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Weekly News 02/08/2026 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Today: "What Are We and What Are We Doing Here" • Titus 3:3-8; Luke 19:1-10 • Jesus is on a mission to restore and redeem *all* people, in short because God wants His world back. Jesus calls us to follow Him and look for people who need God's love. Jesus is already at work, and He has us right where He wants us in our neighborhoods and community. While we can't save people, we can love them where they are and have joy in participating in Jesus' redemptive mission.

Our Guest Speaker this weekend is Pastor Greg Finke, author of the "Joining Jesus" book series. Pastor Finke leads Dwelling 1:14, a ministry that comes alongside pastors and leaders to help them intentionally disciple their people to join Jesus on His mission in the places they already live, work and go to school. Pastor Finke will also be leading our adult Bible class this morning.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026_02_08-Epiphany-5.pdf

Sunday Nursery • 9:00am • While our 9:00am nursery is not staffed, but parents are welcome to use this space with their children, providing their own supervision, and watching the livestream.

11:00am • Our trained, background-checked volunteer will continue caring for children ages 6 months to 5 years during the 11:00am services. See DCE Eric for more information!

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am • This week our leader is Pastor Greg Finke author of the "Joining" books. Next week Jim Essig will resume teaching, and we will resume our study of 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. Start the new year with us this Wednesday!

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

Sundays! Young Adult Group (ages 20 to 30) • The Young Adult Bible Study meets Sundays 12:30pm till 2pm. Led by Jordan Zarecki and Abby Green, they spend time connecting and reading Bible-based discussions over lunch.

Altar Flowers • Sponsor Sunday Altar Flowers 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>.

Stay Connected by Getting the E-blasts from Prince of Peace! • News and Updates on Wednesdays, Weekly News on Saturdays, and special features. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/poporlando-sign-up>

PoP Preschool • Do you know someone looking for an amazing preschool for their child? We have openings in select classes at Prince of Peace. Invite them to contact Prince of Peace (407) 275-6703 to find out more!

Souper Bowl of Caring - Donate Now! • Today is our annual Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser to help support the Prince of Peace Food Pantry. Each month our food pantry provides groceries to nearly 500 families every month (representing 23,768 people throughout the year). Please continue to pray for our Food Pantry and consider donating to its ministry by check, envelope, or online at <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/souperbowl>

Volunteers Needed for Youth & Family Ministry • We are seeking help in two Youth & Family Ministry roles: Nursery Attendants (care for ages 6 months–5 years during the 11:00 am service; about once a month, with hope to expand to 9:00 am) and Middle School Sunday School Teacher(s) (grades 6–8, Sundays 10:00–10:45 am; curriculum provided). A background check is required. If you're interested contact DCE Eric Gerken.

Broadway Youth Spirit Night: Tuesday February 10 at 5:00pm • At the Spirit Nights, all dine in and take out orders placed between 5:00pm-8:00pm that mention PoP Youth will result in a percentage being donated back to our students. Come join your church family for pizza, pasta, subs, salads and other delicious Italian fare. (1700 Woolco Way)

PoP Kids at Astro Skate on Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 • We will be joining with groups from all over Orlando to skate to Christian music at Astro. Skating and skate rental are \$7 a person, and parents who are not skating are able to enter for free to watch their kids. Concessions will be available for purchase but are not included in the admission price. Kids, please wear your PoP Kids t-shirts. Astro Skate is located at 866 S. Goldenrod.

First Communion Workshop for Children 3rd Grade & Older – Saturday, March 7: 9:30am – Advanced

Registration required • First Communion Workshop will be held Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 am–noon, preparing students to receive the Lord's Supper through age-appropriate lessons on the Sacraments, the Institution and Nature of the Lord's Supper, how to receive it worthily, and a simple craft reminder. Students must be at least 3rd grade (ages may range through middle or high school), and those planning to receive First Communion in an English service will do so on Sunday, March 8. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f58dbc>

Vacation Bible Camp Is June 8-12 • RAINFOREST FALLS: Kids age 4- Grade 5 are invited to join us for this Amazon adventure as we explore the Nature of God! What is God like? Who is God? Can we trust him? These and other questions will be answered as kids enjoy crafts, games, music, science projects, skits, snacks and more during our annual Vacation Bible Camp. It is a FREE event, and we meet daily from 9:00am-Noon during Camp week.



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Fruits of Faith

Sunday, February 1 (brrrr)

9:00 am Traditional: 82 | 11:00am Contemporary: 60 | 11:00am español: 51 | TOTAL: 193

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

January 11 offerings \$29,429 (includes contribution from an individual's IRA)

January 18 offerings \$ 9,379

January 25 offerings \$27,176 (includes special contribution individual's business partnership)

February 1 offerings \$11,584

Needed each week: \$13,653

For 2026, would you be in a more favorable tax position if you 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) that can benefit Prince of Peace without those dollars being included in your taxable income. Learn more 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 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>.

PRAYERS – To add someone to this list or update us on their status, please email prayers@poporlando.com.

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for Peg Green and her sister Cindy Conner at the death of their dad, Joe Heinz. Joe lived with Peg & Pastor Ken and their family after moving to Orlando in 2020. • We continue to pray that Jesus would comfort and all those who grieve—especially the several families of our congregation who have recently lost loved ones: *Lord Jesus, you are the one who has victory over death, and you have given us a life that will never end. Comfort those who grieve and remind all Your people that You are the resurrection and the life, and You will raise us up on the last day.*

Receiving Care through Hospice: Jim Flynn, Merle Kroeplin, Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law)

Hospitalized: Shirley Stockett, Gwen Taliver | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Karen Melick, Muriel Pedersen, Julio Aviles (hip replacement), Stephanie Carbonell, Paul Divan, Jim Ingersoll, Susanne Johnson, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o)

granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Stephen Monroe (friend of Carrie Tedford), Jeff Powell, Pete Spudich (now in Tuscarilla), James Stanley, Maggie Steinke, Gene Terrenova, Zaida Vargas, Carla Warnock

Receiving Treatments: Jayson Gerken, Everett Baker, Tim Smith (friend of the Pirinos), Erica Aviles (DIL of Julio Aviles), Sarah Von Braun, Sylvia & Maurice Bourgeois (Judy Finnie's sister and BIL), Mark Cotton (Judy Finnie's nephew), Bob Denton, 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, Ruth Tellez (relative of Sonia Tellez), Amber Vittone, Debbie W, Brenda Williams

Healing and Strength: Dan May (husband of Dana Youtz), Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, , Ron Bledsoe, Deaconess Ligia Borges, Rebecca Brooks, Linda Dicks, Sarah Dierking, Bob & Virderie Eldredge, Judy & Jim Finnie, Daryl Flynn, Louanne Fussell, Michael Halstead, Ron Howard (Gwen Taliver's son-in-law), Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Jerry Jordan, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Raya Pokigo, Raven, Miriam Rivera, Sheila Roberts, Pam Robertson, Nitza Rohena, Rex Serio, Angie Shroyer, Hannah Steinbronn, Carmen & Juan, Rosalee Wessel, Ted Wessel, Betty Wienrich, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

Continued Care: Pat C., Kelly DeFretas, Al Dicks, Bob E, Linda House, Linda Jackson, Bill Jordan, Otto Krumpholc, Mary K.M, Micki LoBue, Connie Lerchen, Mario Muniz, Todd O, Betty Schnell, Michael, Noel, & Roger V; Jerry Warnock

Family & Friends: Judy, mother of Susan Finke, Michelle S. Chapman's mother (cancer), Rob and Lori Angus, Everette B., Delores B, Michael B, Evelyn Brucks, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Rennie Conyers, Elizabeth Dawson, Howard Dion (uncle of Judy Finnie), Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Steven Dorsagano, John Elmore, Amanda Fearce, Joanne (Jeanette Gabay's sister), Rick Perre Haley, Christina, Stephanie, Joanne, Ruth Johnson and Nancy Schloemer (sisters of Kathy McCartin), Vesta & Mark Sauter (aunt and uncle of Leah McCormack), Rex Seeds (friend of Barbara Hahn), Matthew, Michael, Samantha, Jason, Daniel Baudry, Fran Federman, Jim Obenour, Carolyn 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, Karen Wahl, Fred Thomas, Eric Shrievies (partner of Lynn Olglesby)

Special: Lord Jesus, you are at work everywhere around us as you bring about Your redemptive plan in the lives of people. Let Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see where You are at work. Move in our hearts to have Your compassion. Move us to join You in Your mission. • We pray for our nation, that the Lord would heal our divisions. Help us to walk the non-violent ways of Jesus. We pray for our world, torn apart by wars, violence, and hatred: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord Have mercy. • 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 Prayers – We give thanks for our Preschool, the children and families that we serve, and our wonderful staff. We pray that the Lord will draw more families to enroll their children in our Preschool so we would be able to share His love with more and more people and see lives transformed. Please keep include our Preschool in your personal prayers.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18

LENTEN THEME:

O God our Help our Hope

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* 1 John 5:14

Ash Wednesday - February 18

11:00am Traditional Service (light lunch to follow)
7:00pm Miércoles de ceniza (Spanish worship)

The Lenten season helps us focus our attention on our need for repentance and to turn toward the redemptive mercy and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus. The sign of ashes speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, marking the penitence of the Christian community. The sign of Cross reminds us of the lengths to which Jesus would go to redeem us and makes us God's own. The 11am service will have a light lunch to follow.

Watch for more information about an English worship option at 6:00pm for Ash Wednesday.

Midweek Lenten Services at 11am *Midweek Lenten Worship dates: Wednesdays February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25* / Each Wednesday at 11:00 am we will gather for worship and prayer in the Sanctuary. As we worship Jesus, the Lamb of God that was slain we focus our attention on our need for repentance and to turn toward the redemptive mercy and forgiveness that is ours through Jesus.

February Anniversaries

February 11 – Michael & Shara Osiro
February 29 – Ron & Nancy Spohn

*In Remembrance: February 21 – Jeff & Pam Robertson
would've made 39 years together*



February Birthdays

February 1 – Julianne Wiegand
February 3 – Jazlyn Kalinoski
February 4 – Shara Osiro
February 5 – Christopher Stork
February 6 – Silquia Velez
 Jeffrey Dowling Sr
 Annie Martinez
February 7 – Kinley Seyfert
 Matthew Lopez
February 9 – Kristi Armstrong
February 10 – Curtis Harris
February 12 – Tom Ludwig
 Sophia Ait Daoud
February 15 – Priscilla Brown
February 17 – Hilda Polkosky
 Janet Ludwig
February 18 – Merle Kroeplin

February 19 – Daniel Evangelista
February 23 – Elvi Lord
February 24 – Linda Dicks
February 25 – Kay Ann Richards
 Joseph Koenig
February 26 – David Acuna
February 27 – Orion James
February 28 – Charlotte Vargas Bonilla

*In Remembrance: February 1 – Kent Jespersen
would've turned 76 years old.
February 8 – Eleanor Eaton would've turned 100
years old.
February 26 – Dennis Glander would have turned 91*



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

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