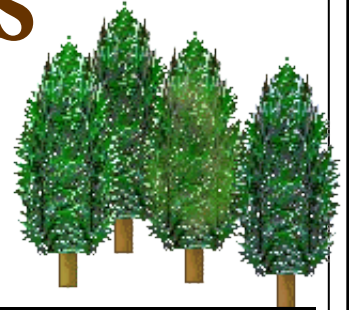


Wooden Cross Newsletter



May, 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

Dear Friends in Christ,

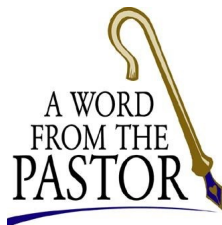
The word of Easter is a shout that Christ is alive and that death has lost its sting. This is truly good news and yet we live in a world where so many do not hold this to be true with many never even having heard this reality presented... How could they believe if none have ever shared?

As a church we have over the years discussed, and even at times lamented, the reality that Wooden Cross is a small congregation. It is a reality of myriad reasons and likely cannot be altered with only one single change or development.

Saying that though, it does strike me that one key aspect of ever even denting this fact has something to do with being grounded in this Easter word. Grounded and even passionate about it, God's people begin to share this good news. Not as a "means to an end" (as in "This is how to fix our church") but rather it is the point of being church at all!

Grounded in the reality of Easter, we begin to know Jesus not just as "our" life and "our" Savior, but as the same for any and all who would believe. Rooted in the good news we trust that this message is not just "good for us" as a private matter, but indeed "good for all." As such we then make a point to name it, share it, and invite others to partake of it.

For friends, this is not simply good news to be heard or thought, it is the kind of word that brings on a whole new reality... New life to be had, lived and experienced! It is the kind of transformative word that actually does what it says!



So friends let us say it! Let us name Jesus as Lord and alive and in love with the hurting, the lost and the doubting. Let us proclaim the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life that never ends. Let us name our Savior and let all know that in him alone is life and hope.

Let us engage in this calling not so we can "fix" our church, for a church that lives this proclamation is not broken! Let us instead love our neighbors and families so much that we want this abundant life to be theirs too!

All to the glory of Christ!

RevEric



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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



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.



2024 Stewardship



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

MAR	Week 1:	\$2,021	
	Week 2:	\$4,120	
	Week 3:	\$3,738	
	Week 4:	\$2,230	
	Week 5:	<u>\$2,135</u>	
		\$14,245	
	Weekly Average:		\$2,849
APR	Week 1:	\$2,135	
	Week 2:	\$2,885	
	Week 3:	<u>\$8,805</u>	
		\$13,825	
	Weekly Average:		\$4,608

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

17401 198th Avenue NE
Woodinville, Washington 98077
(corner of 198th and Woodinville/Duvall Road)

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Church 425-788-3626

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

Church Email woodencrosslc@gmail.com

Website www.WeAreWoodenCross.org

Pastor Office Hours T-Th: 9:30 AM—2:30 PM; Fri. by Appointment

Pastor Email revericg@hotmail.com

Pastor Eric Griffith

Secretary / Bookkeeper Kathy Corneloup

Music Director/Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Sally Simpson

happy mother's day!

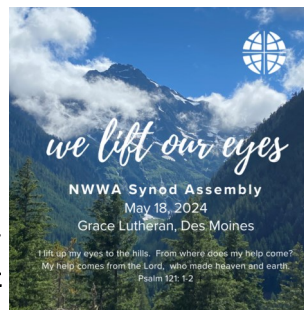
Joys of Motherhood...

- ◆ A hug for no reason.
- ◆ Belly laughs.
- ◆ The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- ◆ Smiles and giggles.
- ◆ Mud pies.
- ◆ Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- ◆ Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- ◆ Quiet moments on the couch.
- ◆ Reading aloud together.
- ◆ A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- ◆ Watching your child be kind to another.
- ◆ Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- ◆ A child's look of surprise and joy.
- ◆ A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- ◆ The words "I love you" – and a sticky kiss.

—Author Unknown

2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2024 Synod Assembly will be **Saturday, May 18, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM** at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines.



Participants will gather under the theme: **We Lift Our Eyes**—To see God, our neighbor and where God is calling us. (*Psalm 121:1-2*)

At the assembly participants will tend to the business of the synod: receive reports, elect new synod council members, vote on constitutional changes and proposed resolutions, celebrate ministry anniversaries—and join in vibrant worship together.

During worship, an offering will be gathered for: Lutheran Disaster Response (30%); Lutheran Community Services Northwest (30%); and the Synod Bishop's Caring Fund which supports local rostered leaders with scholarship and emergency aid (40%).

Pastor Eric Griffith, Steven Carlson, Linda Griffith, and Ben Carlson will be attending as Wooden Cross representatives.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

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/>



**GARAGE SALE
THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Annual Garage Sale. The funds we raised will support our local missions.



We appreciate our many dedicated volunteers, including Natasha Carlson, Eric & Jana Griffith, Linda Griffith, Jim & Charlene Hampton, Rich & Bonnie Madsen, John & Mary Mathers, Carla Peterson, Peggy Reiber, Peg Skiftenes, Nancy VanDalsem and Cinda Woody for all their hard work. And a BIG thank you to Pati McGraw for doing such a great job coordinating this year's sale!

**LWR COLLECTION
THANK YOU**

Through Lutheran World Relief we follow the disciples' example making a difference in a needy world. Combining contributions for the Project Comfort collection with funds from our budget we purchased towels, soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes, and combs to assemble the Personal Care Kits. The kits will be packed, weighed, and delivered to the Spring Ingathering on May 3. The ingathering will be sent to a national warehouse for distribution to those in need around the world. Thank you for your generous support to our mission.



—Christian Connection Committee

**SUMMER
SPECIAL MUSIC**

Wooden Cross members and friends are inviting to share their talents as musicians, vocalists and performers during the worship services throughout the Summer months, beginning in mid-May.



If you play an instrument, sing or dance, please sign up on the narthex table. Both soloists and groups are welcomed and encouraged.

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!

Ukulele

**Jim D'Ville's
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
WORKSHOP TOUR 2024**

The Emotional Value of Chords
WOODEN CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
17401 198th Ave. NE
Woodinville, Washington
Saturday, June 15
10am to 1pm \$30pp
10am Meet & Greet 10:30am Workshop
12:30pm Concert

"Jim's insights changed the way I listen to and play music." Student Testimonial

Advance Registration:
PayPal.me/jimdville or Venmo @Jim-DVile-4
www.PlayUkuleleByEar.com

**WOODEN CROSS IS
NOW STREAMING!**



Wooden Cross is now streaming church services live on Sunday mornings on a YouTube LiveStream Channel. Through this

channel, you are able to connect online and watch the live stream of our Sunday morning worship services, as well as see any of the previous broadcasted services.

It's easy to find us, just visit us at our church website—WeAreWoodenCross.org, then click on the streaming link. Choosing to subscribe allows you to receive ongoing notifications of upcoming streams, as well as access to archived services that you missed or have chosen to watch later.

This technology allows us to expand our ministry anywhere in the world and let people learn more about us and our ministry as we Connect, Grow in faith, and Serve in our communities, following Jesus and helping others do the same!

2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group-Sanctuary	2 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 <i>No Acorn Montessori [Professional Day]</i> LWR Spring Ingathering	4 9:00-2:00 Parking Lot Use: WGC Tomato Plant Distribution
5 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch 4:00-7:00p Facility Use: Cello Recital (Sylvan Lumsden)	6 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	7 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts	8 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group-Sanctuary 7:00P Church Council	9 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 11:00-3:00 Quilters 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	10 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	11 9:00a WGC Annual Plant Sale Woodinville Alliance 3:45-7:30p Facility Use: Cello Recitals [Lumsden]
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