

Wooden Cross Newsletter

October, 2021

WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

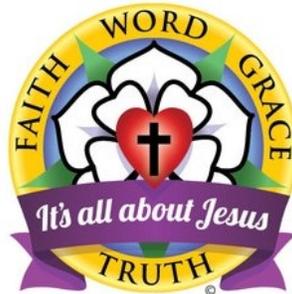
Wooden Cross is a welcoming, Christ-centered community believing in grace and living in faith and service.

40 DAYS OF FOLLOWING JESUS PRACTICING DISCIPLESHIP

While many connect the end of October with the Halloween festivities, I suspect fewer have the immediate connection of the same timeframe being connected with both All Saints Day as well as Reformation Sunday. This year I'm hoping to work with that and perhaps for all of us, this can be a God given opportunity to learn and grow. So let's talk about the "method to the madness."

Each week in worship, we send ourselves out into the world by referencing our desire to follow Jesus "wherever he leads" as we "connect, grow, and go." In some recent reading of some of the work by Martin Luther, I was struck by how much of what he teaches can in many ways be framed by these same three words. He wrote at length of how it is that God connects with us and how very important it is to trust that this is so. I'd go so far as to say that this may even be THE defining idea of the entire reformation movement. Fascinated by seeing this, I began to notice how the other two principals are also explored through his writings.

As you have already received the first two, each week you will be receiving a selection of daily devotionals as well as a section of Luther's Small Catechism to prayerfully consider. Each of the devotionals have been taken from various and sundry works that Luther produced throughout his ministry. Selected to help explore the "discipleship" rhythm of Connect, Grow, and Go, these writings give a great insight into how these ideas relate to one



another and help us define what we mean when we talk about being called "to follow Jesus." I truly hope you enjoy this dive into some of the truly defining ideas behind the Reformation and what helps us understand the "Lutheran" voice in the Christ following "choir." It's not that these are the last words on what it means to follow Jesus, but I think you will discover as you engage with these readings that your depth of understanding of the "gospel" as Luther came to understand it and how life giving this understanding can be for us as well!

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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.



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.



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Sally Simpson

2021 Stewardship



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

2021 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,420

AUG	Week 1:	\$3,248	
	Week 2:	\$5,573	
	Week 3:	\$8,694	
	Week 4:	\$2,529	
	Week 5:	<u>\$1,968</u>	
		\$22,012	
	Weekly Average:		\$4,402
SEP	Week 1:	\$2,630	
	Week 2:	\$4,585	
	Week 3:	<u>\$2,460</u>	
		\$9,675	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,225

Thank you!

Q U I L T E R ' S G R O U P

The **Wooden Cross Quilter's Group** continue to make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You are invited to join us on Thursday afternoons, beginning at 1:30 PM! Bring a sewing machine, or just come and help cut and assemble fabric. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends, or make new ones!



2 0 2 2 L E A D E R S H I P

The **Nomination Committee** is busy securing the nominees for open elected leadership positions on the Ministry and Mission Committees—Worship & Church Leadership Formation, Christian Response, Christian Connection, and the Finance Team for the year 2022.



Church Leadership

Nominees will be found in the willingness of members to commit their time and talents to leadership roles, and to active participation in ministries of special interest—around the abilities and talents they have to share.

The Nomination Committee has the responsibility to prepare the ballot of nominees for election at the **Annual Meeting and Brunch**, on **Sunday, January 23, 2022**.

If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact one of the **Nomination Committee Members**: Jerry Booren, Jim Hampton and Sue Viebrock.

T H E G R E A T W A S H I N G T O N S H A K E - O U T !

To serve others during a regional crisis, such as an earthquake, People need to take time now to prepare their family for such an emergency. October is a good time for each family to get their homes and animals, vehicle backpacks, family provisions and medications ready to survive with little support for three months.



Churches, schools and families are also invited to participate in the **Great Washington Shake-Out Drill** on **Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 10:17 AM**.

C A M P U N I T Y D I N N E R



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.

The next dinner will be **Monday, October 25**. 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.



O U R M I S S I O N P A R T N E R S

The ELCA is committed to work for "sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all." Each of our ministry partners helps Lutherans in this congregation do that, as we work together with others to support and service God's people in need.

- ◆ Foss Home
- ◆ Hopelink Food Bank Harvest
- ◆ Camp Unity Eastside
- ◆ Maltby Food Bank
- ◆ Acres of Diamonds
- ◆ Lutheran Community Services Northwest
- ◆ Earth Ministry

This drill means that wherever you are—at home, at work, at school, anywhere—you should *Drop, Cover, and Hold On* as if there were a major earthquake occurring at that very moment. Visit the American Red

Cross Disaster Preparedness website to help prepare a Family Emergency Communications Plan: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>

Wooden Cross is a Red Cross emergency shelter which will serve the community should there be a major earthquake in our area.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

PASTOR'S MESSAGE*(Continued from Page 1)*

Each day also includes what I would call “prompts” consisting of thoughts to ponder, prayers to consider, and “wrestling matches with God” as you come to see yourself through the eyes of Christ and this grounded notion of the gospel and discipleship. All of this is the same kind of work I would do with persons going through confirmation or even adults who would be coming afresh into a relationship with Christ. I offer them to you as a means to help us all as Wooden Cross Lutheran church grow deeper in our own faith and also be in a place on Reformation Sunday to reaffirm our own desire to follow Jesus as his disciples... being connected with by God as well as connected to one another as Christ's body... growing for our whole lives in trusting faith in God's work on our behalf through Jesus as well as growing in friendship with one another where we can help shoulder one another's lives and burden together as friends of Christ... and then taking those connections out into our day to day lives that those we encounter might know Jesus and God's love for them!

I'd encourage you to take the invitation and see what God does with you as you do so. Each week for those who would like a “check-in” there is also a Zoom opportunity at 7pm on Thursday evenings (check your email for the invite). However you choose to engage with the opportunity, I've been praying that for these 40 days, God will bless you and keep you and give you insight into how you personally are loved and personally called to “follow Jesus whoever he leads” and “however you have been gifted by God to do so!”

In many ways this movement is at the heart of “confirmation” and furthermore at the heart of even “membership” truly means. I'm hoping that in some ways this journey can help us all “re-member” ourselves as the body of Christ and give us a common insight into who we are as Christ followers.

Peace and blessings... see you on the road.

RevEric

L I G H T S ! C A M E R A ! A U C T I O N !

The **Annual Auction** is **Friday, November 5!** The auction fellowship and fundraising will be in-person in the sanctuary. (COVID limitations will require masks and social distancing this year.) An indoor dinner will not be served. Instead, we will have an outdoor **Tail Gating Party from 5:30-6:30 PM** with warm soup, appetizers and cookies.

The **Silent Auction will start at 6:30 PM**, followed by the Live Auction. The Silent Auction tables will be set up one week before the auction, if you want to come in and place a bid. If you'd like to bring food for the tailgating party or help at the auction, please sign up in your area of interest!



Please consider contributing items and/or services for the Silent and Live Auctions. Donation forms are available on the entrance table. The Wooden Cross Annual Auction supports missions and ministries 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, Maltby Food Bank, and Seattle-LIMBA Sewing Circle. Thank you for your support and participation!

—Peg Skiftenes and Deb Schuldt
2021 Auction Co-Coordinators

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3 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>Kent & Charlene Somerville Farewell & Blessing Special Music—Handbells</i>	4 8-3:30 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> Staff Vacation Day 7:00p AA	5 8-3:30 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scout Court of Honor	6 8-3:30 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00-4:00 Uke Group (Sanctuary)	7 8-3:30 <i>Acorn Montessori</i> 9:15a Handbells No Quilters Today 7:00p ZOOM-40 Days of Following Jesus	8 8-3:30 <i>Acorn Montessori</i>	9
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