

Wooden Cross Newsletter

April, 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

"I have been crucified with Christ." —Galatians 2:20

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The crucifixion is upon us. I'd invite you to not gloss too quickly over this reality, for it conveys truth in several different ways.

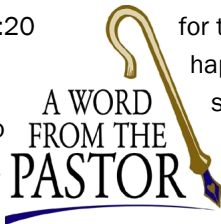
We live in a death-averse culture where much of our energy gets expended in avoiding death or at least attempting to do so. But Jesus' crucifixion **is upon us**. There is no avoiding that his death is taken on for us... for all those who sin and fall short of God's glory. To avoid it is to completely miss the significance of Jesus Passion (suffering) and death. For it is by witness of Scripture that "by his stripes we are healed."

Through our enmity with God we are alike to those whose voices called "crucify" and who stood by and bore witness to Jesus giving his all in faithful surrender to the "Cup" he had prayed to avoid, and yet surrendered to ultimately as the "will that was to be done" that took him to the cross. His surrender is necessitated by us all who continue to insist upon our "right to ourselves" which is a way to discuss the root beneath all sin. This is our root and it is because of this root that Jesus came to give himself to heal and mend.

Come friends and sit with me a while at the foot of the cross for our Lord there is crucified and this crucifixion IS upon us all.

AND

Paul in Galatians captures something that can also be oft overlooked. It is something deeper than simply reflecting upon the crucifixion and the cause behind it...



for to dwell exclusively there is to miss what is actually happening... who all is dying there. For there is something profound happening that should we simply think of ourselves as "witnesses" then we are missing who is fully dying in that moment.

"I have been crucified with Christ," Paul says.

The full implication of this short sentence is that it is not JUST Jesus dying on the cross... It is you and it is me too. WE die there! Our insistence to have a "right to ourselves" dies there. The gift of the cross might be well described as not only a new life, but first it is a death... your death, my death... all gifted to us through the death of Christ. His crucifixion IS upon us... it permeates our being and is imparted to us by God through faith in Christ. We die there and as Luther later described our entire life is to be lived in a rhythm of "taking on the cross of Christ and dying daily to sin and

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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.



2023 Stewardship



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

FEB	Week 1:	\$4,491	
	Week 2:	\$5,747	
	Week 3:	\$8,103	
	Week 4:	<u>\$1,179</u>	
		\$19,520	
	Weekly Average:		\$4,880
MAR	Week 1:	\$2,470	
	Week 2:	\$3,215	
	Week 3:	<u>\$3,405</u>	
		\$9,090	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,030

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

17401 198th Avenue NE
Woodinville, Washington 98077
(corner of 198th and Woodinville/Duvall Road)

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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Church Office Hours MON-THU, 7:30 AM—3:00 PM

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Organist / Interim Music Director Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Sally Simpson



Holy Week

Palm Sunday—April 2

Worship Service..... 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday—April 6

Worship Service..... 7:30 PM

Good Friday—April 7

Worship Service..... 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday—April 9

Easter Brunch9:00 AM

Festival Worship Service 10:00 AM

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!



SING FOR JOY!

Consider sharing your voice and enriching your life with music. The Wooden Cross Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. All voices welcome—particularly sopranos! The choir is led by Seung Lee, Interim Director.



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.



PASTOR’S MESSAGE

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rising to new life.” It is not just one death occurring on the cross, in the great mercy of God in EVERY person’s hearing the deaths numbered on that prescient day is always TWO... Jesus death AND the one who hears the Spirit’s call and trusts God to have acted in killing their old sinful self and bringing him or her back to life anew. Jesus death is “gifted” to each and every one in faith and as such He is our way and our truth and our life... our only way to the Father.

So yes, Come O friends and sit with me a while at the foot of the cross for our Lord there is crucified and so too are you and me... and just as Christ is crucified, so too has he been raised... come and rise with me for this death and this risen life are imparted, gifted to you by the grace and mercy of God!

RevEric

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!

Many thanks to Eric and our volunteer tech team who are learning how to operate our new audio, video and streaming functions.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

WOODEN CROSS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!

This year's Annual Wooden Cross Garage Sale will be Friday & Saturday, May 19 and 20.

You are invited to join us for the Garage Sale Kickoff Meeting on Thursday, April 13 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Experience and suggestions from previous Garage Sale coordinators and organizers will be very helpful and most welcome.

Volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser happen. Task include set up (especially men for lifting and moving the bigger items); cashiering and assisting shoppers during the sale; and clean up. If you can help, please sign up in the church narthex. Thank you!



Garage Sale items may be brought to the church anytime after Easter (April 9). All items must be brought to the church no later than Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day). We will not be accepting any computers, monitors, clothing, broken items or junk—as these items do not sell.

Please make sure your items are clean, presentable and ready to sell.

Proceeds from the Garage Sale will support Wooden Cross missions, ministries and projects. A Thrivent Action Team Grant will assist us with these care ministries and servant projects. Our Annual Garage Sale Cares for God's Creation through Reducing, Reusing and Recycling.

SPRING CLEAN UP THANK YOU!



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped "Spruce Up the Church Grounds" for our Easter Celebration:

- Jerry and Sandra Booren
- Steven Carlson
- Mike and Colleen Gaylord
- Eric Griffith
- Jim Hampton
- Sherman Johnson
- Robin and John Luchsinger
- Rich Madsen
- Doug and Karla Pearman
- Peggy Reiber
- Peg Skiftenes
- Eric Turner



The team worked for several hours on March 7, 11 and 18 to trim trees and bushes, clean up windfall branches from winter storms; rake out plant beds; relocate shrubs and plants to new locations; use a commercial chipper to grind up debris to use on trail walkways; power wash the sidewalks and gutters; and lay mulch.

Thank you from the Property Team



2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 PALM SUNDAY!</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Palm Sunday Worship Service</p>	<p>3 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>12:00-1:30 Facility Use: Parent Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>4 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>5:00-9:00p Facility Use: WGC (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>6 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:30P Maundy Thursday Worship Service</p>	<p>7 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:30 PM Good Friday Worship Service</p>	<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>
<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY!</p> <p>9:00 Easter Brunch 10:00 Easter Service Special Music: Choir & Handbells</p>	<p>10 Acorn Montessori on Spring Break</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>11 Acorn Montessori on Spring Break</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 Acorn Montessori on Spring Break 10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group-Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00P CHURCH COUNCIL</p>	<p>13 Acorn Montessori on Spring Break 9:00a Handbells 10:00a Garage Sale Kickoff Meeting 1:30-3:30 Quilters</p> <p>7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 Acorn Montessori on Spring Break</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-2:30 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch MAY NEWS Article Due!</p>	<p>17 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>12:00-1:30 Facility Use: Parent Group Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>18 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00p Christian Response</p>	<p>19 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group-Sanctuary 7:00p Worship Comm Zoom Mtg</p>	<p>20 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 9:00a Handbells</p> <p>7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00-4:00p Facility Use: Eagle Scout Ceremony Evan Slabaugh</p>
<p>23 Earth Day</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>24 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>25 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group-Sanctuary</p>	<p>27 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 9:00a Handbells 1:30-3:30 Quilters</p> <p>7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:00-5:00p Facility Use: Cello Recital (Sylvan Lumsden)</p>
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