

The Good News

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

Introducing Our Bridge Pastor: Sharon Hughes

"...(I)f this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. (Acts 5:38b-39)
[Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, addressing the Council in Jerusalem who wished to kill Peter and the apostles.]

There are many Christian congregations seeking new pastors. Yet the ministries of those congregations are continued in the hands of the parishioners – you.

As you wonder and wander, I commend to you the words of Gamaliel (above). It's part of an interesting story to read and consider in this in-between time for this congregation.

While your Call Committee is working diligently, your Congregation Council has called me here to serve as your Bridge Pastor. My official start date will be April 14th.

As Bridge Pastor here at Prince of Life, my role is defined as halftime. That means that I plan to preach each week, and be in the office twice a week, usually Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please drop in and say hello.

I have served three congregations in New England over the last 20+ years. Now, I am a trained Interim Pastor, assigned to Oregon Synod congregations by our Bishop, Rev. Laurie Larson Caesar.

Over the last 5 years, Prince of Life is the fourth congregation I've served in Oregon.

I am here in Oregon because my daughters, their partners, and my grandchildren have lived here for the last 25 years. With my retirement from fulltime ministry in New England in 2018, I moved here to be closer to all of them.

I am pleased to be meeting you and walking with you in your mission in this place.

I am honored to be among you as you Proclaim, Serve, and Worship together. I hold you and this congregation in my prayers as you seek to call your next settled pastor. I hope that you will also hold me and the ministry of this congregation in your prayers.

Rev. Sharon L Hughes



Lenten Challenge:

Our Altar Overflows with 776 pounds of food for our local food pantry, HOPE: Helping Other People Eat!

Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 28,
following Worship

Don't miss this important meeting!

Call Committee Update

As you are all aware, the Call Committee has been at work trying to select a pastoral candidate over the last months. It is indeed a lengthy process, and one we take very seriously. This is a job we all want done right! We appreciate your support through prayer and encouragement during this time.

We are directed to keep confidential our work until a recommendation to the congregation. We appreciate you honoring our work and not spreading rumors. There are many layers to this process and it is complicated. Please respect all involved and know that we are doing the very best we can to deliver the best candidate possible to the congregation in the most timely manner possible.

We have been close to recommending a candidate to the congregation. Unfortunately, it didn't work out. The synod will be giving us more possible candidates very soon. Because of Spring Break and the Easter season, we will be slightly delayed, but as soon as we are given candidates, we will set directly to interviewing.

You may be interested to know a bit of the process of Pastoral Call from the ELCA. The synod provides us with a slate of possible candidates that we get the opportunity to interview. These candidates are not limited to rostered Lutheran candidates. Other faith denominations who are in communion with the ELCA can also be included for employment and contract within the ELCA. We just wanted to let you know of the possibility.

Again thank you for your prayerful support.

In peace,
Joyce Johnson, Kay O'Dea, Julie Schedler, Bev Spilseth and Sarah Wheeler

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Hallelujah! He Is Risen! Bible Study will begin following our Lenten hiatus, **Wednesday, April 3 at 10 a.m.**

Pastor Nolte will be our supply pastor on April 7 and plans to attend. He wants to hear what you have to say; your interpretations and your questions.

The lessons are Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1 - 2:2, and John 20:19-31. It will be great to get together again.

Please plan to attend.

News from Nominating Committee

At this printing we have one candidate for each empty position on Council, Council Secretary and Mission Endowment Fund Committee. We still need 2 candidates for Nominating Committee. Our constitution encourages us to have more than one candidate for each empty position.

Again, we need to elect 4 Council members, one elected to serve a 2-year term and 3 to serve a 3-year term.

Mission Endowment Fund Committee is looking for 3 new members; one to serve a 1-year term and 2 to serve a 2-year term.

Nominating Committee has the same need. Information about each position was published in the March newsletter*. Speak to someone on the Nominating Committee with questions or to become a nominee.

Bryan Bowyer, Rebecca Harms, Joyce Johnson, and Linda Wiese

*You may view back issues of our newsletter on our new website: <https://princeoflife.org/>

Week by Week Fun and Fellowship

Second Sunday: All-Church Potluck (April 14th)

Potlucks are always on the second Sunday of every month!

All church potluck on April 14, true potluck this month, let's see what we can meld together for a wonderful meal!

There will be a sign up in the Narthex

Questions: cindyborders24@gmail.com

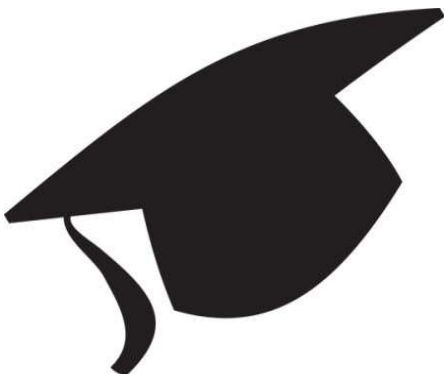
Third Friday: Game Night (April 19th)

Game Night on the 19th is going to be a BUN-CO NIGHT! We need players, so if you can make it, please do! If you need a ride, just ask!

Questions: cindyborders24@gmail.com

Third Tuesday : Men's Lunch (April 16th)

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.



Looking Ahead to June Graduations

Graduation Sunday: Are you or someone you know graduating this spring? We will be honoring graduates from 8th grade, high school, college and beyond on Sunday, June 9, at our monthly potluck.

Contact Cindy Borders at cindyborders24@gmail.com for details on how we are honoring our grads.



Green Planet

April 22 is Earth Day.

The following article and video define "Rewilding", allowing nature to flourish on its own.

"To restore stability to our planet, therefore, we must restore its biodiversity, the very thing we have removed. It is the only way out of this crisis that we ourselves have created. We must rewild the world!" Nov 5, 2020
David Attenborough

<https://rewilding.org/rewilding-distilled/>

<https://youtu.be/ddmm77giEBE?si=QaSf2XNJ2iKF6zJ4>

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

Carol Bresky



In 2005 Prince of Life joined with other churches to establish Love INC of Clackamas County. In nineteen years since then our local chapter of Love INC has assisted churches throughout the county ministering to people in need.

Join Team POL as we raise funds for Love INC. As a church partner, we want to support Love INC. in providing needed assistance to low-income individuals and families, as well as help empower local churches to provide transformative long-term care. This new peer-to-peer fundraiser will help cover operating costs. Look for the special donation envelope paper-clipped to your Sunday

Need will not change until we change how we address need.

Love INC believes in helping people to achieve their full potential in Christ instead of just sustaining them in their time of need. This approach, called Redemptive Compassion®, aims to transform the lives of both the giver and the receiver. It encourages us to be thoughtful about how we can help those in need in a way that empowers them.

These are crucial times in America, and the Church has a unique opportunity to take the lead in addressing the needs of our communities. God's glory is revealed when we comprehend the purpose He has called us for and how we can be of service to those who are struggling.

What Is Redemptive Compassion?

Redemptive Compassion is a biblical perspective on how the church is called to holistically help people in need. *Redemptive Compassion challenges many of the traditional ways of addressing need through the following core principles:*

- 1. Everyone has VALUE ... therefore,**
- 2. We invest RELATIONALLY in others.**
- 3. Everyone has CAPACITY and POTENTIAL.**
- 4. Mutual PARTICIPATION is required.**
- 5. We pray for WISDOM and DISCERNMENT.**
- 6. We serve in ways that TRANSFORM.**

Child, Youth and Family Service Committee

As you heard last month, the Children Youth and Family Service Committee is on a temporary pause. As a result, not much is happening.

As Prince of Life's representative, I am continuing to attend the Childcare Coalition of Clackamas County (used to be called Clackamas County Childcare for All) and the Engagement Workgroup that works on getting the word out.

I will be preparing an annual recap that will be included with the other annual reports.

Janet Mann,
Child, Youth, and Family Service Committee



Sow What?!

How interesting it is, that Jesus' ancient spiritual teachings coincide with the regenerative principles of "permaculture"—which environmentalist activists understand as "earth care," "people care," and "fair share."

We all know the story of the farmer in the "Parable of the Sower," who scattered seeds all over the place. Everywhere these seeds landed had a different result—whether it was rocky, thorny or good soil.

Our Sunday School 's "Creation Care" curriculum tested this out. We took several soil samples from various places, placed them in glass jars with water, shook them up, and set them on a level place to observe how the particles would settle over time. Our guess is that when we re-examine them, we will be able to determine how fertile our grounds are.

As a teacher, I have discovered just how fertile the minds of our young people really are! What a treasure we have in the youth among us. They are truly the seeds of the future.

May Prince of Life be fertile ground for them.

Bonnie Cochise

***Creation Care for Kids meets on April 21
(the day before Earth Day)
following Sunday Worship.***

Oregon Synod Lay School of Theology presents the Spring 2024 Course

Dreams and Visions: Accompanying Teens in Our Congregations and Communities

Four Thursday evenings on Zoom, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for four weeks on three big questions teens are asking: *Who am I? Where do I fit? What difference can I make?*

Together, we'll jump into the latest research about young people, share practices and postures to help bridge across generations, and explore ways to support teens, parents, and caregivers amidst a national mental health crisis. Led by Rev. Chris Dela Cruz and Rev. Ron Werner, Jr and the team at Together Lab, who recently launched the statewide *Caregiving Toward a Horizon of Wholeness Initiative alongside five ecumenical partners, Trauma-Informed Oregon, and the Lilly Endowment to support teens and caregivers in our congregations and communities on this side of the pandemic.*

As always, this course will provide opportunities for relationship-building, critical thinking and spiritual practice.

Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to support the course with a financial donation as they are able. A gracious giving range of \$10-\$80 is invited; a \$40 donation covers presenters and administrative costs. With four or more from the same congregation, we encourage a congregational donation of \$125. Any donation is appreciated!

[Here is the link](#) to register.

April Sermon Scriptures

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

April Celebrations!

Birthdays

1	Lowell Gere, Kari Gulwan
02	Livia Kruse
04	Seth Reno
05	Kathy Rickey
08	J. David Estola, Michael Sandmann
09	Susan Rodway
11	Jayden Daniels
11	Allen Taylor
15	Patrick Beyer
15	Makenna Wiese
18	Judy Cook
18	Sue Murray
19	Brittiany Wilson
20	Anabella Wilson
21	Molly Hulett
21	Carleigh Watts
22	Rex Hagans
22	Brandon Wood
23	Sarah Astenius
23	Heather Randolph
27	Betty Martin
28	Larry Murphy

Anniversaries

April 6 th	David & Marlys Estola
April 8 th	Derek and Connie Kruse
April 29 th	Paul and Kathy Rickey

God's blessings on your special day!



April Confirmation Events

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 April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30 <i>Private Event</i> 6 pm <i>Private Event</i>	2 11:am Staff Mtg. <i>Noon PEO</i> 7 pm Worship Comm. Mtg.	3 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Addiction Recovery</i>	4 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm <i>Cub Scouts</i>	5	6
7 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation Class @ West Linn Lutheran	8 4:30 <i>Private Event</i> 7 pm <i>Brenden Estates HOA</i>	9 11:am Staff Mtg. <i>10:00 am</i> <i>Material Girls</i> 6 pm Property Committee Mtg. 7 Council Mtg 6 pm <i>Private Event</i>	10 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Addiction Recovery</i>	11 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 12:30 <i>Oregon City</i> <i>Woman's Club</i> 6:30 pm <i>Cub Scouts</i>	12 6 pm Scrap- Booking	13 9 am Scrap- Booking
14 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 11 am All Church Potluck 10:30 Sunday School 2 pm <i>Private Event</i>	15 4:30 <i>Private Event</i> 6 pm <i>Private Event</i>	16 11:am Staff Mtg. <i>Noon</i> <i>Men's Lunch @ Wichita Pub</i> 7 pm <i>Private Event</i>	17 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Addiction Recovery</i>	18 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm <i>Cub Scouts</i>	19 6:30 pm Game Night	20 9:30 <i>DAR</i>
21 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Creation Care for Kids 10:30 Sunday School	22	23 11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm <i>Private Event</i>	24 10 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Addiction Recovery</i>	25 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm <i>Cub Scouts</i>	26	27
28 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Annual Meeting 10:30 Sunday School	29	30 11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm <i>Private Event</i>	<p>For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website: https://princeoflife.org/</p> <p>Please submit your articles for the May newsletter by April 15.</p>			



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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.



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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
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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.