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Weekly News 03/29/2026 Palm Sunday

Today: "Jesus Encounters: Love and Hate" • John 12:12-43; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11 • Jerusalem is filled with crowds who have come for the Passover, and many are looking for Jesus because of the signs that point to Him as the Messiah. Some greet Him with shouts of praise, hailing Him as the One who comes to save. Others, especially the religious leaders, look for a way to silence Him. Still others believe, yet remain hidden. Into this tension Jesus enters, for the hour has come for Him to go to the cross, to lay down His life and rise again. As He comes to you, how will you encounter Him—in praise, in hesitation, or in rejection?

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2026_03_29-Trad-Palm-Sunday.pdf

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>

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!

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.odp.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.

Easter Lilies: We're approaching the deadline for ordering 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 \$20 per plant | <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/lilies>

Today is the LAST day to drop off "Baby Bottle" Campaign for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry • This ministry serves pregnant women in crisis, resulting in healthy babies and transformed lives. The support of congregations like PoP/PdeP is vital!

Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt TODAY at 3:30pm-5:30pm • Do not forget to attend our annual Easter egg hunt at 3:30pm today! Families are invited to come hear the Easter story, search for eggs, play carnival games for prizes, make Easter crafts, and more! Spread the word and share the information with all families and friends.

LWML Collecting Eyeglasses Until September 13 for Future Mission Trip • LWML will be collecting all types of eyeglasses/readers until September 13th for their Mission trip to Africa. There are containers located in the narthex and family life center

Holy Week Worship Schedule

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

*** Spanish worship – 6:30pm Seder meal** | Family Life Center

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

6pm Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

7:30pm Culto Español | Templo

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 6:30am SONrise Service | Memorial Garden

9:00am Traditional Festival Worship | Sanctuary

11:00am Contemporary Worship | FLC

11:00am Pascua de Resurrección | Templo

Church & Preschool Offices Closed – Easter Monday, April 6 • The church and preschool offices are closed for Monday, April 6 in observance of Easter.

Lutheran Haven Spring Flea Market – Saturday, April 18 at 8:00am • Check out the Lutheran Haven Spring Flea Market this year! Clothing, appliances, artwork, collectibles, antiques and more! This event is sponsored by Lutheran Haven Auxiliary to benefit Lutheran Haven Assisted Living and Memory care residents. (2041 W State Rd 426, Oviedo)

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.

🌿 Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible Camp — Registration is OPEN! 🌿

📅 Mark your Calendars and Join us: June 8–12 for an exciting tropical adventure designed for kids Age 4–Grade 5 (including rising 6th graders)! Kids will explore God's creation and discover the "Nature of God" through games, crafts, science experiments, music, skits, snacks, and creative Bible stories.

🕒 Daily Schedule: 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

🎉 Includes group opening & closing (parents welcome to join at closing!)

📖 Each child receives a Book of Psalms + FREE T-shirt

🌿 Age-based groups for a fun, age-appropriate experience:

- Preschool (Age 4, not yet in kindergarten)
- Elementary (Completed K–5th Grade)

🕒 Limited Space Available! Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

👉 Register now: <https://vbspro.events/p/ed3884>

Contact DCE Eric with any questions at eric.gerken@poporlando.com



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 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.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am Traditional: 147 | 11:00am Contemporary: 60 | 11:00am Español: 82 | TOTAL: 289

Mid-week Lenten worship, Wednesday, March 25

11:00 am Traditional: 35

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

March 1 offerings \$16,396

March 8 offerings \$ 8,730

March 15 offerings \$10,725

March 22 offerings \$12,750

Needed each week: \$13,653

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

Prayers of Comfort: We ask the Lord to comfort Jerry Warnock at the death of his wife, Carla. • *Jesus, comfort all those who grieve and remind Your people that You are the resurrection and the life, and You will raise us up on the last day.*

Receiving Care through Hospice: Paul Divan, Betty Schnell, Betty Chambers (mother of Pam Ingersoll), Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law)

Upcoming surgery: Jeff Powell | Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Fran Primics, Chris Bain, Nitza Rohena, Nancy Schloemer, Stephanie Carbonell, Jim Ingersoll, Susanne Johnson, Sabina Lakhan, Ava Lindsey (12 y-o granddaughter of Chris & Vicki Stork), Karen Melick, Paul Mohabir (brother of Sanita Bhairo), Stephen Monroe (friend of Carrie Tedford), Pete Spudich, James Stanley, Gene Terranova

Receiving Treatments: Zaida Vargas, 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: Jan Vokovich, Dan May (husband of Dana Youtz), Karen Adkins, Dave & Mary Ann Ault, Ron Bledsoe, Rebecca Brooks, Linda Dicks, Sarah Dierking, Judy & Jim Finnie, Daryl Flynn, Louanne Fussell, Michael Halstead, Pam Ingersoll, Chris & Kristen Ivanic, Jerry Jordan, Larry Martinez, Michael McCarty, Maddie, Tausha Miller, Camille Neville, Raya Pokigo, Raven, Miriam Rivera, Sheila Roberts, 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; Michael, Noel, & Roger Vokovich; Jerry Warnock

Family & Friends: Alfredo (recovering from a serious car accident), 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 Gabay, 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, as You enter Jerusalem and draw near to us, guard our hearts from fear and pride. Lead us to receive You with faith, to follow You to the cross, and to honor You as our King. • 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.

March Anniversaries

March 16 – Richard & Lynn McQuiston
March 17 – Prescilla & Michael Brown
March 18 – Dale & Carol Fennell
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.



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

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