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## Weekly News 03/15/2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Today: "Jesus Encounters: A Man Born Blind" • John 9:1–41; Isaiah 42:14–21; Ephesians 5:8–14** • Jesus is the One who sees what others miss. As He passes by, Jesus sees a man blind from birth, a man others overlook but whom God has not forgotten. When Jesus encounters him, his life is turned right-side up—his eyes are opened, the works of God are revealed, and God is glorified. In this sign, Jesus shows that He is the Light of the world, the One sent to open blind eyes. *Who would you say Jesus is? Ask Him to open your eyes to see Him clearly at work, so that you not only encounter God's love, but that the work of God may also be displayed in you.*

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

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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, 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** • 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.

**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/>

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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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**Easter Lilies:** It's time to order Easter lilies to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Day. Please fill out the online form with payment or contact the church office. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/lilies>

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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 – Bottles Due Sunday, March 29** • Pick up a bottle 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!

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**Don't forget to RSVP by Monday, March 16 for Lunch & Zilch** • Lunch and Zilch is dated Thursday, March 19 at 11:30am. Bring along some friends to have some fun, win, and enjoy lunch. Remember there is a suggested \$10 donation to cover lunch and the prizes. [jim.essig@poporlando.com](mailto: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. Contact DCE Eric for more information.

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**We Need your Help for our Easter Egg Hunt Event** – We are expecting hundreds of families, and we need your help to share the Good News about Jesus with them. We are looking for candy and financial donations as well as volunteers who can help with the day of the event. Please fill out our online volunteer form or you can also find it located in the Narthex and FLC. Contact DCE Eric for more information. | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/f1ee74>

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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, March 8**

**9:00 am Traditional: 113 | 11:00am Contemporary: 54 | 11:00am Español: 79 | TOTAL: 246**

**Mid-week Lenten worship, Wednesday, March 11**

**11:00 am Traditional: 40**

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

February 15 offerings \$ 9,174

February 22 offerings \$ 9,017

March 1 offerings \$16,396

March 8 offerings \$ 8,730

**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 donate 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:** We pray for Julie Kroeplin and family at the loss of her husband, Merle, who went to his heavenly home on Friday, March 13. • We pray for newer members Eric & Amy Sahlberg at the death of Eric's father, Eric Sahlberg, Sr. We pray for Eric's mother, Sue Sahlberg, as she grieves the loss of her husband. • We lift up Chris and Kristen Ivanic at the sudden and unexpected death of Chris' brother Adam, who lived with them. | *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:** Betty Schnell, Betty Chambers (mother of Pam Ingersoll), Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law), Carla Warnock

**Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Nancy Schloemer (sister of Kathy McCartin), 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), Jeff Powell, Pete Spudich (now in Tuscawilla rehab), James Stanley, 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:** Nitza Rohena, Dan May (husband of Dana Youtz), Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, , Ron Bledsoe, Deaconess Ligia Borges, Rebecca Brooks, Linda Dicks, Sarah Dierking, 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, 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 Krumpholtz, 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 Oglesby)

**Special:** Lord Jesus, You see us in our need even when others pass us by. Open our eyes by Your light, that we may see who You truly are and live to display Your saving work. Amen. • Eternal God, whose steadfast love never ends, we ask that you look upon the nations now engaged in war and hasten the day of peace. Look in mercy on those exposed to peril, conflict, sickness and death; and show compassion to the dying. Let your protection be upon all those who are in the service of our nation. Guard them from all danger and harm; sustain and comfort those at home, especially in hours of anxiety, loneliness, and sorrow. • We pray for a world in crisis and in need of God's redemption: 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 – Class of the Month (March/April):** This month we pray for our friends in the VPK Lions (4year olds) –We ask the Lord to keep Mrs. Martinez and the little ones in His constant care and to pour out His blessings upon their families.

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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

**Midweek Lenten Services at 11am • March 18, March 25 •** Jesus, our help and our hope, is with us. He calls us to leave behind old ways and to walk in the new life He gives. The Spirit calls us to repentance and fills us with peace and hope as we live in the Father's love.

**Devotional •** Our devotional for 40 days of prayer guides us as the Spirit is at work in us.

#### **Holy Week Services**

##### ***Palm Sunday, March 29 – Regular Worship Time Schedule***

***9am – Traditional | Sanctuary***

***11am – Contemporary | FLC***

***11am – Adoración del Domingo de Ramos | Templo***

##### ***Maundy Thursday, April 2 – 6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary***

***7:30pm Culto del Jueves Santo | Templo***

##### ***Good Friday, April 3– 11am Traditional Worship | Sanctuary***

***6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary***

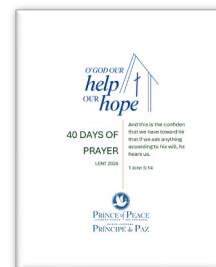
***7:30pm Culto del Viernes Santo | Templo***

##### ***Easter Sunday, April 5 – 6:30am SONrise Service | Memorial Garden/Courtyard***

***9:00am Traditional Festival Worship | Sanctuary***

***11:00am Contemporary Worship | FLC***

***11:00am Pascua de Resurrección | Templo***



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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  
March 30 – Bob & Virderie Eldredge



*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  
Ali Quinones Santana  
Mason Lorne  
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  
Francisco Peralta  
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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