



# West Linn Lutheran Church

MARCH 2024  
NEWSLETTER



SHOWING UP FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE

Join us for a free community forum:

## **Envisioning after Dismantling -- The Past, Present, and Future of DEI in Clackamas County.**

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Tabling from 1- 2:00 pm

Speakers beginning at 2:00 pm

Lake Oswego United Church of Christ

1111 Country Club Road | Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Live stream at [youtube.com/@respondtoracismlo](https://youtube.com/@respondtoracismlo)



**Installation Reception**

**March 10th at 3:00pm**

**Please bring your dessert bars and cookies by the church on March 9th from 10:00am to Noon  
This drastically reduces our cost AND it's always nice to have something homemade! Please  
contact Linda Kolstad or the Church Office for more details.**

**Installation of  
Pastor John Barton  
West Linn Lutheran Church**

**March 10th at 3:00pm  
Clergy Vest in Red or Rainbow  
20390 Willamette Drive, West Linn Oregon 97068**



**Donating Easter Flowers in Memory or Honor of a Loved One**

**You are welcome to use the “Creating Sacred Space” envelopes in the pew to make a donation toward Easter floral displays in honor of or in memory of someone important to you. A donation of \$20.00 is requested.**



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
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**Tuesdays In Lent : Feb. 20, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, Mar. 12, Mar.19**

**Tuesdays in Lent will begin with a Soup Supper at 5:30pm to be followed by Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary.**

**Our Theme is "Deliver Us." From Moses to Jesus, Lent to Passover, and beyond. As the Psalmist proclaims, "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble." God continues to save us, rescuing us from trouble that is out of our control and that which is of our own making. This Lent, let us acknowledge that the world could use some delivering... while keeping the hope and faith that it is coming.**



**Donating Flowers for the Altar on Sunday Morning**

**There is a sign up sheet in the hallway across from the bathrooms to bring flowers for the altar on Sunday Morning. If you want to designate if it's in memory or in honor of someone, please email the church office with your name and who we are to make the designation. Please make sure all information is readable. Thanks so much for considering this ministry. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact the church office at [wllcoffice@wllc.org](mailto:wllcoffice@wllc.org).**



**Welcome to the Gallery : Roberta Mathews, Barbara Weiss and Pastor John Barton**  
It is a great honor to welcome our new artists to our gallery at WLLC! They bring their own unique and creative styles! Please read Roberta's, Barbara's and Pastor John's artist statement [here](#) , [here](#). and [here](#).

**Roberta's Walk Around is Thursday, February 8th at 3:00pm and Barbara's Walk Around is Thursday, February 22nd at 3:00pm. This is such a great opportunity to hear about their inspirations, process, materials, challenges as well as anything else we may wish to ask them.**



**New Date for Next Book Gathering  
is March 3rd at 11:00am in the Library**

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**Congregational Book Read : The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson**

**We met last month for our first gathering and found the conversation helpful. As a result, we have decided to meet once a month to delve more deeply in the content. We are reading "Caste : The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. To learn more about it's reception, check out this [review](#). Please contact the church office, to have a book ordered for you or if you have any other questions : [wllcoffice@wllc.org](mailto:wllcoffice@wllc.org).**



### **New Date for Clean Up Day Spring 2024 : March 9th!**

**It's time to plan for the annual church clean up, coming March 9th. We will gather at 9:00am to 2:00pm. We will have pizza, salad and a dessert! There will be inside and outside tasks! More details to come.**



**What is a Deacon? Check Out Jack's Blog To Find Out More.**

**You might have heard that Jack Mandeville is "in seminary" to become and ordained Deacon. But wait, he's here, how is he in school and what is an ordained Deacon anyway? Jack explains all of this and more in his blog. The first blog post will be March 8th with a link to follow this conversation!**



## Outreach for March

**Going Home II is an outreach to “assist inmates with making a successful, long-term transition back to their communities and families so they may lead productive and fulfilling lives, therefore, reducing recidivism rates and cyclical behaviors.” They work with inmates from Columbia Correctional Institution at this time. The president of Going Home II is Michael Fesser. Fesser spoke at WLLC a few years ago regarding his unlawful arrest by the WLPD and the ongoing resolution of the case.**

**He invited us as a community to work with him and others in building bridges between the suburbs and communities of color in Portland. One avenue is the support of this important ministry with released inmates and their communities. Learn more at the Going Home II website and watch a video with testimonies and more information on the Going Home II Facebook Page.**

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### **March Anniversaries**

**03/03** Lenihan, Bethany & Greg  
**03/14** Webster, AnnMarie & David  
**03/15** Shaffer, Sylvia & David  
**03/16** Mueller, Kylie & Scott  
**03/17** Carr, Dede & Steve  
**03/21** O'Donel, Gail & Terry

### **March Birthdays**

**03/01** Robins, Neil  
**03/02** Shaffer, David  
**03/03** McDougal, Pat  
**03/04** Lindner, Juergen  
**03/06** McDowell, Kevin  
**03/09** Deasee, Darleen  
**03/09** Webster, James  
**03/11** Harvey, Jacob  
**03/13** Klindtworth, Kelli  
**03/17** Archuleta, Hannah  
**03/17** Koppang, Ron  
**03/21** Larson, Lori  
**03/24** Eppelsheimer, Gary  
**03/25** Buse, Beverly  
**03/26** Tennis, Sharon  
**03/27** Harvey, Steve

### **About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:**

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region.

Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

