



King of Kings Lutheran Church

“Centered in Christ, we love all, welcome all, and pursue justice and peace”

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Pastor's Message



Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Psalm 85:7-10

This month, I present a summary of the ELCA Social Statement **For Peace in God's World**, adopted in 1995. You can find the entire text of the social statement here: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Peace>

This social statement defines **peace** as “difference in unity,” and “relationships that are just, harmonious, and free from war.”

Peace is God's intention for all creation, as revealed in the Bible. Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers,” and modeled a life of peace marked by love for the enemy, seeking out of those who are rejected, solidarity with those who suffer, and offering new life experienced in loving community.

The Church is called to be a presence for peace on Earth by naming and resisting false security, injustice, and war, by encouraging imaginative solutions to conflicts, by meeting human needs, and by offering a setting that brings conflicting parties together.

The social statement recognizes and laments that the Christian Church has not always acted in ways that promote peace.

The social statement acknowledges that war may at times be justified and seeks guidance from Just War Theory which uses principles including right intention, justifiable cause, legitimate authority, last resort, naming war aims, proportionality, and chance of success. This church unequivocally rejects nuclear war. This church both supports the vocation of people who serve in the military, as well as conscientious objectors.

What can we do to promote and build peace as individuals and churches:

- Engage people with different points of view and model healthy conversation
- Promote respect for human rights
- Counter and transform attitudes that encourage violence
- Strengthen abilities to resolve conflicts peacefully
- Make the connection between peace and economic justice
- Support accountability to regulate the international economy
- Revitalize aid to people who are poor

- Reduce military expenditures, weapons manufacture, and the arms trade whenever possible
- Encourage international cooperation
- Advocate participatory and accountable political structures within nations
- Encourage non-governmental organizations in peacemaking efforts

I hope you'll read the whole statement. It shatters the notion that we keep the peace by keeping quiet. Instead, peace is achieved when everyone is heard and respected and everyone's basic needs are met. Then we shall go in peace to be peacemakers alongside our Prince of Peace.



Upcoming Worship

[April 01](#)

Easter Festival Worship, Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt!

9:00 am: Breakfast

10:00 am: Festival Worship with Holy Communion and Choir

11:30 am: Coffee hour with more Easter Breakfast goodies.

Please bring flowers to decorate the cross!

[April 08](#)

Interactive Worship

[April 15](#)

Blended worship

[April 22](#)

Blended worship (Adult Forum @ 8:45am)

[April 29](#)

Traditional Worship (Adult Forum @ 8:45am)



Our next Adult Forum series begins April 22nd and continues for six weeks

One of the distinctive things about Jesus was his interest in engaging with women in ways that were unusual in his society. He treated them as equals, as colleagues, and as people deserving of their status as created in God's own image.

Every Sunday, beginning April 22nd through May, we will meet for Adult Forum, starting at 8:45 a.m. and ending at 9:30 a.m. We will be studying, discussing, and responding to the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice of our national church, the ELCA.

Even as we conclude the Women's History Month of March, we continue the work that the month celebrates by gathering together on this topic at Adult Forum. The discussion will be led by Pastor Aimee and by Tom Hiller. **You are invited to join us.**

Spring Tea Party

To benefit Backpack Buddies

April 28, Saturday at 1pm | Milwaukie Lutheran Church



Donations Needed to Feed Hungry Students:

- Cash & Check
- 100% Juice BOXES
- Mac and cheese boxes
- Cans of chili, spaghetti-o's, and chicken noodle/tomato soup
- Individual fruit cups, applesauce, raisins, and pudding
- Granola bars
- 6-packs of cheese/pb cracker and cookie snacks
- Jars of peanut butter (15oz)

Fancy Affair:

Tea and lunch service is provided. Everyone is encouraged to "Be fancy" however they see fit: be it your favorite comfy clothes, your wedding tux, or donning hats, tiaras, ties, and scarfs.

Please RSVP:

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What is Backpack Buddies?

The Backpack Buddies program provides food- insecure students in the North Clackamas School District with nutritious meals over the weekend when school breakfast and lunch are not available. This growing program serves more than 800 students in 23 Head Start programs and Elementary and Middle Schools.

Milwaukie and King of Kings Lutheran Churches share a joint ministry that serves Milwaukie Elementary and El Puente Schools.

An estimated donation of \$4.00 feeds one child for one weekend, while \$150 is estimated to feed a child every weekend during a school year.

Each lunch includes 2 entrees, 2 fruits, 2 drinks and 2 snacks. See reverse side for the best items to donate. We depend on the generosity of our congregations for donations of food and cash. The cash is used to buy some items from the Oregon Food Bank.

Find out more:

<http://www.nclack.k12.or.us/cgr/page/backpack-buddies>



Calling All Teapots

If you have a teapot you can lend to the Tea Party, April 28th, please let Lisa Hiller know. Please bring to church by no later than April 22. Please have your teapot labeled, either on the bottom, or stick your name/phone number on a piece of paper and put it in the tea pot.



Signup to bring treats for the tea party. We need punch, cookies, tea sandwiches, deviled eggs, and other finger foods.

Talk to Sharon Konsa or Vicki Rutger for more information.



Bible Study

We are back to the Old Testament beginning the book of Judges. Whether you're reading along at home or want to join us **Wednesdays at 9:45 am** here is the reading plan for April.

April 04: Judges Intro-chapter 4

April 11: Judges 5-10

April 18: Judges 11-15

April 25: Judges 16-21

May 03: Introduction to Romans

WARNING, WARNING, WARNING: *Contains graphic material. The “heroes” are badly flawed, the “judges” of this book might be referred to as guerillas or freedom fighters today. In this story of God and his people, heroes appear sporadically, but humanity remains terribly un-heroic.*



Spirits & Theology or **Bible & BREW**

Time: Tuesday, April 10 @ 6 pm

Place: Flying Pie Pizza, 16691 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

Fellowship abounds and ideas about spiritual matters are exchanged in an informal and public setting. We certainly don't have all the answers, but we sure have plenty of opinions!

Come when you can. Bring friends. All are welcome.





Regional Gatherings

What: The OR Synod is having FIVE Regional Gatherings around the Synod. These are Mission and Ministry events to look at local ministry, give us time to worship and pray together, and to imagine the future ahead of us.

Who: These Gatherings are open to any and all members of our congregation, 5+ people would be great!

How: Please let the office know if you are interested in coming for planning purposes.

How Much: There will be NO registration fee for these events. A donation will be asked to cover the cost of lunch, though.

When/Where: May 5, West Linn Lutheran, West Linn, OR - 9 AM-4 PM.



Social Justice News

“We are travelers with the Divine,
Sojourners with our neighbors,
On the way from death to life,
On the way from fear to faith,
On the way from hate to embrace.”

These lines comprise a song, learned and sung at Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR. On March 9, 2018, approximately 50 people convened there from 10am-4pm to explore efforts to oppose the federal government’s immigration policy.

Members from at least 6 area churches, Lutheran Pastors and Bishop from the Oregon Lutheran Synod participated. ELCA representatives from the local area, and in Washington, DC presented information.

We ended our day with a peaceful walk around the ICE facility on SW McAdam Blvd in Portland, singing the lyrics to the song above.

We concluded with communion. King of Kings members Jean DuPere, Ellen Burns, and Gene Zaharie participated. Learn more at ELCA.org/AMMPARO.



Save the Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Safe Overnight Shelter Open House

The MACG Clackamas Housing Team is a collaboration of faith institutions committed to creating transitional housing capacity among congregations in Clackamas County.



Be Part of the Transitional Housing Solution

Faith communities across Oregon are opening their spaces and working together to bring their unhoused neighbors inside to dignity, safety, and new possibilities. The Safe Overnight Shelter Open House will give you the information your congregation needs to take next steps:

- **Hear** How Other Churches are Managing Safe Overnight Shelter
- **Tour** Demonstration Housing Types
- **Learn** about Supporting Houseless Neighbors from Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services Staff
- **Envision** Your Church's Capacity for SOS with Clackamas County Zoning & Development Staff

Join us for a morning of discovery!

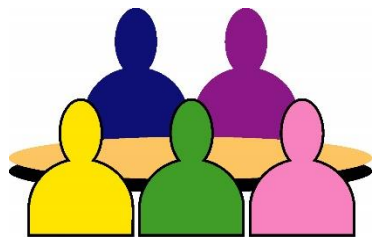
Prince of Life Lutheran Church welcome you to this special day of sharing and learning. For questions, please call Pastor John Reutter-Harrah at 503-657-3100.

Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 9:00am to 12:00pm
13896 South Meyers Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Registration Coming Soon!

Council Highlights

March 20, 2018



Those Present: Kathy Pearsall, Mike Foley, Pastor Aimee, John Pederson, Mike Brooks, Jamie Sandness.

Devotions: Mike Foley read from “Reclaiming the L Word” about the priesthood of all believers.

Relational meeting: Where do you experience renewal? Where does our congregation need renewal?

Finance: John Pederson will get commitments to complete the audit.

Radical Hospitality: Tea Party: April 28th at Milwaukie Lutheran, a fund raiser for Backpack Buddies. Talk of a Progressive dinner and wine and cheese party are also being discussed.

Pastor’s report: Gary Bergeron is planning to become a member in the Easter season.

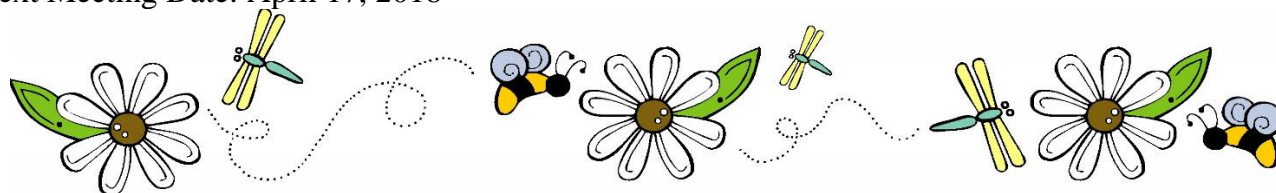
Downstairs space: Discussed increased use of the Art Guild for art therapy classes. It was moved and seconded that we allow that to happen providing those teaching the class find acceptable the noise level on Saturdays caused by band practice of Church of God of Prophecy. Building use fee would be \$100.00 for up to 24 hours a month. This money would go into the rainy-day fund, for improvements to that space.

Council Retreat will occur Sunday afternoon May 6th.

Questions about a basketball hoop will be referred to the property committee.

Development of a new web site is at a standstill. We may have to consider paying someone to set it up or choose a simpler website builder.

Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2018



Mission Endowment Board

Mission Endowment Board met March 6th to appoint new leaders for the upcoming year. They are:

Chair, Adonica De Vault
Secretary, Jean DuPere
Treasurer, Lynda McDowell
Devotions, Greg Peterson
Parliamentarian, Don Trotter

We are looking at strategies to raise funds for Mission Endowment and hoping to raise awareness regarding the purpose of the funds. Short and long-term visioning will occur this year and we will keep members of the congregation apprised of new initiatives. Thank you for your prayers of support for this important work.

Thank you,
Adonica





Member of the Month



JoAnn Overen

When did you become a member of King of Kings?

May 28, 1967.

Why did you decide to become a member? OR What would you say to someone who is looking at our church?

King of Kings is my church home and has been since it was first built. Many of my friends and acquaintances are members.

What activities do you participate in?

I attend church services and proof-read for Susan in the office. Currently I am not very active, however I participated/served in most everything here over the years: including Financial Secretary, Secretary to the Council, Council Member, and served on many committees.

What is your work?

I am a retired administrative assistant. Now I am a volunteer at the Oak Lodge Library and I spend a lot of time volunteering at my home (The Springs at Clackamas Woods). They let me be in charge of our library and our White Elephant Store.

Tell a little of your family and what you like to do for fun.

Jerry and I were married for 60 years before he died in 2013. Our three sons, Jeff, Jay and Jon, live close by and are now at retirement age - how can that be?? I enjoy traveling on occasion.

What other things would we like to know about you and your family?

Jerry and I were both baptized and brought up in the Lutheran faith. He was with U.S. National Bank for 37 years and was transferred often, so we would leave KOK for a few years, but always returned. We were snowbirds in the California desert for 20+ years.



Let's Celebrate!

God's Blessing to you as you celebrate...



April BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Seth Smith
- 2 Ruth Griffith
- 5 Gary Noble
- 7 John Pederson
- 10 Sid Cooper
- 10 Marlene Seymour
- 12 Sharon Holford
- 13 JoAnn Overen
- 15 Mike Hess
- 25 Alex Smith
- 29 Betsy Quinn (Happy Birthday, Mama!)

April Baptisms



- 1 Tom Rutger
- 3 Lily Hess
- 4 Vicki Rutger
- 6 Lou Freauff
- 10 Jeanie DuPere
- 14 Dan Peterson
- 15 Sterling Bruno
- 15 Ella Hess
- 17 Sandy Peterson
- 19 Alma Mullan
- 23 Phyllis Borge
- 26 Savita Davis



We don't have any April Anniversaries on our list, have we missed yours?

Prayers & Thanksgivings...

Pray always for peace, solace and kindness

Bob Smith	<i>For strength and patience</i>
Maxwell Deason Hiller	<i>With joy and thanksgiving at his birth; Tom & Lisa Hiller are proud grandparents, Mom & baby are healthy, thanks be to God!</i>
Margot Konsa	<i>Harry's mom; healing from acid reflux</i>
Family & Friends of Helen Bracanovich	<i>At her death</i>
Betsy Quinn	<i>Acute anemia; slowly improving</i>
Mike Brooks	<i>Treatment for mesothelioma</i>
Chris Noble	<i>Gary and Margaret's daughter-in-law; recovering from complications of surgery, removing intestinal tumor</i>
Kathleen Nedrow	<i>Pr. Aimee's friend; recovering from an infection</i>
Jenni Carder	<i>Continuing struggle with addiction</i>
Margaret Wittrich	<i>Hospice care</i>
John Konsa	<i>Continuing treatment for leukemia</i>
Dick	<i>Sandy Peterson's brother in law; for continual healing</i>
JR Potter	<i>Life threatening autoimmune disorder</i>

Prayers will be left on our prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise requested. Please notify Pastor Aimee if prayers are needed for a longer period.

