

Wooden Cross Newsletter

March, 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

On the path into life...

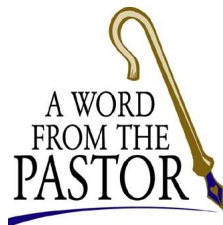
By the time you will see this my friends, we will be roughly halfway along the way towards the celebration of resurrected life that comes with Easter and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. And so as you travel this road...

Grace and peace be to you from our God and Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. May these together with the Holy Spirit strengthen, preserve and keep you now unto the day of your final rest and resurrection.

In this season where the themes revolve around sparse desolation, what are you discovering in you that is slowly withering away as you are practicing the disciplines of denial that God gifts us for our good? What habits in you are being slowly broken down to be replaced by those which you are discovering to be more life giving and blessed?

Are you finding any new disciplines that prior to taking them on, they seemed too difficult to put into place and yet now a bit further down the road, you are beginning to see them as “light(er)” and “easy(er)”? How have you noticed God accompanying you along this Lenten road?

Some of you will no doubt be more likely just getting started on your Lenten journey, while many of you crossed well into the desolation back on Ash Wednesday. Regardless of where you are in your Lenten disciplines, I encourage you to use this time well and wisely. Clear some space out of a cluttered soul... (which for me is also about taking some steps toward



clearing some things out of my cluttered spaces) Enter into a new season of desolation and discover anew the God who meets us in these lonely spaces as a source of fresh insight, life and hope!

It is in these deserted places that we begin to know the “Be still and know that I am God” and the “anyone who loses their life for my sake will find it” that Jesus brings into our life and makes true in truly surprising ways.

It turns out that we do in fact grow in the desert and in the desolate places that exist between us and God. It turns out that God meets us there and faithfully leads us through to the promised land of trust and faith in Him forsaking the allure of all others who clamor for our attention and allegiance.



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- Art Hammersberg Council Member
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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

JAN	Week 1:	\$8,606	
	Week 2:	\$7,041	
	Week 3:	\$4,954	
	Week 4:	<u>\$1,715</u>	
		\$22,316	
	Weekly Average:		\$5,579

FEB	Week 1:	\$3,021	
	Week 2:	\$2,570	
	Week 3:	<u>\$4,315</u>	
		\$9,906	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,302

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

17401 198th Avenue NE
 Woodinville, Washington 98077
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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Church 425-788-3626

Church Office Hours Mon.-Thurs, 7:30 AM—3:00 PM

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Pastor Eric Griffith

Secretary / Bookkeeper Kathy Corneloup

Music Director/Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Sally Simpson

LENT 2024



You are invited to join us for **Lenten Dinner Church** on **Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00 PM**.

Pastor Eric will lead our **“God-Soaked Soup & Bread”** gatherings of worship, discussion and fellowship while we are gathered around the table for a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall. Seung Lee (our Organist and Music Director) will provide music with the electric keyboard.

If you'd like to attend any of these services, but are not comfortable driving at night, we can arrange rides to the Lent services. Please contact the church office or sign up in the entrance if you need a ride, or if you would like to volunteer to drive. If you'd like to provide soup for a supper, sign up on the entrance table. Thank you.

- FEB 21 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Church—**
"God-Soaked Soup & Bread"
Theme: Heart
- FEB 28 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Church—**
"God-Soaked Soup & Bread"
Theme: Mind
- MAR 6 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Church—**
"God-Soaked Soup & Bread"
Theme: Soul
- MAR 13 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Church—**
"God-Soaked Soup & Bread"
Theme: Strength
- MAR 20 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Church—**
"God-Soaked Soup & Bread"
Theme: Love



Holy Week

- Palm Sunday** **March 24**
Worship Service **10:00 AM**
- Maundy Thursday** **March 28**
Worship Service **7:00 PM**
- Good Friday** **March 29**
Worship Service..... **7:00 PM**
- Easter Sunday** **March 31**
Easter Potluck Brunch **9:00 AM**
Festival Worship Service **10:00 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 **9:00 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER!

Remember to **“Spring Ahead”** for Daylight Savings. Set your clocks one hour ahead. Daylight Savings begins at **2:00 AM, Sunday, March 10.**



CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

(continued from page 1)

In the desert we discover, as did God's people long ago in their exodus, that God goes before them and behind them... God is present even in the wondering and wandering. God in Christ Jesus becomes our faithful companion carrying us into life everlasting.

These are the promises that carry us along the path into life... these are more than words alone, but the very presence of the One who gives us rest and life. He gifts us with all we need along the journey only bidding us to "come and see" and "follow me."

Beloved take up your cross and follow. It will be more beautiful than can be fully expressed both now and unto to life to come. May you continue to be blessed along this Lenten journey with Christ unto the life that comes beyond the suffering of the cross.

In Christ
RevEric

SING FOR JOY!

Consider sharing your voice and enriching your life with music. The Wooden Cross Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. All voices welcome—particularly sopranos! The choir is led by Seung Lee, Music Director.



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: COORDINATOR(S) WANTED!

The Annual Wooden Cross Garage Sale can only happen with the support of volunteers. **We are currently looking for one or two people to coordinate the sale.** Volunteers are also needed to help with set up during the week; cashiering and assisting shoppers and clean up on Saturday.

The Spring Garage Sale is around the corner. *(May dates will be announced soon.)* This is a great time to start your Spring cleaning. Garage Sale items may be brought to the church after Easter. 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.**

If you are interested in coordinating the Garage Sale, please contact the Church Office. If you'd like to help, please sign up on the Garage Sale poster on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

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.*

MARCH MADNESS POTLUCK DINNER

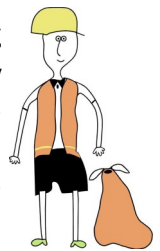
On **Sunday, March 24**, beginning at **5:00 PM**, Wooden Cross members, friends, family and neighbors, are invited to come and enjoy fellowship, games, music, and a delicious potluck dinner.



To help with dinner planning, please sign up on at the entrance table. This event is hosted by the Christian Connection Committee.

ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP

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!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>3 Lent 3</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Holden Prayer Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch</p> <p>2:00-4:00p Facility Use: Madsen Uke Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group</p> <p>6:00-7:00p Lenten Dinner Church "God-Soaked Soup & Bread" Theme: Soul</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>11:00-3:00 Quilters</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Handbells</p> <p>7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>1:00p Alan Strand Memorial, Bellevue Presbyterian</p> <p>5:15-7:45p Facility Use: Pederson Violin Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00-7:00p Facility Use: Scout Pinewood Derby</p>
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<p>17 Lent 5</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Holden Prayer Worship Service Handbell Ringers</p> <p>11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch</p> <p>APR NEWS Articles Due Today!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Acom Parent Conferences</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7:00p Worship Zoom Mtg 7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group 6:00-7:00p Lenten Dinner Church "God-Soaked Soup & Bread" Theme: Love</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>11:00-3:00 Quilters</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Handbells</p> <p>7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 PALM SUNDAY!</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Palm Sunday Worship Service</p> <p>5:00 March Madness Potluck Dinner, Games & Music</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Handbells</p> <p>6:45p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7:00p Good Friday Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY!</p> <p>9:00 Easter Brunch 10:00 Easter Service Special Music: Choir & Handbells</p>						