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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### THE BRIDGE: WHAT'S HER STORY?

MARCH 5 | 6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us at The Bridge for an evening with women of all ages. We will gather for food and fellowship and then hear from PCPC member Kathy Smith. You will see God's steadfast love in grief when you hear Kathy's story. Charge for dinner is \$5. No reservation is required.

[pcpc.org/women](http://pcpc.org/women)

### LENTEN ORGAN SERIES

WEDNESDAYS STARTING FEB. 21 | 12:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter as you enjoy these 30-minute noon concerts during Lent. PCPC organist Nathan Davy, along with other recitalists, both local and from around the country, will present music for reflection as we prepare to celebrate the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. No tickets are required.

[pcpc.org/holyweek](http://pcpc.org/holyweek)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - THE FINISH LINE

MARCH 20 - ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

APRIL 8 - GENERAL REGISTRATION

This year's Olympic-themed VBS is titled "The Finish Line" and is based on Hebrews 12:1-2, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." We're looking for "Olympians" ages 5 (by 9/1/24) to rising 4th graders. We're also in need of several "Trainers" (a/k/a volunteers) to work with our outstanding Olympians! VBS will run on June 4-7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

[pcpc.org/vbs](http://pcpc.org/vbs)

### YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OF WORSHIP

MARCH 21 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Join us for a young adult worship night in the Chapel. Dress casually and bring friends!!

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### HELPING HANDS

MARCH 23 | 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and join the deacons and other volunteers to help single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs (light repairs, maintenance, and minor jobs) around their homes. If you need assistance or would like to serve, please email [Jessica.Fikkert@pcpc.org](mailto:Jessica.Fikkert@pcpc.org).

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### THE GATHERING

MARCH 20 | 7:15 P.M.

All High School is invited to join us! The Gathering is a monthly time of food, fellowship, worship, and teaching that meets at a local church family's house.

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### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 | 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.

Participate in the Lord's passion and celebrate His resurrection with us! Holy Week is March 24-31 with noonday services and more (see full schedule on the next page). Invite your neighbors and family to be a part of this powerful week and to celebrate our risen Savior on Easter Sunday.

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## EVEN THE SPARROW

BY BRETT BRADSHAW

Bright bird song fills the broad quiet church hall.  
The little singer perches on the seal of a great  
wheel window, beneath the high ceiling,  
braced by heavy wooden beams, barrel-vaulted  
and stained dark walnut.  
Soft light welcomes the morning melody.  
God said, "Let birds fly—"

The creature of sky obeys  
its primal blessing, and flits  
above the slate across the expanse.

What do you seek: refuge, comfort, escape?  
Is this a silly question, asking meaning  
of chance multiplied by time, tooth, and claw?  
It's just a lost bird.

Is not even a fallen bird found  
in the Father's tender mercy?  
Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air."

All is washed in luminous white.  
Even the sparrow finds welcome here,  
singing God's delight.

**"Even the sparrow finds a home . . .  
in Your house, ever singing Your praise!"**

**Psalm 83:3-4**

## EASTER FLOWER CROSS

We invite all children to  
bring a flower to place  
in the large cross out  
in the Courtyard on  
Easter Sunday. It's such a  
beautiful reminder that  
**He is Risen!**



### Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 24 | 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

### Noonday Services

Monday-Friday, March 25-29 | Noon-12:35 p.m.

### Midweek Vespers

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30 p.m.

### Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, March 28 | 7 p.m.

### Preschool Easter Song & Story

Friday, March 29 | 10:30 a.m.

### Lamb of God - Good Friday Concert

Friday, March 29 | 7:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 31 | 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

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# CASA DEL LAGO

by Jane Edson  
PCPC Communication Specialist

### Thank you, PCPC!

In pursuit of our call to extend Christ to the least of these in Dallas, PCPC contributed a major gift to Casa del Lago (Casa) in January 2023. Casa del Lago has been one of PCPC's ministry partners for years through its reading and literacy programs serving the Hispanic community in the Bachman Lake area. PCPC members have helped teach ESL classes, served on Casa's board, and participated in Mission Dallas at Casa. Some of PCPC's home church missionaries even work at Casa. Casa del Lago is currently pursuing opportunities to renovate a new building and to expand its programming as educational, spiritual, and material needs continue for the community. PCPC's \$150,000 gift was instrumental in that it was one of the first gifts received in Casa's capital campaign last year.

Casa del Lago wants to let the members of PCPC know how much Casa appreciates the contribution and what a significant difference it has made. "PCPC was one of the first organizations to commit to the campaign, and that has been a tremendous help to us," said Josh Geiger, Executive Director of Casa del Lago. "Having PCPC on board communicates to the community that this project is worth investing in, and that has helped us attract other donors to the project. This project, when completed, is going to have a transformational impact on the lives of 100s of children and adults in Bachman Lake each year, and we are so excited to have PCPC be a part!"

Now a year later, Casa has raised 52 percent of its goal towards renovating a new building. It is clear that the Lord is at work.



### Casa's New Facility

Casa del Lago's mission is "to serve the Bachman Lake community with quality, faith-based educational programs, counseling, and legal assistance." Currently, Casa is operating at full capacity in a building in poor condition. The new facility will be better adapted to Casa's programs and will include four early childhood education classes, improved security features, new furniture, classrooms specially adapted to adult education, a library, and a new pastoral counseling room. Furthermore, the new building will be in the heart of Bachman Lake near major shopping and recreation areas, all within walking distance of apartments where many of Casa's students live.

### What are Casa's Hopes and Dreams?

Casa's primary hopes are to increase total enrollment and increase existing student weekly attendance. Last year, Casa served 470 individuals, and in the new building space, that number would rise to 700 per year. Casa is also looking into adding GED programs in the future. Casa hopes to complete the building renovation, move in, and increase program capacities in 2025.

At PCPC, we believe that "When the righteous flourish, the city rejoices" (Proverbs 11:10). "PCPC has historically had a heart for our Hispanic neighbors in the Bachman Lake neighborhood, and we have been so humbled to be partnered with Casa del Lago in this endeavor since their inception. As we seek to steward well the financial gifts God has given our congregation, we are honored to be a small part of investing in what God is doing to extend His Kingdom to our neighbors made in His image," said Sam Leopold, Assistant Pastor of Missions at PCPC. Through PCPC's gift, we want our city not to notice us but to notice our good and gracious God.



For more information on Casa del Lago, visit [casadelago.org](http://casadelago.org).

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