

The Good News

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

Pastor Sharon's Monthly Message

Here we are, at the transition from summer to fall – and it seems to have arrived so suddenly.

As we begin September here at Prince of Life, we find that August had left us some unexpected gifts. In August, Covid had arrived in our midst. I've had it, our musician and family have had it, our Council president and family have had it – and I've seen a number of parishioners who were wearing masks, either as a result of Covid or in protection against contagion. With several weeks with no new cases reported, we are feeling much more relaxed again in worshipping together.

I offer my thanks to those who led worship in the two weeks that I was absent: Pastor Tim Herzfeldt-Kamprath on Sunday, August 4th (with very little notice), and a fine team of volunteers on August 11th: Julie Schedler, Lennie Torgerson, and John Mohlis who led a Service of the Word, and Chris Nolte who filled in at the piano – also with very little notice.

We welcomed six new members on Sunday, August 22nd: Julie Johnston-Woods and her daughter, Sierra, Alain Morterud and her baby Mika, and Pastors Tim and Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath. Then, Pastor Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath finished the service I could not complete – including baptizing Mika Morterud. This is a gifted and very flexible congregation.

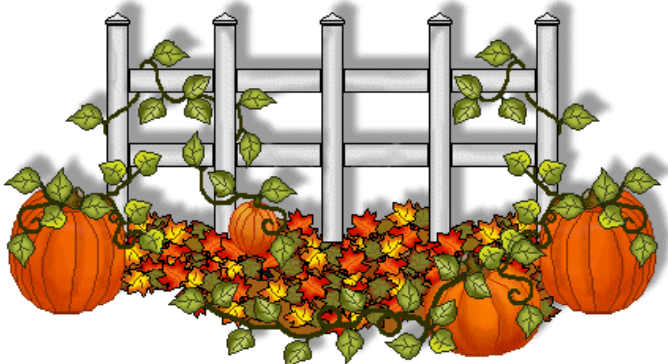


On September 8, during worship, we blessed 3 new portable home communion kits and we commissioned 8 people who will use those kits to bring communion to our home bound members.

The bread and wine (or grape juice) that they will bring is consecrated at our altar during worship and then saved to be sent out to the homebound.

If you or someone you know would appreciate receiving communion and are unable to attend worship, please call Edith in the church office, (503) 657-3100, and give her your contact information.

Otherwise, our fall schedule continues as anticipated. Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, Sunday School will take place after worship beginning September 22, Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays, Worship will continue on Sundays, and the many social service projects will continue unabated.





SON
Supporting Our Neighbors

The SON (supporting our neighbors) program has started again. Prince of Life and three other area churches provide hot meals three times a week to four homeless families in area motels for two week periods through April. Our turn will be coming up in November.

Starting October 13, I will be passing around a sign up sheet asking for volunteers to make meals or deliver meals.

Thank you for helping; the families are always very grateful.

Karen Steiner, 503 657 4534.



*Week by Week
Fun and Fellowship*

October 13
**Second Sunday: Reception Honoring
New Members**
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

October 17
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

October 19
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.

October Sermon Scriptures

From the Revised Common Lectionary.

October 6

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8,
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 and Mark 10:2-16

October 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16 and Mark 10:17-31

October 20

Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:35-45

October 27

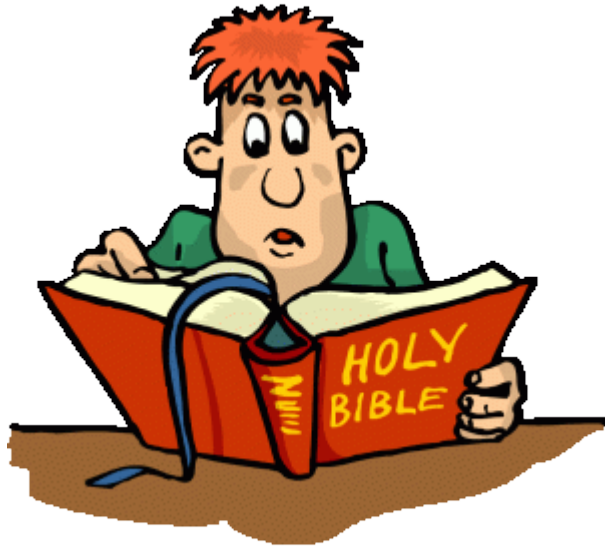
Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28 and Mark 10:46-52

*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!

Youth Events

For ages 11 and up



Old Testament Deep Dive

*We are not calling it confirmation
as our faith journey is ongoing.*

Six Sunday morning sessions will investigate lesser-known characters from the Old Testament, create trivia slides for the following Sunday pre-service slide show, and include responsive reading of at least one Psalm at each session.

The wrap up will be a session where our friends at Temple Neveh Shalom acquaint us with the story of Hanukkah and their associated holiday traditions.

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location:

Youth Room, West Linn Lutheran Church*

Dates:

September 29

October 13

November 3, 10, and 24

December 15

Attend one, some, or all. Your presence is most welcome. We hope you can make all of them. Appropriate for ages 11 to Adult.

A Play and a Movie At West Linn Lutheran Church*

The movie Sube y Baja will be performed as a dramatic reading at West Linn Lutheran Church on Monday October 14 at 7 pm. It is the story of a teeter totter that was erected at the Southern border with Mexico. Each side of the teeter totter is on a different side of the wall. Ages 12 to adult recommended.

On October 27, Reformation Sunday, West Linn Lutheran Church invites POL to a showing of a movie of the life of the German priest, Martin Luther. Time 11:15. This is a good family event.



TRUNK OR TREAT

At West Linn Lutheran Church*

On Saturday, October 26 from 2-3:30 PM a Trunk or Treat program will be held in the upper parking lot at West Linn Lutheran Church.

This is being hosted by West Linn's Sunday School coordinators, along with the WL Harmony Preschool and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

* West Linn Lutheran Church is located at 20390 Willamette Drive, West Linn, OR 97068

Make Sure the Door is Latched!

The front door of our church has repeatedly been found ajar and unlatched. It doesn't matter if it is locked if the door isn't completely closed. Left this way, any passerby can gain access to our building.

It is a fairly common occurrence for unknown people to come and try open that door. Not all of them are as harmless as the gentleman from the Methodist church who dropped by recently.

A few years ago a scruffy-looking homeless person entered the building through the unlocked front door and went downstairs while I was alone and working in my office. Fortunately, the Oregon City Police Officer who was parked in the shade of a tree in our parking lot called for reinforcement and the **two officers** escorted the man from our building. But he returned again the next day and was agitated when he found the door locked.

On a Thursday afternoon in the spring of 2022, after Pastor John had left for the day, I was preparing to leave. A tall, heavy-set man in shorts and a leather jacket banged on the locked front door and yelled because he couldn't get in. From the narthex I saw him pick up stones from the landscaping and I feared he would use them to break the glass and enter the building.

I called 911. While I awaited their arrival I watched from the conference room as that scary man walked over to our garden gate, withdrew a long piece of wire and held it up with a satisfied smirk on his face. Several police cars entered the lower parking lot, arrested him and took him away. It is hard to know what might have happened if he had entered the building. For my safety and for the safety of anyone who might be in the building, please make sure the doors are latched!

Edith Sanguinetti Alben, Office Coordinator

Child, Youth and Family Service Committee

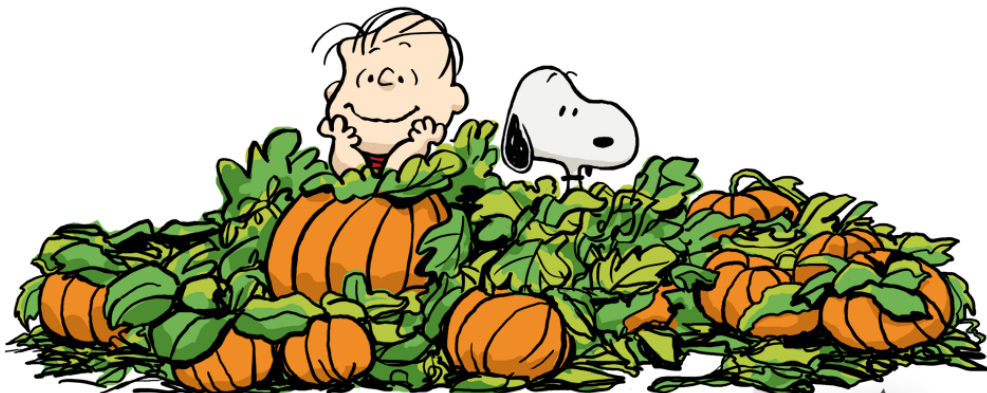
As a reminder, the White Paper "Building a Strong Child Care Sector: A Sustainable Plan to End the Child Care Crisis in Oregon" written by The Child Care Coalition of Clackamas County is still available. If you'd like me to email you a copy, just call or text me with your email address at 503-819-9858.

The document proposes state support for building child care infrastructure throughout the state, to allow parents of children to get childcare economically and feasibly. The 3 goals are affordability for parents, high quality

care for children, and improved wages for childcare workers so that the system can sustain itself.

Peggy Vermaas (Council Liaison for Social Justice) and I are planning to set up a discussion group to review the report. Please share how you would like to do this (like in person meeting, Zoom Pub Talk, house group, or something else).

Janet Mann, Chair
CYF Committee of Prince of Life



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Closing the Chapter Service and Celebration

On Sunday, September 1, St. Stephen Lutheran Church celebrated closing its 72 years long chapter of serving our community under that identity. In June, the members voted to merge with King of Kings Lutheran in Milwaukie under the new name, Spirit of Life Lutheran. The plan of merger calls for a renewed mission serving our neighbors – particularly those who need shelter and those who need a safe place to gather.

For over 50 years, St. Stephen Lutheran operated a highly regarded kindergarten and then a pre-school, serving multiple generations of families. Photo displays, a story wall and a slide show were exhibited at the September 1st event.

From September 8 – November 24th, worship will be held at 5501 SE Thiessen Rd., Milwaukie, while the Gladstone building undergoes renovation to better serve its new mission. On December 1, Spirit of Life Lutheran will reopen in Gladstone, beginning its next chapter.



Green Planet

Rivers are the main source of ocean plastic pollution. They are the arteries that carry waste from land to the ocean. According to research, 1000 rivers are responsible for roughly 80% of riverine pollution.

Here are two videos showing some people trying to do something about it
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/08/europe/bubble-barrier-sea-c2e-spc-intl>

<https://youtu.be/7iwnC5x7-aA?si=VvWOhyRa4pPrRkMu>

Take care of yourselves, each other and our fragile planet.

Peace, Carol Bresky

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.



Red Cross Blood Drive,
Monday, October 14
2-7 pm

The Blood Drive will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall..

Use this link to sign-up on line:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>



You're invited to

Camp Lutherwood Oregon's 65th Anniversary Fundraiser.

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, drink, and celebration of the past 65 years — and raise support for the next 65!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 | 3 - 5 p.m.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. with festivities beginning at 3 p.m.

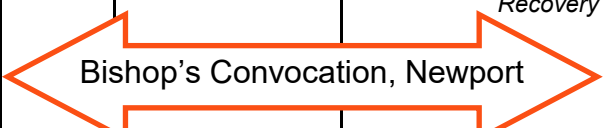
22960 Highway 36 in Cheshire, OR

RSVP to fundraiser.support/Lutherwoodis65

Tickets are \$50 per person and includes the program, food, drink, music, and an afternoon at camp.



Prince of Life Lutheran Church October 2024 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website: https://princeoflife.org/</p> <p>Please submit your articles for the November newsletter by October 15.</p>		<p>1 11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Private Event 7 pm Worship Committee (Zoom)</p>	<p>2 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>3 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 12:30 Oregon City Woman's Club 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4 5 pm Scrap-booking</p>	<p>5 9 am Scrap-booking</p>
<p>6 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Private Event 6 pm Property Committee Mtg. 7 Council Mtg.</p>	<p>9 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11 5 pm Reception Prep.</p>	<p>12 10 am Memorial Service for Gaye Cole</p>
<p>13 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 New Member Reception All Church Potluck</p>	<p>14 2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive</p>	<p>15 11:am Staff Mtg. 10:00 am Material Girls Noon Men's Lunch @ Wichita Pub 6 pm Private Event</p>	<p>16 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>17 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm Family Game Night</p>	<p>19</p>
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 <p>Bishop's Convocation, Newport</p>						
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October Birthday Celebrations!



- 3 Becky Linke
- 5 David Stark
- 8 Lillian Hulett
- 12 Pauline Vorderstrasse
- 15 Ed Minster, Mary Swanson,
- 18 Doug Wood
- 19 Carol Bresky, Ann Buck
- 20 Irma Peterson
- 26 Yvonne Sawtell
- 27 Joe Sawtell



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**PRINCE OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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in Christ congregation.
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Council President: Bryan Bowyer

*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.

