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Weekly News 07/19/2026 8th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY: The Parable of the Weeds • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:57-64 • If Jesus is King, why does evil still seem to flourish? That question lies at the heart of the Parable of the Weeds. We long for God to uproot everything that opposes His kingdom, yet Jesus tells us that the final harvest belongs to Him. Until then, the church has a different calling. We are not sent to spend our lives pulling weeds but planting seeds—sharing the Gospel and inviting others to live under Christ's gracious reign, where sinners find mercy, hearts are renewed, and hope takes root. • We thank D.C.E. Eric Gerken as he shares God's word today while Pastor Ken is at the LCMS Convention.

To view or print Sunday's 9:00am Worship bulletin:

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026_07_19-Trad-Pentecost-8.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 will not be meeting during the month of July.

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>

Todays' altar flowers are given by Louanne Fussell in celebration of Fussell Birthdays, Larry 7/9 (25 years in Heaven) and Louanne's 7/17.

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.

Not signed up for PoP Kids or Sunday School? • We would love to have your child at Sunday School each Sunday and at our monthly family events. While registration is not required to participate in either program, it does help us stay in communication with you and keep the kids safe. We use the same registration form for both Sunday School and PoP Kids. <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/57d9c8>

Thank you to all Back-to-School Volunteers! • We would like to say "Thank You" to all volunteers who helped fill bags with school supplies, helped during the event and after, to all vendors participating, and to those who donated towards the event.

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.

PoP Kids Pool Party – RESCHEDULED for Saturday, August 1 at 2:30pm • Due to the pool party being canceled because of severe heavy rain, the pool party was rescheduled for Saturday, August 1 at 2:30pm at Dover Shores Pool. All family and friends are invited!

NEW! Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 9th - All Worship Services • All school students, teachers and staff will be prayed over in each church service during the Children's Message. Kids are encouraged to bring backpacks and will receive a special backpack tag as they begin a new school year.

Youth Night – Sunday, July 26 at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center • Middle School and High School students will gather for games, activities, snacks and devotions.

Back to School/ Middle School Move Up Day – Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00pm in the FLC • This is a special Youth Night as we welcome the rising 6th grade students into PoP Youth. Like a typical Youth Night, it will run from 6:00-7:30 in the Family Life Center. However, this event will focus more on new friends, new adventures and getting to know one another as we embark on the school year together. This is also a great chance for students who are currently attending PoP Youth events to invite a friend to join them.

⚓ Set Sail with Your Church Family!  • We're exploring the possibility of a congregational cruise — and we'd love for you to come along! Imagine gathering together on the open water for uplifting Bible study, delicious food, meaningful fellowship, and dedicated time to praise God and give thanks for His many mercies. This is still in the early planning stages, and we want to know if YOU'RE interested! Stay tuned for more details, and feel free to reach out with questions or excitement. Let's see where God leads us! Please use the following link to share your thoughts and interest: <https://bit.ly/POPCruise2027>

Volunteers Needed! Help Serve the Lord • We are looking for volunteers that are willing to help serve the Lord by helping with ushering, communion assistant, projection, live stream, altar guild and transportation. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Adriana at (407) 277-3945 for more information. | adriana.alas@poporlando.com
<https://poporlando.breezechms.com/form/volunteerinterest>

Nursery Volunteers Needed • We're always looking for caring volunteers to serve during Sunday worship in our Nursery Ministry at Prince of Peace. If you're interested in volunteering, follow the link below. Before your first Sunday, kindly schedule a brief meeting with DCE Eric Gerken to review procedures and get familiar with the nursery. Thank you for serving our Prince of Peace / Príncipe de Paz family!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EAAAC2CABFC1-51748455-popnursery#/>

FLGA District Youth Gathering – Save the Dates: November 6-8 • While many of our students have attended the Middle School Youth Gathering over the years, the District has added a High School Gathering for the first time in over a decade. More detailed information will be provided soon. Expect registration to open sometime in August or September with fundraising also happening then to help offset the cost for these powerful events.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, July 12

9:00am Traditional: 106 | 11:00am Contemporary: 53 | 11:00am Español: 73 | TOTAL: 232

June 21 offerings \$ 14,152

June 28 offerings \$ 8,220

July 5 offerings \$ 10,115

July 12 offerings \$ 6,509

Needed each week: \$13,653

Please Consider a Special Gift for the Office A/C: The air conditioner that cools ½ of the church office is not keeping up and will soon need to be replaced. We are still reviewing bids from HVAC Contractors. The cost for this 7 Ton unit could be around \$20,000, based on initial quotes. If God moves you to give over and above your regular offerings, please designate it for "Building Fund." Thank you.

Would you be in a more favorable tax position if you make an IRA gift to Prince of Peace? More members over 70½ have chosen to make a donation to Prince of Peace through their traditional IRA. Directing all or part of your RMD to the church is a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) that can benefit Prince of Peace without those dollars being included in your taxable income. Learn more by clicking here <https://bit.ly/ira-charity-gifts>.

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

Prayers of Comfort: We pray for the family and friends of Lori Lawicki (Vanessa Vaché's sister-in-law), as she went to her heavenly home on Monday, July 13.

Receiving Care through Hospice: Betsy Gentry (sister of Jeff Powell), Betty Schnell, Betty Chambers (mother of Pam Ingersoll), Ted Wessel

Hospitalized: Otto Krumpholtz

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Sabina Lakhan, Pete Spudich, Dale Fennel, Jim Ingersoll (in Conway Lakes), Fran Primics, Tina Hamilton, Judy Holzscheiter, Gerry Noss, Marcie Weisel, Bill Weaver, Ellen Ponsford, Joanne Adkins, Nancy Schloemer, Chris Bayne, Kay Minick, Nitzza Rohena, Stephanie Carbonell, Daryl Flynn, Susanne Johnson, 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, James Stanley, Gene Terranova

Receiving Treatments: Jayson Gerken, Zaida Vargas, Everett Baker, Tim Smith (friend of the Pirinos), Tracy Shively, 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, Dan May (husband of Dana Youtz, has finished his treatments)

Healing and Strength: Jan Vokovich, 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, Serenity Nichols, Caesar Vazquez, 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 Waahl

Family & Friends: Teresa Fernandez (SIL of Daryl Flynn and Sheila Roberts), Jaxon (3 y-o with leukemia, friend of the Melicks), Alfredo (relative of Gloria Imhoff), baby Marco, 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: Lord Jesus, keep us faithful in sowing Your Word with love and hope. Give us patience, trust in Your perfect timing, and joy in inviting others into Your gracious kingdom. • We pray those affected by natural disasters (fires, floods, earthquakes), war, or violence. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Help us to be Your heart, hands, and feet in a world that desperately need Your peace and love. • Be with 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

Prayers for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod: Jesus, You are the Lord of the church. We pray for those who gather this week in our national convention. (Pastor Ken is a delegate.) Pour out Your Holy Spirit that we might celebrate Your great love for all people and all creation. Guide the delegates in the decisions they will make. Grant peace, love, and unity to all. Bless our national church body with clear vision for ways to share the gospel, to serve those in need of Your mercy, and to demonstrate love for our neighbors. Guide us and strengthen us by Your word.

Foundations Class Scheduled Dates: (*class does not meet 7/22, 8/12*)

Go Deeper—Learn More about God: Foundations Class • This is a Wednesday evening class over Zoom (on select Wednesdays) for those who want to explore the foundations of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. Space is limited. Please email Pastor Ken to express interest or come to a zoom meeting. <https://bit.ly/pop-foundations-class>

Wednesday, July 29, 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, August 5, 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, August 19, 7:30-8:30pm

July Anniversaries

July 2 – Rick & Chris Ackerman
July 8 – Mike & Julie Flemming
July 9 – Randy & Camille Neville
July 11 – Doug & Helene Rothell
July 13 – Gordon & Sheila Roberts
July 14 – Scott & Karen Williams
July 16 – Jim & Pam Fuller
July 21 – Greg & Edith Walton
July 27 – David, Jr & Janet Ludwig
Dennis & Rosy O'Neil

*In Remembrance: July 18 – Kent & Sharleen Jespersen
would've made 56 years*

July Birthdays

July 2 – Thomas A. Zehnder
July 3 – Jennifer Ragazinsky
July 4 – Randy Neville
Jim Fuller
July 5 – Carter McClure
Deborah Cole
July 6 – Mike Tencza
July 7 – Rev. Tom Zehnder
Ryan Zehnder
July 8 – Tyler Zamsky
John Buchbach Sr
Ethan Jones
July 10 – Douglas Serrano
Jean Sassmann
Nora Quattrocchi
Craig Gates
July 12 – Ken Holzscheiter
Debbie Davis
July 13 – Julie Gilbert
Sidney Fortini
July 14 – Jamal Hawkins
Ella Ortiz
Ellen Embach
Stephanie Carbonell



July 15 – Andrew Wienrich
Linda Zamsky
July 17 – Louanne Fussell
Michael Kelly
July 18 – Dana May
Ellen Boogher
July 19 – Joe Suggs
Tasha Shatzer
July 20 – Lucas Swanson
Willie Youtz Jr
Mandy Lopez
July 21 – Julian Estrill
July 22 – Nancy Mathews
July 23 – Lynn McQuiston
Barbara Hahn
July 24 – Lu Burchfield
July 25 – Adam Youtz
Faith Green
Ruth Coleman
July 26 – Gwen Taliver
Jim Essig
July 27 – Philip Wessel
July 31 – Brenda Feliciani

*In Remembrance: July 2 – Jean LaPointe would've turned
85 years old
July 18 – Jim Katt would have turned 78 years old.*



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

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