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Weekly News 08/30/2026 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Fall Theme: "From You, For You"

We are launching our Fall 2026 theme today, called "From You, For You." The Theme draws upon a prayer by King David in the Old Testament: **"Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."** (1 Chronicles 29:14)

We invite you to join us on a journey of Worship, Service, Giving, to discover how God can work through what He has given us to bless others. Come be part of what God is doing through us! Together, let's celebrate how God can use what He has given each of us to make a difference in our church, our community, and the lives of others. ✨ **WORSHIP** — Grow closer to Christ •

👉 **SERVE** — Use your gifts to bless others • ❤️ **GIVE** — Respond with joyful generosity

TODAY: "Worship: It's a Together Thing" • Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 133; Luke 12:32-34 • "They continued to meet together...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people" (Acts 2:46-47). In a society where people experience increasing isolation and loneliness, it is a wonderful blessing to come to church and enjoy the favor and fellowship of those who gather there to praise God. Let's all continue to meet there every Sunday.

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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/2026_08_30-Trad-Pentecost-14.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.

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>

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Kathy McCartin in memory of her mom, Ethel Schloemer's, birthday.

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 yet 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>



 **Interest Meeting: Sunday, September 6 - Church Cruise 2027!** • Join us Sunday, September 6 right after late service for an interest meeting about our upcoming church cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas, sailing June 26 – July 3! Come learn about pricing, itinerary, and how to reserve your spot. Whether you're a cruise veteran or it'll be your first time at sea, we'd love to have you join our church family for this exciting trip. Bring your questions — see you there! <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

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 • Wednesday, September 2, 7:30-8:30pm over Zoom – 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>

Jayson Gerken Fundraiser • Many of you are aware that a fundraiser was created by Jayson's Godparents through their church (Christ the King Lutheran Church). If you wish to support the Gerken family through that, we invite you to do so at this link. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZES9/campaign/C-16H4P>

You may also give to Prince of Peace (Pastor's Discretionary Fund) and put Jayson in the memo field.

"Go Gray for Jay" Team Jaydawg T-Shirts • Show your love and support for Jayson by wearing a "Go Gray for Jay" Team Jaydawg T-shirt. Shirts are available for purchase as another way to stand alongside Jayson and his family. Please use the link below select the T-shirt purchase only, however, please do not include a donation through the shirt order to avoid fees. | <https://www.bonfire.com/go-gray-for-jay/>

Jayson Gerken updates can be found on the "Team JayDawg" Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TeamJayDawg>

POP Preschool Classroom Wish List • The new school year has begun, and our preschool remains a joyful, Christ-centered place for our littlest learners. Please consider blessing our classrooms through the teachers' Amazon wish list; items are tagged by teacher and shipped directly to the church. Thank you for supporting our preschool ministry! | <https://bit.ly/PreschoolClassroomWishList>

Confirmation Classes • Are you interested in Confirmation instruction for your 7th–12th grader? Prince of Peace / Príncipe de Paz is gauging interest in a free Confirmation program running September–May, combining mid-week Zoom classes with occasional in-person Saturday morning meetings; students will receive Luther's Small Catechism and a Confirmation workbook. To sign up or learn more, please contact DCE Eric Gerken at the church office or eric.gerken@poporlando.com.

Fruits of Faith

Sunday, August 23

9:00am Traditional: 123 | 11:00am Contemporary: 60 | 11:00am Español: 81 | TOTAL: 240

August 2 offerings \$ 18,611

August 9 offerings \$ 12,608

August 16 offerings \$ 9,123

August 23 offerings \$ 21,287

Needed each week: \$13,653

Office A/C Update: The a/c in the office was replaced Saturday, 8/29. The final cost was just under \$20,000. We thank God that the total cost was covered by the generosity of many people through special offerings given for this project. (Those offerings have been included in the "Fruits of Faith" offering totals over the past several weeks.)

Thank you to all who have gone above and beyond in showing your generosity.

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. We ask God to comfort Julio Aviles and his family, on the loss of his mother, Hilda Aviles. • We also pray for Pastor Trixie Richter, her daughter, and the church she serves at the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Adrian.

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

Hospitalized: Daryl Pichan (retired DCE with serious illness; friend of the Bickels)

Upcoming Surgery: Jeff Powell, Debbie Noss | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Kurt Wilson (7 y-o grandson of Kurt & Carol Bickel), Lu Burchfield, Sabina Lakhan, Cathy Graf, Pete Spudich, Dale Fennel, Jim Ingersoll, Fran Primics, Tina Hamilton, Judy Holzscheiter, 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, Jeff Dowling (just diagnosed), 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, Abby G., 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: Kwin Paul (14 y-o who experienced sudden blindness in one eye), Mary Lynn Bond (friend of Lynn McQuiston), 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: Gracious God, thank You for the gift of Your Church. Gather us in worship, encourage us through one another, and shape us into a joyful community that reflects Your love. • 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. This week we especially pray for those affected by the devastating flash flood on the border of Nepal and China. • 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, Meghan Rojas, Amanda S, Greg S, Geoffrey, Antonio Watt, Anthony Witcher, Isaak Allan



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 (continued...)

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.

September Anniversaries

September 2 – Philip & Donna Wessel
September 3 – Jose & Nina Rojas
September 4 – Doug & Hilda Polkosky
September 13 – Jack Riegle & Tina Hamilton



In Remembrance: September 5 – Otto & Joan
Krumpholtz would've made 62 years
September 14 – Merle & Julie Kroeplin would've made 64 years.
September 29 – Rick & Linda would've made 53 years

September Birthdays

September 1 – Jen Hoge
 Connie Lerchen
September 5 – Nancy Plotnikoff
September 6 – Anthony Ramirez
September 9 – Philip Chang
September 11 – Madilyn Swanson
 Julie Kroeplin
 Tina Hamilton
September 12 – Jack Riegle
September 14 – Gloria Groome
September 15 – Rachel Jespersen
September 17 – Pam Fuller
September 18 – Bill Weaver
 Joe Bak
September 19 – Benigno Santos
 John Buchbach Jr
September 20 – Diego Mejias
September 21 – Don Mathews
September 22 – Charles Kumkoski
 Francelys Ramirez

September 23 – Shirley Stockett
September 25 – Brooks Ingersoll
 John Holysz
September 26 – Elizabeth Green
September 28 – Raylan Long
 Paul Browne
September 30 – Cherie Nocks

In Remembrance: September 11 – Cindy Sibby
would've turned 69 years old
September 12 – Gail Eaton would've 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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