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## Weekly News 04/19/2026 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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**Today: "Easter, Hearts on Fire" • Luke 24:13-35; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25** • Have you ever walked away feeling defeated—almost as if all hope had slipped through your fingers? The two disciples on the road to Emmaus knew that feeling: “We had hoped...” In the midst of doubt and despair—when their hope had all but died—Jesus came to them and walked alongside them, opening the Scriptures. He set their hearts ablaze even before He was revealed in the breaking of the bread. Jesus, our risen Lord, still comes to us today and meets us where we are. He reignites faith and hope in us and sends us to share that hope with others.

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

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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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**Altar Flowers** • 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>

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**Easter Lilies 2026** • Thank you to all those who helped beautify our worship of Our Risen Lord. You can view the list of sponsors online: <https://poporlando.com/weeklynews/week-of-april-5-2026/#easter-lilies-2026>

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**LWML Collecting Eyeglasses Until September 13 for Future Mission Trip** There are containers located in the narthex and family life center for you to drop off your old glasses.

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**Support LWML Missions:** The FLGA District LWML is falling short of their mission grant goal. Our PoP group will be helping raise additional funds with raffle baskets after church this week and next (\$2 per ticket, 3 for \$5). Next Sunday we will do free will door offering. District Mission Grants awarded totaled \$107,000; \$83,000 have been fully funded.

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**Preschool Re-Accreditation** • Thank you to all those who kept our Preschool in your prayers for our National Lutheran Schools Association site visit. We rejoiced at the 35 people present at the Stakeholder dinner, the engagement by staff and preschool families. The Validation Team highlighted faith-centered teaching, the dedication of Director Anne Dobbins, the care shown by our church and school staff, and the strong relationships between our school and families. We look forward to the Validation Team's final report. **To God alone be the glory!**

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**New to Prince of Peace – Or Newish? Come to Our Upcoming Pastor’s Reception on May 3 at 12:30pm in the FLC** • If you are new to Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz and would like to know more about our unique ministries, come to our Pastors’ Reception May 3, at 12:30pm in the FLC to learn more. Also at the Pastors’ Reception, you can learn more about next steps to getting connected, becoming more engaged, or becoming a member.

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**VBC Rainforest Falls Donations Needed** • We are already collecting items for Bible Camp as decorations are being built. Donation 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. | Signup Genius VBC List: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-63389827-rainforest>

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**PoP Kids Family Day at Capehart Park – Saturday, May 9 at 10:00am** • All families are invited to spend a fun morning in play and fellowship at Capehart Park from 10:00am- Noon. We will meet under a reserved shelter for snacks and fellowship while to kids enjoy the playground and splash pad. This is a also a great opportunity to invite families to a "church event" without overwhelming them. It is a great way for Christian kids and parents to connect for mutual support and encouragement.

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### **Fruits of Faith Sunday, April 12**

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

March 22 offerings	\$12,750	
March 29 offerings	\$11,172	
April 5 offerings	\$13,892	
April 12 offerings	\$ 8,154	<b>Needed each week: \$13,653</b>

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**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.

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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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### **🌿 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>

**Donation List:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-63389827-rainforest>

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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 continue to ask the Lord to comfort Ida DeFrietas at the death of her husband, Kelly. • We 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.*

A brief memorial service for **Carla Warnock** will be held at her graveside at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims this Friday, April 24, at 1:15 p.m.

The memorial service for **Gene Fresk** will be at Newcomer Funeral Home on Saturday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m. Visitation is from 4:00-7:00 p.m. <https://www.newcomerorlando.com/obituaries/gene-fresk>

**New Life:** We rejoice at new life given to Oliver Craig in Holy Baptism this morning. As we welcome Oliver into God's family, we ask the Lord to bless him and his parents, Anna Boogher and Jonathon Craig, all the days of their lives.

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

**Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Nancy Schloemer, Otto Krumpholc, Joanne Hahn, Chris Bain, Nitza Rohena, Stephanie Carbonell, Daryl Flynn, 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, 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, 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, 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, walk with us in our doubt and discouragement. Open the Scriptures to us, set our hearts on fire, and send us with joy to share Your life-giving hope. • We ask the Lord to comfort those who have experienced trauma through man-made and natural disasters. Be with all those who suffer from famine, violence, disease, and oppression. As Your church, make us to be salt and light in our world. • We pray for President Trump, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as all state and local leaders. • 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): VPK Lions (4-year 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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### **Upcoming Events:**

May 3, 12:30pm – Pastors' Reception (Introduction to Prince of Peace for those who are newer)

May 9, 10:00am – PoP Kids Family Day at Capehart Park

May 10, 12:30pm – Mothers Day Luncheon

May 22, 11:00am – VPK Graduation

May 24, 10:30am – Pentecost Combined/Bilingual Worship Celebration (only one worship service)

May 31, 12:30pm – Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (potluck lunch prior)

## **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  
Leah McCormack  
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 l'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*



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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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