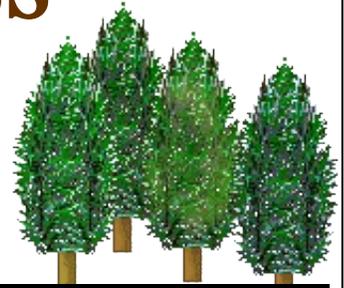


Wooden Cross Newsletter



April, 2021

WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Wooden Cross is a welcoming, Christ-centered community believing in grace and living in faith and service.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Let's reflect together a bit on "renewal" for this time out...

I think about all the different ways this notion of renewal comes through in Scripture, from various passages that talk about being transformed by the renewal of one's mind... to the way the various aspects of creation are being renewed in God's activity... to even the cosmos itself being made "new" with the old "passing away." It's an enormous part of Scripture!

As individuals, families, disciples, and members of a wider society we are beginning to hope that renewal may be in sight after this long year of COVID and all that transpired throughout this time of anxiety, grief, and concern. It seems with the turning of the season, we seem to be catching a glimpse that perhaps the COVID season is also turning as folks are getting vaccines, work places are beginning to spool back up, schools are resuming in a fashion, and various other "signs" activity begin anew.

I find myself wondering as this is yet quite early in this latest period of transition, how will folks engage with this period of "renewal." What will be resumed as folks return to previously established patterns and habits and what will be the new rhythms that folks will retain now having grown accustomed to the norms introduced over this past year.

- ▶ Will people "return" to churches?
- ▶ Will people "return" to office spaces?
- ▶ Will education "return" to the methods well understood and practiced for years?

A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR



- ▶ Will friends and families "return" to meeting face to face for meals / coffee / birthdays etc?
- ▶ Will organizations be able to find volunteers once more?
- ▶ Will gatherings "return" to habits of singing and dancing together?
- ▶ Will the habits of "space keeping" or "social distancing" now be the established norm for civic life or will we return to older norms of social graces like handshaking / hugging?
- ▶ Or have things so shifted in the established norms and habits in the fabric that is part of being families, communities and even "church together" that we will yet be called upon to discern what the next season might call forth.

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- Peter Marschalk.....President
- Steven Carlson.....Vice President
- Sherman Johnson.....Secretary
- Doug PearmanTreasurer
- Scott Kimball..... Council Member
- Betty Scott..... Council Member
- Art Hammersberg..... Council Member
- Deb Schuldt..... Council Member
- Sally Simpson..... Council Member
- Natasha Carlson Council Member

**WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY**



God calls us to grow in faith. Members and friends are invited to grow in their relationships with God. A book of the Bible is selected to read and study together over several weeks to give it full exploration.

On **Wednesday mornings beginning at 10:00 AM** Pr. Eric will lead **Adult Bible Study** (in-person and online via Zoom). You are welcome to join us! Bring a willing heart. We will till the soil. God brings the growth.

† HEALTH CONCERNS †

If you or your family have any health concerns needing prayer, or a pastoral contact or visit, please call or email the church office. Thank you.

2021 Stewardship



Let's accept our freedom to give generously, and our responsibility to be good stewards of all God's gifts.

2021 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,420

FEB	Week 1:	\$3,060	
	Week 2:	\$3,134	
	Week 3:	\$4,048	
	Week 4:	<u>\$4,393</u>	
		\$14,635	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,659

MAR	Week 1:	\$2,825	
	Week 2:	\$4,935	
	Week 3:	<u>\$2,450</u>	
		\$10,210	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,403

Thank you!



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Community Prayer.....**9:00 AM**
Sunday Worship **10:00 AM**

PastorEric Griffith
Secretary / BookkeeperKathy Corneloup
Organist / Interim Choir Director Seung Lee
Ensemble Band Ensemble Musicians
Altar Guild Sherry Kimball

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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How might God be calling us to be “renewed” in this turning season? In what ways might God be calling us to renewed faith and resumed commitment and ministry? In what ways might we be being called to explore a new landscape where the norms are shifted or shifting and we are once more called to find ways to “translate” the gospel in word and deed to speak meaningfully and powerfully in this newly emerging time? What practical lessons will we retain from this past year because they continue to serve in the mission of Christ and which will we take back up from our older habits that predated this past year? In what ways will God be calling us to “remember” aspects of our previous habits, and in what ways will we yet be called upon to learn as we are being renewed for mission and service?

However we discern the answers to these and other questions like them, the one part we can be rock solid certain of is the faithfulness of God and God’s continual calling to us to be a people “renewed.”

May God’s Holy Spirit fill you and transform you from the inside out, renewed in faith for service, and trusting ever in our Lord and Savior Jesus... the One who goes before us into these turning days ahead.

May you truly be “renewed.”

Peace

revEric

AUCTION CHAIR NEEDED!

Our Wooden Cross mission and ministries benefit greatly from our Annual Auction and Garage Sale fundraisers.

The Attic Sale in March raised funds for our missions and ministries. Our traditional Garage Sale will resume in the Spring of 2022.

Our Annual Auction has become a strong platform to raise money for Wooden Cross, and the missions we support. For the past four years the auction has been chaired/co-chaired by Peter Marschalk, with very able assistance by a group of dedicated members from our congregation.

For 2021 Peter is stepping back from his role as chair/co-chair, but he will be available to assist the new coordinator. We are looking for someone to step up to take over the reins as chair, to coordinate the group of willing volunteers and make the 2021 Auction another success.

If you are interested, or would simply like to get more information on what being the chair might entail, please contact Peter through the church office. Thank you!

**ATTIC SALE
THANK YOU!**

Our Attic Sale Committee sends a BIG thank you to all our Wooden Cross members, friends, visitors and neighbors for participating in this year’s Attic Sale (mini Spring Rummage Sale) and making it a success! We raised over \$1,600.00 to support the mission and ministry activities of this congregation.



The committee has now boxed and bagged up all the remaining unsold items and delivered them to local donation centers. Our committee has observed and learned a lot about the most saleable items in hopes of streamlining this annual event for the future committee leaders.

With this sale we were able to completely clear out our inventory from the attic. This now allows us to start fresh with a new collection of items for next year’s sale. As we turn the calendar to 2022, watch for future announcements and details on when you can start contributing again.

Thank you to our committee and support team—Mike Gaylord and the Boy Scouts, Jim and Charlene Hampton, Linda Rubel, Nancy Hansen, David Neely, Art Hammersberg, and Kathy C. (marketing coordinator!)

Jerry Booren, Coordinator

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday—March 28

Indoor Worship Service.....10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday—April 1

Indoor Worship Service.....7:30 PM

Good Friday—April 2

Indoor Worship Service.....7:30 PM

Easter Sunday—April 4

Indoor Festival Worship Service.....8:00 AM

Outdoor Festival Worship Service10:00 AM

Church Parking Lot

PROPERTY SPRUCING

The Wooden Cross property has been spruced up just in time for Palm Sunday and Easter.

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped freshen up the inside and outside of our church, keeping it maintained and looking spiffy: Jerry Booren, Mike Gaylord, Art Hammersberg, and Doug Pearman.



Mike Gaylord
Property Chair

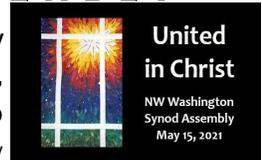
CAMP UNITY DINNER

Wooden Cross members and friends continue to supply monthly meals to Camp Unity during the pandemic. Wooden Cross will be providing dinner to Camp Unity residents in April, date TBA. The Wooden Cross meal coordinator will deliver the food to Camp Unity. Residents will serve themselves. If you'd like to supply a food item, please sign up on the church narthex or contact the church office. Meal donations should be brought to Wooden Cross by 5:00 PM. Thank you to everyone who supports this effort.



2021 NWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Virtual Synod Assembly will be held **Saturday, May 15, 2021 online.** In addition to worshipping together, assembly delegates will hear reports, vote on the budget, discuss resolutions that are brought forward, and elect leaders to various positions. Delegates will also vote on constitutional and bylaw changes.



Assembly delegates include the pastor and four lay voting congregational members. Thank you to Steven Carlson, Sally Simpson, Ben Carlson, and Pastor Eric for volunteering to serve as Wooden Cross delegates at the 2021 assembly. *(While not part of the zoom meeting, visitors will be invited to participate by following the livestream of the event.)*

RESUMING OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Many of us have been enjoying attending Sunday services in our own sanctuary. We moved inside when the weather made outdoor services less than comfortable—especially for those leading the service.



One of the things we miss inside, that we were able to enjoy outside, is singing (though some of us still sing quietly behind our masks). It was fun to sit in our cars, honk and flash lights at appropriate times, and sing out loud without our masks. During the winter months we continued to have as many as a dozen folks remain in their vehicles and listen to the indoor worship service broadcasts through their car radios.

The Council recently discussed an optimum time to return to outdoor services. It was agreed that Easter Sunday, April 4, would not only be symbolic, but would likely present us with decent weather. We invite you to join us for our Easter Worship services—Indoors at 8:00 AM (*special music by the handbell choir*) and outdoors at 10:00 AM (*music sung by the congregation*).

As you notice the weather improving, be sure to check your emails regularly for our Outdoor Worship Service announcement.

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2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i>	2 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 1:30p Quilters	3
				7:30P Maundy Thursday Worship Service	7:30 PM Good Friday Worship Service	
4 EASTER SUNDAY! 8:00 Indoor Easter Service <i>Special Music: Handbells</i> <i>"To God Be the Glory"</i> 10:00 Easter Worship Service Outdoor Drive-In	5 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>Pastor Vacation Day</i> 7:00p AA	6 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>Pastor Vacation Day</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts Court of Honor (Parking Lot)	7 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>Pastor Vacation Day</i> No Bible Study	8 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>Pastor Vacation Day</i> 10:15a Handbells	9 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>Pastor Vacation Day</i> 1:30p Quilters	10
11 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>Rev. Phil Lee, Guest Pastor</i>	12 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>on Spring Break</i> 7:00p AA	13 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>on Spring Break</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00p Christian Response	14 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>on Spring Break</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00P CHURCH COUNCIL	15 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>on Spring Break</i> 10:15a Handbells	16 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>on Spring Break</i> 1:30p Quilters	17
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