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Weekly News 04/12/2026 2nd Sunday of Easter

Today: "Easter, Beyond the Grave" • John 20:19-31; Acts 5:20-42; 1 Peter 1:3-9 • Have you ever missed out on something—a moment, a gathering, an event that was truly life-changing? Thomas did. On that first Easter evening, Jesus appears to the disciples: He speaks His peace, breathes on them the Holy Spirit, and shows them His hands and side. He is alive. But Thomas is not there. He misses it—but he is not left out. A week later, Jesus comes again and goes straight to him, inviting him to see and believe. In the same way, Jesus does not leave us behind in fear or doubt. Though we do not see Him, the Holy Spirit is with us—opening our hearts not only to believe, but to live.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2026_04_12-Trad-Easter-2.pdf

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.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.

Pick Up Your Easter Lilies Today! • Thank you to all those who made contributions to the Easter Lilies that made our worship during Easter so beautiful. **If you have not already done so, you may pick up your lilies from the courtyard.** Thank you again to all who helped to beautify our worship spaces through your gifts.

Altar Flowers – anytime • 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>

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

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)

Broadway Youth Spirit Night: Tuesday April 14 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)

Easter Lilies 2026 • Thank you to all those who helped beautify our worship of Our Risen Lord.
May He bring comfort, peace, and life to all.

Karen Adkins – In memory of mom and dad (Peggy & Al). We miss you every day. Have a great Easter with my Jeff, his first Easter in Heaven. Love you

Ellen Boogher – in memory of Chuck Boogher

Donna Browne – In memory of Charles, Eleanor and Gail Eaton and David Browne, Sr.

Paul Browne – In celebration to the Glory of God

Barabara Conyers – in memory of family members

Louanne Fussell – in memory of Larry Fussell, 25 years in Heaven, 04/25/2001

Pastor Ken & Peg Green - in memory of our mothers, Joanne Green and Elke Heinz, and Peg's dad, Joe Heinz

Steve & Kathy Hudson – In memory of our son Brad, Kathy's sister Pam, and our parents.

David & Linda House – In memory of loved ones

Ken & Judy Holzscheiter – In memory of loved ones

Jerry & Donna Lemcke – In memory of all our brothers and sisters who have gone to be with Jesus.

Elvi Lord – In memory of loved ones

Laurlei Kolvitz – In memory of Gene & Marla Kolvitz

Julie Kroepin – In memory of Merle Kroepin and in celebration of a life well lived – thanks be to God

Maria Masas – In memory of Jimmy Barrera

Kathy McCartin – In memory of husband Ron McCartin and parents Ray and Ethel Schloemer

Gerry & Debbie Noss – In memory of our relatives who celebrate heavenly birthdays & in celebration of our Savior's resurrection

Chris & Vicky Stork – in memory of Gloria White, John and Joyce White and Lucille Dorman

Sonia Tellez – In loving memory of loved ones

Mike & Judy Tencza – in memory of our parents

Gwen Taliver – In celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ

Joan Torres – in memory of loved ones and in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Zaida Torres – In memory of Bud & Celeste Youtz

Preschool Accreditation • Our preschool is currently undergoing the National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA) Gold Seal process, the highest accreditation a preschool in Florida can receive, with the Validation Team visiting April 12-14. Please keep this important visit in your prayers and join us for dinner with the preschool staff and team in the Family Life Center on Monday, April 13, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Please RSVP to Adriana in the church office at (407) 277-3945.

Help Care for Furry Friends • Kendall Holysz is looking for volunteers to help feed five feral cats behind the Bickel Building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning April 21 through the end of October. If you would like to lend a helping hand and support the care of these cats, please contact Kendall Holysz at 407-766-7296.

Rainforest Falls Donations Needed • A Sign-Up Genius with supplies needed for our various stations will be shared soon, but in the meantime, we are already collecting items as decorations are being built. Needed items include paper towel tubes, larger tubes (such as wrapping paper tubes or anything up to carpet roll size), large boxes, empty cereal boxes, brown packing paper, umbrellas of any size or color (even broken ones are welcome and will not be returned), and Styrofoam medical coolers. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated as we purchase curriculum materials, t-shirts, and a Book of Psalms for each participant

Fruits of Faith

HOLY WEEK:

Maundy Thursday: 6:00pm Traditional: 52 | 6:30pm Seder Meal: 62 | TOTAL: 118

Good Friday: 11:00am Traditional: 55 | 6:00pm Traditional: 81 | 7:30pm Espanol: 52 | TOTAL: 188

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30am: 45 | 9:00 am Traditional: 185 | 11:00am Contemporary: 96 | 11:00am Español: 130 | TOTAL: 456

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

March 15 offerings \$10,725


March 22 offerings \$12,750


March 29 offerings \$11,172


April 5 offerings \$13,892 **Needed each week: \$13,653**

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!)

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

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

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



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 Ida DeFrietas at the death of her husband, Kelly, this past week. • We continue to pray for the many families from PoP/PdeP that are grieving. *Lord Jesus, You are the Resurrected one. comfort all those who grieve and remind us that You are the resurrection and the life, and You will raise us up on the last day.*

The memorial service for Gene Fresk will be at Newcomer Funeral Home on Saturday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Hospitalized: Nancy Schloemer | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Daryl Flynn, Otto Crumpholc, Chris Bain, Nitza Rohena, 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), Jeff Powell, Tracy Shively, 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, 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, Betty Wienrich, Cricket Winters, Leon W, Linda Zamsky

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

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, Sylvia & Maurice Bourgeois (Judy Finnie's sister and BIL), Mark Cotton (Judy Finnie's nephew), Mike Ritzel (Judy Finnie's nephew), Jean Rogers (Jim Finnie's aunt), 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, David Rodgers, Karla Schloemer, Brandy (Karen Melick's friend), Vern (friend of Shar and Frank Dluhy), Pat Williams, Fred Thomas, Eric Shrieves (partner of Lynn Olglesby)

Special: Risen Lord Jesus, speak Your peace into our fear and meet us in our doubt. Through Your Spirit, lead us to believe, to trust, and to live boldly in Your resurrection life. • Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord Have mercy—on our world...on our nation...on us. Where there are war and violence, we pray for peace. Where there is hunger, help us to share what You have provided. Where there is injustice or oppression, help us walk humbly and boldly with You. Transform us by Your resurrection power. • 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 pray for God's blessings on Anne Dobbins, our Director, and our teachers and staff as they welcome the NLSA Accreditation team for their site visit this week. • Class of the Month (March/April): 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.

April Anniversaries

April 3 – Jerry & Jennifer Ragazinsky
April 12 – William Penner & Susan Fortini
April 13 – Jim & Dianne Essig



April Birthdays

April 2 – Abigail Seyfert
April 3 – Pam Ingersoll
April 5 – Roger Vokovich
April 6 – Grace Muench
April 9 – Hector Vazquez
April 10 – Linda Becker
 Brooke McKinnon
 Don Melick
 Larry Monroe
April 12 – Donna Browne
April 14 – Bob Eldredge
April 17 – James Finnie
 Johanna Jenkins
 Sharleen Jespersen
 Gladys Tejada
April 19 – Peg Henderson
April 21 – Linda I'Anson
April 23 – Daryl Flynn

April 24 – Rebecca Boogher
 Steve Hudson
April 26 – Joel Green
 Maria Monroe
 Laden Fussell
April 27 – Sophie Navarro Romero
 Krista Koenig
April 28 – Tita Staley
 Ena Chang
 Mabel White
April 29 – Sam Borges
In Remembrance: April 28 – Marleen Schmidt would've turned 80 years old



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

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