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

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# ***The Heart Matters***

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Lent, the 40 days of preparation before Easter, is a perfect time to examine our hearts.

As we reflect, repent, return to the Lord, and are renewed, what will we find? We will find that matters of the heart are of tremendous importance to God. The Lord is attentive to what is in our hearts, whether they are aligned with His will. He knows—even better than we—our motives and desires. God’s Word tells us, “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account”—and that includes matters of the heart (Hebrews 4:13).

As we examine our hearts in the light of His Word, the Lord also leads us to repentance and change. “Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love” (Joel 2:13). What an affirmation of the heart of God! And in Jesus, the Lord reveals His heart for us in such tangible ways. His is a heart of compassion and mercy, a heart that not only beats with forgiveness and limitless love, but a heart that is also the wellspring of courage and hope and power to change.

## The Season of Lent

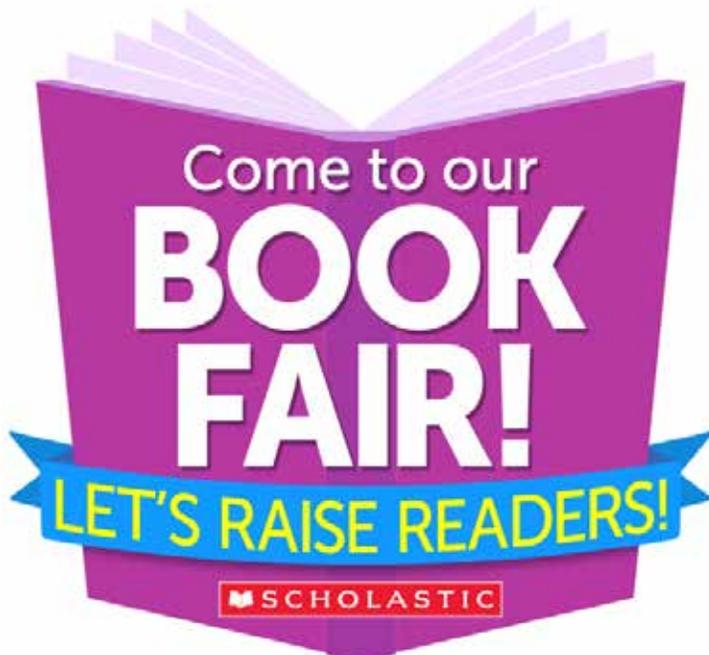
The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent (a period of 40 days, excluding Sundays, leading up to Easter) is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives—weddings, graduations, quinceañeras—Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.

Pastor 



# Prince of Peace

PRESCHOOL & CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



ELLEN PONSFORD

Prince of Peace Center for Life/Centro de Paz Para la Vida team has received the first installment of the City of Orlando grant. These funds will be used to help people in our neighborhood with their needs. We are also preparing for events for 2020.

By working with the Orlando Center for Justice (a local non-profit legal team) we will hold a seminar on March 18 for people seeking information and help with questions about citizenship (basic legal and political asylum issues). We have also had discussions with the Orlando Center for Justice about using church spaces for individual meetings with people working on immigration/citizenship issues.

We have worked up a job description for bilingual people who want to volunteer in the office each day. These volunteers are being trained to work at the office window to greet people, take phone calls, and keep track of requests and questions we receive. They will give out information and register people for ESOL classes and upcoming events. They will also record information/data that is needed for grant applications, grant reporting, and future strategical planning.

We hope to increase the number of students in ESOL classes. To be able to do this we will need at least two more teachers. We hope to actively engage people in citizenship classes. This will also require a teacher. We are looking for teachers now and trust that some leads we have will result in people who can fill the need.

The Back to School/Health fair is scheduled for August 1. It was so well attended last year. We hope to have even more families and their children attend this year.

Watch for more events/seminars being planned as the year progresses.

# LENTEN WORSHIP

## WEDNESDAYS

4:30PM ENGLISH

5:15PM DINNER

5:30PM ESPAÑOL

6:15PM "ROUNDTABLE"  
DISCUSSION

## HOLY WEEK BEGINS APRIL 5TH

### PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM

10:45AM

11:00AM (ESPAÑOL)

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM

### GOOD FRIDAY

4:30PM & 7PM

### EASTER SUNDAY

6:30AM

8:00AM

11:00AM

11:00AM (ESPAÑOL)



KATHY HUDSON

On Saturday, January 25th, the PoP/Principe de Paz Food Pantry was blessed to serve 284 families - a total of 1,279 individuals! We were able to distribute fresh oranges, mashed potatoes, mushrooms, 1/2 gallons of milk, whole chickens, pork loins, and assorted frozen meats - all within the hours of 9-11am! It's amazing that we are equipped to distribute to so many families in such a short amount of time. We were fortunate to have 38 volunteers on distribution day. We had 22 runners (those that take the food out to waiting vehicles) and 16 volunteers helping to distribute the various foods as well. We also served 5 out of county families. We can only give them food that we as PoP/Principe de Paz Food Pantry have purchased through donations given to our food pantry. This limits the amount of food they are eligible for. We encourage these families to stay in their county so they will be able to receive additional food.

It is so rewarding serving the families during food distribution. The relief of the amount of groceries they are able to receive shows on their faces! It is a blessing to be able to help so many families receive such an important staple of life!

If you would like to help with our food pantry, please contact the church office and we will be able to get in touch with you before our next food pantry. Our distribution days are the 4th Saturday of every month. The hours of distribution are from 9 -11 am. There are also days during the weeks prior to distribution, where bags of food are prepackaged for distribution day. Another way you can help with the food pantry is to donate canned meats, chunky style soups, peanut butter, and cash for future distributions.

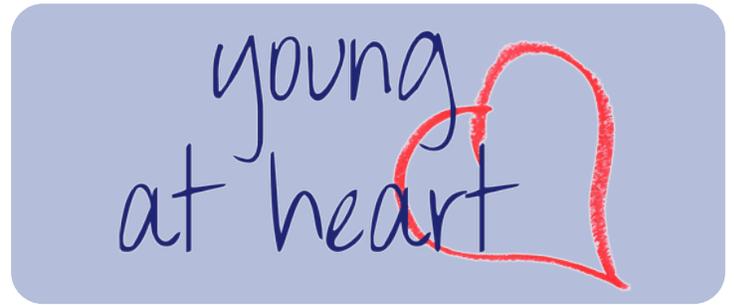
We don't want to be selfish and be the only ones to be blessed by participating in this wonderful outreach! Please give us a call so you too can experience the reward of helping someone in need! Will you join us next month?



JOANNE HAHN

LWML is planning its next meeting for Wednesday, March 18th. Debbie Noss will lead us in a Bible study that came from the last convention. We will also be helping put together items for the Egg Hunt at PoP. I'm sure we could use lots of help here. On Saturday, April 18th the women are invited to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Sanford for a gathering of Lutheran women in the area. There will be a Bible study, short meeting, breakfast, and lunch. More information will be available next month. Please put the date on your calendar and we can carpool from church!

Through your mission offerings, LWML shares His message of salvation with the world. Keep bringing your mites to church on the 3rd Sunday or bring them to the LWML meeting. Next month we'll have some figures on our mite collections, plus final figures on Christmas cookie sale. At our January meeting it was announced that we have collected \$119.20 in December in mites. Thank you so much. The Advent dinner netted \$30.00, and Christmas cookie sales \$1,029.00.



KATHY MCCARTIN

During the month of February we had a baby shower for the Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford. We had a wonderful morning hearing about the home from Sheryl DeWitt and Kyle Lublin and presented them with lots of diapers and gift cards. We also had our Baby bottle campaign kickoff for them with a ministry minute.

Happy St Patrick's Day! Please join our monthly meeting, March 11 at 11:00am in the Family Life Center. We are having a potluck, so bring your favorite dish. We will also play bingo and enjoy fellowship with one another. We hope to see you there and don't forget to invite a friend!





LU BURCHFIELD

Boston Fish House was our February lunch get together and what a fun feast it was! We were not the only large group eating the day before Valentines Day; there were two other groups. The servers or the kitchen help were not bothered and did great. This place knows how to take care of their diners!

We will venture to Perkins Restaurant and Bakery on Thursday, March 12. The address is 6425 University Blvd in Winter Park. Seating starts at 11:30am so get your reservations in as soon as possible. If you have not had an opportunity to join in on our fun outings, please sign up for this next one. Perkins loves Prince of Peace!

Email Lu Burchfield at [luburchfield@gmail.com](mailto:luburchfield@gmail.com) or text Wendell at 407-488-6997.

Happy St Patrick's Day to all of you! Wearing of the Green is special!



LU BURCHFIELD

As we are in the full swing of Lent we remember all those who are in need of encouragement, care and most of all...love. What Jesus Christ has done for us we gather to encourage each other and "give back" in some fashion. The Angels are currently putting together soft, cuddly toys that our First Responders can give to a child going through a traumatic situation while riding in an ambulance or entering a trauma center for treatment at a hospital. These can be very scary times for a young child, these toys give them something to hold and hug for security.

With the financial assistance from Thrivent Financial we are able to accomplish this with sewn and crocheted toys as well. We welcome anyone who can assist us with creating or giving a monetary gift for this purpose. This will be an ongoing project just like our many items for the babies at Winnie and Arnold Palmer Hospitals, Cancer Center and those friends around us.

We donated handmade booties and hats for "February Heart Month" to the American Cancer Society. We meet the first and third Thursdays in the boardroom at 10 am for a chance to come together, hug, and enjoy the friendship of all who contribute to this worthy mission. I hope to see some new faces soon!

Happy St Patrick's Day to you!



# VBS Team Recruitment is Underway!

ERIC GERKEN

Vacation Bible School is a unique opportunity for us at Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz. Neighbors and people from our community without any previous relationship with our church will bring children and let us share Jesus with them every day for a week! We want to be as prepared and organized as possible to share Jesus in the best way! We are in need of many volunteers - some to work directly with the children and some to work behind the scenes. If you can help serve during VBS this year on June 8-12, please contact me and we can discuss how you can help share Jesus with our kiddos.

## Prince of Peace Concert Series

Thank you to all who have attended and supported the Prince of Peace Concert Series! In the month of March, we have two more special opportunities for you to hear some spectacular music. As always, these events are free to attend and are open to all. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the concert start time. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend these special events!

### Orlando Concert Band "As Seen on the Stage & Big Screen"

Sunday, March 1 – 6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Orlando Concert Band returns in the third season of the Prince of Peace Concert Series for a special engagement of "As Seen on the Stage & Big Screen." Orlando Concert Band was featured in the second season of the Series with a special concert in honor of Veteran's Day. This 70+ member ensemble was founded in 1989 and is composed of both professional and amateur musicians. The band, under the direction of Mr. Jon Territo since 2009, performs concerts as well as a variety of ceremonies and other special events throughout Central Florida.

### The Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago

Saturday, March 14 – 7:00 pm - Sanctuary

The Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Charles P. Brown, will present "The Light No Darkness Can Overcome." The Kapelle was last at Prince of Peace in March 2016. Beyond touring the United States, the Kapelle performed in Scotland and England this past spring and also has edified audiences in Argentina, the Baltic nations, Canada, Chile, France, Poland, and Russia. Host families are needed to house and transport students for one night (Saturday, March 14). If you are available to house at least two individuals, please contact Austin Wessel at [austin.wessel@poporlando.com](mailto:austin.wessel@poporlando.com) or 573-803-7040.

The Prince of Peace Concert Series is funded entirely by special donations from the Endowment Fund, members of our congregation, and freewill offerings collected at each event. If you would like to support the Series financially, donations may be made online at [www.poporlando.com/give](http://www.poporlando.com/give) (select "Concert Series" in the drop-down menu) or checks may be made out to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with "Concert Series" noted in the memo line.

For more information, visit [www.poporlando.com/concertseries](http://www.poporlando.com/concertseries) or call 407-277-3945.

# Coming Up

## **First Communion Workshop | Saturday, March 7th in both English and Spanish!**

Students who are at least 7 years old (parents should make the final call on a “case by case” basis and knowledge of their child) are invited to register for the 1st Communion workshop. It will run from 9:30am-12:30 pm with a breakfast included. Students will learn about the Sacrament of the Altar and how to worthily receive it. The cost of the Workshop is \$10 per student for food and supplies. Students will then be eligible to receive their 1st Communion on Sunday, March 22nd. Please contact Eric, Pastor Borges or Deaconess Ligia to sign your child up.

## **Save The Date – Community Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 11th , 9:30 am-11:00 am.**

Watch your bulletins for opportunities to donate candy, volunteer for the event or help us spread the Word! We will be inviting children from our neighborhood and local schools and we would love to add your friends and neighbors to the list as well. New this year! we will have a Kona Ice Truck on site to sell some cool treats!

## **Youth Ministry Mission Trip July 11-18**

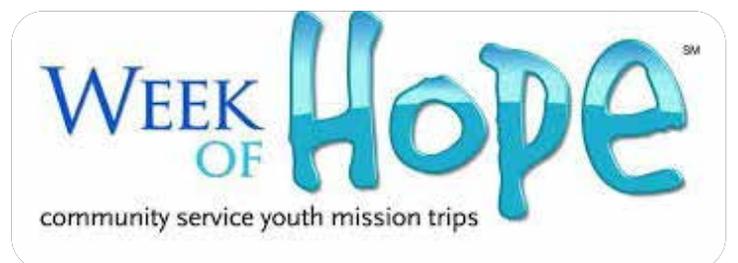
We still have open spots for teens to sign up to share God’s love with the people of Charleston, SC. Our students will be part of a team of 125 youth sharing Jesus with kids at Boys and Girls Clubs, area VBS opportunities, senior centers, soup kitchens and more. Plus we will get to explore the awesome community of Charleston. Please contact me asap if you have a student Grade 7-12 that you think would benefit from a week long immersion in serving other people.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

ERIC GERKEN

For many, their favorite time of year is Christmas, for others it is summer- but for me it is always March. Spring Training is here! Hope springs eternal! No matter how poorly your team did last season, your team is still in first place in spring and there is optimism about the new season and opportunities right in front of you.

I also feel that way about Ministry. March is a wonderful time to be in ministry- especially here at Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz. Spring is a time loaded with opportunities to share God’s love. Here is a short preview of some of the opportunities coming up for Youth and Families in the coming months!



# Our Life Together

|    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Jacquelyn Zehnder  | 18 | Andrew Abercrombie<br>Dorothy Reynolds                             |
| 2  | Pirosca Berroa<br>Melissa Finkey<br>Karin Hart-Wilson  | 20 | Joshua Flowers<br>Bruce Lieske                                     |
| 3  | Lourdes Duprey<br>Janet Velez<br>Carlotta Warnock  | 21 | David Acuña<br>Hipatia Paz<br>Michael Veal                         |
| 6  | Ana Calderon<br>Jan Fry<br>Michael Vokovich  | 22 | Kathy Krieger<br>Roberta Weaver                                    |
| 7  | Colleen Eldredge   | 24 | Bryan Burns<br>Arleth Molina<br>Brian Parton                       |
| 9  | Sarah Del Rio<br>Lance Ingersoll<br>Gavin Browning   | 25 | Ligia Borges<br>Linda House<br>John Young                          |
| 10 | Kurt Bickel  | 26 | Carol Bickel<br>Katelyn Sanchez                                    |
| 13 | Joshua Boogher<br>Peg Green  | 27 | Moises Borges<br>Edwin Molina Jr<br>Rosalba Torres<br>Pam Armitage |
| 14 | Don Schwartzburg   | 28 | Carlos Montanez  |
| 16 | Bonnie Anselmo<br>Becky Fry  | 29 | John Moore   |
| 17 | David Ault<br>Kathryn McCartin<br>Rosalie O'Neil<br>Wilda Olivo<br>Sonia Tellez<br>Karen Seyfert | 30 | Benjamin Michael<br>Jeffrey Powell                                 |
|    |  | 31 | Gloria Godoy<br>John I' Anson                                      |

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Ron Becker, Kristin Calado, Terri Corrao, Al Dicks, Linda Dicks, Ellie Dreves, Sandy Driver, Eleanor Eaton, Gail Eaton, Jayson Gerken, Bob Hahn, Michael Halstead, Steve Hardesty, Linda House, Bill Jordan, Kathie King, Carlene Lemcke, Connie Lerchen, Pastor Ludwig, Bill Martin, Kathy McCrary, Joanne Monroe, Gerry Noss, Annette Royal, Marilyn Scott, Cindy Sibly, Michael Vokovich, Noelle Vokovich, Roger Vokovich, Sarah von Braun, Dave Weidner, Joyce White, Bob Zamsky, Linda Zamsky

**Hospitalized/Outpatient during December/January:** Joanne Monroe, David Weidner

**Sympathy to:** We pray that our Lord would comfort Wendy Churchville at the passing of her son-in-law, Jay Zewe. We especially ask that the Lord be with Jay's wife, Elizabeth, during this time of grief. We ask Jesus to give peace to all who grieve, for He is the Resurrection and the Life. We also pray for the Finnie family at the loss of Judy's cousin, Hannah DeHart.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of January 31, 2020)

|                       | Actual              | Budget              | Difference          |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Church Income         | \$ 63,046.62        | \$ 56,742.16        | \$ 6,304.46         |
| Preschool Income      | \$ 33,257.83        | \$ 32,435.81        | \$ 822.02           |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | <b>\$ 96,304.45</b> | <b>\$ 89,177.97</b> | <b>\$ 7,126.48</b>  |
| Church Expenses       | \$ 57,042.15        | \$ 60,495.23        | \$ -3,453.08        |
| Preschool Expenses    | \$ 31,428.24        | \$ 30,752.45        | \$ 675.79           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 88,470.39</b> | <b>\$ 91,247.68</b> | <b>\$ -2,777.29</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>     | <b>\$ 7,834.06</b>  | <b>\$ -2,069.71</b> | <b>\$ 9,903.77</b>  |

**Help POP go GREEN!** The BoD has approved staff to move forward with converting our Campus Lighting to LED. This will result in huge savings in our electrical and maintenance cost. We have selected a vendor. If you would like to contribute to this project in a large or small way please contact Pastor Ken or Jim Reynolds or you can simply note LED Project, on your check or envelope.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

## January 27, 2020

**BOD Present:** Lindee Owens, Bob Zamsky, Rick Ackerman, Kurt Bickel, Daryl Flynn, Kathy Hudson, Jim Nocks, Zaida Torres, Andres Velez, Rev Ken Green (ex-officio).

**Staff Present:** Jim Reynolds

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

- Approval of Today's Agenda M/S/C to approve Lindee

**Devotion** Zaida

### Discussion Topics

- Finance Review: Updated the board on POP finances.
- BOD Policy Handbook: preview BOD's responsibility for its use, review; identify and solicit missing documents
- POP Operational Calendar: Staff to develop.
- Pastor's Report: update BOD, and preview staff goals for 2020. We will have a combined service for Ash Wednesday. We have received the first grant check from the Community Investment Program with the city. The BOD has an opportunity to appoint a member to the board to replace Katie Abercrombie who has relocated to TN. LED lighting proposal: this will reduce our energy cost,

maintenance costs, etc. The Finance Committee has recommended that we move forward, using cash on hand in our operating accounts for the deposit. Initial work will be outside lighting; which can begin almost immediately. We will share with the congregation and invite them to participate, in as much as many would be interested, with special gifts to help fund the project. PK is evaluating worship times; developing family friendly strategies for worship; and live-stream podcasts. Lay Leadership Summit at POP/PDEP – Feb 28 -29. LED Lighting Proposal: Start the process with 25% down and start with replacing the exterior lights first. M/S/C to approve the contract and place the 25% down. PB is going to re-engage in completing his doctoral studies. He is asking for the board to support this by considering for him to work part-time for 18-24 months beg in May 2020 and for Ligia to work full-time to take over some of his responsibilities. He will be here on Sundays to preach and teach.

**Next Meeting - February 24, 2020**

### Adjourn - Prayer

- M/S/C to adjourn

*Respectfully submitted by Rick Ackerman, Secretary BOD.*





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