



Weekly News 09/14/2025

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TODAY: "Our God of Abundant Grace" • Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10 • Our God is a God of abundant grace—grace that seeks, saves, and rejoices. Jesus tells of a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to find one lost sheep, and of a woman who searches diligently until she finds her lost coin. Each story ends not with scolding, but with rejoicing. Paul, too, celebrates that "the grace of our Lord overflowed for me" (1 Tim. 1:14), though he had once been the chief of sinners. God's grace is not stingy or reluctant—it overflows, reaching out to the lost, the broken, the undeserving, and drawing them home. That's the kind of grace we live in, and the grace we share.

To view or print Sunday's Worship bulletin:

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025_09_14-Trad-Pentecost-14.pdf

Sunday Nursery • The nursery is available during all Sunday morning services but is only staffed at 11:00am.

9:00am – due to low attendance, we are no longer staffing the nursery for this service. Parents may still use this space with their children but must provide their own supervision.

11:00am – Our trained, background-checked volunteer will continue caring for children ages 6 months to 4 years during the 11:00am services. 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 • The youth bible class meets in the board room (church office) for 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 onto your phone!*

The Mid-week Bible Class for Adults • Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 10:30am in the Board Room. Led by Pastor Ken, we look ahead to the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

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/>

Are You (or someone you know) in Need of Prayer? Please join us on Wednesdays. It's PK here, and I'm inviting you to join us Wednesday evening at 6:30 for our online prayer gathering. You don't need to pray out loud, and you don't even need to give a specific thing to pray for. (God already knows!) God has designed us to support each other another, and one way is gathering for prayer. If you've read this far, maybe God is prompting you to join us! Every Wednesday at 6:30pm via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/wednesday-pray-pop>.

Phone-ins are also welcome. Call (305) 224-1968, Meeting ID: 827 2709 5644

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>

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Donna Browne and nephews, David and Dennis and their families, in loving memory of Gail Carol Eaton, beloved sister and aunt.

It's Not Too Late to Register for Fall Sunday School • PoP Sunday School meets Sundays 10:00–10:45 am in the Preschool Wing. This semester we'll explore the Gospel of Mark—Jesus' life and teachings. Please register so our volunteers can get to know your child. (No need to register again if recently signed up for Sunday School or PoP Kids Club and info is current.) | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

PoP Kids Family Day at Capehart Park – TODAY at 3:00pm • Join us TODAY from 3:00–5:00 p.m. at Capehart Park for an afternoon of fun! Families with preschool and elementary kids can enjoy the playground, group games, splash pad, and special treats. Look for the PoP Kids Club banner, and don't forget your T-shirts! Please note: PoP Kids events

are not drop-off events—an adult must stay with each child.

Clear Bookbag Donations for Roberto Clemente Middle School • Roberto Clemente Middle School has run out of clear bookbags for students and has no budget to purchase more. They've asked for our help. If you're able, please donate a clear bookbag by dropping it off at the church office during the week or bringing it on Sunday before or after services. Thank you for supporting local students!

Compassion Project • Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Orlando which recently donated hygiene kits for our Compassion Project. Samaritan Resource Center sent us grateful thanks when we passed the kits on to them. We have received a donation request from the center. They need men's belts 30" and up. Belts can be placed in the cabinet in the church office. Thank you to all who donated!

Youth Lock-In – Save the Dates: September 26-27 8pm-7am • Details are still being planned, but plan for Friday from 8:00pm- Saturday at 7:00 am. Bring a sleeping bag and anything else you need for overnight. There will be games and activities until about 3:00 am and then sleep until it is time to pack up and head home. More details are coming soon!

You're Invited to the LWML Greater Orlando Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 4 • The LWML is preparing to gather for their Fall Rally in October. If you're interested in attending, please make sure to RSVP by September 22 by texting or emailing Donna Franks-Lemcke donna.f1942@gmail.com or text 847-722-2505.

Join Lutheran Counseling Services for their 5th Annual We Care 5K on Saturday, October 11 • Lace up your running (or walking!) shoes and join Lutheran Counseling Services for their We Care 5K on Saturday, October 11 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Longwood! This fun, family-friendly event helps raise funds for Lutheran Counseling Services and will directly help clients afford mental health care. Bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome! \$30 per person or \$125 for a team of 5. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Longwood/LCSWeCare5k>.

FLGA Youth Ministry Weekend – Save the Dates: November 7-9 • Middle School and High School retreats happen the same weekend at the same camp, with separate programs, housing, and activities. Middle School students enjoy a mini-Youth Gathering, while High School students focus on leadership and service. Both groups travel and worship together on Sunday. More details are coming soon! Chaperones/drivers needed (free of charge).

Welcoming Well—Interested in Learning More? There will be a 15-minute Orientation today after 9am & 11am worship – If you're interested, please come or let Pastor Ken know. • Soon, we'll offer simple training to help connect first-time attenders with our church—and connect them with God. We aim to form several teams dedicated to making guests feel at home. See the article in the Crossroads Newsletter or contact Pastor Ken at 703-338-4387 or ken.green@poporlando.com.



Gifts for Guests Coming to a Worship Service near you! • Each week, new people visit Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz. Our “busy bees” have been making gifts to warmly welcome them.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, September 7

9:00 am Traditional: 112 | 11:00am Contemporary: 64 | 11:00am Espanol: 76 | TOTAL: 252

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

August 24 offerings \$8,123

August 31 offerings \$15,729 *includes special gifts for Preschool Flooring

September 7 offerings \$16,840 Needed each week: \$11,032

Are you over 70½? You can make an IRA gift to Prince of Peace! More members over 70½ have chosen to make a donation to Prince of Peace through their traditional IRA. Directing all or part of your RMD to the church is a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD). You can directly transfer funds from your IRA to benefit Prince of Peace without those dollars being included in your taxable income. Learn more about how you can make a difference by clicking here <https://bit.ly/ira-charity-gifts>.

Is the Stock Market Up? —Consider making a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund, or another asset. The best assets to use for a gift are those that have been appreciated significantly, such as publicly traded securities and real property. Assets you've owned for more than one year may qualify for a full range of tax benefits. Typical appreciated assets may include publicly traded securities, privately/closely held stock, mutual funds, and more. Learn more by clicking here <https://bit.ly/donate-appreciated-assets>.

Please be generous for the need is great. Thank you!

PRAYERS

Prayers of Comfort: We continue to pray for Susan Summers and her family as they grieve the death of her dad, **Jack Jageler**. A memorial service will be held at Baldwin-Fairchild on Aloma on September 20, 10:00am, with time for family and friends to then gather informally at Red Bug Lake Park at 1:00pm.

Receiving Care through Hospice: Ron Henderson (in Texas), Jerry Jones (friend of the Fullers), Jim Katt, Merle Kroepflin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law), Sal LoBue

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Linda Dicks, Virderie Eldredge, Daryl Flynn, Louanne Fussell, Joe Heinz, Ron Howard (Gwen Taliver's son-in-law), Robert Hupsel, Linda Jackson, Susanne Johnson, Norma Kress, Otto Krumpholtz, Connie Lerchen, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Denny O'Neil, Jeff Powell, Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Sheila Roberts, Tom Rowell, Betty Schnell, Cindy Sibly, Pete Spudich, James Stanley, Shirley Stockett, Karen Wahl

Healing and Strength: Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Ron Bledsoe, Rebecca Brooks, Sarah Dierking, Judy & Jim Finnie, Raven, Michael Halstead, Jim & Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Bill Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Karen Melick, Maddie, Rick Perre, Raya Pokigo, Miriam Rivera, Pam Robertson, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Angie Shroyer, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Betty Wienrich, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Receiving Treatments: Sarah Von Braun, Sylvia & Maurice Bourgeois (Judy Finnie's sister and BIL), Mark Cotton (Judy Finnie's nephew), Bob Denton, Jim Flynn, Joanne Hahn, Michelle Hollingsworth, Becky Rouse Jones, Cameron LaPointe, Bill Maneri (friend of Ken & Judy Holzscheiter), Lisa Repalo, Elena Santana, Jeff S, Barbara Smith (mother of Brooke McKinnon), Tina T, Zaida Vargas, Janet V, Amber Vittone, Debbie W, Brenda Williams

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

Family & Friends: Rob and Lori Angus, Delores B, Michael B, Sean Brownstein (Rita Santana's friend) Evelyn Brucks, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Rennie Conyers, Elizabeth Dawson, Howard Dion (uncle of Judy Finnie), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Mark Fennell, Rick Perre Haley, Christina, Stephanie, Ruth Johnson and Nancy Schloemer (sisters of Kathy McCartin), Mark Sauter, Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Fran Federman, Jim Obenour, Carlyn and Sarah (fighting cancer), Cindy Rock, Jean Rogers (Jim Finnie's aunt), David Rodgers, Karla Schloemer, Brandy (Karen Melick's friend), Vern (friend of Shar and Frank Dluhy), Pat Williams

Special: Gracious Lord, You overflow with mercy, seeking the lost and rejoicing when they are found. Thank You for Your abundant grace. Help us live in it and extend it to others. • Lord, when we see violence in our nation, when young people die long before their time—whether in their schools, on public transportation, or at gatherings meant for open and honest conversation—or when people live in fear simply because they are immigrants, our hearts ache. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Thwart those with evil intent or hatred in their hearts, and make us instruments of Your peace. • 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



Coming this Fall: Worthy Is the Lamb Visitation Campaign

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" — Revelation 5:12

PRAYER FOR VISITATION TEAMS: *God bless these servants of the Lamb as they engage people in conversation and prayer.*

The Worthy Is the Lamb campaign is about to begin. Visitors have been trained to connect with Prince of Peace families with a personal visit, whether that be in a home, over coffee, or a quiet place at church. Worthy Is the Lamb is a spiritual invitation to grow in faith, deepen our relationships, and expand God's kingdom together as people meet for prayer and conversation, celebrating God's work among us, and praying for the future. Please keep this initiative in your prayers.

Would you like to be among the first visited? Call the office at 407-277-3945 or email staff@poporlando.com. This campaign of prayer, sharing, and visitation will run through November 23, Christ the King Sunday.

Join Breeze—Stay Connected with Our Church Family • Breeze is our secure online church management platform that helps you stay connected and engaged with our community. Simple instructions for church members: (1) Visit poporlando.breezechms.com (2) Click “Create Account” (3) Enter your name and email address (we’ll match this with our records) (4) Check your email for next steps to complete your setup. Access through the web at poporlando.breezechms.com, or mobile app by downloading Breeze from the app store (look for the Breeze logo).



September Anniversaries

September 2 – Philip & Donna Wessel
September 3 – Jose & Nina Rojas
September 4 – Douglas & Hilda Polkosky
September 13 – Jack Riegle & Tina Hamilton
September 14 – Merle & Julie Kroeplin

*In Remembrance: Otto & Joan Krumpholtz would've made 61 years.
Rick & Linda Burns would've made 52 years.*



September Birthdays

September 1 – Connie Lerchen
Jen Hoge
September 5 – Nancy Plotnikoff
September 6 – Anthony Ramirez
September 9 – Philip Chang
September 11 – Madilyn Swanson
Cindy Sibly
Julie Kroeplin
Tina Hamilton
September 12 – Jack Riegle
September 14 – Gloria Groome
September 15 – Rachel Jespersen
Raya Pokigo
September 17 – Pam Fuller
September 18 – Bill Weaver
Richard Bak
September 19 – John Buchbach Jr.
Benigno Santos
September 20 – Diego Atilano Mejias

September 21 – Don Mathews
September 25 – Brooks Ingersoll
John Holysz
September 26 – Elizabeth Green
September 28 – Raylan Long
Paul Browne
September 30 – Cherie Nocks

*In Remembrance: Gail Eaton would've turned 77 years old.
James Lord would've been 86 years old.*



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