

The Good News

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

June 2023

Pastor Robert's Reflections

It rains a lot here in Oregon, for nine plus months we exist in a state of grayness and drizzle, so it is no surprise that as the weather begins to warm up and the sun finally begins to emerge from behind the clouds people tend to head for the beaches, mountains, rivers, lakes, etc... in hopes to grab whatever enjoyment they can out of the season before the clouds roll in and the rain begins to fall yet again.

I have often joked with people in other areas of the US that Oregon has only two seasons, the cold rainy season and the warm rainy season, while this is partially true we do actually enjoy some wonderful weather here in Oregon and for the most part it is pretty mild here compared to other areas of the US, unfortunately someone let other people know about this and people started moving here.

After spending eleven years living in Wisconsin where it snows for over half the year, we experienced temperatures dropping to over -50 degrees, entire months where the temperature never rose above 5 degrees, and then when it finally did get warm the humidity also became unbearable and mosquitos descended upon us all like a black cloud; I have since grown to appreciate the more moderate temperature variations here in Oregon.

Despite my joking there is actually 4 seasons here in Oregon though they may not be as distinct as they are in some other areas of the US, in fact I think they have become more pronounced over the last couple of decades as we have began to feel the affects of global warming. More snow falls in the valley than it once did, summers have gotten hotter and drier, and of course spring and fall remain wet and dreary as they always have.

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Mission Endowment Committee

The Mission Endowment Fund is looking for grant recipients. Now is the time to fill out your application. You can pick up a form from Edith in the church office. Or applications are available on the narthex bulletin board. It is a simple form. The board would be happy to help fill out the form if help is needed. The decision on grants will be made in October. So now is the time to apply.

Last year we were able to give grants in the amounts of \$500 to Piece by Piece Quilters. And \$1000 to Clackamas Women's Shelter. If you know of a charity or individual encourage them to apply. Or contact the Mission Endowment Board.

I also encourage you to donate to the Mission Endowment Fund. As the fund grows so does our ability to donate to charities. The principal is never touched. Only the interest is withdrawn each year to fulfill grant applications.

Sue Stark

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Yet over the years I have gradually developed an appreciation for what all four of the seasons have to offer. In each season there is both good and bad, and depending upon our likes and dislikes certain seasons are viewed in a more positive or negative light than others. It all depends upon what people like to do with their time and what brings them joy. Ironically sometimes it is the side of a season viewed most negatively by people that actually is the most beneficial to the environment.

Meanwhile those aspects that we enjoy most can ultimately cause harm especially if produced in overabundance. As the seasonal cycle goes around and around we may not always understand or appreciate what gifts each season provides but it is when all things work together in balance that the earth is able to bear good fruit and it is when our environmental conditions are out of balance that problems begin to arise.

Like the seasons, all around us there are things that affect us in both negative and positive ways. There is no one person, place or thing that is entirely good, nor is there anything that is entirely bad. What the Gospel and the Holy Spirit help us do, is to try and pinpoint exactly what the good in something is rather than just focusing on its negative aspects so that we can learn to better appreciate the world around us.

For example, many people hate bees because their primary interaction with people is by stinging them. Yet despite the discomfort that bees cause us we know bees play an important part in pollination, and over the last few years there has been a drastic reduction of the bee populations. As a result there is a growing fear that this might result in many species of plants who depend upon bees for life suffering.

Like bees sometimes the good people do goes unnoticed until one day they no longer are able or want to do those good things, and it is only then that people realize the gifts these people have given them. Much like the seasons and the bees, each of us have our good points and we have our bad points,

none of us is perfect. We are never going to make everyone happy, often our efforts will go unnoticed, and sometimes our good intentions will backfire, yet that does not mean that it is not all worth it. Just because we complain about the rain doesn't mean that it should stop, just because the bees sting us doesn't mean their species deserves to die.

No matter what time of year it may be people tend to focus on the bad; during the fall we complain about the falling leaves, during the winter we complain about the cold, during the spring we complain about the rain, during the summer we complain about the heat. In the same way we often focus on the negative sides of others, especially those people that we often disagree with. This helps us villainize people and dismiss them rather than trying to understand them as a fellow child of God. None of us is perfect, each of us have gifts and it is important for us to learn to understand and empower each other to use those gifts in a way that is best for the community.

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"

Philippians 2:1-5

Peace and Blessings

Pastor Robert



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An Ancient Kind of Ministry for a Whole New Day

The book of Acts in the New Testament reminds us modern-day Christians of how the early church started out: “All who believed were together and had all things in common... There was not a needy person among them... and having the goodwill of all the people... day by day the Lord added to their number.” Those first Christians did not worry about filling their pews. They lived as a giving community, trusting in the abundance of the Spirit and caring for those who lacked resources.

These days, especially the mainline church is greatly dwindling in numbers. Are we also shrinking in spirit? Have we forgotten how to gift our own abundance to a world greatly in need? Today, it is not just the stranger on the street—or our neighbor whose name we don’t even know—who lives in lack. It is our planet, the very earth we depend on—for air, water and living essentials—that is in desperate need of our care.

There is a simple way that we as an institution AND as individuals can address economic justice issues and the scary and much ignored problem of our current climate crisis. We can change the way we grow, distribute and consume our food!

If we buy locally grown, regeneratively farmed produce and prepare our meals conscious of our energy impact on the environment, we reduce our carbon footprint and by the way eat much healthier food. That

is the intent of Climate Café which you have begun to hear about from some of our youth and families.

Climate Café, an ecumenical intergenerational ministry, has been around the Portland area for a little more than a year, offering in various venues a monthly community meal. Nutritious, delicious food is prepared and shared, in the context of a “gift economy” such as Acts 2 and 4 describes. Local farmers give of their organic produce, volunteers give of their time and creative energy, and donors and diners give what they can so that a great meal can be enjoyed by all.

This is an exciting venture. Our kids are learning hands-on how to restore the environment, even as we take our needed nourishment from the earth. And these hardy, hearty workers are guiding the adults by their uncomplicated willingness to pitch in.

Here is an invitation to come dream with us—and help out.

Looking ahead to the fall, we are planting the food we will harvest and feast—generously and ecologically—in our own Oregon City neighborhood. Saturday September 23 at noon, Climate Café Kids’ Kitchen is coming to Prince of Life, ELCA! Come, dare and care and share the love with us!



Summer Climate Café Events

Saturday, June 3, noon
Climate Café

“Pop-up meal with community improv,”
St. Luke ELCA,
4595 SW California Street in Portland.

July 31-August 4
Harvesting at Acres of Abundant Grace,
7221 S. King Rd. in Canby

Saturday August 5, noon,
Climate Café “Pop-up” at
Cedar Hills UCC in SW Portland.

Check out our Website:
www.climatecafe.com

Transition Committee Progress

Dear Friends and Followers of Christ,

This month I would like to focus on the great work the Transition Team is doing. The Team has been meeting twice a month since January. They submitted a draft of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to our Church Council meeting Tuesday, May 9. The MSP was e-mailed to the congregation on May 11. Hard copies are available in the narthex for folks that don't have e-mail. The Transition Team hosted coffee hour on May 14 and were available for comments and questions. Once any changes have been made after the congregation's review, they will bring it to the Council meeting on June 13 for final approval.

Then the MSP will be forwarded to the Oregon Synod. The Synod will use this document as they search for good candidates for our congregation's consideration. We will form a Call Committee at our Council meeting on June 13 so we will be prepared to move forward and call our next full time Pastor.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Transition Team- Annie Sakaguchi, Chair; Rebecca Harms, Recorder; Marsha Gross, Kevin Hormann, Dan Hughson, John Mann, Kay O'Dea, Lennie Torgerson, Cathy Warner, and Pastor Robert. Your dedication and faithfulness is greatly appreciated!

If you would like to be a member of the Call Committee, please let me know. We will appoint the Call Committee at our regular Council meeting on June 13, if you are interested, please let me or any other Council member know as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time, mohisconsulting@gmail.com or 503-784-1566.

Blessings,

John Mohlis
Council President



Pub Talk is Back

Wednesdays, June 7 and 14

We will gather at 7 pm on Zoom to discuss 'Native American Land Acknowledgements'

June Sermon Scriptures

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Matthew 28:16-20

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

Genesis 12:1-9

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Genesis 21:8-21

Matthew 10:24-39

Fun and Fellowship at Prince of Life

GAME NIGHT

Game Night June 2

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

Please join us on Friday, June 2nd, at 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. See you then!

Questions: cindyborders24@gmail.com

Oregon City WICHITA Bar & Grill

Retired Men's Lunch

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.



Warner Family Celebrates Two Graduations

Rachel Warner is graduating from Oregon City High School. She will be attending Columbia University in the fall majoring in ecology or a field related to environmental science.

Benjamin Warner is graduating and receiving the following degrees: A BA from PLU in Computer Science, a BS from Washington University in St Louis in the area of Computer Engineering, and a MS in Computer Engineering from Washington University in St Louis. He is receiving all three degrees at the same time. He is continuing in the doctoral program in Computer Science starting this fall.

Our family is celebrating on Sunday, June 11, from 12-2 pm. All are welcome to attend the luncheon celebration! We are located at 19658 Schaefer Drive in Oregon City. Cathy & David Warner

Peace by Piece Quilters

We continue to meet Thursdays, 9-12, followed by lunch and conversation. There are many tasks that go in to making a quilt; many do not even involve a sewing machine. If you like color, fabric, and conversation, we are the group for you.

Please visit us! Margaret Bowyer,
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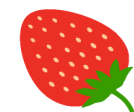
June 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Please submit you articles for the July newsletter by June 15.				1 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	2 6:30 pm Family Game Night	3
4 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10: 30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 10:45 pm Transition Com.	5 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 pm Girl Scouts	6 11 am Staff Mtg. 5 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Worship Committee	7 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery 7 pm Pub Talk on Zoom	8 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	9 6 pm Scrap- booking	10 9 am Scrap- booking
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For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website:

www.princeoflifelutheran.com.

You'll find our current calendar at the bottom of the page.



Child, Youth, and Family Service Committee

This past month, we continued to follow progress with Clackamas County Children's Commission and we received an inquiry with another person seeking to develop a partnership with us.

The progress with Clackamas County Children's Commission has been slow. Primarily because they are currently working on the completion of 3 projects; one renovation of an existing center in Estacada, renovation of a new center at Milwaukie Presbyterian Church, and a third going through licensing in Wilsonville at New Life Church. Two of the projects require a lot of construction coordination, including permits. That keeps both the Operations Manager and their contracted architect busy.

Since Tim, their architect, is responsible for determining the feasibility of both a temporary shared situation with Head Start and us in our building and building a new facility on our land, that is where the hold up lies. We found out all of this in mid-May and we are confident that they will be able to get the information to us as soon as they can. In the meantime, we are looking into setting up a site visit for committee members to Milwaukie Presbyterian to get a

first person visual of the changes being made by Clackamas County Children's Commission in order to accommodate Head Start classrooms.

Also, Clackamas County ESD Childcare Resources and Referral referred an individual who was thinking of partnering with someone to build a fitness based childcare facility in the county. A sub-committee met with him and we are planning a second visit with him at our church property so he can get a visual about what we have to work with.

All of this was discussed at our May meeting. We also had reports on the efforts OC Together is making on starting an afterschool program in the middle schools of Oregon City.

In the meantime, the CYF members continue to be your resource for information. They include Alana Morgan, Annie Sakaguchi, Bev Spilseth, Judy Cook, Julie Schedler, Karen Steiner, Kay O'Dea, Nick Dierckman, Rebecca Harms, Sue Robinson, Yvonne Sawtell, and Janet Mann.



Green Planet

Save money and limit your environmental impact with Resourceful PDX
<https://pdxtoday.6amcity.com/save-money-limit-your-environmental-impact-resourceful-pdx>

The online tool connects Portland residents with free or low-cost options for everything from home improvement, clothing, art, and more.

Love and protect our planet. Peace, *Carol Bresky*





GFWC OREGON CITY WOMAN'S CLUB

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

JUNE 2 & 3

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

19714 S. WHEELER FARM ROAD, OREGON CITY

(off Central Point Rd)

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CIVIC/SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS
WE SUPPORTED THIS PAST YEAR.**

Bridges to Hope Campaign for the new Carol Danielson Suzuki Cancer Center at Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center; Oregon City Library; Veterans Memorial Plaza Flag Pole; Oregon City Backpack Buddies; Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), Oregon City Center Meals on Wheels; Souflags Art Community Center, Start Right, UKANDU, HOPE (Helping Other People Eat), Love INC, A Safe Place, Fill A Stocking/Fill A Heart, Oregon City High School Pioneer Pantry

Website: oregoncitywomansclub.org and Facebook: Oregon City Woman's Club

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is will be on June 12, from 2-7 pm.

The Red Cross is offering a \$10 gift card to all who donate blood in June

To sign-up at the Red Cross website use this link:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Pauline Vorderstrasse



June Celebrations!

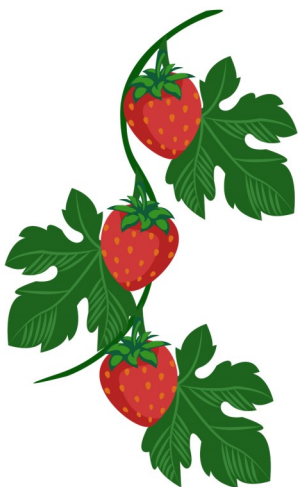
Birthdays

- 1 Kristi Beyer, CJ Salter
- 4 Rebecca Harms
- 6 Barbara Renken, Aidyn Worthy
- 9 Mary Otto, Steve Sakaguchi
- 11 Traci Anderson, Thomas Murphy, Larry O'Dea
- 13 Kevin Rodway
- 15 Lars Torgerson, Teddy Zarosinski
- 16 Bert Cranston
- 17 David Froman, Kathy Haydon
- 18 Jacob Graves
- 19 Barb Haberlach, John Mohlis, Kevin Hormann
- 21 Tyleen Conrow, Nathan Wheeler
- 22 Debbie Mohlis, Kody LaCrosse
- 26 Ellory Neubert
- 30 Liv (Torgerson) Sherwood

Anniversaries

- 3 Chris & Molly Hulett
- 5 Carl & Ryane Wiese
- 8 Nancy & Harlow Jacobson,
- 8 Lyle & Linda Wiese
- 9 Alana and William Morgan
- 10 Chris & Richard Sternberg
- 12 Bob & Pat Aaserude
- 13. Larry & Margaret Murphy
- 15 Larry & Kay O'Dea
- 17 Jerry & Judy Cook
- 17 Ken & Dale Dahl
- 17 Greg & Barbara Froman
- 18 Paul & Mary Swanson
- 20 Bert & Carol Cranston
- 21 Dave & Nancy Wheeler
- 24 Scott & Karlynn Salter
- 28 Mike Larson & Mary Otto

God's blessings on your special day!



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.



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**HELPING
OTHER
PEOPLE
EAT**

Currently the most needed items at our local Food Pantry are:

**Boxed Mac & Cheese
Prepared meals
Canned or boxed
Main Dishes**

Many clients do not have access to a kitchen, so pre-packaged meals are always welcomed.

Please bring your food donations to church and put them in our shopping cart, next to the lift.

PRINCE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME! We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
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