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Weekly News 05/03/2026 5th Sunday of Easter

Today: "Easter: Walking the Way" • John 14:1-14; 1 Peter 2:2-10; Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 • Have you ever wondered where life is headed—or how to find your way when the path feels uncertain? On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus speaks words of deep comfort to His disciples: "Let not your hearts be troubled." He does not offer a map, but Himself—"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." In a world filled with competing voices and shifting truths, Jesus invites us to trust Him, to walk with Him, and to find life in Him. And as we follow, we also walk alongside others—bearing witness not only with our words, but with lives shaped by His grace.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026_05_03-Trad-Easter-5.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 Book of Daniel. 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/>

Rite of Confirmation Sunday • Today at our 9:00am service, Adam Glenn Youtz, son of Willie Youtz and Sherene Hassan will take part in the Rite of Confirmation. Adam has spent the last year reviewing Luther's Small Catechism and exploring the basics of the Christian faith and now stands prepared to declare his intention to live his life for Jesus. We are proud of the young man Adam has become and the strong faith that lives inside of him. Please feel free to approach Adam today and offer him your congratulations and encouragement.

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.

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>

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.

New to Prince of Peace – Or Newish? Come to Our Pastor's Reception TODAY 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 TODAY 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. Email staff@poporlando.com to RSVP. P.S. At the Pastors' reception we will have the "miracle of Chick-fil-A" on a Sunday.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4-8 • Let us pray and give thanks to our preschool teachers as this week is teacher appreciation week. We appreciate them for all that they do in being there for the children and teaching them as they grow.

VBC Rainforest Falls Donations Needed • We are already collecting items for Bible Camp as decorations are being built. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated as we purchase curriculum materials, t-shirts, and a Book of Psalms for each participant. **We no longer need large cardboard boxes for Bible camp. Thanks to all who brought some in.** | Signup Genius VBC List: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-63389827-rainforest>

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.

Mother's Day Luncheon – Sunday, May 10 at 12:30pm in the FLC • All families of Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz are invited to the Mother's Day Luncheon prepared and served by the men of the 11am Spanish service. We will have delicious food, special music, and great fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Lunch & Zilch — Thursday, May 14 in the FLC • Join us Thursday, May 14 at 11:30am for lunch and a fun game of Zilch. Invite a friend! Please RSVP by Monday, May 11. A suggested \$10 donation helps cover lunch and prizes. jim.essig@poporlando.com | (407)446-7147

Celebrate Our VPK Graduates! Friday, May 22, 11am • All are invited to join us on Friday, May 22, at 11:00am, as we celebrate all these young people have accomplished as we come to the end of another awesome school year!

SAVE THE DATE: May 24 – only ONE Worship Service – at 10:30am Combined/Bilingual Worship (Day of Pentecost) • Save the date for our combined bilingual worship services where we all gather as one Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz.

Sunday May 31 - Congregational Meeting - Potluck after worship, Meeting at 12:30pm – Election of BOD Members • At the Congregational Meeting, members are elected to the Board of Directors and updates for key ministry initiatives are presented. **Potluck lunch** – last names A-L, please bring a main dish to share; M-Q, a dessert; and R-Z, a side dish or salad

Board of Directors—Slate of Nominees Announced • The Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees for open positions on the Board, as presented by the nominating committee: Kurt Bickel, Paul Browder*, Jason Hoge*, Brooke McKinnon*, and Jordan Zarecki (*indicates incumbent).

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, April 26



9:00 am Traditional: 104 | 11:00am Contemporary: 62 | 11:00am Español: 84 | TOTAL: 287

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


April 5 offerings	\$13,892	
April 12 offerings	\$ 8,154	
April 19 offerings	\$12,570	
April 26 offerings	\$ 8,121	Needed each week: \$13,653


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.


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! 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

 **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>

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

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

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Ellen Ponsford, Joanne Adkins, Nancy Schloemer, Otto Krumpholtz, 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, Kay Minick, 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, 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: Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life. Lead us when we are uncertain, ground us in Your truth, and fill us with Your life, that we may walk with You and guide others to You. Amen. • 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. • Lord, 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.

May Anniversaries

May 4 – David & Cheryl Strauss
May 6 – Chris & Krsiten Ivanic
May 10 – Jason & Jen Hoge
May 11 – Jim & Pam Ingersoll
 Jerry & Donne Lemcke
 John & Numeena Otto
May 12 – Allan & Vanessa Vache
May 15 – Don & Karen Melick
May 19 – John & Bev Courtney
May 20 – Pastor Ken & Peg Green



May Birthdays

May 1 – Adriana Alas
 Michael Frostrom
 Tyler Youtz
May 2 – Nina Rojas
 Gordon Roberts III
May 4 – Jimmy Fuller III
May 5 – Anna Dawson
 Ella McGinley
 Uranie Nelson
May 8 – Anthony Romero
 Bob Weisel
May 9 – Kye Clarke
 Stephen Fussell
 Trey Rothell
May 10 – Cheryl Strauss
May 14 – Pam Robertson
May 15 – Arthur Berroa
May 18 – Kim Davis
May 20 – Katie Wade
May 23 – Camille Neville
 Owen McGinely
May 24 – Danne Essig
 Pam Koenig

May 25 – Janice Glander
May 26 – Reminton Youst

In Remembrance:

*May 6 – Jeff Robertson would've turned 68 years old.
May 15 – Lois Ann Stanhope would've turned 98 years.
May 17 – Kathy McCrary would've turned 69 years old.*



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

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