

The Good News

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

The long wait is almost over,
Pastor Sena Norton
will arrive to lead Prince of Life on February 10th

Beloveds of Prince of Life Council, WOW! Can someone feel this ready to start a new chapter in one's calling? Guess the answer is YES!

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself a bit:

I am an Oregon girl who rambled around a bit and now has returned. My pioneer family roots are in Scio and out in Columbia County. My family and I most recently lived in Honolulu, our second home in so many ways but returned in order for me to serve my internship and begin my ministry calling.

I was 18 years in the middle school classroom. If you know any middle school teachers, then you know my heart and my base personality!

My daughter attends South Salem High school, loving her Sophomore year and growing into a wonderful human being!

My mother lives in Milwaukie/Gladstone area and visits often for sports and every Sunday for church with us. I have been serving two churches here in Salem through a time of deep transition and discernment as to their shared horizons together. It has been rewarding, extremely difficult and has taught me a lot about being a pastor and being a follower of Christ.

Having spent internship, a gap year and now almost two years with the set of communities it is time for me to move forward into what I am called to be, a pastor, not a manager of parishes and people in conflict.

God had a hand in how I came to be your candidate, I am then your pastor. I walked away from my first interview feeling like this was potentially a match. I left the second interview knowing deeply-these saints are my people and I prayed all of you will feel the same.

Again, waiting was rough but it gave me the space to feel excited about pastoring again. I have been able to find joy and excitement in my calling again. Even my family has noticed. I am ready to serve this community. To learn alongside this community, to walk with this community on the pathway that God is leading us forward toward.

As the call committee and I laughed about numerous times at the final discussion together- we don't know what we are going to do, but we know we are going to do something!

God puts things in place in due time. I feel it's time for both of us-shall we take a walk together?

In the peace of Christ,
Pastor Sena Norton





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. It's our turn starting on January 13.

We need volunteers to make meals or deliver meals. Look for the sign-up sheet on Sundays in the narthex.

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

Questions?
Call Karen Steiner, 503 657 4534.

Furniture Ministry

The furniture ministry at Zoar Lutheran Church in Canby in close collaboration with Love INC of Clackamas County stores and distributes a wide range of furniture and housewares to our neighbors in need.

If you have furniture or large houseware items to donate to Zoar Furniture Ministry, contact Don Weaver (503) 709-3557 to make sure they are in need of the items you wish to donate.

If they approve, please contact John Mohlis (past Council President.) He will pick up the item and deliver it to Zoar Lutheran Church. John can be reached at (503) 784-1566 or email him @ mohlisconsulting@gmail.com.

2025 Begins

January 5 Budget Q&A and Revised Constitution Q&A during Coffee Hour

January 12 All Church Potluck and Forum on Child Care Coalition of Clackamas County Report, "Solving the Child Care Crisis in Oregon: A Case and Vision for a Statewide Child Care System."

January 19 2025 Budget Q &A during Coffee Hour

January 26 Congregational Meeting to Vote on 2025 Budget, following Worship.

February 9 Pastor Sharon's Last Day. Last Sunday with Pastor Sharon Congregational Vote on Revised Constitution after Worship Farewell Potluck for Pastor Sharon

March 5 Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins.

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday

April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Easter/Resurrection Sunday

April 27 Annual Congregational Meeting
Agenda to include:
Ratify Synod Approved Constitution
Review and Approve Annual Reports
Conduct Elections

It's Not Too Late to "Think Pink!"

Join the "pink list" when you submit a pink "Time and Talent" form for 2025. The pink form was included in the packets distributed in November. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

Please place your completed forms in the bin on the Church Office door.

Child, Youth, & Family Service Committee

Our Forum has been scheduled! On January 12, 2025, during and after the All Church Potluck, we'll be discussing the 2024 report from the Child Care Coalition of Clackamas County "Solving the Child Care Crisis in Oregon: A Case and Vision for a Statewide Child Care System." You can access the Full Report and the Executive Summary online at [Projects](https://clackamaschildcarecoalition.org/projects) (<https://clackamaschildcarecoalition.org/projects>). Edith has printed a limited number of paper copies that will be available in the Narthex on 12/29/24 for those not having good access to the reports online. If you have trouble accessing them, let Janet know at janet.mann@q.com.

Reading these reports ahead of time will improve our discussion, so please avail yourselves of the opportunity.

Our goals are to study the report to see what we think about the proposed plan; what do we like, what do we question as Christians living out our faith, and how well would this work for all families. This is the first of a series of monthly Social Justice meetings on the topic. None will last more than 90 minutes, so the first one will be over by 12:30 PM.

We'd like to give feedback to the Child Care Coalition of Clackamas County, and possibly share information with the Oregon Synod and other faith communities in Oregon City. This discussion is guaranteed to make us think and use our Christian discernment.

Janet Mann and Peggy Vermaas

Fun and Fellowship

January 12

All-Church Potluck,

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

January 17

Family Game Night

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

January 21

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.



Elevator Fund

November 2024

Dear Members of POL:

The Council at Prince of Life has decided to start early in funding any repairs / replacing of the Elevator. First, we would like to say – There is not anything wrong with the Elevator at this time. It is aging and repairs might become more costly. It was suggested to start the fund now and run for about 5 years since the amount needed would be \$40000-\$50000 to replace, if needed, or extensive repairs. We will be sending out a letter twice a year to give updates.

Please consider adding this to the services that you support and not take away from the general giving. To give - Use your church envelopes and write on amount to elevator fund or electronically via the Church website. Our team consists of Peggy Vermaas and Becky Linke. You can contact them if you have any questions.

Prince of Life Council
Yours in Christ,

Becky Linke and Peggy Vermaas

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.



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. 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>.



Gaye Cole's Family

Dear Prince of Life Family,

Thank you to all of you who gave of your time to make Mom's celebration of Life such a moving experience. We know many parts had to work in unison to make her celebration come together.

Mom was a member of Prince of Life for many years. It was an integral part of her faith walk. She made good friends with many of you and derived much comfort from being part of a faith community.

Love & Peace in his name,

The Cole Children

January Celebrations!

Birthdays

2	Riley Schedler
3	Peggy Vermaas
4	Bev Spilseth
6	Cherry Harris
10	David Wheeler
12	Michelle Phillips
13	Ben Mohlis
15	Annie Sakaguchi
20	Aahron Martin-Monise
20	Denny Metzger
20	Melinda Salter
21	Paul Schedler
22	Katie Fray
24	John Anderson
26	Cindy Borders
26	Betsy Packer
28	Joyce Johnson
30	RayAnne Schedler
30	Mildred Wasson

Anniversaries

- 1 – Paul & Julie Schedler
- 7 – Carole Hallen & Connie McFarland



Green Planet

How do businesses get us to buy items? What happens to items businesses can't sell? These two videos about waste are eye opening

https://youtu.be/OVfZw_eqJW8?si=m2iV5S_DU2_tWlt

https://youtu.be/sy8mclCwhWw?si=TP5Im5OmCkL_qX21

Peace to all, Carol Bresky

Church Constitution News

Our Constitution Committee has completed their review of our constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions and has recommended amendments. The amendments have been reviewed and approved by our Council to be voted on by our members.

The constitution amendments need to be approved by our members, then approved by the Synod's legal team, and finally ratified, or made officially valid, by our members. The date for the two votes will be:

- Approve Constitution: February 9th
- Ratify Constitution: April 27th Annual Meeting

Printed copies of the current and proposed constitutions are available for review on the narthex bulletin board, next to the door to the pastor's office. You are welcome to review these copies. You may also request digital

versions of both documents from the church office.

Many thanks to the members of the constitution committee for their careful and thoughtful updates to our constitution: Lennie Torgerson, Linda Wiese, John Mohlis, Julie Schedler, Gary Johnson, Joyce Johnson, and Dan Hughson.

Bryan Bowyer
Council President

Constitutional Questions?

Meet with Council members during Sunday Coffee hour on January 5th.

Sermon Scriptures

January 2025

Revised Common Lectionary Year C

January 5

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20,
Ephesians 1:3-14 and John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 12

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29,
Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10,
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11

January 26

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19,
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:14-21

Wednesday Morning

Bible Study:

Starting January 8th, Wednesday morning Bible Study is back!
Join us each Wednesday morning at 10 am, to examine the scripture for the coming

Pastoral Continuing Education

On January 27 to 29, Pastor Sharon will be attending a preaching conference in nearby Silverton, OR.

The Byberg Preaching Workshop is dedicated to developing the preaching skills of ELCA pastors in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The founder, Jonas Byberg, left a bequest to assist ELCA pastors to strengthen the art of the sermon.

Jonas was an inventor and farm machinery manufacturer who was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton, OR. He bequeathed property to the American Lutheran Church to establish the Byberg Homiletic Fund. He directed that income from the fund be used to develop the skills of Lutheran preachers in the Pacific Northwest. The fund has subsidized annual workshops since 1992.

Prince of Life Lutheran Church January 2025

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 February 2025 newsletter by January 15.</p>			<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>New Year's Day Office Closed 6:30 pm <i>Addiction Recovery</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 4 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Cub Scouts</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Hour. Constitution Q&A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>11:am Staff Mtg. 6 pm <i>Private Event</i> 7:30 pm Worship Committee (Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>10 am Bible Study 4 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm <i>Addiction Recovery</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 9 am Social Justice & Learning Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Cub Scouts</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>2 pm Marlys Estola Memorial Service</p>
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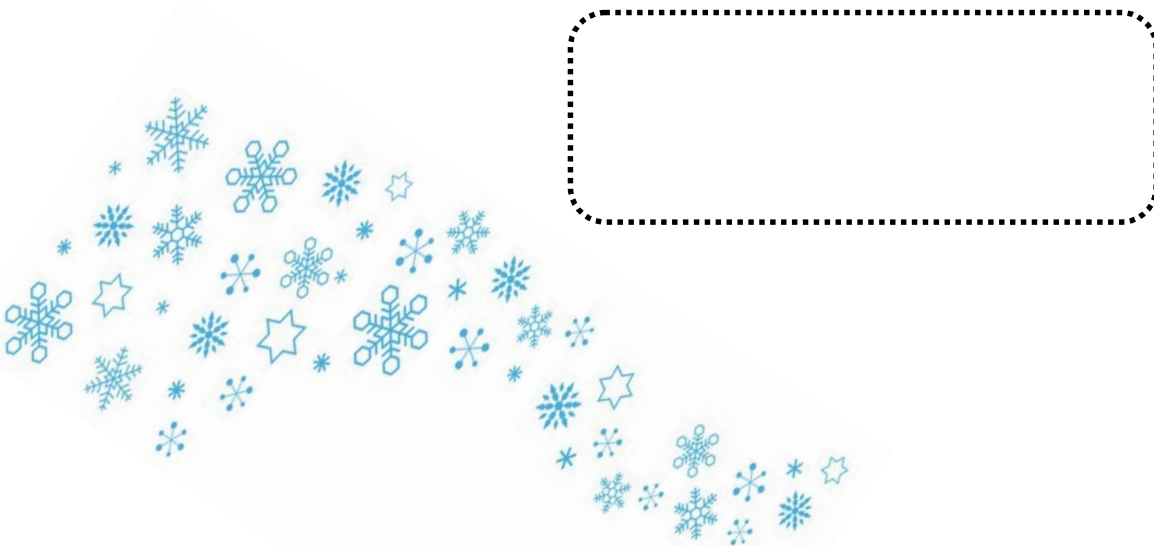
* The Council minutes are available on the narthex bulletin board. They are generally a month behind as Minutes need to be approved by Council at the following month's meeting before being posted. Some issues may have been resolved or changed before being posted.

Mary Jo Tyler, Council Secretary



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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.