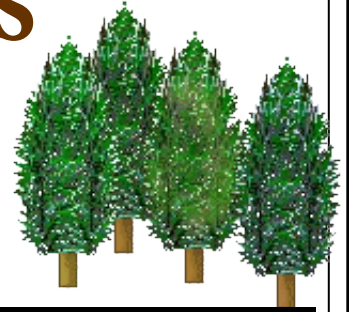


Wooden Cross Newsletter



April, 2024

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 THE PASTOR

Jesus once asked a blind man, “What do you want me to do for you?” On the surface one might wonder about this or even stand in judgement over the asking, thinking “well wouldn’t it be obvious?”

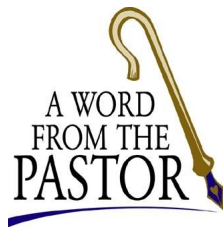
But is it so obvious?

In asking, Jesus is requiring the man to do a couple of things that in fact Jesus cannot do on the man’s behalf, for these are functions internal to the man himself.

Firstly is a function of discernment. The man upon being asked the question is now needing to do some self assessment—

1. “What is my actual need?”
2. “Do I actually need help?”
3. “Is there any part of this that I can do something about?”
4. “Is what I need something that can change, or is it set in stone already?”
5. “If I get what I ask, will this satisfy my actual longing?” (And if not, see question 1, etc.)
6. “Do I think the person being asked can actually do something here?” This then takes us to the second function...that of a question of faith.
7. “Do I believe the one asked can actually do something about my request?”

And finally, then also comes what may be one of the most soul-wrenching questions of all...



“Do I want this to change?” because sometimes we actually do not want to actually have changed what is already in place...just ask the addicted or the alcoholic before they are prepared to engage the hard process of being healed and working toward this. Sometimes in truth we are not ready, nor willing to have the change or healing begin.

Jesus by asking his question sews the needful discernment into this man requiring him to wrestle with these questions which we can see he does when he announces aloud “I want to see.” Meaning:

“My point of pain, I know what it really is.”

“Though nearly impossible, I believe You can do something about it.”

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- Blaine Wastell President
- Peggy Reiber Vice President
- Carolyn Gross Secretary/Treasurer
- Nancy VanDalsem Council Member
- Art Hammersberg Council Member
- Dave Hutchinson Council Member
- Jone Vrhel Council Member

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



COME JOIN OUR **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.

PASTORAL CARE

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.



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

2024 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,818

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| FEB | Week 1: | \$2,713 | |
| | Week 2: | \$2,635 | |
| | Week 3: | \$5,021 | |
| | Week 4: | <u>\$2,270</u> | |
| | | \$12,638 | |
| | Weekly Average: | | \$3,160 |

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| MAR | Week 1: | \$1,090 | |
| | Week 2: | \$3,365 | |
| | Week 3: | <u>\$4,233</u> | |
| | | \$8,688 | |
| | Weekly Average: | | \$2,896 |

Thank you!



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 Woodinville, Washington 98077
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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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Secretary / Bookkeeper Kathy Corneloup

Music Director/Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Sally Simpson

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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“I am willing to have this change in my life, even if it requires greater responsibility from me to live with the sought after reality. (Remember in the culture a blind person does not bear as much responsibility as an agent of his own welfare, he is authorized to be beholden upon others for his welfare. Sighted people would be required to work for their welfare.)

Now, why am I thinking about this?

Wooden Cross in a variety of ways has been talking about “growing” (or at least not “shrinking”) over many years. If Jesus were to be standing before us and asked us as a congregation, “What do you want me to do for you?” ...requiring us to engage the same questions of discernment...what would our answer be?

Would our answer be “I want to grow” ... or would it be something else?

I find myself wondering. . . which for me leads to praying.

Today I ask you to wonder and pray because friends, Jesus IS asking.

May the Holy Spirit lead you and us together to the place where we know best how to answer Jesus’ question.

Peace be with you all!

Rev Eric



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship Service
March 24, 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 28, 7:00 PM

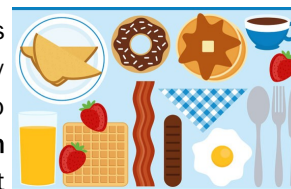
Good Friday Worship Service
March 29, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Festival Worship Service
March 31, 10:00 AM

Easter Potluck Brunch, 8:30 AM

EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

Members and friends are invited to bring family neighbors and friends to the **Easter Potluck Brunch** on **Sunday, March 31** at **8:30 AM**, before the worship service at 10:00 AM.



If you’d like to bring a dish to share, or volunteer to help, the Easter Brunch sign-up is on the narthex table.

FRIENDS IN MINISTRY

The Wooden Cross congregation works together with others for sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all. Our ministry and mission partners include:



- Acres of Diamonds** <https://www.acresofdiamonds.org/>
- Camp Lutherwood** <http://www.camplutherwood.org/>
- Compass Housing Alliance** <https://www.compasshousingalliance.org/>
- Earth Ministry** <https://earthministry.org/>
- Foss Home & Village** <http://www.fosscare.org/>
- Habitat for Humanity**..... <https://www.habitat.org/>
- Holden Village**..... <http://www.holdenvillage.org/>
- Hopelink Food Bank**..... <https://www.hopelink.org/>
- Lutheran Campus Ministry**.. <https://www.lutheransnw.org/campus-ministry>
- Lutheran Community Services Northwest** <https://lcsnw.org/>
- Lutheran World Relief** <https://lwr.org/>
- Maltby Food Bank** <http://www.maltbyfoodbank.org/>
- Seattle-Limbe Sewing Circle**..... <https://www.seattlelimbe.org/>

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

2024



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | <p>1</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori Staff Vacation Day. Office Closed.</p> <p>7:00p AA 7:00-9:00 Theater Group</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Garage Sale Kickoff Meeting</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00-9:00 Theater Group</p> | <p>3</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group 6:00p Facility Use: WGC (Sanctuary) 7:00-9:00 Theater Group</p> | <p>4</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:00-9:00 Theater Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Eric on Vacation No Acom Montessori Spring Break Staff Vacation Day. Office Closed.</p> <p>7:00p AA 7:00-9:00 Theater Group</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Eric on Vacation No Acom Montessori Spring Break</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00-9:00 Theater Group</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Eric on Vacation No Acom Montessori Spring Break No Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group 7:00P CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00-9:00 Theater Group</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Eric on Vacation No Acom Montessori Spring Break 11:00-3:00 Quilters 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:00-9:00 Theater Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Eric on Vacation No Acom Montessori Spring Break</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>Eric on Vacation</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service Guest Preacher</p> <p>MAY NEWS Article Due!</p> | <p>15</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00p Christian Response</p> | <p>17</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group 7:00p Worship Zoom Mtg</p> | <p>18</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> | <p>20</p> <p>11:00a—2:00p Duvall Shredding Event</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>Earth Day 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service Recycle Presentation 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch 11:00 Garage Sale Sanctuary Clearing and Table Set Up</p> | <p>22</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori All Garage Sale Item Donations Due Today! LWR Personal Care Kit Donations Due 7:00p AA</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Garage Sale Setup</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p> | <p>24</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group</p> | <p>25</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Garage Sale Setup 11:00-3:00 Quilters 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori 9:00-4:00 Garage Sale</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Garage Sale</p>  |
| <p>28</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Staff Vacation Day. Office Closed.</p> <p>7:00p AA</p> | <p>30</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p> | | | | |