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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship on Sundays:

8:15 am - Traditional
10:45 am - Contemporary
11:00 am - Servicio en español

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ROAR!

Life is Wild -- God is Good!

That's our Vacation Bible School theme for June 10-16. In many ways it speaks powerfully to our lives as people of faith in our world today, as well as to the life of our congregation.

As we went through the spring months, we have given a warm welcome to Eric Gerken, Director of Family and Youth Ministry, and Eric's ministry among us already is having an impact. (God is good!) Eric's wife, Brenda, son Jayson, and their possessions won't arrive from Nebraska until the 1st week of June. (Life is wild!)

We bid a fond farewell to a key staff person, Austin Wessel, Director of Worship and Media. (Life is wild.) We look forward at the Traditional Service to meeting Ammon Perry, our Guest Organist for July and August. (God is good.)

Meridith Armstrong Swanson has been hired as our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, a position which I am confident she will continue to grow into with excellence. (God is good.)

The Contemporary Worship Team has stepped up in Austin's absence in the 10:45 worship service. In the interim, Meridith Armstrong Swanson has stepped up as team lead while we form an Exploratory Team to determine next steps. (God is good.)

People in our neighborhood and in our City continue to experience struggles and setbacks as well as successes. (Life is wild.) We are empowered by the Spirit to serve them with the love of Jesus, demonstrating and telling the story of that love. (God is good.)

Life will continue to be wild—in every regard, for each of us in this world. The ups and downs of life, which can include everything from: health challenges, to unpredictable local or world events, to just having a random bad day. Life is wild.

No matter how wild life becomes, though, there is a greater truth at work: God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good.

He has shown His eternal goodness and love for us through His Son who gave everything for us so that we might have life, and live it to the fullest. We as His people not only soak in His goodness, but spread it everywhere we go.

Life may be wild. God is always good!

Pastor 



ELLEN PONSFORD

Centro de Paz Para la Vida (designed to help immigrants and refugees in our neighborhood) held a First Time Home Buyers workshop the evenings of April 29-May 3 in the ESOL classroom. The workshop was well attended, and plans are being considered for holding "Home Buyers" workshops again this fall. For more information contact Ligia Morales, 407-277-3945.

Also in the planning stages:

- Our annual "Back to School/Health Fair" event to be held on August 3 in the Family Life Center. We are working with schools, community centers, and health and wellness advocates to organize the day. Watch for more information coming soon.
- Giselle Martinez, an immigration lawyer, is willing to provide small workshops for around five people at a time to discuss immigration and citizenship issues. These meetings could be ongoing as requested by people who want to make progress toward official U.S. status.

We want your help! Please consider how you can get involved:

- Pray, donate -- We are working on a very tight budget.
- Help us find a grant writer.
- Sign up to help in the church office registering people for English classes and other workshops.
- Help us spread the word about workshops and invite your neighbors.

For more information contact Ligia Morales at the church office 407-277-3945, or text Ellen Ponsford at 407-340-6355.



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool Receives 2019 Best of Orlando Award

Orlando Award Program Honors the Achievement (Read Below):

ORLANDO April 27, 2019 -- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool has been selected for the 2019 Best of Orlando Award in the Preschool category by the Orlando Award Program.

Each year, the Orlando Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Orlando area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Orlando Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Orlando Award Program and data provided by third parties.



About Orlando Award Program

The Orlando Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Orlando area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Orlando Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Orlando Award Program

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JOANNE HAHN

I am happy to announce that the Lutheran Women in Mission have donated \$1600 to the following missions, individuals, or groups. All are working to spread the love of Christ. The funds were earned by different projects the women worked (sale of Christmas cookies, Austrian eggs, etc.) throughout the year. Here are the donations for 2019:

LCMS Missionary Shara Cunningham
\$200.00

Live UCF Campus Ministry
\$100.00

LCMS Joint Seminary Fund (Food Pantry)
\$300.00

Mission of the Good Shepherd, Belize
\$200.00

Lutheran Counseling Service
\$100.00

Wycliffe Bible Translators
\$100.00

Lift Your Eyes (Persecuted Christians)
\$100.00

Lutheran Bible Translators
\$100.00

Agape Flights (Supporting Christian
\$100.00

Missionaries in the Caribbean)

Peace Center of Life (PoP)
\$100.00

Lutheran World Relief (Prince of Peace
\$200.00

Lutheran Church in Puerto Rico)

Thank you to all who helped us reach these goals.
Please pray for these missions projects.



LU BURCHFIELD

We're rounding up the first 6 months of gathering together for a fun time lunching together. On June 13 we'll be heading out to Bahama Breeze at 11:30 am, 1200 N Alafaya Trail in Waterford Lakes. RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your seat...it won't be the same without you!

The next 5 months have been scheduled as follows:

July 11 - Millers Ale House, 2600 E Colonial Drive

August 8 - Peach Valley Cafe, 2849 S Orange next to Office Depot in the Market at South Side, Orlando

September 12 - the New Longhorn Steakhouse, 3010 E Colonial (where Sears use to be)

October 10 -Hollerbach's Willow Tree, 205 E First St, Sanford...our October Fest fab!

November 14 - LaFiesta Mexican Grill, 3000 Curry Ford Rd, next to Winn Dixie...our favorite Mexican cuisine!

We will not meet during the Christmas month of December but will start back up January 2020, with a visit to the new Olive Garden, 3111 E Colonial, Fashion Sq Mall.

Please mark your calendars for our monthly lunch outings; invite your friends too. You can RSVP to luburchfield@gmail.com or text Wendell at 407-488-6997. All events start at 11:30 am...see you June 13!

Thanks! and blessings!



KATHY HUDSON

Our Prince of Peace Food Pantry is a wonderful outreach to our community! We provide fresh milk, cereals, canned vegetables, fresh fruits and vegetables (when available), frozen meat, breads and pastries every month. We purchase our food from Second Harvest and often are able to get food at no cost to the Food Pantry! We are able to accommodate 300 + families each month. This would not be able to be done without all of our wonderful volunteers! We have volunteers that shop for food and food bargains through Second Harvest. We have volunteers that coordinate those assisting with packing the foods into distribution bags. Volunteers that "run" the food to the cars for the patrons of the Food Pantry, as well as volunteers that assist on Distribution Day! There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make everything run as smoothly as it does each month!

For the April Distribution on Saturday, April 27, we were able to assist 306 families with food, which equates to 1,339 individuals who received food from our pantry!

If you would like to become a part of this amazing outreach, please contact the church office for more details! There are many ways in which you can volunteer! It is one of the most satisfying experiences I've had, and look forward to serving each month!

Won't you join us?



KATHY HUDSON

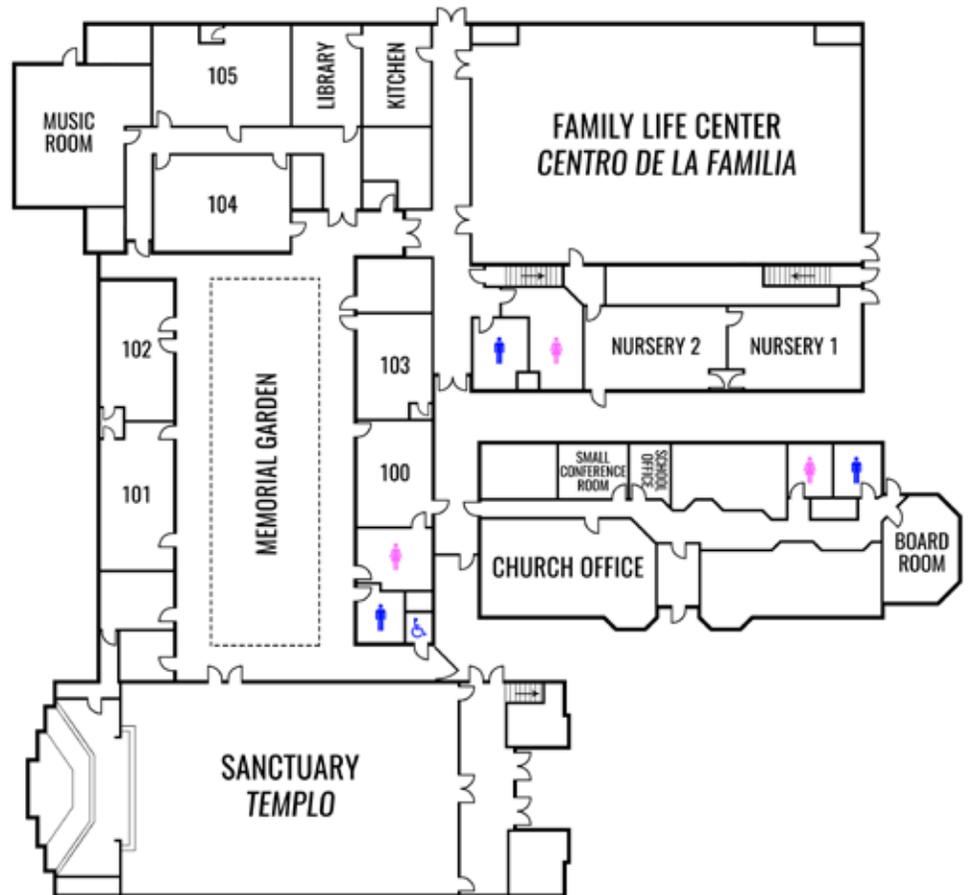
Wow! It's hard to believe we are already in the month of June!

The CrossTrainers are excited about entering the summer months! We have some fun lessons planned and members of our PoP family have offered to assist us with our projects! We enjoy having our dads and other members come in to help us!

We had fun last month celebrating our moms and grandmothers by decorating flowerpots and making plant pals. We got to choose the seeds we wanted to plant with our mom and brought home a starting kit to make that happen. In June, we are happily anticipating honoring our dads and grandfathers too! Our project is hush hush currently so our dads don't find out their surprise!

We have resumed our service project of making and sending out prayer postcards. We use our prayer list in the PoP Sunday Bulletin to send out as many prayer postcards as we can. We spend class time decorating the postcards and then praying over them at the end of class.

We hope you have a safe and wonderful summer!



See the map of the our church above? It's our job that we pray and it is filled to capacity, so others can know God's love. We listen to the Spirit when it prompts us to share God's love with others. We are confident and bold to invite people to fill that space because we know that God is good.

Pray for VBS, that every heart would be filled with God's love and power.

Pray for our Preschool and CDC, which doesn't take a break during the summer, continuing to serve families.

Pray for our members with health issues, especially those who long to be well enough to come back to worship in this space.

Pray for those who are lonely, that they would find community here.

And **pray** that as we go from our place of worship into the world that we would go with great courage to live and serve in the name of Jesus.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

ERIC GERKEN

It is almost my favorite time of year again - VBS Week!

There is no other week like it! It is more than just the decorations and the music and even the energy in the building. It is dozens of volunteers gathering daily to INTENTIONALLY share their faith in Jesus with others. We have teens, we have senior citizens, men, women. Spanish speaking, English speaking- all working together! It is beautiful!

And then there are the children! Some whom we see every week and others we are meeting for the first time. They are brought to us every day for us to share the Gospel with. They leave everyday with the Scriptures in their hearts and minds and a song on their lips and a spring in their step. We thank God for every participant! It will be my job to reach out to every student and family helping to strengthen their relationship with Jesus and perhaps help them connect with the Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz family.

Do you know a child who has yet to register? Are you (or someone in your house) available to volunteer? Can you contribute funds and/or supplies to help make it a successful Ministry event? Check out how you can participate in VBS at PoP at www.poporlando.com

Besides VBS, other Family and Youth events are in the planning stages. We do have regular Youth Ministry Nights on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30. Every 6th-High School student (and their friends) are invited to attend. Typically, we have about an hour of fellowship and games followed by creative time together in God's Word.

I am spending much of the summer evaluating current programming and planning for the Fall. You can look for changes and additions in the areas of Sunday School, First Bibles, and Family Milestone events. I hope we can create some real buzz and anticipation for intentional ministry in these areas. Please share with me your hopes and dreams for ministry to children, youth and families at PoP and in Orlando.



Our Life Together

1	Luz Fernandez Luis Salas	20	Nohora Sigcha
2	Grace Dapper	21	Elizabeth Rosario-Santos Austin Wessel
3	Inés Reynoso	22	Andrew Erpenbach Gloria Rosa
6	David House	23	Lidia Hrusitzky James Pirino
7	Rosmeira Arteaga Sara Rosario-Rogers	24	Anita Ballard Geovanni Montalvo
9	Jerry Ragazinsky	25	Tom Hirsch Carlene Lemcke Sebastian Pagan-Nube
12	Maria Figueroa Carole Ludwig Miguelina Soto Steve Yonge	26	Arthur Berroa Jr Chuck Boogher
13	Milagros Rosa-Medina Sidney Suggs	28	Lorraine Barton Julia Estrill Iraida Lopez Ethan Vales
14	Dwight Foote	29	Alondra Lopez-Abdallah Angel Torres Karen Wahl
16	Carmelo Oquendo	30	Priscilla Febres Jason Seyfert Helen Siems
17	Chris Mercado		
18	Richard Ackerman Ron Henderson		
19	Elsie Dreves Katherine Tiedemann		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We wish birthday blessings to those who celebrate their special day this month! If we've missed your name above, please contact the church office so we may update your database profile.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Janet Bothast, Kristin Calado, Terri Corrao, Bonnie Custer, Al Dicks, Linda Dicks, Dottie Dreves, Ellie Dreves, Sandy Driver, Michael Halstead, Steve Hardesty, Linda House, Bill Jordan, Kathie King, Carlene Lemcke, Kathy McCrary, Joanne Monroe, Annette Royal, Marilyn Scott, Cindy Sibly, Michael Vokovich, Noelle Vokovich, Roger Vokovich, Joyce White, Bob Zamsky, Linda Zamsky

Hospitalized/Outpatient during May:

Jacob Aguiar, Ashley Carter, Michael Halstead, Joan Krumpholc, Jean LaPointe, Pastor Ludwig

Sympathy to: We ask for God's comfort for the family and friends of Bonnie Custer who passed on Friday, April 19. Especially be with her sister Ferne Howell as she grieves. We also pray for Michael Frostrom and his family as they grieve the death of Michael's father, Robert.

We ask God to comfort Austin Wessel and his family at the death of his grandmother, Donna Livingston. Jesus, You are the Resurrection and the Life. Bring peace to all those who grieve.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, their phone calls and all the cards during my recent illness & hospitalization. I really appreciate my church family. A special thanks to the very special people who brought us food. Absolutely Amazing!

~ Joan Krumpholc

YEAR-TO-DATE as of 04/30

Church Actual Income	\$ 229,166.25
Preschool Actual Income	\$ 137,831.35
<i>Budgeted Income</i>	<i>\$ 387,032.23</i>
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Church Actual Expenses	\$ 235,092.04
Preschool Actual Expenses	\$ 114,420.44
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 372,625.47</i>
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Actual Net Cash Flow	\$ 17,485.12
<i>Budgeted Net Cash Flow</i>	<i>\$ 14,406.76</i>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

April 15, 2019

BOD Present: Don Mathews, Katie Abercrombie, Daryl Flynn, Kathy Hudson, Jim Nocks, Lindee Owens, Pete Spudich, Zaida Torres, Tom Zehnder, Kurt Bickel, Rev Ken Green (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Julianne Wiegand

Congregation Members Present: Bob Zamsky

Welcome *Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm*

- Approval of Today's Agenda Don M.
M/S/C to approve
- Approval of Minutes - March meeting Don M.
M/S/C to approve

Devotion Kurt B.

Discussion Topics

- Senior Pastor report: described 2 security incidents at 4/7 @ 10:45 & 11:00 services (see Sr. Pastor's report for details); Discussion of other examples, an emergency ops plan being developed by Staff, and District templates that might be available; Don reminded BOD that we need to communicate to members what the problems are and how the emergency ops policy works. Summarized Gerken's 4/28 installation and welcome luncheon. Offered successful feedback on Red Letter Challenge. BOD discussion followed; Lenten worship experiment was unsuccessful; Previewed spiritual focus, "Every One Counts."
- Operation update – (Reynolds not present). Summit consulting (CNL): if they find ways to save money, we will share the savings with them. Lighting, etc. will be considered. Don will share his notes with Jim Reynolds. Ingersoll, L'Anson and Tewes will continue on Finance Comm. Reynolds is doing a great job.
- Staff reports – CDC is 100% capacity. Zaida said "We're 'favorable' \$18K." BOD discussed ideas and scope for celebrating 60th anniversary of CDC.
- Financial Update – Reviewed March & YTD results. Don reported that re-financing the mortgage resulted in \$1K savings/mo. PK reported funds from Endowment Fund are xferred quarterly to subsidize Gerken's call. BOD Candidates: Bob Z, Daryl, Pete, & Zaida have agreed to run for another term. PK has approached Andres Velez; Don has approached Jason Seyfert

- Fundraising opportunities – Reviewed Financial work plan, updated on Basecamp with grant submitted and fireworks concession as fundraising opportunities. Don showed a handout of the Financial Work Plan 2019-2023. He asked that it be put in front of the BOD.
- BOD Candidates – Reviewed candidates for BOD. Kurt asked for more members from 11 am service.
- Other business –BOD agreed to watch video link PK will send before next meeting and prepare to discuss as the Devotion; Winterfest date is Dec. 7, 2019.
- Reviewed and approved Sec. 2 (Board Self-Governance) of BOD Policy Handbook. Kurt noted §2.7 Committees, and reminded Directors that committees "shall have no executive or decision-making authority" and "must make recommendations to the Board"; PK said Crisis Management Plan will be reviewed and created by Staff for inclusion in Handbook's Appendix; Sec. 3 will be reviewed by the BOD at the May meeting.

Next Meeting - May 20, 2019

Adjourn - Prayer

- M/S/C to adjourn at 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lindee Owens, Vice-Chair BOD.





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