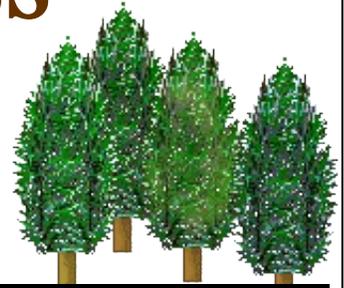


Wooden Cross Newsletter



May, 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

In the wondrous Easter story there is that time between Jesus' death and the disciples truly believing in Jesus as resurrected and even "my Lord and my God" as spoken by Thomas. It is not though until the day of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit that they were at last able and equipped to go out once more. It was not until God provided the means and the message through the promised Spirit that they were able to overcome the fears that had them gathering in secrecy for fear of what may yet become of them should they fall to the same powers that had crucified Jesus.

In this narrative it is God who gifted them the means, the courage, the message, and the calling to go forth with great boldness in proclaiming the name of Jesus and how it is in him alone that God is reconciling with our world. God gifted them with all they required to meet the calling placed before them. Without the Spirit there was fear and reluctance... With the Spirit they were bold and capable.

"Come Holy Spirit... fill the hearts of your people... render in us the fire of your love."

I first heard this prayer sung some years ago in a wondrous musical mashup of sacred chant and electronica (think thumpy drum driven electronic synth music). It was created by a team of musicians that were trying to explore ways of taking ancient prayers and contextualizing them for modern musical sensibilities.

Under the general name of "emergent church" there were all sorts of folks trying to discern a way to move out into the culture of their time with boldness, filled with

A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR



the Spirit, and helping others come to know God's saving work in Jesus. Where the early first century church did its work in fields, and fishing docks, vineyards, and synagogues, those who tended to gravitate to this "emergent" idea were tending to do their work in pubs, and clubs, campuses, workplaces, and parks though also in cathedrals and churches as well.

Though the efforts were all over the map in the work performed, one of the admirable things that I heard time and again was a certainty often expressed as a longing, that lest the Spirit move nothing of God could happen as the church needs God's Spirit in order to do it's work.

"Come Holy Spirit... fill the hearts of your people... render in us the fire of your love."

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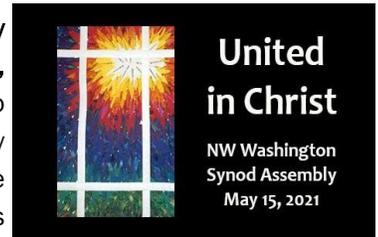
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- Peter Marschalk.....President
- Steven Carlson.....Vice President
- Sherman Johnson.....Secretary
- Doug PearmanTreasurer
- Scott Kimball..... Council Member
- Betty Scott..... Council Member
- Art Hammersberg..... Council Member
- Deb Schuldt.....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

**2021 N W W A
S Y N O D A S S E M B L Y**

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.)*

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

MAR	Week 1:	\$3,882	
	Week 2:	\$6,162	
	Week 3:	\$2,470	
	Week 4:	<u>\$2,385</u>	
		\$14,899	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,659
APR	Week 1:	\$5,840	
	Week 2:	\$2,565	
	Week 3:	<u>\$4,660</u>	
		\$13,065	
	Weekly Average:		\$4,355

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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As a gathering of God's people, Wooden Cross and congregations all around the world are being faced with big questions and even debates of:

"Who are we?"

"What is God's calling in our time and place?"

"What do we have available to go about answering this calling?"

and more questions besides...

While in many ways these questions have been around us for decades and more as church, I would suggest that this past year of life, work, and ministry has drawn these questions into yet more stark relief. In any gathering of God's people there are going to be widely held ideas and ideals as to the answers to these questions, yet one thing I am absolutely certain

of... it is only through God's Holy Spirit that we are able to respond to any of these questions either in insight or action.

Even as the first disciples required the Holy Spirit to gift them what was needful for the mission, so too are we. So too have ever been God's people and so will it ever be. We are a people to be filled with God's Spirit to be blown as that wind wills. As we emerge from the mire that has been "cultural COVID" may God's Spirit blow once more and provide us all that may be needful for the mission of God today.

"Come Holy Spirit... fill the hearts of your people... render in us the fire of your love."

Peace,
revEric

† 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.

L I G H T S ! C A M E R A ! A U C T I O N !

The 2021 Wooden Cross Annual Auction—"Lights! Camera! Auction!"—is set for **Friday, November 5!**

The Auction Team is gearing up and anticipates that by the Fall we will be in Phase 4 of the COVID recovery—which is a return to normal activity. A decision about whether the Auction will be indoors or online will be made closer to the auction date. Updates will be sent during the Summer.

In the meantime, we are asking the Wooden Cross family and area businesses to consider contributing items and/or services for the Silent and Live Auctions. Donation forms are available on the church entrance table and can be emailed upon request.



The Wooden Cross Annual Auction supports missions and ministries such as Acres of Diamonds, Camp Lutherwood, Camp Unity/Homeless Ministry, ELCA Disaster Response, Foss Home, Habitat for Humanity, Holden Village, HopeLink, LCS/Compass Housing Alliance, Local and World

Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Maltby Food Bank, and Seattle-LIMBA Sewing Circle.

Thank you for your support and participation!

Peg Skiftenes
Deb Schuldt
2021 Auction Co-Coordinators

L W R I N G A T H E R I N G

The LWR Spring Ingathering is April 29–May 1 at Bothell First Lutheran Church. The Wooden Cross Quilters Group created 16 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts were blessed on Sunday, April 25.

Thank you to all our quilters for volunteering your time and skill—Betty Scott, Bonnie Madsen, Cinda Woody, Doris Simpson, Jone Vrhel, Linda Griffith, Peg Jessen, Sally Simpson and Sherry Kimball.

Fabric donations were provided by the Handi Sowers of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lynnwood.

Q U I L T E R ' S G R O U P

The **Wooden Cross Quilter's Group** are stitching again! We will be making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



You are invited to join us on **Friday afternoons, beginning at 1:30 PM.** Bring a sewing machine, or just come and help cut and assemble fabric. We will work safely distanced in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and reconnect with friends, or make new ones! If you have any questions, please contact Betty at 217-454-1722.

**E N D O W M E N T
S C H O L A R S H I P S**



College-bound Wooden Cross High School Seniors and Eagle Scouts of Troop 422 are eligible to apply for the Endowment Fund

Scholarship. Applications are available on the entrance table.

Please email your application to: woodencrosslc@gmail.com, and type "Endowment Fund Scholarship" in the subject line. Or, you may mail your application to: Wooden Cross, 17401 198th Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98077. **Application Deadline is Sunday, June 20, 2021.**



The Fallen

by Duncan Campbell Scott

Those we have loved the dearest,
The bravest and the best,
Are summoned from the battle
To their eternal rest;

There they endure the silence,
Here we endure the pain—
He that bestows the Valor
Valor resumes again.

O, Master of all Being,
Donor of Day and Night,
Of Passion and of Beauty,
Of Sorrow and Delight,

Thou gav'st them the full treasure
Of that heroic blend—
The Pride, the Faith, the Courage,
That holdeth to the end.

Thou gavest us the Knowledge
Wherein their memories stir—
Master of Life, we thank Thee
That they were what they were.

C A M P U N I T Y D I N N E R

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, May 18.**



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.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

R E T U R N I N G T O O U T D O O R W O R S H I P F O R M A Y

As we enter the month of May, the Worship & Music Team wanted to share our joy in returning to Outdoor Worship for a time. It is a joyous reunion of sorts. (The temporary split of being the “insidees” and the “outsidees” on a Sunday morning was the best idea during the cold winter months.) While circumstances are changing with the advent of vaccinations and all we feel that, at least in the immediate future, there is joy to be had in coming back together as one worshipping body while these changes have a bit more time to take root.

As there are yet some who cannot in good conscience resume indoor worship, the way for us to reunite as one body is back outdoors. This is not a decision grounded in “necessity”, but rather one made in good conscience and a desire to pattern our behaviors with our theology of being “one body of Christ” taking as our guidance the Apostle Paul when he speaks of becoming “all things to all people, that some might be saved.” It is expected that over the next month or so, things will continue to shift and soon (ish) a different solution will make more sense. As a team, we will continue to listen and prayerfully discern the timing of coming together as one body indoors once again.



So friends for May, on days weather permits, bring your chairs and even see about sitting “down front” as we are thinking of holding open the spots right up front to become a lawn chair seating area (socially distanced yet, of course) for those who want more of that “congregational seating feel.” Otherwise cars and light and horns will suffice. Near the end of the month we will review where things are and what makes sense in addressing circumstances looking into June.

On a pastoral note, there is something I might call “COVID fatigue” being navigated throughout our culture. We can feel it and see it in the exasperation and sometimes even real desperation for “things to feel and be normal.” If you find yourself gravitating to exasperation, please contact with me (Pr. Eric) and we can talk. In the meantime pull up, grab your chair, and together let us continue to give real witness to a life in Jesus and how he continues to be our calling, community reconciliation and hope. See you outside!

**W E D N E S D A Y
B I B L E S T U D Y**



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.

A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.*

*For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels
And sent from God above.*

—Author Unknown

Happy Mother's Day!



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2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>Special Music: "Shenandoah" by the Handbell Ringers</i>	3 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	4 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts	5 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>(Cinco de Mayo Dancer)</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study	6 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 9:15a Handbells	7 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 1:30p Quilters	8 9:00a WGC Annual Plant Sale—Online
9 Mother's Day! Finance Team Email Meeting 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service	10 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> <i>KC Vacation Day</i> 7:00p AA	11 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00p Christian Response	12 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00p Church Council	13 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 9:15a Handbells	14 8-3:30 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 1:30p Quilters	15 Online Synod Assembly 8:00a—1:00p WGC Plant Sale Pickup, Wooden Cross Parking Lot
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