



<https://www.poporlando.com/connect/>

## Weekly News 05/17/2026 Ascension Sunday

**“Jesus Reigns on High” • Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53** • What comfort do we have in a world filled with uncertainty, fear, and powers beyond our control? On Ascension Sunday, we celebrate that the risen Jesus has not abandoned His people, but reigns on high above all rule, authority, power, and dominion. Ascended into heaven and seated at the Father’s right hand, Christ continues to lead His Church and empower His people through the Holy Spirit. Because Jesus reigns, we live with confidence, peace, and purpose. The Lord who once walked among His disciples now rules over all things and sends us into the world as His witnesses.

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

[https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026\\_05\\_17-Trad-Ascension-Sunday.pdf](https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026_05_17-Trad-Ascension-Sunday.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.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.

**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.

**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!

**Day of Pentecost: May 24 – only ONE Worship Service – at 10:30am Combined/Bilingual Worship** • Join us for our combined bilingual worship services where we all gather as one Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz.

**Church/Preschool offices Closed – Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day** • The church and preschool offices will be closed for Memorial Day, a federal holiday in the U.S for honoring and mourning the U.S Military personnel who have died while serving the United States armed forces.

**Summer Office Hours** • The church office will close at noon on Fridays during June and July. If you need campus access on Friday afternoon, please call ahead to make special arrangements.

**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).

**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 VBC NEEDS YOU!** • We're preparing ahead of time for an amazing week of Vacation Bible Camp and we still need teens and adults to join our volunteer team! Help us share Jesus with up to 120 kids and their families in a fun, faith-filled environment. Securing volunteers now truly helps us plan and prepare for that week. If you've been thinking about helping, this is your sign! | 🙌 Volunteer here: <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/615cba>

**Rainforest Falls Volunteer Team Training on Saturday, May 30<sup>TH</sup> at 10am in the FLC** • Our Rainforest Falls VBC Team will meet in the Family Life Center to go over the main theme points together, learn about safety and emergency procedures, discuss changes in the program this year, meet our teammates, go over remaining supply needs, pray and everything else needed to provide a GREAT Camp! All volunteers who are 18 years old and older will also need to complete a criminal background check form by this time. Any volunteers who cannot attend this meeting will have the opportunity to attend one of two Zoom meetings the following week to catch up.

**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>

🌿 **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>

👉 **Volunteer here:** <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/615cba>

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



**Fruits of Faith**

**Sunday, May 10**

**9:00 am Traditional: 121 | 11:00am Contemporary: 93 | 11:00am Español: 81 | TOTAL: 273**

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

April 19 offerings \$12,570

April 26 offerings \$ 8,121

May 3 offerings \$15,539

May 10 offerings \$ 9,066 **Needed each week: \$13,653**

**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 ask the Lord to comfort the family of Kara Kaess, a mom who died in a car accident just before Mother's Day. Especially we pray for her husband Brian and their two girls as they grieve Kara's death, yet in faith have joy and peace in knowing that she is with Christ.

**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:** Bill Weaver, Ellen Ponsford, Joanne Adkins, Nancy Schloemer, Otto Krumpholtz, Chris Bain, Kay Minick, 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), Betsy Gentry (sister of Jeff Powell), 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:** Jaxon (3 y-o with leukemia, friend of the Melicks); Alfredo (recovering from a serious car accident, relative of Gloria Imhoff), Michelle S. Chapman's mother (cancer), Rob and Lori Angus, Rachael Browne (DIL of Donna Browne), 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:** Ascended Lord Jesus, reign in our hearts and rule over Your Church with grace and power. Strengthen us through Your Holy Spirit to live as Your faithful witnesses with courage, peace, and hope. • God of all power, move those who claim Your holy name to "have the same mindset as Christ Jesus," who "did justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you" (Philippians 2:5, Micah 6:8). • 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:** Our Class of the Month are our 2026 VPK Graduates!

**Congratulations** to Mrs. Martinez and Ms. Debby and their students Ezra, Gheira, John, Oliver, Rogan, Zaid, Amir, Jream, Julian, Laylah, Marlene, and Myah!

## May Anniversaries

May 1 – Karen & Dave Wilson  
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 – 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 12 – Nina Rojas  
May 14 – Pam Robertson  
May 15 – Arthur Berroa  
May 18 – Kim Davis  
May 20 – Katie Wade  
May 23 – Camille Neville  
          Owen McGinley  
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](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)*

---

### **Staff Contacts:**

Rev. Ken Green, Senior Pastor [ken.green@poporlando.com](mailto:ken.green@poporlando.com)  
Rev. Adolfo Borges, Assoc. Pastor [adolfo.borges@poporlando.com](mailto:adolfo.borges@poporlando.com)  
David Ludwig, Jr., Worship & Music [david.ludwig@poporlando.com](mailto:david.ludwig@poporlando.com)  
Deaconess Ligia Borges, Outreach [ligia.morales@poporlando.com](mailto:ligia.morales@poporlando.com)  
DCE Eric Gerken, Families and Youth [eric.gerken@poporlando.com](mailto:eric.gerken@poporlando.com)  
Anne Dobbins, Preschool Director [anne.dobbins@poporlando.com](mailto:anne.dobbins@poporlando.com)

Jim Essig, Senior Adult Ministry [jim.essig@poporlando.com](mailto:jim.essig@poporlando.com)  
Jeanette Gabay, Director of Finance [jeanette.gabay@poporlando.com](mailto:jeanette.gabay@poporlando.com)  
Adriana Alas, Administrative Assist. [adriana.alas@poporlando.com](mailto:adriana.alas@poporlando.com)  
Office Contact information: (407)277-3945 | [staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)  
Weekly News items – please send to [news@poporlando.com](mailto:news@poporlando.com)  
Prayers – please send to [prayers@poporlando.com](mailto:prayers@poporlando.com)



1515 South Semoran Blvd, Orlando, Florida 32807  
English: 407.277.3945   Español: 407.306.0909  
[staff@poporlando.com](mailto:staff@poporlando.com)   [www.poporlando.com](http://www.poporlando.com)