

# The Good News

*"To know the love of God in Jesus Christ, and to share that love through word and action."*  
March 2024

## Holy Week at Prince of Life

Palm Sunday - March 24,  
9:30 am - Worship at Prince of Life

Maundy Thursday - March 28,  
Noon - Worship at Prince of Life

Good Friday - March 29, 7pm  
Worship at Zion Lutheran Church,  
720 Jefferson St., Oregon City.  
Musicians from Prince of Life will be joining the  
Zion choir for this special worship service.  
Live Stream at Zion Lutheran.

Easter Worship – Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am  
Easter Breakfast follows Worship (details below)



## Let's Fill the Altar For Lent.

Last year we gathered 1,155 pounds of boxed, canned and packaged foods around our altar during Lent. Please bring your contributions to church each Sunday in Lent, through March 24. Let's see if we can't exceed last year's half-ton of food for our local food pantry.

## Easter Breakfast

Cub scouts will be serving our Easter Breakfast this year again for us on March 31 after the service. They always do a great job! Your monetary contributions help them get to camp and other activities.

We do need to bring food to serve. There will be a sign up in the narthex at the beginning of March.

Supplies needed are: cooked breakfast casseroles, cut up fresh fruit, pastries, milk, juice, and other breakfast and/or brunch items.

Thanks everybody!

## Mid-Week Lenten Worship Wednesdays at Noon Thru March 20th

## Time For Patience & Grace

Dear Friends and Fellow Followers of Christ,

We are entering into another phase of transition, one that is not clearly defined in the Oregon Synod's Transition Manual. Pastor Robert Neubert, who served our congregation and community well, has moved onto his next chapter, as a called Pastor for First Lutheran in St. Helens. I will be forever grateful for Pastor Robert and his entire family's dedication and service to the congregation and community we love so well. I wish all of them success in all of their future endeavors.

The Call Committee has reviewed the first round of candidates referred by the Synod and decided not to bring any of them forward for further consideration. They have received more candidates from the Synod, and soon will begin meeting and interviewing them. I know they are moving forward with dedication and deliberation; I hope all of you keep all of them in your

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## Call Committee News

Thank you for your continued prayers and patience.

We met with Rev. Melissa Reed, Associate to the Bishop, on February 10 and received a new slate of candidates. Feeling hopeful, we're setting up initial interviews quickly.

We are mindful that change is hard and uncomfortable for all of us. Not knowing what the "new normal" will look like causes anxiety and uncertainty. God's promise to the ancient people is God's promise to us today. He is leading us!

We are listening! We are praying! Please pray with us!

Leaning on the Holy Spirit to show us the way.

Bev Spilseth, Chair

## Joyful Worship Volunteering

Dear POL Family,

Several years ago, I saw my daughter helping with communion. What a nice surprise! I was glad to see her doing that.

There is literature that tells the steps and what to do. So, I decided to try it. The "Robe" part was a comedy of errors at first. (I told Pastor John that. It brought a smile and a chuckle to his face.)

Helping to serve communion is a great experience! We need more people to sign up to help. You will get to know your POL family better.

I enjoy helping in the few places that I've done: Greeter, Usher, Communion Assistant. I know you would enjoy helping a Sunday or two. This would give time off to people who have been serving regularly for a long time.

Think about it. It's not hard, but it is fulfilling. It's not just for the girls! Guys can help too!

Your friend,  
Linda Monise

## Lilies for Easter Worship

Remember or honor someone who has been a special gift to you with a lily this year for Easter worship.

You are invited to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday by donating a beautiful Calla Lily. Lilies are \$15 each and may be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Special "Lilies for Easter" Envelopes will be available in the narthex for your contributions. Don't forget to tell us who you wish to remember so that we may include their names in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin.

Please place your Lily envelopes in the offering plate.

## March Pulpit Supply

Here is a list of pastors lined up to guide us in March:

March 3:  
Jennifer Beil

March 10 & 17:  
Tim & Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath

March 24:  
Kevin Yell

March 31  
Joel Schmitz

Pastor Colleen Nelson will preach and preside at NOON each Wednesday throughout Lent. We will have a full service with lessons and music.

It is good to hear different voices and points of view coming from the pulpit.

Please sign up to volunteer for these services. The pastors all receive a bulletin before their Sunday to preach. I'm sure it is disheartening and troublesome to see the word NEEDED next to so many volunteer positions.

*Linda Wiese,*

Worship Committee Chair

## **Election Coming up! Annual Meeting in April!**

The Annual Meeting is coming up in April and the Nominating Committee is already asking for folks to step up and serve - be a nominee for a leadership role here at Prince of Life.

We need to fill 11 positions!

We need four (4) council members. Three of the positions are for three years each. One position is a two-year term due to a resignation. Council members meet the second Tuesday of the month in the evening. Members may attend on Zoom.

Prince of Life has nine committees. Each council member represents one of those committees. When each committee meets their council member attends the meeting and reports back to the council. Only a few committees meet. If you have an interest in the committee you represent and want to "get that committee going" you might be the committee chair. It's not required.

The council secretary position is open. Two years remain on the term. Council meets the second Tuesday. (see above) The secretary also attends the Budget and Annual Meetings. Unlike other council members, the secretary does not represent a committee. The secretary takes council meeting notes, puts the notes

together as minutes, and distributes the minutes to all members of the council via email.

We need three (3) nominees each for Mission Endowment Fund and Nominating Committees. Due to resignations, there are two 2-year terms and one 1-year term on each committee.

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee manages the Endowment fund and decides who receives a share of the proceeds once a year.

The Nominating Committee finds the nominees for the different positions needed to fill the ballot at the Annual Meeting. Also, they should be on hand to count the ballots.

Please speak to Bryan Bowyer, Rebecca Harms, Joyce Johnson, or Linda Wiese if you are interested. Please prayerfully consider serving if they ask you.

Would you like to be on the ballot?  
Contact our nominating committee:

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Tyleen Conrow [tyleendream46@gmail.com](mailto:tyleendream46@gmail.com)  
Linda Wiese [ladyscout80@gmail.com](mailto:ladyscout80@gmail.com)



The SON (Supporting Our Neighbors) program is back to POL for two weeks, starting March 4, so volunteers making or delivering meals will be needed. (The volunteer sign up started in February.). This will be the last month for POL to provide meals. There are three families, but that could change. Thank you for all your help and support, the families are so grateful!

Any questions, call Karen Steiner, 503-657-4534.

## **Annual Report Coming in April**

I'll be publishing our Annual report the second week of April.

Please have your reports to me in the office by April 1. Pastor Robert has already submitted his report, no fooling! (He was always prompt with his submissions!)

Whatever your role in the ministry of Prince of Life, your work should be included in our Annual Report.

Edith Sanguinetti Alben  
Office Coordinator

## Time For Patience & Grace

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thoughts and prayers.

The Worship Committee is doing a fine job providing supply Pastors for Sundays and Lenten services. Their work is truly appreciated. But for the near future, we will not have a Pastor in the church during the week to oversee day to day operations. I know Edith and Jesse are doing their best to keep the train on the track, and the Executive Committee is trying to be of assistance as well. There are bound to be blips here and there as we move forward, and hopefully we find the right Pastor to call sooner rather than later. But as we move forward, I believe we are in A TIME FOR PATIENCE AND GRACE.

We all lead busy lives, with family, work, friends, and other obligations. So many of us volunteer for the church as well, whether it's one of the multiple functions that helps with service every Sunday, either out front or behind the scenes, or helping with one of the many organizations that serve our community. Our members are active and engaged. We have much to be thankful for. But in these busy, sometimes frantic times, I hope we can remember that this is A TIME FOR PATIENCE AND GRACE, for each other, and for the staff that serves our congregation.

We will hold elections for offices at our Congregational meeting in April. There are several openings to be filled on Council, Mission Endowment Committee, and Nominating Committee. Vice President Bryan Bowyer and members of the Nominating Committee are searching for candidates. If you are interested, please contact one of them, their information is in the Newsletter.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your faithfulness and dedication to our congregation and community. If you have any questions for me, feel free to reach out anytime at 503-784-1566 or [mohlisconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:mohlisconsulting@gmail.com) I'd like to close with a thought from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4:2, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love".

Blessings to you and yours,

John Mohlis, Church Council President



Dear Members of Prince of Life Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity to Camp Lutherwood Oregon in 2023. Your faithful support has helped us achieve so many things in the past year!

We cleaned up our new adjacent property, completely remodeling the main house and giving a much-deserved space to our site manager Tom, his wife Jamie, and dog Houla while still having more rooms to offer to additional staff members and guests.

We built new strategic partnerships with DHS in Lane County, opening channels for more youth in foster care to come to camp. We also worked closely with Pastor Manuel Borbon, allowing us to pilot a new Bilingual Family Camp where 72 people joined us for a weekend of camp conducted in both English and Spanish.

In addition, we began work with CampFire Wilani, opening us up to more outdoor school programming. We have continued to support a quality year-round staffing team and of course provided quality summer programming to youth, adults, and families.

On behalf of all of us at Camp Lutherwood Oregon, thank you again for your generous support in 2023. Together we accomplished many things. We hope to see you at camp in 2024!

With Gratitude,

Andrea Scofield, Executive Director

## Children, Youth & Family Service Committee

The CYF Service Committee decided at their February 24th meeting to put a partial pause on our regular meetings for a couple of reasons.

The first is that all of our volunteers are needed to help keep worship, Council, and other programs going while the Call Committee works diligently to find another pastor to call. In fact, 4 of our regular committee attendees are either on the Council or the Call Committee or both.

The second is that we had a very helpful meeting with Darcee Kilsdonk during our February meeting. She said the trend in Oregon City publicly funded pre-school, like Head Start, is changing. They have to work harder to find additional eligible children when one of them drops out for any reason. It is possible that they are competing for some of the same children that the statewide Preschool Promise is serving now in Oregon City.

ClackCoKids does an annual assessment of the demographics of the area and they hope to explore the reason for the trend in their 2024 assessment. This does affect whether or not it is a good idea to build another building for Head Start in Oregon City.

However, ClackCoKids is looking into developing their program so that it encompasses childcare as well as pre-school and broadening the base of families (publicly funded, subsidized funding, and fee for

service) who can use the services. Darcee also has connections with other private providers whom she can introduce us to if it turns out that ClackCoKids can't build anything at our site.

We will need to do a feasibility assessment of our property with Tim Richard, the architect referred by ClackCoKids, at some point. It looks like we can safely wait until summer at least to start this. The initial cost is \$1600 and we need to bear that cost. At present we can't determine how much of the remaining cost of \$9280 we would need to pay.

We decided that the Committee will continue to monitor the situation with quarterly, not monthly meetings (next meeting would be in May). We are waiting till we have a new pastor installed and the congregation has made a good adjustment to the change before we take the step of raising \$1600 to start the assessment process.

Don't hesitate to give one of us a call and ask us about what is happening. Those attending the last meeting were Judy Cook, Rebecca Harms, Sue Robinson, Annie Sakaguchi, Bev Spilseth, and Janet Mann. Nick Dierckman, Kay O'Dea, and Julie Schedler also attend regularly.



## Fun and Fellowship at Prince of Life

### All-Church Potluck March 10th

Potlucks are always on the second Sunday of every month!

In March we will have soup and rolls since we will be observing Lent.

There will be a sign up in the Narthex

Questions: [cindyborders24@gmail.com](mailto:cindyborders24@gmail.com)

### Game Night is March 15th

Come play with your church family at our monthly game night on the third Friday of each month. Bring a potluck dish and a board game! This is an activity for all ages to join in together!

Please join us on Friday, March 15th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. See you then!

Questions: [cindyborders24@gmail.com](mailto:cindyborders24@gmail.com)



### Retired Men's Lunch March 19th

Retired men in the congregation are invited to meet in Oregon City's Wichita Pub at noon each third Tuesday of the month for food and fellowship. If you need a ride, call Harlow Jacobson at 503-656-1616.



Have you seen our Facebook page? It's slowly been reactivated by Julie Schedler.

Please, if you see a post, hit "like" and then hit "share". By doing this, you are witnessing to your community of friends your faith and the activities available at your church.

If you have suggestions or would be interested in helping Julie, please email her at [juliesched@comcast.net](mailto:juliesched@comcast.net)

## Green Planet



We can all do better when it comes to addressing the worsening climate crisis — how just depends on the level of time, energy and money you're willing to spend.

Informative article from Bloomberg on sustainable Living:

[https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2023-12-29/12-new-year-s-resolutions-for-more-sustainable-living?utm\\_source=website&utm\\_medium=share&utm\\_campaign=copy](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2023-12-29/12-new-year-s-resolutions-for-more-sustainable-living?utm_source=website&utm_medium=share&utm_campaign=copy)

Take care of each other and our fragile planet.

Peace,

*Carol Bresky*



## Healthy Habits

At Love INC, we believe transformation is found in communities working together for a common and desired outcome.

The individuals we serve benefit from learning new habits through several class-styled trainings. These habits are reinforced with new relationships and mentorship. These class-styled trainings and mentor relationships make up our Healthy Habits program which is how the Love INC network of churches works with individuals to see life transformation.

In 2024, our Healthy Habits program will be adding more opportunities for our community members such as Faith & Finances classes, Affirming Potential classes, and mentorship opportunities!

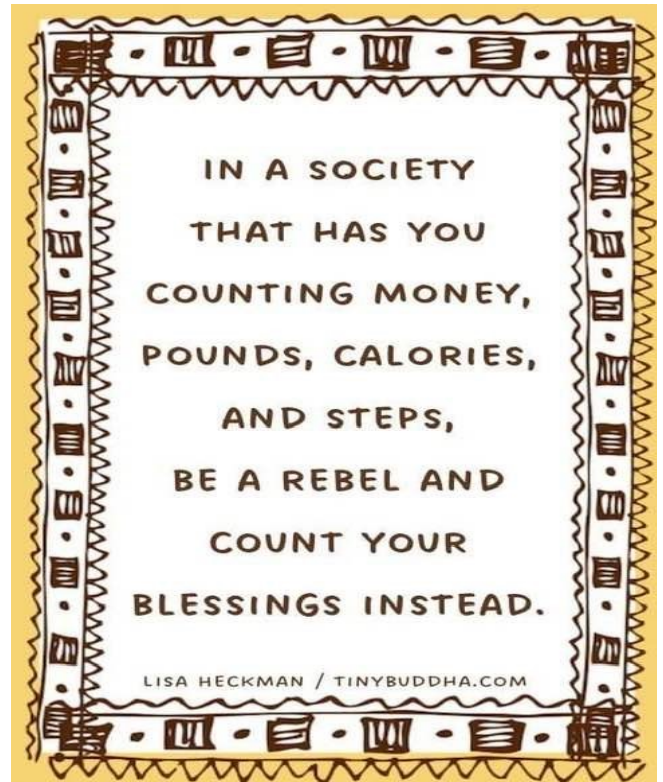
If you are interested in helping with this in any way, keep reading:

## Healthy Helping A Biblical Perspective on Addressing Poverty

We are going to continue our monthly Healthy Helping trainings at 9 am on the second Wednesday of every month! Free in-person training. Open to pastors, community leaders and volunteers.

If you have not joined us for this yet, we hope you will soon! We really enjoy getting to facilitate this training and discuss these topics with people from all parts of the community.

Registration is required.  
More information at <https://www.clackamasloveinc.org/volunteer.html>



## “Meme” in the Dictionary

(online)

*noun*

1. an image, video, piece of text, etc., typically humorous in nature, that is copied and spread rapidly by internet users, often with slight variations.

"celebrity gossip and memes often originate on the site"

2. an element of a culture or system of behavior passed from one individual to another by imitation or other nongenetic means.

*Verb:* create an internet meme from (an image, video, piece of text, etc.).

"there's always one audience reaction shot at the Oscars that gets memed"

Here in the POL office I found the “meme” above useful in creating a message for our electric sign. I try to post messages that will comfort and inspire passers-by.

If you see such a meme or other brief message please send it to me to share with our neighbors. Email me at [pllc@princeoflife.org](mailto:pllc@princeoflife.org).

Edith Sanguinetti Alben,  
Prince of Life Office Coordinator

## March Sermon Scriptures

Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024  
Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19,  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25, and John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024  
Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22,  
Ephesians 2:1-10, and John 3:14-21

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024  
Jeremiah 31:31-34,  
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16,  
Hebrews 5:5-10, and John 12:20-33

Palm Sunday  
Liturgy of the Passion, March 24, 2024  
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,  
Philippians 2:5-11, and  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024  
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14,  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,  
and John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday  
March 29, 2024  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22,  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9,  
and John 18:1-19:42

Easter: Resurrection of the Lord  
March 31, 2024  
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9,  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43,  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

## March Celebrations!

### Birthdays

01 Marsha Guthrie-Williams  
03 Carl Wiese  
04 Jim Brookhyser  
05 Jacob Beyer  
06 Rachel Warner, William Morgan  
07 Delaney Klebaum  
08 Cheryl Rizzo  
09 Denise Menke-Bowers  
10 Brooklyn Brady, Sami Elgin,  
Henry Millar, Lewis Millar  
12 Lexi Menke-Bowers  
15 Laurel Brookhyser, Nicholas Wheeler  
16 Aubree Costa, Ben Warner  
17 Kathleen Wood  
19 Brett Wilson  
20 Jim Wasson  
21 Jerry Cook  
22 Skyler Fray  
25 Mikayla Ellsworth  
27 Mary Wilson  
28 Bemmy Daniels  
31 Ethan Fulop

### Anniversaries

9 – Denny & Kathy Metzger  
13 – Tom & Susan Rodway  
15 – Joe & Yvonne Sawtell

**God's blessings on your special day!**

A mistake that  
makes you humble  
is better than  
an achievement that  
makes you arrogant.

## Confirmation Classes March & April

March 3rd, 10th and April 7th 11:30 am at West Linn Lutheran Church

And a "save the date" for a Confirmation Event on April 21: Service project and fellowship joint event with Jewish youth from Temple Neveh Shalom. The kids will be volunteering with Project Lemonade, a nonprofit that supports foster youth, and then enjoy lunch and ice skating together at Lloyd Center afterwards with siblings and families



# Prince of Life Lutheran Church Calendar March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation Class @ West Linn Lutheran 2 pm Private Event	<b>4</b> 4:30 Private Event 6 pm Private Event	<b>5</b> 11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Private Event 7 pm Worship Comm. Mtg.	<b>6</b> Noon Lenten Worship 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery	<b>7</b> 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 12:30 Oregon City 6:30 pm Woman's Club Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 6 pm Scrap-Booking	<b>9</b> 9 am Scrap-Booking
<b>10</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11 am All Church Potluck Soup and Rolls 11:30 am Confirmation Class @ West Linn Lutheran	<b>11</b> 4:30 Private Event 7 pm Brenden Estates HOA	<b>12</b> 11:am Staff Mtg. 10:00 am Material Girls 6 pm Property Committee Mtg. 7 Council Mtg 6 pm Private Event	<b>13</b> Noon Lenten Worship 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery	<b>14</b> 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Game Night	<b>16</b> 9:30 DAR
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<b>31</b> <b>Easter</b> 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Sunday School	<b>For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website: <a href="https://princeoflife.org/">https://princeoflife.org/</a></b>  <b>Please submit your articles for the April newsletter by March 15.</b>					



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in Christ congregation.

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Council President: John Mohlis

## ***Prince of Life's Welcoming Statement:***

The love and mercy of God move us to welcome all people, including those who have ever felt excluded because of race, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental challenges, addictions, imprisonment, economic status, family status, or anything that might divide us.

Whatever your country of origin or ancestry, wherever you are on your journey of faith, we welcome you.

**Our unity is in Christ.**