

Wooden Cross Newsletter

June, 2023

WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

*We are disciples of Jesus, connecting with God, growing in faith and friendship,
who go to invite and serve that all will know and follow Jesus.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" ~Psalms 119:105

Beloved,

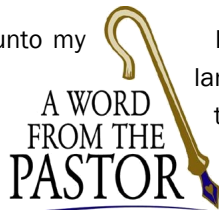
How did you learn "how" to speak? I know this is a question that likely you've given about the same amount of thought to as I did when the question first crossed my path... "little" to "none" or at least "not much recently." And yet, it is actually a pretty significant question that has some connections to another question... "why do we read Scripture?"

So how was it that you learned "how" to speak? I suspect that for every one of you it has mostly to do with two primary dynamics.

- 1) You were spoken to...
- 2) You were around people who spoke... you were immersed in hearing language as it was used.

Developmentally the capacity for language was born in you as words were given to you slowly and steadily over a long duration of time. Vocabulary was likely first used by family members and expanded upon over time by a whole host of others. Which over time began to connect with persons and eventually with concepts and events such that over time language is born in you as language is used around and towards you. You actually develop and continue to grow in your capacities over time the more immersed you are in the realm of language.

Why do we read Scripture?



It is the place where language, specifically the language of faith... of relationship with God, is offered to us and around us so that we can develop a capacity to speak this language ourselves. Scripture is both God's Word to us... literally addressed to us as would a parent address a child AS WELL as language into which we are called to be immersed so that we can develop the language of faith... the love language of a relationship with God.

Scripture is our "school of language" in which faith finds expression and vocabulary as we develop the capacity to speak this quite particular (and sometimes peculiar) language.

How would one "grow" in this capacity for "faith" language...

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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.

2023 Local Giving Budget
Weekly Average Goal:

\$4,649

APR	Week 1:	\$1,775	
	Week 2:	\$5,958	
	Week 3:	\$3,730	
	Week 4:	\$8,165	
	Week 5:	<u>\$6,379</u>	
		\$26,007	
	Weekly Average:		\$5,201

MAY	Week 1:	\$2,350	
	Week 2:	\$4,240	
	Week 3:	<u>\$1,935</u>	
		\$8,525	
	Weekly Average:		\$2,842

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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- 1) Be spoken to...
- 2) Be around the speaking of the language...

Or put a more colloquial way... "read (or listen) to Scripture."

...every day...
 when you wake...
 when you rise...
 when you go out...
 when you come in...

Personally, I've taken to using a free app on my phone to listen to 10 Psalms a day on my drive to and from church. In about 2 weeks I've finished the Psalms and am about to start over using a different translation to listen again.

I've already been struck with how this immersion could "grow" in me an ever growing vocabulary and framework for relating to and hearing from God. IN this, I find myself immersed in God talk, and perceive it as wholly (HOLY) good!

What can I say... give it a go and see how God will grow in you an ever expanding framework, vocabulary, and love language with which to interact with God.

May you Grow as God speaks to you and as you listen to God's people speak around you!

Peace

revEric

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.cاملutherwood.org/>

Compass Housing Alliance..... <https://www.compasshousingalliance.org/>



Earth Ministry..... <https://earthministry.org/>

Foss Home & Village <http://www.fosscares.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/>

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ANNUAL GARAGE SALE THANK YOU

The Annual Garage Sale was made possible with the help of a great team of volunteers. Many, many thanks to everyone who donated items, helped to clear the sanctuary, set up tables, sort and price items, cashier, assisted customers, cleaned and re-set the church, and hauled away unsold items. We couldn't do it with you!



A huge thank you to these wonderful volunteers—Natasha Carlson, Eric & Jana Griffith, Art Hammersberg, Jim & Charlene Hampton, Nancy Hansen, Rich & Bonnie Madsen, David Neely, Peggy Reiber, Sally Simpson, 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!

This year's garage sale raised **\$2,170.00!** Funds raised will support the local mission and ministry projects of Wooden Cross. Thank you all!

QUILTER'S GROUP

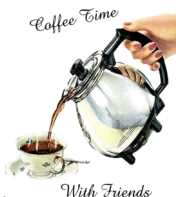
The **Wooden Cross Quilter's Group** continue to make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You are invited to join us (see calendar on the bulletin board for Sunday and Thursday dates and times). Bring a sewing machine, or just come and help cut and assemble fabric. Come and reconnect with friends, 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.



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.

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 makes it possible for 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!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori	2 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 6:30-9:30p Facility Use: Violin Recital (Lizzy Pederson)	3
4 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service	5 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 7:00p AA	6 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 7-9 p Boy Scouts	7 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group	8 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 11:00-3:00 Quilters	9 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori	10
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18 Father's Day! 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service JUL NEWS Article Due!	19 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 7:00p AA	20 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori (Last Day of School) 7-9 p Boy Scouts	22 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group 7:00p Worship Committee	22 11:00-3:00 Quilters	23	24
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