

The Good News

"To know the love of God in Jesus Christ, and to share that love through word and action."
November 2023

Our Bunk Bed Ministry is Back!



On October 11th Dan Hughson, John Mann, Joe Sawtell, and Pastor Robert Neubert delivered the first Bunk Bed since the Covid Lock-down suspended bed construction in early March 2020.

Dan Hughson has designated space in his barn for the new "Bunk Bed Workshop." Lyle Wiese and Kevin Hormann helped finish the electrical wiring in the new workshop.

The bed production team so far has consisted of Lyle Wiese, Kevin Hormann, Jerry Cook, John Mann, Bert Cranston, and Dan Hughson. There are a couple of others who have expressed an interest once their schedules allow. Craftsman gather there each Wednesday morning at 10 am until noon to work on the beds.

Joe and Yvonne Sawtell (original founders of this ministry) provided contacts with the vendor who will supply mattresses at a very reasonable rate.

Peace by Piece Quilters, led by Margaret Bowyer provided quilts for the beds.

Bev Spilseth provided pillowcases for the pillows purchased by Annie Sakaguchi.



Hello, Prince of Life Lutheran Church,
My name is Stuart Smith, and I am the Executive Director of Love In the Name of Christ of Clackamas County. I was hired after Joan Jones retired in September 2021. I have a Bachelor in Theology, twenty years in Pastoral ministry, and working with low-income families.

I am happy to share that the Love INC that began in 2005 with Besty Packer is strong and healthy. We have come a long way and want to expand our reach as we serve low-resourced people in our community. Our history in Clackamas County is rich and longstanding, and I am excited to be a part of it.

Love INC is a network of churches helping neighbors in need. We value everyone and invest in meaningful relationships. Our past is filled with success as we mobilize the church to transform lives.

Each client is interviewed to uncover their areas of pain, addressing their Physical, Emotional, Relational, and Spiritual needs. We provide comprehensive support, going beyond their initial reason for visiting us. By actively listening to our clients, they understand that we care about them as individuals.

We are currently experiencing a 48% increase in client requests since the beginning of 2023. I would appreciate your consideration and prayers in a few areas we are focusing on for 2024.

Transformation of our community comes with education through relationships. Transformational Ministries (TM) are a

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Pastor Robert's Reflections

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been asked the question many times since I became a pastor, "If Jesus hated money so much, why does the church always ask for money?"

The question is derived from passages such as this:

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24

While it is my hope that most churches try to uphold this teaching, it does not change the fact that we live in a society where money is required in order to thrive. In several European countries one's church tithes (aka giving) is taken directly out of their paycheck as part of their taxes as long as that individual has declared themselves as a Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Anglican, etc... this is not so in the US, therefore we must rely upon the voluntary giving of our individual members. This results in churches often being criticized for talking about money too much or not enough in their attempts to grow and gain some measure of success in spreading the Gospel.

Another issue that Churches face today regarding the topic of money is that many churches have become obsessed with fundraising and/or have abused their positions of power and used the money inappropriately. We have congregations that openly tell people that if they give, God will "bless them with riches" promoting what is known as the "Prosperity Gospel" which implies that all people who are "rich" are blessed by God and that one can measure how "blessed" they are by how much money they have. These are the church organizations with pastors who have multimillion dollar mansions, private Jets and giant buildings that sometimes put NFL stadiums to shame. The problem with the "Prosperity Gospel" is that those who practiced this kind of belief system were openly condemned by Jesus in all four of the Gospels.

It is possible for someone with great wealth to be

a follower of Jesus, and it is possible for churches with a lot of wealth to do great things, it all depends upon what their priorities are. I have been to churches in poor communities that only talk about money, and take every chance they can to try and guilt people into giving more and more. I have been to churches in wealthy communities where they brought in more money than what was needed for their own community, and instead of expanding their building beyond what they need they instead give all the excess funds to help various nonprofit organizations in the area. Money is a central component in the world that we live in and due to the way that our society is set up we must rely upon the donations of people like you. Therefore, it is very important that we are good stewards of the gifts that we receive.



If we wish to serve the communities that surround us by spreading the Gospel through word and deed then we need people to proclaim it, and we need the tools to support them. These tools come in many shapes and sizes, and unfortunately not too many of them are free. One of the tools we have in this community is our building and its versatility. For many years now this building has not only hosted gatherings related to ministries sponsored by this congregation, but it has also served as a hub for the local community to host outside organizations. Yet beyond the confines of this building that we love and share the most important tool that we have is you. Therefore it is our job to love and support you through inspiring worship, community building, education, and the loving care that only a Christ centered community can provide.

Despite being in a time of transition attendance has remained steady and we continue to welcome visitors nearly every week. This tells me that we are still part of a vibrant, growing, and evolving community that has a bright future ahead. Yet as we look ahead and get excited about the new ministry opportunities that are possible through the

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Mission Endowment Fund

Hello my church family.

What would it mean if every household in our congregation had a will or trust that included the ministries of Christ?

Adding the Prince of Life Endowment fund to your will creates a long lasting gift. Since only the interest is used to supply grants the principal is untouched and continues to grow. As donations are made to the fund which allows the interest to increase each year enabling the fund to grant more requests.

Doing God's work is what we are called to do. Think about adding the Prince of Life Endowment Fund to your will.

Sue Stark



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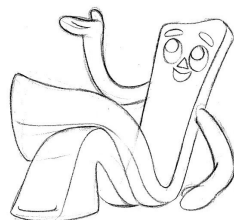
calling of a new pastor let us not forget about today, and the ministry that we are doing now.

So as we enter into that time of year when we look at stewardship please take some time and discern in what ways you are able to continue supporting the ministries of Prince of Life, and what ways you may wish to grow in that support either with your time or financially.

"Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God." – 1 Peter 4:10

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Robert



Email Pastor Robert at
gumby523@yahoo.com

Mission Endowment Fund 2023 Grants

The Mission Endowment Committee received two grant applications this year.

A grant to help fund Project Start Right and a grant to help fund construction of the new chapel at Legacy Emanuel Hospital were received and each will be given a check for \$862.80 after the service on October 29th, Reformation Sunday.

The interest on our Mission Growth Fund with the ELCA is what is used each year to fund grants. Currently our balance in the fund is approximately \$44,000.00+.

James Tyler
Chair Mission Endowment Fund Committee.



SON will start at Prince of Life on October 30 delivering meals three times a week for two weeks to four families, as we have done in the past. I will be looking for volunteers to make/deliver meals, and as always I am grateful for your help.

Thank you in advance for all your generous help. Questions/Comments? Contact Karen Steiner, 503 657 4534

Fun and Fellowship at Prince of Life



November All-Church Potluck

The November 12 potluck will also be about blessings ahead of Thanksgiving.

November is a month of thanksgiving and blessings. On November 12, we will be having a special potluck and take time to honor our veterans, in our congregation and our extended families. November 11 is Veterans' Day, the day we honor former active duty service members who are still alive.

To celebrate this, if you are a veteran or have a veteran in your family or friends, we would like to make a display honoring them for our November 12, potluck. Some suggestions: a photo of the veteran, a short blurb about their service, branch, when they served, what their job was, years of service.



Game Night November 17th

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, November 17th, at 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. See you then!

Questions: cindyborders24@gmail.com



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.





Thanksgiving Eve Worship

A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service has been tentatively planned for Tuesday, November 21. Watch for details in your weekly bulletin and email.



Looking Ahead to Advent

December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent. Once again this year we will offer mid-week Advent worship services each Wednesday at noon.

Our friends at Zion will offer similar services on each Wednesday evening at 6 pm.

Sally Worthge is working with West Linn Lutheran Church to plan a joint Christmas Pageant. Call her at (650) 465-2505 if you can help!

Blue Christmas will be observed in a special worship service on Friday, December 22nd.

On Sunday Christmas Eve two evening services will be held at 5 and 10 pm.

Love, INC.

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hallmark of Love INC's around the country, and we unfortunately lost many of our programs during the pandemic, which we are working to rebuild. Pray for the availability of teachers and hosting churches to join in the work. Prayerfully consider getting involved as a class assistant or help provide childcare.

Two young moms are interested in having good motherly role models. We assembled a team of "mentor moms" that will journey with them. Pray for this team of women as we develop our program.

Volunteering at Love INC provides strength to our ministry and adds outlets for church members to utilize their skills and gifts. Visit our website volunteer page or give us a call to get involved.

As a local non-profit organization, we depend on the financial generosity of donors. Monthly support allows us to continue the transformation work in Clackamas County.

Our staff, board, and volunteers all enjoy the service we provide to the community, and we look forward to a deeper partnership with Prince of Life Lutheran Church.

Thank you, Pastor Robert, Annie, and Prince of Life. Your thoughts and prayers are making a difference. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.

Stuart Smith.

Executive Director,
Love INC of Clackamas County.



No Pub Talk in November or December.
Look for its return in January 2024



Green Planet

Permaculture, what is it? Here are two videos that can help shed a light on this regenerative practice. Experience and enjoy.

<https://youtu.be/Syw1yfaWieQ?feature=shared>

<https://youtu.be/B7c9SUotJ94?feature=shared>

Take care of each other and our planet.
Peace,

Carol Bresky



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.

Confirmation Class Schedule for November & December

November 5	11:30	WLLC	Luther
November 12	11:30	WLLC	Luther
December 3	11:30	WLLC	ELCA
December 10	11:30	POL	Hot Topic RIC



Pillowcase Workshop November 5th Following Worship

Come and join the fun and make a pillowcase to go along with the bunkbeds made by our Bunkbed Ministry.

Please lend a hand on November 5th during Coffee Hour. Fabric, all the tools, and volunteers will be available to help you!

Questions: please call, Margaret Bowyer 503-305-8591

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,
bowyermk@yahoo.com 503-913-2678



Prince of Life Family,

A big word of Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, flowers, visits with great talks, and "goodies." I've received these past 11 weeks. I was sent home from the hospital with three weeks to live and so appreciated the passing quilt. It is on the bed for all to see.

The hospice nurse says I'm stable so to set another goal (like Halloween or even Thanksgiving!)

God's love and grace to you all as well as blessings.

Mildred Wasson

Looking for Extra Cash?

Prince of Life is seeking a once-a-month replacement janitor. Any interested person is invited to contact the church office at PLLC@PrinceofLife.org about this opportunity

November Sermon Scripture

Nov. 5, 2023
1 Kings 18:[17- 19] 20-39
Mark 9:2-4

Nov. 12, 2023
Hosea 11:1-9
Mark 10:13-14

Nov. 19, 2023
Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1- 5
Mark 12:1-3

Nov. 26, 2023
2 Kings 22:1-10, [11-20]; 23:1-3
Luke 24:30-32



November Celebrations! Birthdays

1. Dale Dahl, Tammy Taylor
- 4 Matt Phillips
- 7 Christine Sternberg
- 10 Kevin Haunschild
- 11 Sarah Wheeler
- 12 Carol Bowers, Cathy Haase
- 20 Arnie Anderson, John Rizzo
- 23 Karen Steiner
- 26 Noah Fray
- 29 Kathy Hughson
- 30 Liana Haywood

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Gary & Joyce Johnson
- 26 Doug & Kathy Wood

God's blessings on your special day!

PRINCE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME! We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
To know the love of God in Jesus Christ, and to share that love through word and action



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Council President: John Mohlis

November



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>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.</p>			<p>1 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>2 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 11:30 Confirmation Class @ WLLC 2 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>6 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7 11 am Staff Mtg. 7 pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>9 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 12:30 Oregon City Women's Club 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10 6 pm Scrap-Booking</p>	<p>11 9 am Scrap-book</p>
<p>12 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Coffee Hour 11 am All Church Potluck 11:30 Confirmation Class @ WLLC</p>	<p>13 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>14 10:00 am Material Girls 11 am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Property Committee Mtg. 7 Council Mtg</p>	<p>15 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>16 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17 6:30 pm Game Night</p>	<p>18 8 am Backpack Buddies 9:30 am DAR</p>
<p>19 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 9:10:30 Coffee Hour 2 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>20 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>21 11 am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Girl Scouts Noon Retired Men's Lunch @ Wichita Pub pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7 pm Child, Youth & Family Service Com. On Zoom 7 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Commitment Sunday 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>28 11 am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>29 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery</p>	<p>30 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 10 am Backpack Buddies 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>Please submit your articles for the December newsletter by November 15.</p>	





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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.