

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?"
- "Is there any part of this that I can do something about?"
- "Is what I need something that can change, or is it set in stone already?"
- "If I get what I ask, will this satisfy my actual longing?" (And if not, see question 1, etc.)
- "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.
- "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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Let's accept our freedom to give generously, and our responsibility to be good stewards of all God's gifts.

2024	Local Giving Bud	lget	
Week	ly Average Goal:		\$4,818
FEB	Week 1:	\$2,713	
	Week 2:	\$2,635	
	Week 3:	\$5,021	
	Week 4:	<u>\$2,270</u>	
Weekly Average:			\$3,160
MAR	Week 1:	\$1,090	
	Week 2:	\$3,365	
	Week 3:	<u>\$4,233</u>	
		\$8,688	
1	Weekly Average:		\$2,896
Thank you!			

WEDNESDAY MORNING 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.





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(corner of 198th and Woodinville/Duvall Road)		
Sunday Worship	10:00 AM	
Church	25-788-3626	
Church Office HoursMonThurs, 7:30 AM	M—3:00 PM	
Church Email	gmail.com	
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Pastor Office Hours	Appointment	
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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 responsivity 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



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

The Annual Wooden Cross Garage Sale will be Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. A BIG thank you to Pati McGraw for coordinating this year's Garage Sale!



Volunteers are also needed to help with set up during the week; cashiering and assisting shoppers and clean up on Saturday. If you can help, sign up at the entrance table.

Now is the time to start your Spring cleaning. Garage Sale items may be brought to the church now through Monday, April 22. Items will be collected and stored in the Nursery.

If you have smaller items you'd like to donate please bring them in a box with a lid, or one that can be closed and stacked.

Please do not bring computers, monitors, or junk—as these items do not sell.

Proceeds from the Garage Sale will support Wooden Cross missions, ministries and projects. *A Thrivent Action Team Grant will assist us with these care ministries and servant projects.*

LWR SPRING COLLECTION

Wooden Cross is participating in the Lutheran World Relief Spring Ingathering by collecting monetary donations for Personal Care Kits.



This is your chance to help the many areas of the world where political unrest has uprooted people and denied them simple essentials for personal hygiene. When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it is often to people who have lost or left behind everything having fled from violence or in the wake of a natural disaster. You can share God's grace and love by providing basic comfort with the simple gesture of donating toward a Personal Care Kit. Receiving basic items such as a towel, bar of soap and a toothbrush lets them know they have not been forsaken by the world.

A table is set up in the narthex with a sample Personal Care Kit. Each Personal Care Kit costs \$15.00. The Christian Response Committee will be purchasing the specific kit items in bulk amounts with the collected funds. The goal is to put together 50 kits.

Please make your checks payable to: "Wooden Cross" and write "LWR Kits" on the memo line. Donations will be collected through Sunday, April 21. Thank you for your support!

-Christian Connection Committee

QUILTER'S GROUP

The Wooden Cross Quilter's Group continue to make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



You are invited to join us (see

calendar on the bulletin board for Sunday and Thursday dates and times). Bring a sewing machine, or just come and help cut and assemble fabric. Come and reconnect with friends, or make new ones!

A D O P T - A - R O A D C L E A N U P

The Property Committee is organizing a **Spring Adopt-a-Road Cleanup**. They would like to schedule a date when more helpers would be available. About 10 participants are needed to complete the task in just a couple of hours.



The cleanup will be in April, after the Easter season (and when there might be better weather). There are two dates for the cleanup under consideration—Sunday, April 14 or Sunday, April 21.

Please sign up on the entrance table and indicate which day(s) you would be available to help. Thank you!





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori Staff Vacation Day. Office Closed. 7:00p AA 7:00-9:00 Theater Group	2 9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Garage Sale Kickoff Meeting 7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00-9:00 Theater Group	3 9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group 6:00p Facility Use: WGC (Sanctuary) 7:00-9:00 Theater Group	4 9-2:45 Acom Montessori 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:00-9:00 Theater Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	5 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori	6
7 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch	8 Eric on Vacation No Acorn Montessori Spring Break Staff Vacation Day. Office Closed. 7:00p AA 7:00-9:00 Theater Group	9 Eric on Vacation No Acorn Montessori Spring Break 7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00-9:00 Theater Group	10 Eric on Vacation No Acorn Montessori Spring Break No Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group 7:00P CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00-9:00 Theater Group	11 Eric on Vacation No Acorn Montessori Spring Break 11:00-3:00 Quilters 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:00-9:00 Theater Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	12 Eric on Vacation No Acorn Montessori Spring Break	13
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MAY NEWS Article Due!	7:00p AA	7:00p Christian Response	7:00p Worship Zoom Mtg	Choir Rehearsal		
21Earth Day9:00 Community Prayer10:00 Worship Service Recycle Presentation11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch11:00 Garage Sale Sanctuary Clearing and Table Set Up	22 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori All Garage Sale Item Donations Due Today! LWR Personal Care Kit Donations Due 7:00p AA	23 9-2:45 <i>Acom Montessori</i> 10:00a Garage Sale Setup 7-9 p Boy Scouts	24 9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group	25 9-2:45 Acom Montessori 10:00a Garage Sale Setup 11:00-3:00 Quilters 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir	26 9-2:45 Acom Montessori 9:00-4:00 Garage Sale	27 9:00-11:00 Garage Sale
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