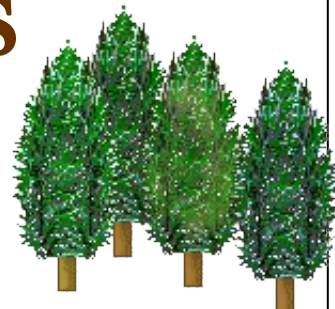


Wooden Cross Newsletter

September, 2025



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

Returning to Acts

(As in the book... as in the Acts of the Apostles!)

Dearest friends,

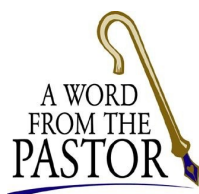
I make to you an invitation. I invite you to come to the Sunday worship of Wooden Cross beginning in September where we will be walking week by week through the Book of Acts as our focus in worship. This book is the never-old, always-renewing account of:

- ▶ How God forms and creates His church
- ▶ How the Spirit calls, creates, grows and develops a people
- ▶ How the Apostolic teaching of Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and One of the Persons of God is the heart of being this church
- ▶ How God calls forth leaders for the sake of His church

... and more

There are other books of the Bible that speak to these points as well. As we journey through Acts, I'd expect we will turn to some of these along the way to flesh out what all the Holy Spirit is teaching us in the Word of God for us. Focusing on Acts though, I'd suggest this book is a most highly concentrated "dose" of what God has conveyed on these matters of what makes and sustain his church and what defines the church's callings into life and ministry.

I expect this will be fun and at the same time timely given all the realities arrayed before Christians today



and Wooden Cross as well. Spending time listening to God on these vital matters will yield fruit for Scripture reminds us that the Word of God never returns an empty yield.

So come... be present to God... be present with one another. Encourage and support. Learn and love and together let us return to God's Word of the Acts of the Apostles and notice God's Holy Spirit moving and working among us as well.

One encouragement though... come in person if at all possible. One piece you will see clearly in Acts, is how God's Spirit is always working to draw people together not just in mind and spirit, but physically as well. He gave us physical bodies and then brings these together into one body of Christ as His people share their lives together. Being proximate to one another seems to matter greatly to God. So if you can... come in person and be available to one another. Of course as always, the online streaming is useful to give people a way to connect in virtually, I'd just encourage folks to

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WEDNESDAY 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.

2025 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,812

JUL	Week 1:	\$2,059	
	Week 2:	\$3,181	
	Week 3:	\$3,924	
	Week 4:	<u>\$1,845</u>	
		\$11,009	
	Weekly Average:		\$2,752

AUG	Week 1:	\$2,978	
	Week 2:	\$1,555	
	Week 3:	<u>\$1,475</u>	
		\$6,008	
	Weekly Average:		\$2,003

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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Music Director / Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Linda Griffith

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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come together if they are at all available to do so.

In the meantime pray for this series of sermons. Pray that God will speak the very things each of us needs to hear and learn. Pray the Holy Spirit will call forth the very things that are needful today to be and live as God's people in our time. Pray for insight and wisdom and discernment for all the people of Wooden Cross that the Holy Spirit will grow peace, patience, love, courage, kindness, gentleness, self-control and all other fruits of His working among us all as we step forward "wherever he leads."

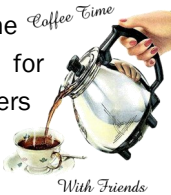
We will begin this journey September 7th. Hope you will make it.

Prayerfully In Christ,

Pastor Eric

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to join us after the *Coffee Time* worship service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship. Weekly volunteers are needed to make and serve the coffee, and to tidy and load the dishwasher afterwards. If you'd like to help, the sign up is on the narthex table. Thank you.



CHRISTIAN RESPONSE RECYCLING

Reminder that we are now taking polystyrene (Styrofoam) recycling to the Shoreline Transfer Station. Blocks or sheets must be clean, dry, and empty. No packing peanuts. No food, liquid, food packaging, stickers, or tape. They do not take foam food meat trays, or the softer white and/or black foam blocks as is increasingly being used in packaging. Anything else we must sort and put in the church garbage can so please do not bring those.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!



Bring friends and family and join us for **Family Fun Night** on **Friday, September 12**, at **5:30 PM** at Wooden Cross.

We are continuing our ministry for families with younger children—creating a fun evening where folks with kiddos, grand kiddos, nieces, nephews, etc., and their friends can come together for dinner, games, and faith-talk to bless children and the folks who love them.

The evening will begin with a yummy supper followed by some fun-n-games geared for kiddos and the young at heart—perhaps even Bingo!

Kid-less? Well come and get to know some, and become an encouragement for some lovely parents. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to connect with, laugh, and encourage children and their parents.

If you think can make it, please sign up on the entrance table by Sunday, September 7 (so we can better plan for supper.) If you have any questions, contact Pastor Eric, Jana Griffith, or Nicole Ralston.

CHRISTIAN RESPONSE AUTUMN FOOD DRIVE

The Christian Response Committee announces our autumn food drive beginning September 7th and finishing October 19th. The committee had previously decided to split our collections between the Maltby Food Bank and the Woodinville Storehouse, this collection will be for the Woodinville Storehouse. <https://www.woodinvillestorehouse.org/about>

Their most needed items are **pasta sauce, canned fruit, Hamburger Helper, cereal, oatmeal, canned chili or ravioli, peanut butter, Rice-a-Roni, bagged rice (1-2 lb bags), canned soup, full size toiletries**—(not sample or hotel sized but also not jumbo Costco size)



As many of their clients live in small homes with limited storage they ask that there are no large bulk items donated such as Costco size bags of rice, Costco multi-packs are okay.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

HOLY GUACAMOLE—FIESTA & FUNDRAISER!

You are invited to join us for Holy Guacamole! Fiesta & Fundraiser Dinner Auction on Saturday, October 25.

You can help by donating items! There are many ways of donating. Consider re-gifting a new item; contact businesses you have a relationship with for a donation or gift certificate; consider offering a service, or baking a special dish. Donation forms are available on the entrance table.

This lively evening is a great opportunity for you to invite your neighbors, relatives and friends. The Fiesta & Fundraiser Dinner Auction will have spirited



bidding, food and music. There will be a Silent and Live Auction, with variety of items for ALL ages! Come, relax, visit, and enjoy a meal with friends at this family-friendly event.

Proceeds from the Auction will support Acres of Diamonds, Maltby Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Boy Scouts of America. *The annual auction is sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial.*

We appreciate your continued support and participation!

—Carla Peterson and Peggy Reiber
2025 Auction Co-Coordinator

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY!

On Sunday, September 7, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands." This day continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Looking for inspiration? Living Lutheran shares how congregations served together for "God's work. Our hands." in 2024:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2024/09/serving-our-neighbors/>



This year we are especially mindful of the challenges faced by our Lutheran social service organizations and other faith-based and human service organizations due to the reduction in federal funding. We encourage you to consider service opportunities with these agencies.

"God's work. Our hands." is an extension of the work you do every day to make your community a better place. We look forward to working together on September 7! Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

CONSIDER SHARING YOUR VOICE!

It's time to make some music! And the Wooden Cross Choir is ready to start singing again! Organist and Music Director, Seung Lee will lead the choir. Why not add more music to your life and consider joining the choir! All voices welcome—particularly sopranos! The Wooden Cross Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM, beginning September 4.



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!



2025


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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed. 7:00p AA	2 6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7-9 p Boy Scouts	3 10:00a Adult Bible Study 6:30-9:30p Theater Group	4 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> <i>First Day of School</i> 6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsals Begin	5 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 6:30p Facility Use: Scout Campout Begins	6 10:00a Facility Use: Scout Campout Ends (Rudy Miller)
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