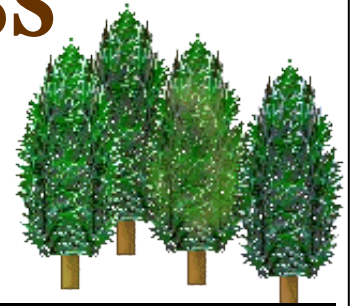


Wooden Cross Newsletter



June, 2022

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

“So what are you?”... “I’m a _____...”
“So that means you’re a _____”

Hello again friends. Have you ever noticed in the kinds of things that fill our thoughts, interactions, airwaves, and “inter-webs” how many of these exchanges include elements of the dynamic above?

There’s many ways to respond to the first... “I’m a... man, woman, democrat, republican, Caucasian, non-binary etc... etc... etc... whatever speaks of our self-identification.

Culturally more and more though, there are widening gaps that are being created each time the exchange moves into the realm of the second part where the recipient of the information goes about loading it up with whatever they largely seem pre-disposed to allow the identity to mean.

“Oh so you’re a tree-hugger...”

“Oh so you’re a Nazi...”

“Oh so you have no boundaries and are immoral...”

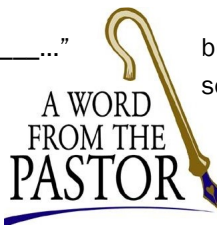
“Oh so you are a hate-filled person..”

“Oh so you are “like me” so that means I feel safe.”

“Oh you are not like me, so I feel threatened by you.”

A couple things I notice...

1. Rarely is that “interpretation” terribly flattering...
2. Rarely is that “interpretation” terribly true in any objective sense
3. This “interpretive impulse” is not “owned and operated” by only one group or category of persons,



but seems pretty universal in its utility to folks of all sorts of backgrounds and thoughts.

4. This “interpretation” is often a pretty good reflection of our theology of “sin” and its ripples within the human experience.

I bring it up because in Baptism each and every one of us have received an identifier and a definite statement one is called to reflect upon daily...

“I’m a child of God.”

But don’t we grow fearful sometimes of what gets done with that information?

“So THAT means you’re a”

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- Deb Schuldt..... Council Member
- Sally Simpson..... Council Member
- Chantal Carlson Council Member
- Dave Hutchinson Council Member
- Peter Marschalk..... 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.



2022 Stewardship



Let's accept our freedom to give generously, and our responsibility to be good stewards of all God's gifts.

2022 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,334

APR	Week 1:	\$3,135	
	Week 2:	\$3,302	
	Week 3:	\$5,238	
	Week 4:	<u>\$2,102</u>	
		\$13,778	

Weekly Average: \$3,445

MAY	Week 1:	\$5,195	
	Week 2:	\$2,270	
	Week 3:	\$14,945	
	Week 4:	<u>\$3,205</u>	
		\$25,615	

Weekly Average: \$6,404

Thank you!



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Secretary / Bookkeeper Kathy Corneloup

Organist / Interim Music Director Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Sally Simpson

SHARE YOUR FAITH

It is a joy to share things that are important to us—events, achievements and vacations. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus gives his disciples a job—He tells us to share our faith with others.



The Church Council is inviting worshipping members of Wooden Cross Lutheran Church to share their faith with their fellow church members. We are excited about this opportunity because it truly is a joy to share things that are important to us with others.

—Steven Carlson, Council President

AUCTION COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a coordinator (or two) to lead a dedicated team of auction volunteers who are ready, willing and able to support this year's auction. The fall date for this much anticipated fundraiser and fellowship event is yet to be determined.

The Annual Wooden Cross Auction raises funds for ministries and missions such as Acres of Diamonds, Camp Lutherwood, Camp Unity/Homeless Ministry, ELCA Disaster Response, Foss Home, Habitat for Humanity, Holden Village, Hopelink, LCS/Compass Housing Alliance, Local and World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, and Maltby Food Bank.

Several past auction coordinators are available to answer any questions you might have about the time, tasks and commitment involved in organizing the auction. If you are interested in leading this event, please contact the church office. Thank you!

CAMP UNITY DINNER



Wooden Cross members and friends provide monthly meals to Camp Unity residents in the Woodinville area. The Wooden Cross meal coordinator delivers the meal to Camp Unity, and the residents serve themselves.

Wooden Cross will host the next dinner on **Monday, June 27**. If you'd like to bring a food item, please sign up on the church narthex or contact the church office. Meal donations should be brought to Wooden Cross by 5:00 PM. Thank you to everyone who supports this ministry.

SUMMER MUSIC!

The Worship Committee is inviting talented musicians, vocalists and performers to share their gifts during the worship services throughout the summer months.



If you play an instrument, sing or dance, please sign up at the church table. Both soloists and groups are welcomed and encouraged. Sign up in the Narthex!

2022 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2022 Synod Assembly will be Saturday, June 4, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood. Participants will gather under the theme: **Abound in Hope**—May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 15:13*)



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 Community Services Northwest to support refugees (80%); and the Bishop's Caring Fund which supports rostered ministers needing financial assistance for scholarships, counseling, etc. (20%).

Pastor Eric Griffith, Jerry Booren and Betty Scott will be attending as Wooden Cross representatives.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

P A S T O R ' S M E S S A G E*(continued from page 1)*

Here's the thing folks. Jesus flat out told his disciples that the "world" WOULD revile them for following him. Families would splinter... neighbors would mistreat... powers would seek to bend them... ALL because they would be willing to stand and answer, "So what are you anyway?" with "I am a child of God, beloved and forgiven through Jesus."

We in the "west" (people who largely have only ever had experiences of being a Christian in a realm where it is generally safe to be so) have typically had little first hand experience of the blatant forms of animosity that comes about for professing Jesus. But perhaps too you've been noticing over the last several years that is beginning to shift. It may be shifting BUT we are yet called upon to confess our identity in Christ. We may not be able to "control" that interpretation of our identity BUT we do control whether we will make the profession of our identity in Christ in the first place.

**G A R A G E S A L E
T H A N K Y O U !**

The Annual Garage Sale was made possible with the help of many 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: Sandra Booren, Natasha Carlson, Eric Griffith, Art Hammersberg, Jim & Charlene Hampton, Nancy Hansen, Rich & Bonnie Madsen, John Mathers, David Neely, Doug Pearman, Linda Rubel, Betty Scott, Sally Simpson, Louisa Wilson, and anyone I may have missed.

This year's garage sale raised **2,497.25** for our local missions and ministries! The Garage Sale was also supported by a Thrivent Action Team Grant. Funds raised from this year's garage sale will support the mission and ministry projects of Wooden Cross. Thank you all!

—Pati McGraw, Coordinator

You are in Christ... you belong to Christ... you have a mission through Christ's call! Take to heart the call to begin answering that "so what are you anyway?" with a courageous...

"I am a Christian."

And then live as one who means it. The "world" will do with that what they will... some will hear Jesus calling them and be transformed... and frankly others will hold it against you. That is the gig... Jesus calls us to it in our time in our place.

God bless you in being both salt and light in and for the people God first loves!

RevEric

U K U L E L E W O R K S H O P

Wooden Cross members and friends are invited to attend a **Ukulele Ear Training Workshop** on **Thursday, June 23, from 6:00-8:00 PM** in the Wooden Cross sanctuary.



The workshop will focus on hearing chord changes and playing ukes by ear. It will be led by Ukulele Magazine Contributing Editor, Jim D'Ville. The cost is **\$30**. For more information, visit www.PlayUkuleleByEar.com

**L W R K I T
T H A N K Y O U !**

Through Lutheran World Relief we follow the disciples' example (as told in Acts 11:27-30) making a difference in a needy world.

Combining monies from our budget with your specified contributions for the Project Comfort collection, towels, soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes, and combs have been purchased. Fifty-one Personal Care Kits were assembled, packed, weighed, and delivered to the Spring Ingathering in May. They 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.

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