Weekly News 05/25/2025 6th Sunday of Easter

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TODAY: "Unexpected" • Acts 16:6-15; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33 • God's word tells us: "A person may plan his own journey, but the Lord directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9, GW translation). The experience of the Apostle Paul during his second missionary journey shows how true this is. Paul had plans to continue his work in what is modern-day Turkey, but the Lord redirected Paul and his fellow missionaries to Europe—to the Roman colony of Philippi. There, the Spirit's power worked in the life of Lydia, and the Christian faith gained a significant foothold for the spread of the Good News of Jesus throughout Europe. *When have you had plans change, only to discover that God had a greater purpose all along? To whom may God be planning to send you to share His transforming love? Is your heart open to what God may have in store for you?*

To view or print Sunday's 9am Worship bulletin:
https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025_05_25-Trad-Easter-6.pdf

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Nursery Available During 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 Gospel of John. 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 will meet this week (5/28) before taking some time off for the months of June and July. • Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 10:30am in the Board Room. 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/

Altar Flowers • If you wish to sponsor Sunday Altar Flowers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form online or contact our church office.
https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/flowers

Volunteers are needed for TRUE NORTH VBC – June 9-13 • We are currently missing 5 of our 8 station leaders and we need your help! We still need leaders for: elementary games, elementary imagination station, elementary Bible story, preschool games, and preschool Bible story. If interested in learning more, please fill out our online volunteer form or contact DCE Eric Gerken. | *https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/615cba*

Sunday June 1 - Congregational Meeting - Potluck after worship, Meeting at 12:30pm – Election of BOD Members • At the Congregational Meeting, members are elected to the Board of Directors and updates for key ministry initiatives are presented. ***Pot Luck lunch*** – last names A-L, please bring a main dish to share; M-Q, a dessert; and R-Z, a side dish or salad ***Board of Directors—Slate of Nominees Announced*** • The Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees for open positions on the Board, as presented by the nominating committee: Annalise Eishold; Jesse Koenig; Camille Neville*; Celso Rivera*, Maria Vazquez*, and Thomas A. Zehnder* (*indicates incumbent).

June 8 – only ONE Worship Service – at 10:30am Combined/Bilingual Worship (Day of Pentecost) • Save the date for our combined bilingual worship services where we all gather as one Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz.

Help a Foster Family • Anne Dobbins, our Preschool Director, has agreed to foster two from our preschool. (DCF found no other options to keep these sisters, an infant and 3-year-old, together.) By donating Walmart gift cards or giving to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund (memo: FOSTER) you can help support these efforts. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office. Your generosity is always appreciated and goes a long way in supporting those who need it most.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Gathering (online) – 6:30pm via Zoom • All are welcome to join our Wednesday Evening Prayer Gathering on Zoom. Experience God's presence and community. https://bit.ly/wednesday-pray-pop

Church/Preschool offices Closed – Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day • The church and preschool offices will be closed for Memorial Day, a federal holiday in the U.S for honoring and mourning the U.S Military personnel who have died while serving the United States armed forces.

Summer Office Hours • The church office will close at noon on Fridays during June and July. If you need campus access on Friday afternoon, please call ahead to make special arrangements.

PoP Youth T-shirts Available for Online Purchase! • If you haven't purchased a shirt yet and would still like to do so, you can make a purchase online following the link provided below. Help Support our youth ministry! Shirts are available for everyone in the congregation. Orders can be placed online, through the church office, or by emailing eric.gerken@poporlando.com. | https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/88b76c

Feeding the Kids During the Summer Through Second Harvest Food Program • Beginning June 2 (M-F) POP will be a hosting site for Second Harvest food program where all kids under the age of 18 are able to receive free, nutritious meals like breakfast, and lunch. We are looking for 3-4 volunteers to help daily, weekly, or just one day, distribute the food to the kids and make sure no one wonders about the campus. If you are interested, please email or call the church office. | staff@poporlando.com or 407-277-3945

Fruits of Faith
Sunday, May 18
9:00am Traditional: 120 | 11:00am Contemporary: 53 | 11:00am Espanol: 82 | TOTAL: 255
Giving: *Thank you for your faithful engagement in our ministry through your gifts and offerings.*
May 4 offerings $11,478
May 11 offerings $10,439
May 18 offerings $8,306 Needed each week: $11,032

PRAYERS
Prayers of Comfort: We ask the Lord to comfort the family and friends of former member Larry Knutson. (See https://dakotaranch.org/blog/archive/larry-knutson/ to learn more about the impact Larry had for the kingdom of God.) • We continue to pray for Kim Davis and family at the sudden and unexpected death of her brother-in-law Clifford. • We pray for John Buchbach and his family at the death of his brother, David • *Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. Bring Your comfort and peace to all who grieve.*

Hospitalized: Ron Howard (son-in-law of Gwen Taliver)

Under Hospice Care: Jack Jageler (father of Susan Summers); Rod Noss (brother of Gerry Noss)

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Pat Bak, Linda Dicks, Virderie Eldredge, Daryl Flynn, Tina Hamilton, Joe Heinz, Robert Hupsel, Susanne Johnson, Merle Kroeplin, Otto Krumpholc, Connie Lerchen, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Debbie Noss, Jeff Powell, Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Sheila Roberts, Betty Schnell**,** Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, James Stanley, Shirley Stockett, Jessica Wasser, Pat Williams

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Rebecca Brooks, Sarah Dierking, Judy & Jim Finnie, Raven, Rev. Dennis Glander, Michael Halstead, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Rick Perre, Raya Pokigo, Miriam Rivera, Nitza Rohena, Tom Rowell, Rex Serio, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky, Rev. Tom Zehnder

Receiving Treatments: Sarah Von Braun, Bob Denton, Joanne Hahn, Michelle Hollingsworth, Steve Hudson, Becky Rouse Jones, Cameron LaPointe, Larry Jones, Lisa Repalo, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Barbara Smith (mother of Brooke McKinnon), Tina T, Zaida Vargas, Janet V, Amber Vittone, Debbie W, Carol Wieber, Brenda Williams

Continued Care: Chuck Boogher, Pat C., Kelly DeFrietas, Al & Linda Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Linda Jackson, Mary K.M, Jean LaPointe, Micki & Sal LoBue, Mario Muniz, Todd O, Ray Pirino; Michael, Noel, & Roger V; Jerry Warnock

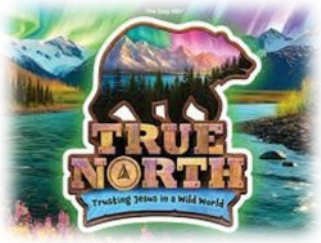
Family & Friends: Rob and Lori Angus, Susie Bourg, Delores B, Michael B, Evelyn Brucks, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Rennie Conyers, Elizabeth Dawson, Jameson Doud (young relative of Lu Burchfield), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Christina, Stephanie, Mark Sauter, Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Fran Federman, Jim Obenour, Carlyn and Sarah (fighting cancer), Rick Perre Haley, Cindy Rock, David Rodgers, Brandy (Karen Melick's friend), Vern (friend of Shar and Frank Dluhy

Special: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to understand Your plans; open our eyes to see where You are at work; move our feet and open our hands that we would join You; open our mouths to give You glory. • Memorial Day: We humbly give thanks and remember all those who have laid down their lives for our freedom. Lord, we ask you to comfort all those who carry the weight of their loss. • We pray for President Trump, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • Watch over our first responders and keep them safe.

Prayers for those in the military or 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, Antonio Watt, Anthony Witcher, Isaak Allan

Preschool Class of the Month – Our April/May Preschool Class of the Month is both our VPK classes! Please keep Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Debby, Jaxon, Carlos, Luna, Ariana, Phoenix, Hayley, Meredith, Daniella, Karter, Lucca, Martina, Jared, Harley, and Noah in your prayer.

We Need YOUR Help to Make VBC a Success!



We are currently missing *5 of our 8 Station Leaders* — and we usually have a full team by now. Specifically, we still need leaders for:

- Elementary Games
- Elementary Imagination Station
- Elementary Bible Story
- Preschool Games
- Preschool Bible Story

We are depending on new volunteers to step in! We use a simple, easy-to-follow curriculum, but we need leaders in place *soon* so they can review the lessons, request supplies, and prepare for a week of impact. **Ideally, each station will have at least two co-leaders — maybe you and a friend?**

🎉 *True North Vacation Bible Camp – Register Now!* 🌟

🗓️ **Dates: June 9–13, 9:00 AM–12:15 PM** • Kids (age 4–Grade 5) are invited to an exciting week of awesome music, creative crafts, fun games, hilarious skits, cool science experiments, and engaging Bible lessons—all focused on following Jesus, our "True North"! Every camper gets a Pop Kids Club T-shirt.

🚀 **Who Can Join?** • Kids ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited to dive into a wild and wonderful experience where they'll learn to navigate life's challenges by following Jesus—our ultimate "True North"!

👉**Sign up TODAY**! • We are nearing capacity: **https://vbspro.events/p_early/e5d2b5**

📢 **We need your help:** Pringles Cans • Christmas Trees • 5 Gallon Buckets • Pool Noodles • Appliance Boxes • Oatmeal Containers (Cylinder Shaped). **You can view the list of supplies needed online by following this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-56593777-true#/**

⏰ ***Set Your Alarms for 5:12pm*** 📲 *Revelation 5:12 says, "Worthy is the Lamb…."* We invite all Prince of Peace people to pray each day at 5:12pm. Please pray for our shared ministry, giving praise to God and the Lamb.

Official Notice

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 1 at 12:30pm – Election of BOD Members • Slate of Nominees prepared by the nominating committee: Annalise Eishold; Jesse Koenig; Camille Neville*; Celso Rivera*, Maria Vazquez*, and Thomas A. Zehnder* (*indicates incumbent). Biography information for our candidates will be available next week.

Additional information from our bylaws about the nominations process is below:

BYLAWS - ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominating committee consisting of the continuing directors and pastor shall draw up a slate of nominees for each vacant position on the Board of Directors. An eligible nominee shall be an active voting member (Article V and VI of the Constitution) of the congregation. Each nominee shall be

contacted to verify his or her willingness to accept the nomination. Additional nominations by any voting member may be made during a two-week period following the publication of the slate of nominees as chosen by the nominating committee. Such additional nominations shall be made in writing to the chair of the nominating committee, providing said nominee meets the requirements for eligibility above and has expressed his or her willingness to serve. Prior to balloting a final slate of all nominees shall be published. Elections shall be held during the May/June congregational meeting. The installation of newly elected directors will take place on a Sunday prior to the July meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote for any director, a second ballot shall be cast etc., until one candidate has a majority.

May Anniversaries

May 4 – Cheryl & Dave Strauss
May 6 – Kristen & Chris Ivanic
May 10 – Jen & Jason Hoge
May 11 – Pam & Jim Ingersoll
Numeena & John Otto
May 15 – Karen & Don Melick
May 20 – Peg & Ken Green

May Birthdays

May 1 – Adriana Alas
Michael Frostrom
May 2 – Nina Rojas
May 4 – Jimmy Fuller III
May 5 – Uranie Nelson
Jordan Zarecki
Ella McGinley
May 8 – Anthony Romero
Bob Weisel
May 9 – Stephen Fussell
May 10 – Cheryl Strauss
May 14 – Pam Robertson
May 16 – Charlene Kennedy
May 18 – Kim Davis
May 23 – Camille Neville
Owen McGinley
May 24 – Pam Koenig
Dianne Essig

In Remembrance:
May 1 – Joyce Miller would've turned 92 years old.
May 6 – Jeff Robertson would've turned 66 years old.
May 15 – Lois Ann Stanhope would be 96 years old.

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

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