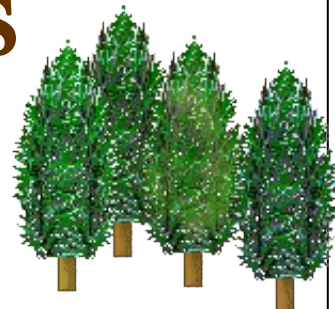


Wooden Cross Newsletter

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WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Wooden Cross is a welcoming, Christ-centered community believing in grace and living in faith and service.

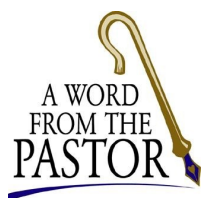
A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dearest friends in Christ Jesus our lord,

Christian faith is a “conserving” faith. We appeal to Scripture as the “norm” against which all teaching and proclamation must adhere. We accept as authoritative teaching and reflections to the degree to which these adhere and convey what scripture itself points us toward. We see in the New Testament time and again the appeal to both the Old Testament and in New Testament letters appeals to the body of teaching that had been conveyed by the apostles (literally what is called “apostolic” teaching) to be what establishes, keeps and preserves the content of faith in Jesus Christ. In many cases it is actually innovation in faith that is warned against as leading to destruction with enjoinders conveyed in many ways to hold fast to what had been received without deviation (see the book of 1 Timothy for a prime example).

So what happens when we live in a culture that has elevated the concept of “progression” as THE fundamental value oftentimes carrying something akin to the status of “virtue” in and of its own right? Would there be dangers of thought and ideas introduced into our faith and teaching as followers of Jesus if we were to uncritically embrace “progression” as say a virtue that “ought” shape our beliefs? Would it surprise you to hear that every heresy I have yet come across in Christian history had it’s seed-like beginnings in the concept of “progression” either a “progress” in human thought or often a “progression of revelation” in which a spirit had begun to reveal a “new thing” causing the abandonment of what had been established by that which preceded?

Would we who have been seen that progression has



brought about much that is commendable in history and life even be open to seeing that there are actual hazards to uncritical embrace of “progression” in faith, which can ultimately lead to “progressing” right out of what is “Christian” at

all? Are we open to the Scriptural warnings against such have we become a people who so idolize progress that we are unwilling to even hear God’s thoughts on the matter?

Has faith progressed should we invoke the triune God by words more akin to job descriptions than the names of the persons being invoked as God especially should those personal names be gifted to us by one of the persons so named? (e.g. “We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” compared with “We gather in the name of the creator, redeemer and sanctifier.”)

Has faith progressed should we become convinced that when a majority speaks out on a matter of faith that even should it be contradicted by scriptural revelation and by the established teaching of historic orthodox Christianity reflecting on the apostolic tradition that the

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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

APR	Week 1:	\$2,864	
	Week 2:	\$8,846	
	Week 3:	\$5,329	
	Week 4:	<u>\$2,143</u>	
		\$19,183	
	Weekly Average:		\$4,796

MAY	Week 1:	\$1,850	
	Week 2:	\$1,485	
	Week 3:	<u>\$4,090</u>	
		\$7,425	
	Weekly Average:		\$2,475

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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majority opinion is what NOW the Holy Spirit is doing? (a case in point: Would something like baptism still be Christian baptism if it were done invoking the names of deity other than those given to us by Jesus himself? The Christian faith has ALWAYS taught "no" but could we "progress" to say "yes" without becoming heretical in doing so?)

In history the church has had to face these kinds of questions before and has thus far grounded itself in conserving what is revealed in scripture and what holds to the apostolic tradition as its answer to the challenges presented by those professing "progression" as the defining virtue of faith.

What I'm asking you to prayerfully reflect upon is what about the church today?

Are we yet willing to hold to conserving what God has established as yet establishing the way through the complexities even of modern life... or have we grown so enamored with "progress" that we will be uncritical in applying this to the faith that is established in Christ Jesus as Lord?

Pray with me that God would preserve and keep his church steadfast in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

revEric



Summer
kick-off

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to a **Family Summer Kickoff** on **Saturday June 28**, beginning at **4:00 PM!**

Join us for hot dogs, drinks, chips, fresh hot popcorn; and potluck finger foods from the community! The outdoor event will feature live music by Marilyn and the G Strings; plus lots of family friendly games and activities such as cornhole, badminton, face painting, giant bubbles, and hula hoops.

If you'd like to bring something or help with this event, please sign up on the narthex table. This event is coordinating by the Christian Connection Committee.

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!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to join us after the 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.



CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA 4:00p Christian Connection Mtg	2 <i>Staff Vacation Day</i> 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	3 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	4 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 6:00p Facility Use: WGC (Sanctuary)	5 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	6 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch 1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA	9 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	10 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts	11 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00p Church Council	12 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 11:00-3:00 Quilters	13 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 1:30p Piano Recital (Sanctuary)	14 <div> Cub Scout Campout 6PM Friday—8AM Saturday Benet Robertson-Doak </div>
15 Father's Day! 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA JUL NEWS Article Due!	16 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	17 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts	18 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00 p Worship Committee	19 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	20 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	21 10:00-4:00p Woodinville Garden Tour
22 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch 1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA	23 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	24 9-2:45 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> (Last Day of School) 7-9 p Boy Scouts	25 10:00a Adult Bible Study	26 11:00-3:00 Quilters	27	28 4:00p Family Summer Kickoff! Neighborhood Party Wooden Cross Parking Lot (Christian Connection)
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