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Weekly News 09/06/2026 14th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY: "Worship: A Living Sacrifice" • Romans 12:1-2; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 16:24-26 • "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (Romans 12:1). God is not asking for occasional attention, but for our whole lives—our thoughts, our choices, our time, our relationships, our work, and our worship. To offer ourselves as a "living sacrifice" means all that I am belongs to you Lord- From you For You. I do not want a casual, on-and-off relationship with God. I want to be all in with my faith. I want a faith that shapes every part of my life—not just what I do at church, but who I am at home, at work, with family, with friends, and when no one else is watching. True worship is not only sung with our lips; it is lived with our lives.

Our Fall Theme: "From You, For You"

We have launched our Fall 2026 theme, 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



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

https://poporlando.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/2026_09_06-Trad-Pentecost-15.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>

Church/Preschool Offices Closed Tomorrow (9/07) • Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. A federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.

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: TODAY After the 11am Worship - Church Cruise 2027!** • Join us TODAY 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> - Peg Green 571.214.4756

Save the Date: Thursday, September 24 at 11:00am - Lunch & Zilch • Invite a friend and join us for another fun afternoon of lunch and zilch on Thursday, September 24. Enjoy good food, fellowship, and a friendly game of zilch. RSVP by Monday, September 21 by text or email. A suggested \$10 donation helps cover lunch and prizes. jim.essig@poporlando.com | (407)446-7147

New to Prince of Peace – Or Newish? Come to Our Pastor's Reception on Sunday, October 11 at 12:30pm in the FLC • If you are new to Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz and would like to know more about our unique ministries, come to our Pastors' Reception on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30pm in the FLC to learn more. Also at the Pastors' Reception, you can learn more about next steps to getting connected, becoming more engaged, or becoming a member. Email staff@poporlando.com to RSVP.

Serve in Our Nursery Ministry • We're always looking for caring individuals to serve during Sunday worship in our Nursery Ministry at Prince of Peace. If you're interested in serving, 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#

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>

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 30

9:00am Traditional: 125 | 11:00am Contemporary: 68 | 11:00am Español: 79 | TOTAL: 272

August 9 offerings	\$ 12,608
August 16 offerings	\$ 9,123
August 23 offerings	\$ 21,287
August 30 offerings	\$ 14,840

Needed each week: \$13,654

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 and friends of Connie Lerchen, who went home to be with Jesus Tuesday on her 92nd birthday. • We pray for the family and friends of Daryl Pichan (friend of the Bickel's). We thank God for all they ways Daryl touched lives as a DCE and as a leader through his many years of ministry. • We continue to ask God to comfort Julio Aviles at the loss of his mother, Hilda Aviles.

Upcoming memorial services:

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

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

Upcoming Surgery: Jeff Powell, Debbie Noss | **Recovering at Home or Rehab Facility:** Susan Lief, 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, 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), 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: Lisa Antonio and Niki Conti (friends of Zaida Torres), Kwin Paul (14 y-o who experienced sudden blindness in one eye), Mary Lynn Bond (friend of Lynn McQuiston), Harry Fleming, Candie Parks, 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, 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, You gave Yourself completely for us. By Your grace, make our whole lives a living sacrifice. Shape our thoughts, choices, relationships, work, and worship, that everything we are may glorify You. • 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 for our nation, that all would learn of Your ways, O Lord, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. • 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 2 – Andrew Wu
September 5 – Nancy Plotnikoff
September 6 – Anthony Ramirez
September 7 – Della Tyler
 Lucas Tyler
September 9 – Philip Chang
September 11 – Madilyn Swanson
 Julie Kroeplin
 Tina Hamilton
September 12 – Jack Riegle
September 13 – Dalton Browning
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
 Mia Valentina Romero
September 21 – Don Mathews

September 22 – Charles Kumkoski
 Francelys Ramirez
 Milena Crane
September 23 – Shirley Stockett
September 25 – Brooks Ingersoll
 John Holysz
 Rebecca Roberts
September 26 – Elizabeth Green
September 28 – Raylan Long
 Paul Browne
September 30 – Cherie Nocks

***In Remembrance: September 11 – Cindy Sibly
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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