

The Good News

“To know the love of God in Jesus Christ, and to share that love through word and action.”
February 2025

Welcome Pastor Sena Norton!

Greetings Beloved saints of Prince of Life!

This being my first pastoral newsletter message to you I wish to extend my gratitude, excitement and complete joy to be joining our community this month. I have been welcomed in attending various meetings and making first reach outs to other leaders during my - “in between” time. To my great delight that time is growing shorter and shorter!

My goal is to begin officially on Monday, Feb 10th and lead worship for the first time on Sunday, Feb 16th. Although I won't quite know the rhythm and rhyme of my office hours and routine until I get into it - I can at least tell you the basics now. I will be on campus 3 days a week, hold 1 day per week as a flexible work day (remote or hybrid) and then be with you on Sundays (of course). We will figure the rest out once I am on board, settled in and can feel out the needs and wants of our community. I have also promised myself to keep a much better “parish-home” balance for the sake of my family and my own health, this time around. Rest assured, you will know when, where and how to get a hold of me! I look forward to being with many of you in person and speaking with others of you during my phone call campaign, which will kick off this month.

February is a month of transition for us - in more ways than one! We will continue to celebrate the season of Epiphany throughout the entire month, with Ash Wednesday arriving a little later this year, on March 5th - after which we will transition into the season of Lent. Much of the Epiphany season centers on Jesus' divinity and calls all of God's people to respond to Christ in faith. The word itself means to “make manifest” or “to be visible”. How can we as faithful followers make our own faith manifest and visible outward into the

world? What pieces of your faith would be best served by shining some light on them? When is Jesus made visible in your life or the lives of those you know?

This month I invite you to remember those you love everyday not just on Valentine's Day. I challenge you to learn something you didn't know about a past president and to push past the well known stories of Black History month into something new. There are rich stories to acquaint yourself with under the surface.

St. Augustine said this about the time of Epiphany and it applies to us beloved, “Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms.” I will see you around the ranch and may the God of the chickens and the stars be with you always.

Pastor Sena Norton +

Resilience Through Faith AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

AT THE CONGREGATION OF NEVEH SHALOM
2900 SW PEACEFUL LN, PORTLAND OR

March 2nd, 2025, 3:30-5:30pm

YOUTH-LED
ACTIVITIES &
SERVICE PROJECT
GRADES 3-5

CLERGY-LED
ADULT
DISCUSSIONS

YOUTH LEADER
LED ACTIVITIES &
DISCUSSIONS
GRADES 6-12

RSVP BY FEB 26TH TO WLLCYOUTH@WLLC.ORG
BE ASSURED A VISIBLE SECURITY PRESENCE IS PROVIDED

To sign up email Carole White at
wllcyouth@wllc.org

Event Organizer Wanted

Do you like to plan a fun party? Then we've got the job for you! As Chairman of our *Fellowship Committee*, you'll spearhead the planning of all kinds of special events. Interested? If this sounds like you, contact Judy Cook at 503 631-8082

Angel Tree Update

Dear Prince of Life family.,

I wanted to thank everyone for donating so many toiletries. Everyone has been so grateful. You've donated so much that will last a very long time.

Residents are loving the smells of the body washes and lotions. The shampoos and conditioners have been so helpful in giving people relief from dry and itchy scalps.

To the ladies who made all the beautiful lap blankets, they are so helpful. People are loving and using their own lap blanket to keep warm.

Thank you all again for all you've done for the residents at River Crest Post Acute Care.

Sincerely

Kari Downs

Celebrate and Honor Pastor Sharon

Sunday February 9, 2025 will be Pastor Sharon's last day at Prince of Life Lutheran Church. She came to serve as our Bridge Pastor in April, 2024 for couple of months, which extended to February! Working half time, she has served us well. During her tenure, our membership list was updated, we gained six new members, worship attendance remained stable and Eucharistic Ministers were trained to bring grace, mercy, and forgiveness into the homes of our housebound members. These are only the highlights of her work.

Join us to celebrate and honor Pastor Sharon after worship! Share with her your appreciation for her as our Bridge Pastor!

Fun and Fellowship

February 9

All-Church Potluck,

A monthly event following worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

This month we honor Pastor Sharon on her final Sunday with us at Prince of Life.

February 21

Family Game Night

Bring a potluck dish to share and your favorite board game. We gather at 6:30 pm.

February 18

Men's Lunch

On the third Tuesday of each month, the men in the congregation are invited to meet in Oregon City's Wichita Pub at noon for food and fellowship. If you need a ride, call Harlow Jacobson at 503-656-1616.

**We're a nation hungry for more joy...
because we're starving from a lack of gratitude.**

Brené Brown, Grateful Living Word for the Day

Submitted by James Tyler

Nominating Committee News

Now is an exciting time to be in a leadership role, as Pastor Sena joins us on February 10th.

Please prayerfully consider being part of the Council, Nominating Committee or Mission Endowment Fund Committee. We need to elect 3 Council members to serve 3-year terms. We also need a new secretary and a new treasurer.

Mission Endowment Fund Committee is looking for 2 new members; to serve 2-year terms. The Nominating Committee has the same need.

Our constitution encourages us to have more than one candidate for each empty position.

Please don't say, "I've already been on council, years ago." We need you now. . . your wisdom and experience.

Speak to someone on the Nominating Committee with questions or to become a nominee.

Annie Sakaguchi, John Mohlis, Janet Mann, Linda Garrett or Linda Wiese

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.

Disaster and Climate Resilience

On Sunday, March 2nd, we will be having a presentation on disaster preparedness during the coffee hour after worship.

Save the date and watch your March newsletter for more information.



Green Planet

Americans throw away billions of pounds of used clothes every year. But where is "away"? These videos will give some information about "away" as well as what is being done about it. Spoiler alert, we all need to do a lot more.

<https://youtu.be/aCPEwv3sZbs?si=Ysx1HVFxk7djQX3h>

<https://youtu.be/YvBS6qagQdE?si=m0zHALmLYh8vuWw>

https://youtu.be/O2J-54p2KzA?si=DaFBViW8_qa1w8jd

Take care of yourselves, each other and our planet.

Peace, Carol Bresky



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.

Red Cross Blood Drives

Red Cross Blood has a continuous need for blood. Even if the Blood Drive at POL doesn't work for you, there are many other times and locations.

It's very easy to sign up by going to [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org). You can sign up and fill out all the information quickly and easily. Use this link to sign-up on line;

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

February Birthdays

2	John Mann, James Tyler
7	Julie Schedler
10	Michelle Silva, Ruth Woodbury
12	Chris Hulett
16	Heather Wood
17	Nora Bowyer
20	Margaret Murphy
21	Janet Mann
26	Ora May Millington



Sermon Scriptures

February 2025
 Revised Common Lectionary Year C

February 2,
 Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84,
 Hebrews 2:14-18, and Luke 2:22-40

February 9
 Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13], Psalm 138,
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

February 16
 Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1
 Corinthians 15:12-20, and Luke 6:17-26

February 23
 Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40,
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50,
 and Luke 6:27-38

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Join us each Wednesday morning at 10 am, to examine the scripture for the coming week's sermon..

Prince of Life Lutheran Church

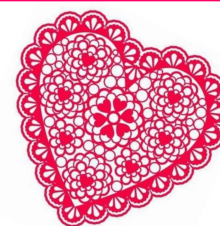
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit our website: https://princeoflife.org/</p> <p>Please submit your articles for the March 2025 newsletter by February 15.</p>						1
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9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Hour.		11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm Private Event 7:30 pm Worship Committee (Zoom)	10 am Bible Study 4 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery	9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 9 am Social Justice & Learning Meeting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts		1 pm Vetta Turner Memorial Service
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* The Council minutes are available on the narthex bulletin board. They are generally a month behind as Minutes need to be approved by Council at the following month's meeting before being posted. Some issues may have been resolved or changed before being posted.
Mary Jo Tyler, Council Secretary



Looking Ahead



Lent and Holy Week are late this year.
 March 5 Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins.
 April 6 Annual Congregational Meeting
 Agenda to include: Ratify Synod Approved Constitution
 Review and Approve Annual Reports Conduct Elections
 April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday April 18 Good Friday
 April 20 Easter/Resurrection Sunday
 April 27 - Pastor Sena Norton's installation

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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
share that love through word and action*



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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.