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HOLY WEEK BECOMES MORE...DIFFERENT

Holy Week is a blessed and unique time on our calendars—different from other weeks. We set aside this week each year to draw a season to a close; to raise up those world-changing events of our Lord's last earthly days; to gather around the word about crucifixion and resurrection—the very center of the year for Christians.

But with the current virus turning our world upside down, this year HOW we observe Holy Week may be more different. We have acts and movements in our worship on this blessed week that are common to Christians over the centuries and to this congregation in particular.

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HOLY WEEK *continued...*

However, the shape of those acts may be different this year, because we will be worshipping at a distance due to the virus.

During Holy Week we will observe Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of our Lord on each of those days. Worship opportunities will come to you in the same manner as the past 2 weeks.

We are excited to provide worship for us all in a creative way, reminding us of our unity in Christ Jesus regardless how the world tries to divide us.



SCHEDULED FOR SUN MAY 10 **60TH ANNIVERSARY** **CELEBRATION**

At the printing of this newsletter, Bishop Pedro Suarez of the Florida-Bahamas ELCA continues to have Prince of Peace on his calendar for our 60th Anniversary celebration on May 10. While we would like to keep that date with our Bishop, we are continuing to ponder whether it is advisable to move ahead with preparations or postpone the celebration for a later date. We will be informing the congregation as soon as possible.



WED LENTEN SERVICES & SUN MORNING SERVICES ONLINE

ONLINE WORSHIP

Wednesday Lenten Services and Sunday Morning Services are now online. They are available on Wednesday by 6pm and Sunday by 11am on our website. You may also receive these services by email. If you have not been receiving these emails, please send your email address to MJ at MJ@poplargo.org.



INFO ON ENGRAVED PAVERS

PRAYER GARDEN RENOVATION

Many of you may remember that the new Peace Garden (between the Parish Hall and the COC) was dedicated more than two years ago – on February 4, 2018. The paved walkway displays many special thoughts, favorite scripture verses and the names of our loved ones. There are almost 200 engraved pavers given by 126 Prince of Peace members and friends.

The Prayer Garden next to the chapel has been renovated with a continuing walkway, and there now is an opportunity to add engraved pavers to that walkway. Many helping hands removed old shrubs and the new plantings will soon appear. If you would like to donate an engraved paver for the new walkway, please fill out a form (available in the Narthex or Church Office) and return it to MJ in the office with your check in the amount of \$65.00 made payable to Prince of Peace.

This Prayer Garden continues to be a final resting place for many of our loved ones.

MARCH MEETING

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- + Discussed how we would proceed with worship during virus isolation; heard report from staff
- + Moved after much discussion that Preschool remain consistent in following Pinellas County Schools schedule
- + Learned that Go & Do Likewise and other ministries and activities have been postponed
- + Discussed options for salary of new staff position; tabled for further discussion
- + Council informed of various actions staff has taken to prepare for the virus outbreak
- + Approved First Fruits grant of \$300 to Clearwater Community Dental Clinic
- + Discussed and will continue to evaluate the timing of our 60th Anniversary Celebration in May

TO BE RESCHEDULED

GO & DO LIKewise IS POSTPONED

Due to the recent recommendations from health officials concerning the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we postponed Go & Do Likewise until it is safe for our volunteers and those we serve to work side by side in helping others and spreading the Grace of God in our community. We provided promised meals to the homeless at Pinellas Hope, but we did not stay and serve (per their wishes). Thank you for volunteering and stay tuned! We will reschedule as soon as we can.

In the meantime, prayers continue to be a wonderful way to serve others, especially in these challenging times. You can also help by calling a friend or acquaintance that may be feeling alone.

In addition, this is the season of Lent, and a great time for introspection and reflection on our wonderful God and all his majesty and miracles.

Wishing you all health and patience during these challenging times. – Pamela Iusi

CHILDREN & YOUTH CAMPS

SUMMER CAMP

Prince of Peace Children and youth will be going to camp this summer. Elementary children at Luther Springs, Middle School youth at Lutheridge, and High School youth at Lutherock. The camps have extended early bird registration until April 15, Please speak with Pastor Adam if you are interested in attending camp this year.



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REGISTER TODAY ONLINE

SUMMER VBS / JUNE 22-26

VBS Registration is open! VBS will be the week of June 22-26 from 9am-2:30pm (before and after care are available starting at 7am and ending at 5:30pm). Please invite friends and neighbors. VBS is open to children age 4 thru grade 5. Older youth and adults are encouraged to serve as volunteers. Contact Pastor Adam to volunteer!