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Weekly News 08/16/2026 12th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY: "Room at the Table" • Matthew 15:21-28; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 • The Gospel is full of surprises. Jesus travels into foreign territory, and it is a Canaanite woman—an outsider—who recognizes Him as "Lord, Son of David." She cries out for mercy, yet Jesus is silent. The disciples urge Him to send her away, but she is persistent. Even when Jesus speaks of the bread being for the children who sit at the table, she boldly trusts that there is enough grace even in the crumbs that fall. Her daughter is healed—not because she belonged, but because she believed. The kingdom's boundaries prove wider than anyone expected, and mercy reaches where we least anticipate it.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/2026_08_16-Trad-Pentecost-12.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 Classes – 10:00am • The Middle School Youth Bible class meets in the Board Room (church office)

• High School Youth class meets over at McDonald's. Both classes offer age-appropriate looks at Scripture and how to apply it today. *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/>

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>

DON'T Miss the Deadline: September 13 - LWML Collecting Eyeglasses for Future Mission Trip • You still have time to donate any eyeglasses that you no longer use. Don't wait until it's too late, the deadline to donate is September 13. 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>

⚓ 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>

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

Join us for a Prayer Gathering on Thursday, August 20 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary • We will be gathering for prayer on Thursday, August 20, as we come together to lift up the many needs and circumstances in our community. We especially want to pray for Jayson and his parents, Eric and Brenda Gerken, as they walk through a difficult and challenging time. Please join us as we seek God's comfort, strength, healing, and guidance through the power of prayer.

Lunch Bunch Rescheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 11:30am at the 19th Hole • The original date for lunch bunch was canceled due to a gas leak and was rescheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 11:30am. Please contact Johanna Jenkins at (321)662-1666 to RSVP.

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#/>

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 19, 7:30-8:30pm

Are You (or someone you know) in Need of Prayer? Please join us Wednesday. It's PK here, and I'm inviting you to join us Wednesday evening at 6:30 for our online prayer gathering. You don't need to pray out loud, and you don't even need give a specific thing to pray for. (God already knows!) God has designed us to support each other another, and one way is gathering for prayer. If you've read this far, maybe God is prompting you to join us! Every Wednesday at 6:30pm via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/wednesday-pray-pop>.

Phone-ins are also welcome. Call (305) 224-1968, Meeting ID: 827 2709 5644

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, August 9

9:00am Traditional: 115 | 11:00am Contemporary: 56 | 11:00am Español: 52 | TOTAL: 224

July 19 offerings \$ 22,257

July 26 offerings \$ 9,549

August 2 offerings \$ 18,611

August 9 offerings \$ 12,608

Needed each week: \$13,653

Office A/C Update: We are awaiting a final bid before choosing a contractor to replace the office's north-side 7-ton unit. **Thank you to all who have given above and beyond. In just over a month, \$8,654 has been donated!** To give, please designate gifts above and beyond your regular offerings for "Building Fund."

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 continue to pray for God's comfort for all those who grieve. Upcoming memorial services:

Otto Krumpholtz – Saturday, September 5, 3:00 p.m.

Joanne Hahn – Saturday, September 12, 2:00 p.m.

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

Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility: Lu Burchfield, Jeff Powell, Kurt Wilson (grandson of Kurt & Carol Bickel), Sabina Lakhan, Cathy Graf, Pete Spudich, Dale Fennel, Jim Ingersoll, Fran Primics, Tina Hamilton, Judy Holzschelter, Gerry Noss, Marcie Weisel, Bill Weaver, Ellen Ponsford, Joshula Flowers, 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), 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

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

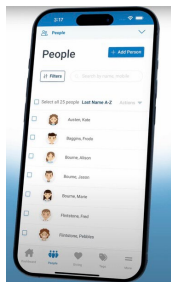
Family & Friends: Teresa Fernandez (SIL of Daryl Flynn and Sheila Roberts), Alfredo (relative of Gloria Imhoff), baby Marco, Michelle S. Chapman's mother (cancer), Rob and Lori Angus, Rachael Browne (DIL of Donna Browne), Delores B, Michael B, Evelyn Brucks, Donna C, Danny Conlin, Rennie Conyers, Elizabeth 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, give us persistent faith to trust Your mercy. Open our hearts to welcome those we might overlook, and send us to share Your abundant grace with all people. • We pray for those in Columbia affected by last week's earthquake. We continue to pray for all those affected by natural disasters (fires, floods, earthquakes), as well as those who experience war or violence in our world. • We pray especially this week for college students as they return to campus. We continue our prayers for our Preschool, asking You to draw children and families so they would grow in faith and love. Send Your guardian angels to watch over all those who travel during this time of year. • We pray for our nation, that all would learn of Your ways, O Lord, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. 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

What's Up with Jayson Gerken? Several 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>

Please Download "Breeze" – get connected



Breeze is our secure, online church management software. Any member can join Breeze and use it as a tool to update personal information. Breeze functions as an online church directory so you can keep in touch. poporlando.breezechms.com

How to join Breeze: If you are a member and in our church database, you are already in Breeze. Go to <https://poporlando.breezechms.com/> and select the "Create Account" option. Your name and email are used to match the information in the database, and you will receive an email giving you the next steps.

Why sign up for Breeze? Keep your personal information, including profile picture, up to date • use as a church directory to contact others at PoP/PdeP and stay connected • view and manage your giving history • use for event signups • mobile and easy access through the Breeze app; also access on any web browser at poporlando.breezechms.com

August Anniversaries

August 4 – Wren & Katie Wade
Bill & Roberta Weaver
August 5 – John & Linda I'Anson
August 8 – Tony & Carol Steinbronn
August 13 – Andre & 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
Peter Dell'Olio
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 10 – Michael Paz
August 11 – Jim Nocks
Earl Caldwell
August 12 – Maya Celis
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 18 – Glenns Hage Vargas
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 27 – Skyla Rodriguez
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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