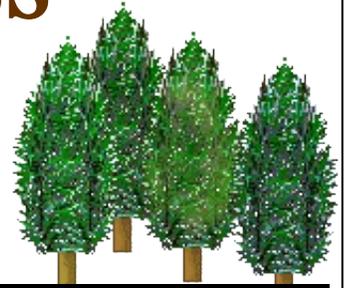


# Wooden Cross Newsletter

March, 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

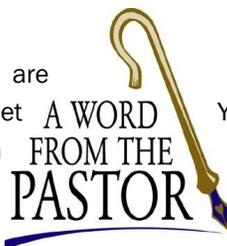
**Hebrews 1:12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...

God's blessings be upon you O children of God!

For a couple days now I've had this scripture perking in the back of my mind. I've been thinking a great deal about the COVID vaccine implementation; the ongoing frustrations I'm hearing as part of the education of children and the impacts upon families and work schedules the school closures are having; the concerns around family economics that are part and parcel to our day; the ongoing political shakeout and seemingly insurmountable divides in our culture and relationships; and how all of this is part of the mix as we as a community of Christ followers sort through the ways we are called to live faithfully in the midst of this all.

The word that keeps coming to my heart and mind is simply the word "persevere..." which is how this scripture came to mind.

Christ followers have a call to "run" with perseverance, even when we have no clue how long the run will last or the territory through which we will be running, nor even what will come of having taken the run... It's kind of like a Jesus saying so long ago.... "follow me" with the one called having no real inkling what that really means. I wonder sometimes if how we might feel given all this "mess and muck" is something akin to those who first heard that call?



How is your "perseverance" tank these days? You feeling all gassed up and ready to run... you feeling all drained out and running on fumes... or something in between?

There are a lot of different metaphors out there as to what a "church is." Today I find myself thinking that we are a "gas station" to help tank up for the next leg of the run before us. Sometimes we grow weary and faint. Sometimes we grow tired and feel like we are down to our last straw... or fumes in the tank.

In those moments I give thanks that there continues to be a gathering of those who worship together so that we might be filled once more to run the

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- Peter Marschalk.....President
- Steven Carlson.....Vice President
- Sherman Johnson.....Secretary
- Doug Pearman .....Treasurer
- 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.

**2020 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**

<b>DEC</b>	Week 1:	\$6,005	
	Week 2:	\$6,187	
	Week 3:	\$3,873	
	Week 4:	<u>\$16,587</u>	
		<b>\$32,652</b>	
	<b>Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$8,163</b>
<b>JAN</b>	Week 1:	\$2,095	
	Week 2:	\$7,405	
	Week 3:	\$4,105	
	Week 4:	<u>\$3,320</u>	
		<b>\$16,925</b>	
	<b>Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$4,231</b>

**Thank you!**



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

Pastor .....Eric Griffith  
Secretary / Bookkeeper .....Kathy Corneloup  
Organist / Interim Choir Director ..... Seung Lee  
Ensemble Band ..... Ensemble Musicians  
Altar Guild ..... Sherry Kimball

**ATTIC SALE!**

Wooden Cross is sponsoring an “Attic Sale” to display treasures donated by members and friends of the church the over last 18 months for the Garage Sale. Since cancelling the sale in 2020 (due to the pandemic) the Garage Sale Committee, with approval from Church Council, is sponsoring a two-week Attic Sale. The Attic Sale will clear out the current inventory and position ourselves for a big, new Garage Sale in 2022.

The Attic Sale items will be displayed on tables in the narthex and fellowship hall beginning on **Thursday, March 11** and continuing through Tuesday, March 23. **NONE OF THE ITEMS WILL BE PRICED.** We are encouraging members and friends to pick up any items they can provide a home for. Freewill offerings may be made to the Garage Sale Fund. Cash and check donations may be left in the locked brown mailbox located on the wall just left of the church office door.

You may stop in anytime Monday-Thursday, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, to shop and browse. Also on Sunday, after the church service, is a good time to look things over.

At this time, we are not excepting any new donation items from members for this event, but rather request that if you have great sellable items at

home to hold on to them until the 2022 Garage Sale. Or, sponsor your own neighborhood sale and consider donating the proceeds to the WC Garage Sale Fund. Remember, all proceeds (100%) from the Attic Sale will go to support mission activities within the church outreach programs.

The need for outreach support has grown as the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to spread. Our congregation has a tremendous record of service and support to the needs of this community, and events like this are what makes it happen. Please consider that need, prayerfully make a donation and we thank you for your support.

Following the Attic Sale our plan is to remove all remaining items and transport them to donation centers, so we are ready for upcoming Palm Sunday and Easter worship services.

Respectfully and Blessing to you all,

Nancy Hansen, Linda Rubel,  
Jim Hampton, Jerry Booren  
2021 Attic (Garage) Sale Team



**AUCTION CHAIR NEEDED!**

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

Our traditional Garage Sale will resume in the Spring of 2022. In lieu of the Garage Sale this year, an “Attic Sale” will be held for two Sundays—on March 14 and 21—under the leadership of Jerry Booren, Nancy Hansen, Linda Rubel and Jim Hampton. We are sure others will contribute to make this a success. Which brings us to the auction.

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. Prior to Peter, Bonnie Madsen chaired

our auction for many years, assisted by those same folks. Because of health and safety restrictions, in 2020 we were not able to hold the Dinner Auction at Wooden Cross. Instead, we held a Virtual Auction online that was very successful.

For 2021 Peter is stepping back from his role as chair/co-chair, although he will continue to assist as he has done for years. 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 (or Bonnie) though the church office. Thank you!

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

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next leg. A pit stop... a gas up... a service station where in bread and wine, in Word proclaimed, and friendship forged we discover once more the source of life that inspires us to run once more.

I must confess that over this past year, the tank has run pretty dry at times for me. Thankfully God continues to whisper the Word that calls me to run once more and then provides the "life" to actually do so. God whispers this to you as well.

May you hear it and have your perseverance renewed... may you mount up with wings as an eagle, may you run and not grow faint once more.

As you run the race today, may you keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus the author and perfecter of your faith.

Run well today!

Peace

revEric

**2021 NWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

The **Virtual Synod Assembly** will be held online on **Saturday, May 15, 2021**. 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.



necessary for each voting member/ delegate to have their own email address AND access to their own computer to participate in the meeting and our voting process.

Registration is open until March 31. Congregation representatives will be registered as a group through the Wooden Cross church office. If you'd like to participate in the 2021 Virtual Synod Assembly, please contact the church office, Pastor Eric, or Peter Marschalk, Council President.

Assembly delegates include the pastor and four lay voting congregational members—1 adult male, 1 adult female; 1 young adult (18-30 years old at the date of the assembly); and one youth (18 years old at the date of the assembly).

Due to the online nature of this Assembly, it will be

Note: Visitors are free. While not part of the zoom meeting, they 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.



without our masks.

Council recently discussed an optimum time to return to outdoor services. It was agreed that Easter (April 4) would not only be symbolic, but would likely present us with decent weather. As we watch weather forecasts, we may decide to hold outdoor services before Easter. We will make that decision early enough so that Kathy will be able to send out a timely email notice to the congregation.

One of the things we miss inside, that we were able to enjoy outside, was singing (even though some of us sing quietly behind our masks, even inside). All that aside, and recognizing that we continually have had as many as a dozen folks remaining in their vehicles these past several months, it was fun to sit in our cars, honk and flash lights at appropriate times, and sing out loud

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

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**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 on **Tuesday, March 30**. 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. Please keep Camp Unity in your prayers.

**SOUPER BOWL  
THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring collection on February 7. Over 200 food, toiletry and household items were collected. A \$220.00 financial contribution was also sent to the Malby Food Bank. Many thanks on behalf of those who are food insecure served by Maltby Food Bank.



**FAITH ACTION NETWORK NEWS**

*Article submitted by Rena Connell*

[Faith Action Network \(FAN\)](#) is an interfaith statewide partnership for the common good, founded by the ELCA NW Synod and now representing over 150 faith communities and thousands of individuals. FAN is a powerful voice of the faithful, building a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education, and public action. Staff have been working hard to represent the interests of the common good during the 2021 session of the Washington Legislature. When we work to provide justice to the most vulnerable, including children, the disabled and the most economically challenged, we are doing God's work with our hands.

This year the Interfaith Action Day (IFAD) had to be held virtually, but about 175 people of faith participated via Zoom to hear the inspirational opening speakers and to meet privately with their own elected representatives from their legislative districts. Dr.



**OUR MISSION  
PARTNERS**

The ELCA is committed to work for "sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all." Each of our ministry partners helps Lutherans in this congregation do that, as we work together with others to support and service God's people in need.

- ◆ Foss Home
- ◆ Hopelink Food Bank Harvest
- ◆ Camp Unity Eastside
- ◆ Maltby Food Bank
- ◆ Acres of Diamonds
- ◆ Earth Ministry
- ◆ Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- ◆ Tiny Houses Project, Eastside Village Alliance

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Jasmit Singh, representing the Sikh tradition, provided the opening leader's reflections for Interfaith Advocacy Day on Feb. 11, reminding participants that, "We live in times where more than anything we need to heal a fractured world around us," and closed by praying that God might "give us the inner strength, the courage to help our communities build a more compassionate, just world."

Backed by our email support to each of our own legislators, the FAN staff has been providing testimony to the various committees of the House and Senate on the following issues: Food Access, Voting Rights, Criminal Justice Reforms, Community College Access, Wealth Tax, Universal Health Care, Police Reform, Clean Fuels, and Colleges.

For more detail about bill status, go to Washington State [Legislature Bill Information](#). Information about bills supported by FAN can be found at [FAN/News](#).

2021



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