and preschool offices will be closed on Monday, January 20.

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**PoP Youth are Attending Rock the Universe at Universal Studios on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** • The event costs \$85 per person, but discounted tickets are available for Middle and High School students at \$45. This discount does not apply to parents or family members. Students and necessary chaperones must sign up by Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, for group sales. Please contact DCE Eric with any questions. | [eric.gerken@poporlando.com](mailto:eric.gerken@poporlando.com)

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**New to Prince of Peace—or New-ish? Pastors' Reception 02/09** • If you are new to Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz and would like to know more about our unique ministries, come to the Pastors' Reception on Sunday, February 9, to learn more. Also at the Pastors' Reception, you can learn more about next steps to getting connected, becoming more engaged, or becoming a member. To ensure we include you with a personal invite, please send an email to [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com) or call 407.277.3945 requesting more information.

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**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>

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**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](mailto:adriana.alas@poporlando.com)

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**ESOL Registration is now open! The 1st level class begins January 21** • 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. *(There is a fee of \$250)* | <https://poporlando.com/esol/>

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**Compassion Project** • Works with the Samaritan Resource. 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!*

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**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.

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**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.

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**2025 Offering Envelopes Still Available for Pick Up** • If you have not picked up your box of offering envelopes please check the narthex and FLC for your assigned box. 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)

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## **Fruits of Faith**

**Sunday, January 5**

**9:00am Traditional: 84 | 11:00am Contemporary: 76 | 11:00am Espanol: 69 | TOTAL: 229**

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

December 22 offerings \$9,041

December 29 offerings \$19,545

January 5, 2025 offerings \$21,106

**Thank you to all those who made special gifts for year-end.** Your giving helps forward the work of reaching people with God's love, and every gift, no matter how big or how small, makes a difference here, and for all eternity. Thank you.

**Please Check Your Recurring Giving:** It's the beginning of the year. If you give electronically through your bank's bill pay or through our secure website, this is a great time to check to see that your giving matches the pledge you made for this year. Also, if you give by check, please make sure you are dating the check for "2025."

**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:** Chuck Boogher, Rick Burns, Sheila Dean, Shar Dluhy, Gail Eaton, Daryl Flynn, Joe Heinz, Susanne Johnson, Connie Lerchen, Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Debbie Noss, 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, Rick Perre, Raya Pokigo, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

**Receiving Treatments:** Ellen Boogher, Sarah vonBraun, Debbie Holley (Pam Fuller's sister), Cameron LaPointe, Larry Jones, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Barbara Smith (mother of Brooke McKinnon), 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, Kay Minick, Mario Muniz, Todd O, Ray Pirino, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V, Jerry Warnock

**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:** Jesus, we thank You for sharing in our humanity in every way, even identifying with us in Your own baptism. Through our baptism You have connected us with You, bringing us God's love and the Spirit's power. Help us not only to live out our faith, but also to share our faith. • Be with all who have been affected by the wildfires in California. • 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

### ***Upcoming Monthly Events***

**Tuesday, January 14 – Youth Spirit Night at Broadyway Pizzeria at 5pm.** (1700 Woolco Way)

**Wednesday, January 15 – LWML meet in the FLC at 10:30am** (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

**Friday, January 17 – PoP Kids Family Board Game & Pizza Night at 5:30pm** in the FLC

**Monday, January 20 – Preschool and Church Offices Closed for MLK Jr Day**

**Saturday, January 25 – Food Pantry Distribution**

**Sunday, January 26-February 1 – National Lutheran Schools Week**

**Sunday, February 9 – Pastor's Reception in the FLC at 12:30pm** (Souper Bowel of Caring)

PoP Kids/Parents Valetine's Dance Party at 4pm in the FLC

**Wednesday, February 19 – LWML meet in the FLC at 10:30am** (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

## January Anniversaries

January 5 – Luis & Cloris Vasquez  
January 23 – Jeff & Jayne Powell  
January 27 – Shawn & Anne Dobbins



## January Birthdays

January 5 – Denny O'Neil  
Julie Lushetsky  
Kathy Hudson  
David Strauss  
January 7 – Richard Lief  
January 8 – Krista Brathwaite-Clarke  
January 9 – Ava Churchill  
Maddie McKinnon  
Daniel Romero  
January 10 – Ellen Ponsford  
Maryjane Long  
January 16 – Otto Krumpholc  
January 17 – Pastor Ken Green

January 18 – DCE Eric Gerken  
January 20 – Julie Fleming  
January 26 – Paul Divan  
January 27 – Linda Burns  
January 28 – Jacqueline Cuevas-Cabrera

*In Remembrance: January 29 - Craig Koenig would've turned 68 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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