

The Good News

“To know the love of God in Jesus Christ, and to share that love through word and action.”
August 2024

Pastor Sharon's Monthly Message

August is not always known as a particularly exciting part of the church calendar. There are no major festivals – no Christmas, no Easter. It's summertime, and often vacation time teases us away from worshipping together.

Yet, this year, here at Prince of Life, August is shaping up to be different. August, this year, will see the welcoming of 6 new members. August, this year, will see a baptism with the promise of more in the future.

August, this year, when our grass is brown and dying, and our gardens are pleading for water, is alive and active here at Prince of Life.

Ministries are gearing up as the work of Love, Inc, Backpack Buddies, bunkbed building, quilt creation, and the arrival of all kinds of school supplies fill our building for Project Start Right. We're finding newly trained worship assistants sitting at the computers, leading the weekly announcements, serving as communion assistants, and in the rhythm section of the choir. Sometime this summer we will bless three new home communion kits and commission members who will share in the ministry of bringing communion to our housebound members.

In the midst of all of this, Jesus feeds us, leads us and encourages us in these acts of discipleship.

At the same time that these activities are gearing up in our midst, it is August. We read in the gospel of John that Jesus and the disciples are encouraged to take time off, to rest, to recreate so that they are strengthened to be effective disciples.

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Join the Start Right Team!

Come to help count, sort and pack school supplies for students in our county who need our support!

Come as your schedule allows. Bring friends and family.
(This is a good project for Boy or Girl Scouts or any youth group.)

Location:
Prince of Life Lutheran Church
Fellowship Room
Prince of Life Lutheran Church,
13896 Meyers Rd., Oregon City

Our Schedule:
Please join us from 9 am to Noon on the following days:

August 12 and 13 (Monday and Tuesday)
Assembly line filling packs with specific supplies for specific grade levels.

August 14 (Wednesday)
Bundling packs by family groups and delivery locations.
A DHS volunteer will be on-site and volunteers will be asked to sign a confidentiality statement. Volunteers will need to be able to read the tags and will be assembling multiple packs.

August 15 (Thursday)
Drivers with SUVs, trucks and vans will be loaded to deliver the packs from Prince of Life to social services facilities in Clackamas County. To volunteer or get information, please contact Lyle Wiese.

Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

Questions? Email: startrightcc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Bunk Bed Ministry

We delivered a bunk bed to "Mary Smith" (not her real name) on a recent Saturday morning. Her daughter was delighted and named her new white teddy bear Snowflake. This was an extremely easy delivery and they even gave the three of us bottled waters.

Thanks for the referral!

Dan Hughson
Prince of Life Church
Bunk Bed Ministry

Since October, 9 bunk beds including a loft bed and a single bed have been built and delivered by the building team.

We are grateful for Lyle Wiese, John Mann, Jerry Cook and Dan Hughson for meeting every Wednesday from 10 to 12 at Dan Hughson's barn.

Peace by Piece Quilters continue to provide quilts and pillow covers for the recipients.

Both ministries are open to new people joining them as they provide a service unique to Clackamas County families.

Dan Hughson, Building/Delivery Team Lead
dhughson55@gmail.com

Annie Sakaguchi - Bunk Bed Ministry
Coordinator
mcsak@comcast.net

That is wonderful!
Thank you so much to you and your crew for building these bunk beds, providing the bedding, and delivering and setting up for families. Such a wonderful gift! "Mary" sounds like a wonderful young lady and very hospitable to give you all bottled waters. Glad her daughter was happy with her gift, too.
Thanks again!
Cindy Moon
Oregon Department of Human Services

The Power of Prayer

God hears our prayers and accompanies us on our difficult journeys.

I could feel all the spirit of all those prayers. Calm came upon me instantly. Pain lessened. A wonderful spiritual time. I recalled my favorite piece of scripture, 'Be still. And know that I am God.' "
Sally Pierce

Nancy Wheeler wishes to thank everyone for the prayers.

She is healing quite well and looks forward to returning to in-person worship soon.

Prayer Requests?

We love to pray. We believe in the power of prayer. We believe that prayer is one of our primary responsibilities as a congregation.

Each Sunday in worship we invite you to share your prayer concerns with our community. You may also submit a prayer request by emailing the office at PLLC@PrinceofLife.org

When you make a prayer request, we will include the name in our prayers for a month. If you find that additional prayers are needed, just call the church office and we will add your concern again.

There is no limit to the number of times that prayer may be requested.

It's faith that lifts us up, love that brings us comfort, and strength that allows us to move on.
May you be touched by the healing power of prayer.
(Author unknown)

Climate Café Returns

Dear Friends,

Last fall with Christ the Healer, UCC, Prince of Life, ELCA co-sponsored Climate Cafe's first "Kids' Kitchen" event—facilitated by an ecumenical, intergenerational group of folks who planted, harvested, prepared and served a healthy, tasty low-carbon footprint meal. This also took place in the context of an educational program, in which youth shared their hopes and fears about our planetary future and invited those assembled to share their own perceptions as well

Climate Cafe operates on a gift economy, an effort in which folks with more resources donate extra so that those with less can sit at the table together.

Prince of Life folks may already be familiar with one or two of Climate Cafe's focalizers, who, for more than two years now, have popped up in various Portland metro area venues—mostly churches, such as St. Luke ELCA and Lake Oswego, UCC. Last year, Climate Cafe's regenerative farmers contributed organic kale starts and tomato plants to Hope Garden and helped plant some of the beds—alongside some of our youth and families as well as the Girl Scouts.

In this Spirit, members and friends of Prince of Life are invited to Climate Cafe's first annual Harvest Celebration. On August 24 from 10:00-noon at Abundant Grace Acres in Canby (7221 S. Kind Road) Climate Cafe will host a pot luck with food grown organically and prepared in a way that regenerates rather than deletes the soil and earth's energy resources. The morning will open with drumming from our community Council Drum. Mealttime will provide good food and a great time, in which to exchange hopes and dreams about the earth's future. There will be several 20 minute open space "learning and sharing circles" to choose from. If you want to learn more about regenerative gardening, one circle will focus on making your own compost. Another circle will be a place to share "earth care. earth share" music. Another will offer collaborative play with a giant inflatable "Earth Ball" globe.

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That's the paradox, the contradictory message, of this season. How do we both gear up and take time to rest? This question is not unique to August. All year long, we are challenged to find the balance between actions of service and time for rest and recreation.

This is our challenge as disciples of Jesus – to find balance in our lives in which we joyfully serve our neighbors while practicing the discipline of resting and recreating.

In this month of August, let us pay particular attention to creating this balance in our lives.

Seeking Grant Recipients

Hello POL members,

The Mission Endowment Fund is accepting applications for grant recipients. Applications can be found in the church office or on the narthex bulletin board. If help is needed in filling out the form, the committee is here to help.

The Mission Endowment Committee decision will be made in October, (when it is not so hot). So, if you know of a need in our community or the greater community, please encourage them to apply.

Susan Rodway
Mission Endowment Committee.

All this takes place on a local regenerative farm, among folks eager to connect with one another for the sake of healing our planet! Here's an opportunity to develop earth-friendly practices—one conversation and one tasty bite at a time!! Come join us!

For the Love of All Creation,
Bonnie Cochise

Week by Week Fun and Fellowship

August 11 Second Sunday: All-Church Potluck

There will be a sign up in the Narthex.

Potlucks are always on the second Sunday of every month!

Questions: cindyborders24@gmail.com

August 16 Third Friday: Game Night

Bring a potluck dish and your favorite board game and join us for our monthly game night.

Questions: cindyborders24@gmail.com

August 20 Third Tuesday : Men's Lunch

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.

August Celebrations! Birthdays

1	Melissa Martenson, Colin Bowyer
3	Paul Rickey
6	Suzanne Wood
7	Kyle Anderson, Tanner Brady, Margaret Bowyer & Raymond Renken
8	Jim Dahl, Derek Kruse
9	Susan Thornhill
10	Wayne Wilson
11	Jonathan Reno, Nathan Reno
15	Scott Salter, Kim Tambling, Ryane Wiese, Richard Sternberg
16	Aaron Vaca
17	Bennett Moran-Brown
19	Nancy Jacobson
23	Jesse Cook, Christopher Wheeler, Dona Williams
25	Sue Stark
27	Debra Daniels, Randall Wood
28	Shannon Murphy
29	Clyde Tambling, Lennie Torgerson
31	Ashlii Szocinski

Wedding Anniversaries

1	Sally & Scott Worthge
19	Mary Jo & James Tyler
23	Sandy and Arnie Anderson
24	Sharon & Wayne Wilson

Green Planet

At one time beavers numbered in the hundreds of millions, and like engineers they have expertly reshaped the contours of the continent. But their fur proved valuable enough to trappers that the North American beaver population dropped to near-extinction levels. Now, the plucky rodents have made a comeback, and our environmental health is benefitting. Correspondent Luke Burbank talks with Leila Philip, author of "Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America," and with scientist Emily Fairfax about why beavers are key to a more resilient ecosystem.

<https://youtu.be/FPwBcyaXih8?si=ecYEJKDmq1HobaaE>

Over the past several years, a team of beaver scientists and Google engineers have been teaching an algorithm to spot the rodents' infrastructure on satellite images. Their creation has the potential to transform our understanding of these paddle-tailed engineers—and help climate-stressed states like California aid their comeback. The following article has some great information about this new technology.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/89ByXR8qZo3CqXEG/>

Take care of yourselves and our planet.
Peace, Carol Bresky

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prince of Life Lutheran Church</i> <i>August 2024 Calendar</i></p>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><i>For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website: https://princeoflife.org/</i> Please submit your articles for the September newsletter by August 15.</p>				<p style="text-align: right;">1 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">11 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 All Church Potluck</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13 11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Private Event 6 pm Property Committee Mtg. 7 Council Mtg.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16 6:30 pm Family Game Night</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p>Project Start Right</p>						
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August Sermon Scriptures

This summer Pastor Sharon L. Hughes' sermons will be based on the Semicontinuous Reading and Psalm from the Revised Common Lectionary.

August 4

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
John 6:24-35

August 11

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
John 6:51-58

August 25

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
John 6:56-69

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Each Wednesday at 10 am, we gather in the church conference room to study scripture for the coming Sunday's sermon. Please join us, all are welcome!

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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in Christ congregation.
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*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.