

The Good News

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

Pastor Robert's Reflections

September has come, students young and old are making their way back into their classrooms, the weather is cooling down, indoor related activities are ramping back up, and soon nearly every male (and a few females as well) will disappear into tackily decorated basements where they will plant their rear ends upon a cushy lazy boy recliner or couch for the duration of the weekend, oh and I forgot pumpkin flavored everything. Yes these are the signs of the fall that precede the annual changing of the leaves.

Fall is a special time of year for families as they begin to settle down into their "regular" routine, even as they are continuing to try and figure out exactly what that "regular" routine is going to look like this year. So as we sign up for various programs, volunteer opportunities, and classes we need to be good stewards of our time and make sure that we do not put ourselves on a fast track to burn-out.

The key to being a good steward of your time is to remember that it is ok to say no. We can't do everything. There are many things that we want to do, things we have to do, and a few things we should do, and it is up to us to prioritize and get rid of those things that are not necessary.

Here in the church we often talk about Stewardship in regards to money but that is just one piece of what stewardship is really about. Stewardship is about how we live our lives in a way that takes care of ourselves and others. Here within the church and elsewhere many people will ask you to do many different things, and if you are able to do them great! Because hopefully your efforts will help others in some small or big way, but if you're not able to help that is ok as well.

Ask yourself; who can you help if you are burned

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Fellowship Opportunities

What is fellowship?

Acts 2:42 defines it as "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (NIV)

The fellowship committee needs some new helpers, if you like to help plan events to have fun at church, consider joining. We meet once a month and plan get together for our congregation!

Upcoming Opportunities

September 10, 2023,
After Worship at 11 am
All Church Picnic!
Sign up will be in the narthex.
Games and lots of food,
old fashioned church picnic!

September 15, 2023
Game Night at 6:30 p.m.
Bring a potluck dish
and your favorite board game!

Contact Cindy Borders at
503-756-2133 or 503 656-6515
Email Cindy at cindyborders24@gmail.com



Pub Talk will be back on Wednesday, September 27 when we welcome Stuart Smith, Executive Director of Love INC of Clackamas County

Join us and re-connect with our local branch of Love, INC. Learn more about how local churches are helping people in our community.

Come One, Come All Noon on September 23rd

Join us for Climate Café's *Kids Kitchen* inaugural meal and program—happening HERE at Prince of Life! On September 23 at noon, folks will sit down at the table together in the fellowship hall, for a delicious, nutritious low carbon footprint, plant-based meal that is lovingly planted, harvested, prepared and served ecumenically and intergenerationally for the healing of the planet and the health of the people.

Climate Café is a grassroots effort to address climate crisis, simply by changing the way we eat. We use only locally and regeneratively grown produce to provide the tasty dishes we offer. *Kids' Kitchen* is a model for bringing youth into the foreground of the climate solution. All of this is done in the context of a "gift economy"—as in the book of Acts when the early Christians shared everything in common—so that those who cannot afford it can still partake of the high-quality organic produce that forms the basis of the meal.

Come taste and see the grace-filled goodness of being and sharing together!!



Above: Intergenerational, ecumenical Spring Planting Party at Acres of Abundant Grace for our September 23 noon "Climate Café Kids' Kitchen" Pop-up Meal.

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out both physically and mentally? Remember only you know what your limits are and remember that God is with you always and that before agreeing to something, or discarding something bring that decision to God. God has a way of showing us what truly is important and what can be put aside, at least temporarily.

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."- 1 Peter 4:10-11

Peace and blessings

Pastor Robert

**Email Pastor Robert at
gumby523@yahoo.com**



**Project Start
Right Team
Thanks you!**

With your help and support we filled over 1400 packs with basic school supplies that will help children of low-income families and in foster care in Clackamas County *start* their school year *right*.

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry with your time, prayers, and monetary contributions.

Looking ahead:
Temple Talk
October 1st.
Mission
Endowment
Fund

On Sunday October 1st Beth Adams, Gift Planner-ELCA Foundation, will give a brief presentation at the end of our service on the benefits of our membership in the Mission Growth Fund. Beth Adams is our area contact with the foundation in the Northwest Region which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

James Tyler

Chair Mission Endowment Fund Committee



The SON program will start in October. Once again we will join with other Oregon City churches to provide meals for homeless families.

In October we will begin seeking volunteers to make or deliver meals for approximately four homeless families . More specific information about the families and where they will be housed will be coming soon.

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

Mission

Endowment Fund

Since 2004, our Mission Endowment Fund has awarded almost \$16,000 in grant to local mission partners.:

Year	Grant Recipient	\$
2004	Allert Scholarship Fund	500
2006	Love INC	500
2007	The Tequio Foundation	500
2012	Camp Lutherwood	750
2012	Love INC	750
2013	Back Pack Buddies	500
2013	Start Right	500
2013	The Father's Heart	500
2014	H.O.P.E.	250
2014	Back Pack Buddies	250
2014	Prince of Life youth Grp.	750
2015	Start Right	150
2015	Back Pack Buddies	150
2015	Clack Co Social Services	900
2016	Bunkbed Ministry	750
2017	Trevor Haunschild Scholarship	1,000
2017	Alicia Haunschild Scholarship	2,000
2017	Peace by Piece Quilters	750
2017	The Father's Heart	500
2018	OCSD Homeless Sch Fund	815
2019	DEV NW	425
2019	Story line Community	425
2020	Oregon Synod Wildfire Fund	1,000
2021	LoveOne/OCHS	800
2021	Father's Heart	500
2022	Clackamas Co Women's Shelter	1,000
2022	Peace by Piece Quilters	500

This years grant recipients will be announced and presented on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Child, Youth, and Family Service Committee

Our CYF meeting this past month was short. In an effort to not lose momentum, we met for half an hour to touch base on what is happening.

As I mentioned last month, Clackamas County Children's Commission (Head Start) is continuing to explore partnering together to build a building with classrooms on our property. Not much can happen in August till several other building/renovation projects are completed. September is when we will have more forward movement in our exploration.

Clackamas County Children's Commission invited us to attend their first annual community event, "Chairs for Children," to be held on October 7, 2023 at 5PM. They are celebrating 50 years of service to the community with Head Start. Their invitations reads:

"Our theme is '**Chairs for Children**' because every little seat in our classrooms holds big stories of the children and families that have grown with us throughout the years.

"As a tribute, our live auction will showcase the work of local artists who have created artistic interpretations of their favorite childhood stories, using retired wooden chairs from our early program days.

"It will be a night of inspiration, great food, excellent wine, entertainment, live and silent auctions, and most importantly... FUN!"

"Darcee Kilsdonk, Executive Director says *"I'm so excited to share all that we've accomplished and our hopes and dreams for the future."*

Our committee's goal is to fill a table of 8 with members of our congregation. If we need a second table to accommodate everyone who would like to attend, we will do that.

Please call Janet Mann at 503-819-9858 or email janet.mann@q.com if you would like to join us at this special event.

Backpack Buddies



It is time to kick off the beginning of a new school year with our Backpack Buddies program!

We deliver bags of food each week to students at Gaffney Lane Elementary School who have been identified by school staff as qualifying for additional food on the weekends. These children receive 14-15 nutritious food items.

If you would like to participate in a special assembly or if you would like to deliver bags, please contact Cathy Warner through her email at clwarner1@gmail.com.

If you would like to donate any food items, we regularly pack the following items:

Oatmeal packets

Juice boxes

Snacks

(such as granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, etc.)

Soup, tuna fish, spaghetti-o's

Individual meals in a pop-top can, etc.

Fruit cups

All of these items can be left in the closet in the Conference Room.

Thank you

Cathy Warner

PS: Check out our new website:

<http://www.ocbackpackbuddies.org/>

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.





Oregon Synod

Oregon Synod Lay School of Theology
Fall Course

***Coming Home to Earth:
An Evangelical Lutheran Perspective
on Faith and Ecology***

Thursdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9, 6:30-8:00 pm
[Live on Zoom](#)



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Join us as we explore our relationship with Earth and find ways to take action, including in our congregations.

It is urgent that we recognize that our well-being as human beings is intimately connected with the well-being of Earth and all its inhabitants. Dr. Mark Brocker, former pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, will lead this eight-week live online course based on his book, *Coming Home to Earth*. *Dr. Brocker is especially concerned about what will motivate people of faith to take action. Love of God, love of neighbor, love of creation and love of self are classic core values in our faith tradition that motivate us to act. As always, this course will provide opportunities for relationship-building, critical thinking and spiritual practice. To register for the course, go to oregonsynod.org and search under "Events."*

Use this link to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoHIPWqnYD_iosniCITObUF7rqpmHFQH00I3ibN2zL8hqDiw/viewform



Green Planet

For those of you who garden, where do you get your seeds? Do you have favorite companies you buy from? Do you save seeds from your garden bounty? The following article discusses seed saving and the advantages of it.

<https://earth911.com/home-garden/start-saving-seeds-this-summer/>

The previous article mentions the Global Seed Vault (Doomsday Vault). The following is a video about it and its global importance for the future of our planet and its people.

<https://youtu.be/luqHf5J-XLY>

Take care of yourselves and our planet.

Love and protect our planet.

Peace,

Carol Bresky

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

September Celebrations!

Birthdays

1. Stephanie LaCrosse
2. Nathan Morgan
3. Ken Dahl, Dani Menke-Bowers, Megan Sandmann, Calvin Taylor
4. Emily Rodway
5. Shanna Daniels, Linda Garrett
6. Bryan Bowyer
9. Jacob Phillips
13. Alana Morgan
18. Brandy Lewis
19. Sally Buol
20. Karen Menke-Bowers, Sally Pierce, Jeremy Taylor
21. Kurt Torgerson, Charli Jo Zarosinski
26. Sandy Anderson, Connie Kruse, Rory Schedler
28. Elliot Fray, Cathy Warner, Lyle Wiese

Wedding Anniversaries

1. Tammy & Jeremy Taylor
9. Betty & Dick Martin
11. Debbie & Mike Wood
13. Sarah & Nicholas Wheeler
14. Barbara & Raymond Renken
29. Kim & Clyde Tambling

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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September Sermon Scriptures

September 3

14th Sunday after Pentecost
(Revised Common Lectionary)

Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

Narrative Lectionary Resumes
September 10

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 2:4b-25
Mark 1:16-20 or Mark 10:6-8

September 17

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Mark 10:27

September 24

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30
Mark 14:32-36

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.

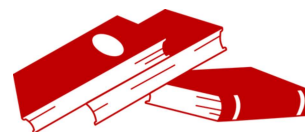
September 2023 Calendar

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.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Please submit your articles for the September newsletter by August 15.					1	2
3 9:30 am Sanctuary, Zoom & Parking Lot Worship Recorded Worship Available after noon 10:30 Coffee Hour	4 4:30 Girl Scouts 6 pm Girl Scouts	5 11 am Staff Mtg. 5 pm Girl Scouts	6 9:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Music Rehearsal 6:30 pm Addiction Recovery	7 9 am Peace by Piece Quilters 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	8 6 pm Scrap- Booking	9 9 am Scrap- booking
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In Gratitude

I thank all of you who prayed for me before, during and following my surgery in July. During a recent phone conversation with my urologist, I was told the malignancy in the tissue he removed from my bladder was low-grade and non-invasive. I am deeply grateful for the medical team at Kaiser as well as your expression of support.
Harlow Jacobson



New Book

Pastor Harlow Jacobson is the author of a book intitled "Our Pivotal Chat." The memoir has over 280 pages and consists of a collection of stories and pictures from his life before and after marriage to Nancy.



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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.



**HELPING
OTHER
PEOPLE
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