



# Crossroads

## PRINCE of PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

April 2014

## LEADERSHIP HUDDLE

### LISTENING AND FOLLOWING

On Saturday, March 15, over 50 leaders from Prince of Peace/Príncipe de Paz gathered for a leadership huddle to listen for God's voice as Jesus continues to lead our ministry here. One participant commented that what was so significant for him was that we began—not with our own plans—but listening to God where He speaks most clearly to us: through His Word. Through His Word and Sacraments, God's Spirit is active in leading and empowering us.

Two passages of Scripture were read in such a way that participants prayerfully listened for God's voice: Matthew 4:11-22 (Jesus calls His disciples to leave their nets to become "fishers of men") and Acts 1:1-8 (Jesus commissions His disciples as His witnesses; they are to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them with power). Each participant then shared around their table what they sensed God was communicating.

Certain themes or values for PoP/PdeP became apparent in our conversations, including:

- People in darkness need Christ's light; He went to them with that light; He sends us today to bring His light into dark places.
- There is urgency to Jesus' call; His power moves disciples in new ways.

- Patience is required as we wait on God and His Spirit to empower us.
- We are Jesus' witnesses everywhere we go.
- Jesus' reign continues to spread today.
- Worshipping members from both our English and Spanish congregations need to come together to see Jesus' mission accomplished in this neighborhood.

The Board of Directors will continue to pray and listen as they work with the data provided through the leadership huddle. This has been one significant step in our ongoing process of listening to and following Jesus.

We joyfully anticipate all He has in store for us as we serve Him. I ask you to continue to pray expectantly as together we listen for God's whisper—and as we follow Him boldly.

Serving Christ with you,

*Pastor Ken*





*Hospitalized/Outpatient during February and March*

Diego Atilano, Mark Barton, Jerry & Karen Bayless, Lu Burchfield, Al Dicks, Will Hassold, Barbara Hill, Bill Jordan, Peggy Kreps, Sal LoBue, Connie Lerchen, Bill Martin, Claudina Mills, Joanne Monroe, Ed Posada, Raquel Puig, Art Reinsch, Andres Soler, Stacey Strom, Richard Summers, Molly Swanson, Shelley Veal, Michael Vokovich, Dave Weidner, Roy Whittington, Jackie Zehnder

*Ongoing Prayer Concerns*

Brynece Allen, Bonnie Anselmo, Lori Bachmann, Ernie Beckham, Vi Beckham, Emma Benjamin, Bryan Burns, Mary Chapman, Lynn Cheek, Elda Kehr, Linda Hardesty, Sarah Hassold, Jim Herrington, Mel & Donna Hoff, Lorraine Luebke, Ruth Mays, Harold Moore, Carol Robinson, Donnie Reynolds, Lee Shirley, Cindy Sibly, Sue Sleeman, Audrie Stafford, Linda Stevens, Michael Vokovich, Noelle Vokovich, Ralph Walck, Joyce White

*Sympathy To*

Bill & Teresa Jordan and family (death of Teresa's uncle, Bill Behrman)

Pete & Jane Greenfield and family (death of Pete's sister, Claire Vroegop)



In loving memory of Shirley Loose by:  
Don & Louise Lauher



In loving memory of Erwin & Leona Wardenburg by:  
Ron & Marleen Schmidt (Icemaker)



In loving memory of Harlan & Verona Schmidt by:  
Ron & Marleen Schmidt (Icemaker)



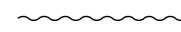
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The Prince of Peace Singles Dining Out group will meet at Linda's La Cantina on East Colonial on Thursday, April 24, at 6pm.

Bring a friend and join us for great food and fellowship. RSVP to Wendy — 407-851-6463.



**EASTER LILIES**

Our Easter celebration will include having our worship spaces decorated with lilies. Please consider placing a lily in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.

There is a special envelope in your offering envelope packet or you may use the form below. The suggested donation is \$12 per plant. Place your donation in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office by Wednesday, April 16.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE #: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CELEBRATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONNECTIONS NEW MEMBER'S CLASS



Are you (or is someone you know) interested in taking the next step toward being connected to the PoP church family? We invite you to join Pastor Ken for our "Connections" membership class on Friday evening, May 30, and Saturday, May 31.

This class will give you the opportunity to connect more deeply with Jesus and learn more about Prince of Peace as you connect with others in the PoP family. Those who are interested may call the church office or email [connie.sanders@poporlando.com](mailto:connie.sanders@poporlando.com).

We are excited to share with you as we grow together in our walk with Christ!

## WHY PRAY? BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

Additional copies of our Lenten devotional book, *Why Pray? From Words to Relationship* continue to be available. If you haven't received one yet, or if you know someone who could be blessed through this book, please pick one up or contact the church office. (To date, we have distributed 325 books.)

If you have any personal stories about how this book has affected your prayer life, we would love to hear them!

OUTREACH INITIATIVE  
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Building Bridges  
to  
Your Community

Wouldn't it be fantastic if all our churches were enthusiastically and effectively reaching unchurched and unbelieving people with the Gospel? The hinge on which the door to effective outreach swings is building relational bridges to people not yet connected with Christ and His Church. Getting out and engaging the community can be intimidating for many of us. And yet, there is no better way to learn about the needs, the culture, and the people in your local community than by actually meeting with them and talking to them.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5  
10AM-3PM (LUNCH SERVED)  
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SIGN UP AT [www.lhm.org/flgaoi](http://www.lhm.org/flgaoi)



## POP EQUIPPING EVENT

APRIL 25-26

Ministry to men is all about helping men discover God's calling for them right where they are. Pastor Ken invites every man—every age and stage—to join him at the "No Man Left Behind" event April 25 & 26.

We have a great deal for you, too: since we are hosting the event for all of east Orlando, we have registration discounts (including that the first five registrants from PoP are free!) Men,

marriages, families and whole communities can be changed when the focus is on Christ growing us as disciples, not just using us as workers.

Registration information is available in the church office.

## FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT...

The First Communion Retreat has been postponed until a later date. More details to come.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**      **APRIL 17**

*All Services with Holy Communion*

- 4:30pm      Maundy Thursday Worship
- 5:45pm      Spanish Maundy Thursday Worship
- 7:00pm      Maundy Thursday Worship  
(Childcare available)

**GOOD FRIDAY**      **APRIL 18**

- 4:30pm      Tenebrae Service
- 5:30pm      Spanish Worship
- 7:00pm      Tenebrae Service (Childcare available)

**EASTER SATURDAY**      **APRIL 19**

- 9:30am      Easter Egg Hunt

**EASTER SUNDAY**      **APRIL 20**

*All Services with Holy Communion*

- 6:30am      Outdoor service in courtyard
  - 8:00am      Festival Worship/Sanctuary
  - 9:30am      Festival Worship/Sanctuary
  - 11:00am      Contemporary Worship/Family Life Center
  - 11:00am      Spanish Worship/Sanctuary
- (Childcare available for 9:30 and 11:00 am services)



### EASTER BREAKFAST

Once again, our team of PoP Men and PoP Youth Group will join together to cook and serve this year's Easter breakfast, served continuously from 7-10am in the Family Life Center. Proceeds will be put toward our PoP Youth Ministry.

# EASTER EGG HUNT

ANNUAL 'HE IS RISEN' EGG HUNT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 19 — 9:30-11:30AM



Join us for this morning of outreach and sharing of the love of Christ with those in our community! You can come to volunteer and help us throughout the morning.. You can come to participate in the events of the morning.. You can share about Jesus' love by inviting someone or bringing someone with you that morning.

### NEEDS:

- † Prayer – an easy way to support this annual outreach event. Pray that those on our campus this day may learn the importance of this celebration and that the Holy Spirit may lead those driving by who see our signs to an encounter with our Heavenly Father.
- † Christian Children's Books – we are still in need of Christian books for beginning readers (kindergarten through grade 3).
- † Candy – we are in need of small soft candies (no chocolate). Please place candy donations in designated box in the office, narthex, or the FLC.
- † Egg Stuffers – join the LWML on Wednesday, April 16 at noon in the FLC to help fill over 2,000 eggs for our Easter Event.
- † Volunteers – we have all types of volunteer spots available in assisting us before, during and following the event. Please fill out a volunteer slip from the Sunday bulletin or contact Sarah Browning or DCE Emily.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

DCE Emily is looking for volunteers to complete the Children's Church schedule for May-October 2014.

If you have children who attend CC on Sunday mornings, or have a passion for working with children, please take a few moments to consider and pray about leading a Sunday. Any help would be greatly appreciated, even if it's only for one Sunday!

Please contact DCE Emily to sign up!



## MUSIC NOTES – APRIL 2014

Spring has officially arrived and that means Easter is on its way! We look forward to the grand celebration of Easter, but do we look forward to what led to that first Easter morning? Without Good Friday, Easter wouldn't exist. But

how should we look to Good Friday? With joy and celebration that our awesome, almighty Father would love us so much that He would be willing to give His only Son to die for us? Or with mourning and pain that our God, the Lord of all creation, died by His own creations' hands? Think about that in context of our Lent sermon series, "Filling Empty Hands." Our hands—empty and broken—cannot accomplish anything good on their own. We need our Lord to fill them, to hold us by the hand, to pull us out of the mud when we get stuck. Yet, our hands crucified our God. In Johann Heermann's Lenten hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (LBW #123), he writes in verse two, "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee." We crucified Jesus. We do it every day, don't we? Have you ever gone a day without sinning? I haven't. But here is the good news: God's hands can do far more powerful things than anything our hands can do. Yes, we crucified Jesus, but God raised Him from the dead! Death had no hold on Him, the Creator of life. Praise God for His redeeming death on Good Friday, but most especially His wonderful, death-defeating resurrection on Easter morning!

As we approach Holy Week, the parish choir continues to prepare for the Good Friday Tenebrae services and the Easter Festival worship services. On Good Friday (April 18) the choir will lead both Tenebrae services—4:30 and 7pm in the Sanctuary. Easter morning will be filled with joyful music! The choir and brass will provide special music for the Festival services, held at 8 and 9:30am in the Sanctuary. The worship team is also working hard to provide some new and some familiar music for Easter morning at 11am in the Family Life Center.

Can you read and click a space bar? Well, you're doing at least half of those things right now! If so, I could use your help! I am trying to recruit a few new Worship Presentation Assistants. The job is simple: pay attention in worship, read what the slide says, and be able to click a mouse and/or space bar (you're probably doing at least two of those things in worship already!). I really need a volunteer to dedicate to the third Sunday of each month in the 8:15 service. I could also use two or three people as substitutes and backups for both English services. Please contact me if you are willing and able to help out ([austin.wessel@poporlando.com](mailto:austin.wessel@poporlando.com)).

In His Service,

*Austin Wessel*

## FOOD DROP



On April 15 we will have an opportunity to give new meaning to the saying "To FEED THE SOUL." Prince of Peace will be distributing over 15,000 pounds of frozen meats, fresh produce, breads, pastries and other food items. The event will take place in the parking area between the FLC and the playground. Second Harvest Food Bank will drop off approximately 20 pallets of food product between 10am and noon. Volunteers and staff will set up tables in front of each pallet of food for distribution.

Anyone who is hungry can receive food. Numbers will be given out in advance so we can distribute the food in an orderly fashion. People will need to bring their own bags (cloth preferred), boxes, or shopping carts. No registration or identification will be required to receive food. Recipients just must be able to carry what they receive. Past experience indicates it will be 3 to 4 hours until all the food is gone. This event is not to be confused with the normal food pantry distribution on the 4th Saturday of the month, April 26.

If you would like to join us in our mission to serve those in our community who may be in need of assistance and be a volunteer for this event, you need to register for the training seminar on Tuesday, April 1 at 10am in the FLC.

If you cannot attend, please provide us with a thoughtful prayer for its success.

Your Food Pantry



Enrollment is in full swing for the 2014-2015 school year. Many of our classes are almost full, so please enroll now!

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Join us for Chapel each Wednesday at 9:15am in the Sanctuary. Each week we talk about another part of the Bible.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>BIBLE LESSON</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
April 2	Noah's Ark/Rainbows	Genesis 5:32-9:17	Mary Kelly
April 9	Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	DCE Emily
April 16	Good Friday	John 18:16-18	Pastor Ken
April 23	Easter	Luke 24:1-12	Pastor Ludwig
April 30	Our Earth	Colossians 1:16-17	Pastor Borges

**PRESCHOOL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING** — Tuesday, April 8 at 5pm

**PRESCHOOL STAFF MEETING** — Monday April 15 at 6pm

### LITTLE CAESAR'S FUNDRAISER

If you placed an order for pizza kits, they will be available for pickup after 3pm on Friday April 4, or at church on Sunday April 6.



### GOOD FRIDAY

Prince of Peace Preschool and CDC will be closed on Friday April 18 in observance of Good Friday.

### SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars! Prince of Peace Lutheran Preschool and CDC is hosting our annual Silent Auction and Dinner on Saturday May 17 from 5-7:30pm. We are looking for donations of items and services to be auctioned. Suggestions include babysitting for a night, baskets of goodies, or tickets to a local show, just to name a few. If you are able to contribute, or know of someone who can, please contact Julianne, or go to [www.poporlando.com/auctiondonations](http://www.poporlando.com/auctiondonations). All donations must be received by Friday, May 9. Funds raised will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans up to \$1,600, and will go to our Scholarship Fund and Playground Fund.

### SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun for Kindergarten Readiness Camp. Children ages 4-5 who are entering Kindergarten in August will have the opportunity to have daily prep for the Kindergarten Readiness Skills Test, and will be given supplemental education building on the skills they learned this year in VPK. Camp will also offer fun activities such as water play and team play to build children's social skills. Please see Julianne for more information, or to pick up an enrollment packet.



## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Have Choice Dollars?? Need to direct them? PoP Thrivent members are doing a great job getting their Choice dollars directed, but there are still some funds out there not being directed. If the reason is needing to be on-line, help is on the way!!

Thrivent Advocates will be at the Family Life Center Sunday, April 13, between services. They will help you sign on to the Thrivent website and claim your Choice Dollars. Once you have made that connection, you can continue to direct the dollars from your computer.

If you are not on line and/or do not have access to a computer, you can call an 800 number, 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and direct your dollars. When asked how you can be helped, reply Thrivent Choice.

These dollars are a real blessing to the Prince of Peace ministry and budget. It is important these funds be claimed.

**Children's Church Schedule**

April 6	Sarah Browning
April 13	Julianne Wiegand
April 20	Annie Martinez
April 27	DCE Emily

**PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH – FINANCIAL REPORTS THRU 2/2/14**



**CENSORED BY  
WHOM?**

INCOME	\$ Over/(Under)		
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Regular Envelopes	\$81,071	\$97,868	(\$16,797)
Building & Property Fund	3,356	6,891	(3,535)
Plate Offerings	7,241	7,981	(740)
All Other	2,897	3,645	(747)
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$94,566</b>	<b>\$116,385</b>	<b>(\$21,819)</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
All expense	\$113,069	\$130,501	(\$17,432)
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(\$18,503)</b>	<b>(\$14,116)</b>	<b>(\$4,387)</b>

**Prince of Peace Preschool**

INCOME	\$ Over/(Under)		
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Tuition	\$41,368	\$48,692	(\$7,324)
Other Fees/Receipts	932	-	932
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$42,300</b>	<b>\$48,692</b>	<b>(\$6,392)</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
All expense	\$39,427	\$46,428	(\$7,001)
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$2,873</b>	<b>\$2,263</b>	<b>\$609</b>

**POP - TOTAL COMBINED**

Receipts	\$136,866	\$165,076	(\$28,211)
Expense	152,496	176,929	(24,433)
	<b>(\$15,631)</b>	<b>(\$11,853)</b>	<b>(\$3,778)</b>

I have in my possession an old telegram sent by my father to my mother during WW2. My dad was overseas in North Africa when he sent the telegram. Whole phrases were blotted out with opaque black rectangles, making the sense of the message almost unintelligible. Some unknown censor, for whatever reason, had decided that some of my dad's words could be a security risk. Very little is censored today on TV and in R-rated movies. Recently TV host and comedian Bill Maher left his target audience in laughter with a rant in which he cursed God, the Bible, the story of Noah, and the "stupid" Americans who believe the Bible. He also called God a "psychotic mass murderer."

Yes, we ought to be offended. However, at the same time we recognize with thanksgiving that as Americans we have freedom of speech. Do we use that freedom? Or do we just grumble softly and nurse our tender, wounded psyche in silence when we hear somebody say something false, or wrong, or crude? The Bible is filled with accounts of men and women who spoke God's Word when it was uncomfortable, politically incorrect, or even dangerous. Jeremiah rebuked his king (the government) as recorded in Jeremiah 22. Anna interrupted a private celebration at the temple during the dedication of Jesus. Luke records: "Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Paul offended the idol makers in Ephesus (the business community) as recorded in Acts 19.

I recently attended a small public meeting where two Muslim imams were making a presentation. They asked for comments. So in response I shared the Gospel several times, contrasting Christianity with Islam in a gentle, but forceful way. My Christian views were opposite to theirs, but I felt no shame in speaking of Jesus. Many times we fear that we will disturb somebody, offend, or give cause for people to scorn us – so we don't speak up when we have the opportunity. Fear can be overcome in the power of the Holy Spirit, even as Paul wrote to his young, perhaps fearful, protégé: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Don't self-censor yourself! Speak up for Jesus. We have a wonderful Savior, friend, and Lord. And when you have the chance, introduce him to someone else.

Bruce Lieske for the Missions and Evangelism Team



**LSF: LOVE, SERVICE AND FAITH**

Alyssa is 12. Alyssa is being abused at home. Alyssa runs away. Alyssa has nowhere to go. Alyssa is living on the streets. LSF brings Alyssa to the youth shelter. Alyssa is safe and cared for.

Alyssa gets counseling and returns to school. Alyssa is placed in a home that will care for her.

LSF is Love, Service and Faith. LSF is Lutheran Services Florida. LSF is you. For more information, visit [www.lsfnet.org](http://www.lsfnet.org).

Thanks to our donors and volunteers, 835 young people just like Alyssa were able to find God's healing, hope, and help at one of our four youth shelters last year.



If you're a parent, grandparent or just a kid at heart, you know how easy it is to get wrapped up in all the cute Easter activities this time of year.

It's fun to color and decorate eggs, have an Easter Egg hunt, enjoy chocolate bunnies and colorful jelly beans from pastel Easter baskets. Sometimes a photo with the Easter Bunny may be taken, not to mention shopping for new clothes and shoes.

As parents, we need to make sure our children balance the cuteness of Easter with the somber reality of what Jesus sacrificed for all of us.

Here are some suggestions to make the events of Easter week more real to children...

- ✿ In the weeks before Easter, read passages from the Bible that describe the last days of Jesus' ministry. Be sure to include the miracles and healings as well as His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, and His praying in the Garden of Gethsemane before His betrayal, the trial, crucifixion and the Resurrection. These passages can be found at the end of the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- ✿ You can share the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection thru objects that can be given away. For example, use plastic eggs and slip a piece of paper inside containing a message or favorite Bible verse. Some suggestions might be: **Happy Easter! Jesus is alive! God is love! Jesus died for you! Luke 24:6 "He is not here; He has risen"!** Be sure to give your egg message to everyone so others can hear the Good News about Jesus!
- ✿ Plant fast growing seeds, such as marigolds. As they grow and bloom, thank Jesus for the new life He gave you.
- ✿ Use stamps, stickers or paint pictures of butterflies on heavy paper and make your own Thank You cards to send to others.
- ✿ Watch caterpillars as they grow and cocoon and ultimately change into a beautiful butterfly. Thank God for the new life He gives.

For the record, parents, it's okay to have fun with Easter events and activities, we just need to make sure our children are aware of the sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us.

In His Name,

*Kathy Hudson*



## CONGRATULATIONS

Five Crosstrainers had perfect attendance in February. Way to go, Hunter, Austin and Caitlynn Stief, Tabitha Martinez and Isabella Ramirez. We're proud of you!

## HOOP DE DOO UPDATE

We are proud to say that as of this writing, the Crosstrainers have been able to send \$207 to the FL/GA District for our Hearts for Jesus project.

We'll be helping the people of the Philippines recover from Typhoon Haiyan. Thank you so much for your support.

## JUST A REMINDER...

The Crosstrainers are still collecting old cell phones, toner cartridges and inkjet cartridges for recycling. However, we are not able to take ink tanks or toner tubes any longer.

The Crosstrainers thank you for your continuing support. Our collection bin is located in the hall directly across from the FLC.



## CHRIST'S KIDS' CLUB

There will be no CKC during April. Enjoy the Easter celebrations together with your families!







LUTHERAN WOMEN  
IN MISSION

Another month's mites collected and we are so close to our monthly mite goal of \$100! We sent \$96.90 off for missions in February. If only a few more people would remember their mite boxes, we could surpass our goal. Wouldn't that be great? We collect the third Sunday of each

month. This month that will actually be Easter Sunday.

This spring is a busy month for us. April 5 will see many of us at St. Luke's Lutheran Church for our semi-annual zone meeting. See Carlene Lemcke if you would like to join us. We are collecting deodorant for women who are forced into a safe house in Seminole County. We will take our donations with us to the zone meeting where they will be compiled with other items and given to the home for abused women. If you would like to help, see Carlene.

April 7 we will attend a formal tea with all profit going to the Russell Home for Atypical Children. You are invited to join us but must make reservations.

Our next meeting is April 16 at 10:30am. Bring your lunch that day; we will be very busy, as we prepare the Easter eggs for the church's egg hunt on Saturday. Come join us. We always appreciate the help.

At our March meeting, Ms. Dolores Devine, a member of the advisory board of United People in Christ, informed us of the plight of persecuted Christians, most living in the Middle East. A group called Coptic Care is sending containers to the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt this May or June. They are requesting school supplies (spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.), new children's socks and underwear, and toothbrushes and toothpaste. If you would consider supporting these Christians in dire straits abroad, please give your items to Barbara Lieske by May 1.

Our mission grant story this month is about Jesus Our Savior Lutheran School (JOSLS) for the Winnebago Tribe in NE. Our national LWML has pledged \$58,553 to them in the next four years. The school has minimal financial support. Presently there are two teachers, one for the preschoolers and one for grades K through 3. With only two instructors for 28 children, teaching time is not utilized to its fullest. This grant would allow JOSLS to hire two part-time instructional assistants to help with tutoring, art and music lessons, etc. for the next four years. Let us pray that the school will receive the help it needs in teaching and volunteers to tell the children of our Lord's saving grace.



Ahoy! Join us at the Sea of Galilee as we get ready to sail on an Amazing Grace Adventure with Jesus. Throughout our week we will join with the crowd of thousands, captivated by Jesus, as He speaks to us.

We will set sail during the week of July 7. Many deckhands are needed to enhance our sailing experience and they will be recruited soon!

Reserve your sailing spot beginning Monday, May 19!



## THREE POINTS ELEM. PARTNERSHIP



We are blessed at PoP to have a partnership between Three Points Elementary School and our congregation, allowing us to be in our community impacting lives by sharing the love of Jesus.

Last month, we were able to provide three days of snacks for a special Spring Break tutoring program involving 127 students. You can contribute toward this partnership with your prayers and monetary donations.

Be on the lookout for upcoming hands-on ways you can contribute toward this partnership.



## SPONSORSHIP

You are invited to sponsor an issue of the *Crossroads* Newsletter. Please fill out this form and designate why you are giving your gift. You may then return the form to Prince of Peace.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of

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In celebration of

\_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for

\_\_\_\_\_

To the glory of God

**MAY    JUNE    JULY**

\$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_



It's a beautiful time of year to join together as a church family to celebrate and thank God for all His blessings. We hope you will join us at the annual PoP Picnic SUNDAY, APRIL 6 immediately following the late and Hispanic services. We will congregate on church grounds for food, fun, and fellowship.

There will be a bounce house for the youngsters and an appearance by an Orlando fire truck!!

Please bring a "picnic" side dish to share and your favorite folding chair. This would also be a wonderful opportunity to invite that friend or neighbor you have been meaning to ask to come to church. We can't wait to see you all there!

☆ Due to the volume of side dishes expected, please refrain from bringing anything that will require warming or refrigeration.

*This event will also be our April Family FUNday.*



young  
at heart

As we continue our Lenten journey with our "Why Pray?" devotional book, we pray you are experiencing a stronger and more satisfying relationship with our Heavenly Father. As Pastor Green said, "much like strands of fiber are woven together to make a strong rope, I see God at work drawing many different strands together as He weaves us at PoP into His restoration plan." We hope Young At Heart is one of those strands so we may reach more seniors and bring them into fellowship with Christ and with us. Let's pray continually and fervently and see what God's will is for us!

On Wednesday, April 9, Bible study with Pastor Ludwig will begin at 9am, so we may carpool to the Second Harvest Food Bank for a one-hour information session and tour to learn about hunger in Central Florida and what they are doing to help. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 10:15 sharp. Following the tour, we will go to lunch together. There will be no meeting in the Family life Center this month. Hope you are able to join us and bring a friend!



Pray continually and fervently! He can do more than we can possibly imagine! Watch what He does among us!

## SPIRIT NIGHT



Tuesday, April 8, will be our Spirit Night Fundraiser at the Sonny's BBQ down Semoran (toward the airport).

Come show your support by eating BBQ with fellow church families from 5-9pm and don't forget your flyer!

# JUST 4 YOUTH!

## ACOLYTE/COMMUNION HELPER SCHEDULE

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u> <u>(8:15 SERVICE)</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u> <u>(9:30 SERVICE)</u>	<u>COMMUNION HELPER</u> <u>(10:45 SERVICE)</u>
April 6	Brennah Fussell	None	Abby Seyfert
April 13	Sophia Martin Sarah Wiegand Kayle Holweck Joel Green	None	Rebecca Harding
April 20	Sarah Wiegand Billy Embach Joey Embach Kayle Holweck	Austin Lampe Joel Green Sophia Martin Brennah Fussell	Tristan Browning
April 27	Austin Lampe	None	Austin Stief

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Annual PoP 'He Is Risen' Event will be Saturday, April 19 (9am-noon). We will help with games/activities and sell cotton candy again.

## YOUTH GROUP MEAL

April 27!

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 6 – Family Fun Day/ Church Picnic

Sunday, April 13 – Youth Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20 – No Youth (EASTER)

Sunday, April 27 – Pizza & Games

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Our team of PoP men will be cooking for us again this year! Breakfast will begin at 7am and end at 10am. Two teams of helpers will be needed for shifts 6:30-8:30am and 8:30-10:30am.

## CHRIST'S KIDS' CLUB

There will be no CKC during April. Enjoy the Easter celebrations together with your families!



## BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade – Sunday morning (9:30-10:30am) in the Bickel building with DCE Emily No Wednesday Night High School Bible study in April due to Lent.



## LENTEN DINNER

We will be serving the Lenten Dinner Wednesday, April 2! Please be at church around 4:45pm for food prep and serving, then please remain after the dinner for cleanup. We will serve our traditional taco dinner.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

- ☆ CONFIRMANDS: Please turn in your Faith Statement rough drafts ASAP!!
- ☆ Class Party & Finale April 27
- ☆ Confirmation Rehearsal & Banquet Saturday, May 3 beginning @ 5pm
- ☆ Confirmation Sunday May 4 during the 8:15am service

## SPIRIT NIGHT

Tuesday, April 8 will be our Spirit Night Fundraiser at the Sonny's BBQ down Semoran (toward the airport). Come show your support by eating BBQ with fellow church families! Don't forget to bring your flyer with you when you come!!

## YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 8. We will meet at Sonny's for Spirit Night @ 6:15pm.

## FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

The First Communion Retreat has been postponed until a later date. More details to come.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT DCE EMILY:**  
**EMILY.HENTE@POPORLANDO.COM**  
**OR 407-277-3945.**

**KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR NEW EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We wish birthday blessings to those who celebrate their special days this month! *(If we have missed you, please contact the church office.)*



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|----|--|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | Thomas Kinne   | 12 | Donna Browne  | 25 | Annabella Montalvo   |
| 2  | Abigail Seyfert<br>Avery Wilson  | 14 | Angelique Alamo<br>Kylee Driver<br>Bob Eldredge<br>Raul Rubio           |    | Janet Rodriguez  |
| 3  | Pam Ingersoll  | 15 | Moranda Ramey<br>Asher Weekes   | 26 | Joel Green   |
| 4  | Luis Febres<br>Leonel Ramirez<br>Kaye Yonge  | 16 | Andrea Keliher  | 27 | Yalexa De Jesus<br>Krista Koenig<br>Israel Lopez<br>Connie Murillo<br>Eliza Vega |
| 5  | Vincente Benjamín<br>Shaleimar Morales<br>Richard Summers<br>Roger Vokovich                      | 17 | James Finnie<br>Sharleen Jespersen<br>Amanda Summers<br>Mariana Vasquez | 28 | Marleen Schmidt<br>Tita Staley   |
| 6  | Shelley Veal   | 18 | Wendy Churchillville<br>David Wilson                                    | 29 | Samuel Borges<br>Ellie Saylor  |
| 7  | Zachary Jones<br>Deisy Mejia<br>Chloe Wiltse   | 19 | Peg Henderson<br>Peggy Kreps  | 30 | Donna Keylon   |
| 8  | Lisa Brooks  | 21 | Linda l'Anson<br>Harry Montalvo   |    |  |
| 9  | Mary Ellen Branneky  | 22 | Claudia Lopez   |    |  |
| 10 | Karen Bayless<br>Linda Becker<br>Betty King<br>Haleigh Lewis<br>Lawrence Monroe<br>Beatriz Paris | 23 | Daryl Flynn   |    |  |
|    |  | 24 | Rebecca Boogher<br>Steve Hudson   |    |  |



## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

### FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

Over the course of 9 weeks, 15 households accomplished the following:

- Paid off \$11,675 in debt
- Cut up 21 credit cards
- Saved \$25,350

Overall, this was a great class, which will be offered again in Q3 or Q4.

# MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2014

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BOD Present: Jason Seyfert, Kurt Bickel, Bob Zamsky, Jim Reynolds, Sonia Tellez, Linda P'Anson, Susan Fortini, Ed Estes, David House, Brian Browning, Jim Ingersoll

Excused: Zaida Torres

Staff: Pastor Green, Julianne Wiegand, Austin Wessel

Guests: Doug Polkosky, Gene Fresk, Don Lauher

### Welcome/Opening Comments

Jim R

- Approval of Today's Agenda • M/S/C
- Approval of January 2014 Minutes • M/S/C

### Devotion

Pastor Ken

- Chairman's Comments-Jim Reynolds and the BoD thanked Doug Polkosky for his volunteer efforts and help over the years with the Technology Committee
- Senior Pastor Report—New Reporting Format
- Funding the Mission
  - Consecrated Stewards Program – total life stewardship program, slated for October 2014
    - \* It's a percentage giving program—not to a budget or to a need!
    - \* Encourages people to take another step (or a first step)
    - \* Action item: funds for the CS campaign approved
    - \* M/S/C to approve \$2,000 to purchase program
  - Capital Campaign – Major Equipment Repair
    - \* Save the Organ Fund (\$120K)
    - \* Other future repairs as deemed necessary (\$150K)
    - \* Funds to be “fenced” (separate LCEF account)
    - \* Policies established for distribution of those funds
    - \* Need: establish team-M/S/C for Pastor Ken, Jim R and Kurt B to determine team members
    - \* Need: advance campaign to secure significant pledges (Consecrated Stewards approved earlier in agenda) M/S/C
    - \* Focus – Mission, Vision, Critical Targets and Desired Outcomes are *essential* to drawing people to support ministry with their time, talents, and treasures
- Identifying the Mission
  - We are entering a critical phase of identifying the mission, vision, and critical targets at PoP.
    - \* What is the unique calling God has given us here at PoP? How do we understand that

calling together? How do we measure whether we are fulfilling what God has called us to do?

- \* The BoD is the lead with establishing this; however, they cannot do so in a vacuum.
  - Propose a “Leadership Huddle” Saturday morning, March 15. • M/S/C
  - How do we identify which leaders to invite?
  - What process do we use to discern and shape what we hear God saying?
- Financials through December 31, 2013-Linda reported the 2013 final docs were sent to the BoD for review; there's a \$22k year-end deficit; we are starting the year at a negative \$4K to budget; Concordia will be discontinuing their 403B match. Fundraising opportunities being considered are Christmas tree, pumpkin and corn-on-the-cob sales
- Financial Peace University is entering Week 6 and attendance is good
- Committee reports –Jim Ingersoll reported that the Endowment Committee made disbursements today totaling \$10K. Details will be published in newsletter. March 6 is the next Futures Committee meeting.

### Old Business

- Organizational structure follow-up discussion. Amend by-laws to better align with the constitution; operational stuff flows thru pastor; pastor accountable; read policy manual from PoP in VA

### New Business

- Memorial Garden – Doug P. and Gene F. presented a proposal from the Memorial Committee to sell memorial bricks to raise money for a new memorial garden. Each brick would sell for \$100 pre- construction and \$200 post-construction. The landscaping, sprinklers, electrical, pavers, would be provided by 3 different vendors. M/S/C to enter into contract with vendors to produce and install new memorial garden; 100 bricks need to be sold to break even.
- Gene reported that the concrete/driveway needs to be repaired soon; funds are needed

### Executive Session

*Next Meeting* – March 17 • Happy St Patrick's Day!

Adjourn – Prayer

Pastor Ken