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## Weekly News 03/01/2026      Second Sunday in Lent

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**Today: “Jesus Encounters: Nicodemus” • John 3:1-17; Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17** • To encounter Jesus is to see signs of God at work—and to discover that something deeper is needed. Drawn by the signs, Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. There, Jesus reveals God’s kingdom plan: no one can see the kingdom unless they are born from above, born of water and the Spirit. What does the kingdom of God look like? Keep your eyes on Jesus, and like Nicodemus you’ll be carried by the Spirit all the way to the cross where there is new life, deliverance, and blessing.

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

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026\\_03\\_01-Trad-Lent-2.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026_03_01-Trad-Lent-2.pdf)

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**Lenten Devotional Available: O’ God our Help our Hope** • Our Lenten devotions are available for pick up before or after worship, and you can also download a copy at <https://bit.ly/pop-lent-devotion-2026>

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**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!

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**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 am** • This week Jim Essig is back teaching and will guide a discussion integrating what we have learned about Joining Jesus on His Mission. Next week we will resume our study of the Gospel of John. Classes are in the Music Room during our 10:00 am Education Hour.

**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!

**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/>
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**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.

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**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>.

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**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!

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**“Baby Bottle” Campaign for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry** • Today the ladies of LWML will be handing out baby bottles after worship. Pick one up and fill it with checks, cash, or spare change to support Redeeming Life. Their ministry serves pregnant women in crisis, resulting in healthy babies and transformed lives. The support of congregations like PoP/PdeP is vital! <https://www.rlom.org/>

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**Cornerstone University Chorale Concert, Saturday, March 7, 7:00pm** • The Cornerstone University Chorale is coming back to Prince of Peace again, with a concert on Saturday evening, March 7, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The Chorale been here two previous times in recent years, and their artistry and spiritual depth were remarkable. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be collected. *A great opportunity to invite someone to attend with you!*

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**Lunch & Zilch • Thursday, March 19 at 11:30am** • Another Lunch and Zilch! Bring along some friends to have some fun, win, and enjoy lunch. You can RSVP to Jim Essig no later than Monday, March 16. Remember there is a \$10 suggested donation to cover lunch and the prizes. jim.essig@poporlando.com | (407)446-7147

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**Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29 from 3:30-5:30pm** • Bring the kids or grandkids to hear the Easter story, hunt for eggs, create some fun crafts, play some games and more! It is fun for the whole family. Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets. Information coming soon about donating candy and volunteering for this popular community event. Contact DCE Eric for more information.

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**First Communion Workshop for Children 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older – Next Saturday, March 7, 9:30am • Register today** • First Communion Workshop will be held Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 am–noon, preparing students to receive the Lord’s Supper. Those planning to receive First Communion in an English service will do so on Sunday, March 8. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f58dbc>

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**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.

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**Vacation Bible Camp Is June 8-12** • RAINFOREST FALLS: For kids age 4- grade 5, this Amazon adventure will explore the Nature of God: What is God like? Who is God? Can we trust him? Kids will enjoy crafts, games, music, science projects, skits, snacks during the FREE camp that will meet daily from 9:00am-Noon that week.

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**Thrivent Choice Dollar Deadline is March 31** • 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. Thank you to those who have supported our ministry through directing your Choice Dollars to PoP.

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## **Fruits of Faith**

**Sunday, February 15**

**9:00 am Traditional: 117 | 11:00am Contemporary: 60 | 11:00am español: 55 | TOTAL: 232**

**Mid-week Lenten worship, Wednesday, February 25**

**11:00 am Traditional: 37**

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

February 1 offerings \$11,584

February 8 offerings \$12,089

February 15 offerings \$ 9,174

February 22 offerings \$ 9,017

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>.

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**PRAYERS** – *To add someone to this list or update us on their status, please email [prayers@poporlando.com](mailto:prayers@poporlando.com).*

**Prayers of Comfort:** *Jesus, 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 Kroepelin, Betty Chambers (mother of Pam Ingersoll), Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché’s sister-in-law)

**Hospitalized:** Nancy Schloemer (sister of Kathy McCartin) | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Gerry & Carla Warnock, Stephanie Carbonell, Paul Divan, Jim Ingersoll, Susanne Johnson, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Karen Melick, Stephen Monroe (friend of Carrie Tedford), Muriel Pedersen, Jeff Powell, Pete Spudich (now in Tusawilla rehab), James Stanley, Maggie Steinke, Gene Terranova, Zaida Vargas

**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 DeFrietas, 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,** 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 (sister 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, 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, Karen Wahl, Fred Thomas, Eric Shrieves (partner of Lynn Olglesby)

**Special:** Lord Jesus, Light in our darkness, draw us to Yourself. Through Your Spirit, give us new birth from above. Keep our eyes fixed on You, and carry us to Your cross, where life and blessing flow. • We pray for our nation, that the Lord would heal our divisions. Help us to live as those called to "love our neighbors" in word and deed. Lead us to honor Christ and model for others how to listen, discuss, disagree and yet do so respectfully and in love for our God and one another. • 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.

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**LENTEN THEME:**

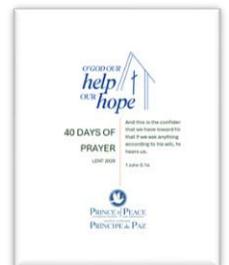
***O God our Help our Hope***

***"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

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. Our observance of Lent prepares us to celebrate the victory and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

**Midweek Lenten Services at 11am • Midweek Lenten Worship dates: Wednesdays 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 worship Jesus, our help and only hope, we not only focus our attention on our need for repentance, but we call out to Jesus who has the power to help us and whose Spirit fills us with the expectation that He will hear us, answer us, and grant us what is according to His perfect will.

**Devotional** • Once again this year we are offering a devotion available for the Prince of Peace - Príncipe de Paz community to renew us in a renewable, sustainable vision. The purpose of our 40 days of prayer is to seek God's guidance to lead us to be faithful to His calling to be a Christ-centered, multicultural church inspired by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to engage the community with God's grace and love.



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## **March Anniversaries**

March 17 – Prescilla & Michael Brown  
March 19 – Joe & Lisa Suggs  
March 21 – Jim & Tamera Reynolds  
March 22 – Bob & Julie Gilbert  
March 23 – Bill & Teresa Jordan  
March 24 – Michael & Danielle Frostrom



*In Remembrance: March 28 – Ron & Peg Henderson would've made 62 years together*

## **March Birthdays**

March 2 – Karin Hart-Wilson  
Pirosca Berroa  
March 3 – Carla Warnock  
March 6 – Michael Vokovich  
March 7 – Cathy Oeltjen  
March 9 – Gavin Browning  
Sarah del Rio  
Lance Ingersoll  
March 10 – Kurt Bickel  
Raven Johnson  
March 12 – Jeanette Gabay  
Joan Torres  
March 13 – Peg Green  
March 14 – Ella Dowling  
March 15 – Alberto Crane  
March 16 – Becky Fry  
March 17 – David Ault  
Shawn Dobbins  
Gayle Hashagen  
Kathy McCartin  
Rose O'Neil  
Karen Seyfert  
Sonia Tellez

March 20 – Joshula Flowers  
Joseph Nichols  
Jackie Robertson  
Carol Steinbronn  
March 22 – Roberta Weaver  
March 24 – Bryan Burns  
Billy Embach  
March 25 – Linda House  
Ligia Borges  
March 26 – Carol Bickel  
March 27 – Moises Borges  
Pam Armitage  
March 28 – Everly Dowling  
Aaron Long  
Carlos Montanez  
Michael Osiro  
March 29 – Carol Soto  
John Moore  
March 30 – Jeff Powell  
Jessica Long  
March 31 – Felix Santos  
John I'Anson

*In remembrance: Janet Velez would have turned 60 years old on March 3.*



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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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