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Weekly News 08/02/2026 10th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY: "Making Something Out of (Almost) Nothing" • Matthew 14:44-52; Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5 •

What grabs your attention as you think of Jesus' feeding of the Five Thousand? Are you amazed at the miracle itself? Jesus reveals Himself as the promised Messiah through His divine power. Or do you notice His compassion for the crowd and the way He healed their sick? Are you surprised by the disciples' plea to send the people away hungry? Or do you catch what Jesus directs His disciples to do: "You give them something to eat." In that moment, Jesus challenges His disciples—and us—to trust that with Him, little is always more than enough.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026_08_02-Trad-Pentecost-10.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. Class resumes this Wednesday, August 5.

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/>

Back to Regular Office Hours • The church office will resume back to its regular office hours Mon–Fri 9am to 4pm.

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.

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>

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.

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.

Lunch & Zilch – Thursday, August 13 at 11:30am in the FLC • Invite a friend and join us for another fun afternoon of lunch and zilch on Thursday, August 13. Enjoy good food, fellowship, and a friendly game of zilch. RSVP by Monday, August 10 by text or email. A suggested \$10 donation helps cover lunch and prizes.

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⚓ Set Sail with Your Church Family! 🇺🇸 • We're exploring interest in a congregational cruise with Bible study, fellowship, food, and time to praise God together. Planning is just beginning—stay tuned, ask questions, and share your interest here: <https://bit.ly/POPCruise2027>

What is the GATEWAY District? You can't help but notice the GATEWAY District "letters" and supersized logo when you pass our property. The Gateway District, part of the City of Orlando's Main Streets Program, is working to strengthen the Semoran Blvd corridor—and Prince of Peace / Príncipe de Paz sits at its geographic heart. As "The Heart, Hands, and Feet of Jesus, in the Heart of Orlando," we are blessed to be committed to our neighborhood! To learn more, please click [here](https://mailchi.mp/bc8805ef1bd8/facility-fridays-july-24-2026): <https://mailchi.mp/bc8805ef1bd8/facility-fridays-july-24-2026>

Opportunities to Serve on Sundays • There are opportunities to serve Jesus and His church by helping with ushering, 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

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.

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, August 5, 7:30-8:30pm • Wednesday, August 12, 7:30-8:30pm • Wednesday, August 19, 7:30-8:30pm

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, July 26

9:00am Traditional: 99 | 11:00am Contemporary: 62 | 11:00am Español: 62 | TOTAL: 223

July 5 offerings \$ 10,115

July 12 offerings \$ 6,509

July 19 offerings \$ 22,257

July 26 offerings \$ 14,172

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 is expected to 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." Thanks to all those who already given. Received to date: \$6,600.

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>.

Consider making a gift of appreciated stock, mutual fund, or another asset to Prince of Peace. The best assets to use for a gift are those that have appreciated significantly, such as publicly traded securities and real property. Assets you've owned for more than one year may qualify for a full range of tax benefits. Typical appreciated assets may include publicly traded securities, privately/closely held stock, mutual funds, and more. Learn more by clicking here <https://bit.ly/donate-appreciated-assets>.

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 of Otto Krumpholtz who went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, July 28. May the Lord grant peace and comfort to his family, especially his sons Scott and Brett. | We pray that the Lord would comfort Rhonda Jackson at the death of her mom, Linda Jackson. | We continue to pray for God's comfort to surround Jeff Powell and his family at the death of his sister, Betsy Gentry.

New Life: We give thanks along with Kelli Kalinowski at the birth of her granddaughter, Ludy Drew Teto.

Thanksgiving: Erica Aviles (DIL of Julio Aviles) Thanks be to God as Erica has "rung the bell" following cancer treatments.

Receiving Care through Hospice: Betty Schnell, Betty Chambers (mother of Pam Ingersoll), Ted Wessel

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Joshula Flowers, Sabina Lakhan, Pete Spudich, Dale Fennel, Jim Ingersoll (now home), Fran Primics, Tina Hamilton, Judy Holzscheiter, Gerry Noss, Marcie Weisel, Bill Weaver, Ellen Ponsford, Joanne Adkins, Nancy Schloemer, Chris Bayne, Kay Minick, Nitza 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, , 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, 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, 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), Jennifer Stewart (Sonia Tellez' niece)

Special: Lord Jesus, when You call us to serve, give us faith to trust Your provision. Multiply our small offerings to bring hope, healing, and life to those in need. • We pray for those affected by natural disasters (fires, floods, earthquakes), as well as those who experience war or violence. • We pray for our nation, that the Lord would heal our divisions. Help us to walk the non-violent ways of Jesus. We pray for our world, torn apart by wars, violence, and hatred: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord Have mercy. • 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 Upcoming School Year: We pray for teachers, children, and families everywhere. We pray for our Prince of Peace Preschool staff and the young children and families we are privileged to serve throughout the year.

What's Up with Jayson Gerken? A number of people have asked me for updates on Jayson Gerken. To receive updates on Jayson's cancer journey and his current battle, we invite you to see the "Team JayDawg" Facebook page. (You do not need to create an account to see the latest updates.) We continue to pray fervently and boldly for Jayson as well as his parents, Eric & Brenda Gerken. – Pastor Ken | <https://www.facebook.com/TeamJayDawg>

August Anniversaries

August 4 – Wren & Katie Wade
Bill & Roberta Weaver
August 5 – John & Linda l'Anson
August 8 – Tony & Carol Steinbronn
August 13 – Andre & Krista Brathwaite-Clarke
August 17 – Rick & Kristi Armstrong
August 18 – Kurt & Carol Bickel

*In Remembrance: August 12 – Jeff & Karen Adkins
would've made 48 years.
August 31 – Jon & Julianne Wiegand would've made
30 years.*

August Birthdays

August 1 – Megan Pirino
August 3 – Tony Steinbronn
Richard Lott
August 4 – Sarah Zhender
August 5 – Gloria Barrancos
Ava Fussell
Naomi Thompson
Dylan Castaneda
Carrie Hall
Zane Wienrich
Abigail Green
August 6 – Celso Rivera
August 7 – Barbara Conyers
August 11 – Jim Nocks
Earl Caldwell
August 13 – Edith Walton
August 14 – Mary Anne Ault
August 15 – Hans Tews
Wendell Feggans
August 16 – Myrna Sarmiento
Wesley Wade
August 17 – Johanna Cruzado
August 21 – Emily A.F Raymond
Pete Spudich
Maria Vazquez
Jim Curran



August 22 – Anthony Vacchiano
August 23 – Karen Adkins
August 25 – Charly Reynolds
Jerry Lemcke
David Beckham
August 26 – Linda Jackson
August 28 – Sara Von Braun
August 29 – Tristan Gorichenko
Joni Steidley
Dolka Gonzalez
August 31 – Amy Sahlberg

*In Remembrance: August 2 – Jeff Adkins would've turned
68 years old.*



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

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