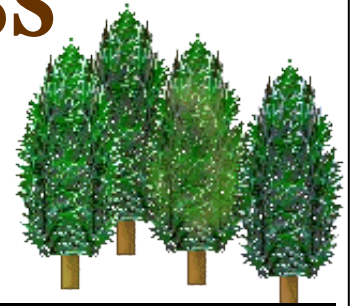


# Wooden Cross Newsletter



May, 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

Dearest friends in Jesus,

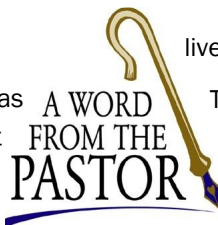
I continue to think upon what a blessing it has been these last several weeks to hear different people sharing their stories of faith. For in these I've been brought face to face with many of the ways God has been and continues to work. That's powerful stuff. That's what God's people lose out on whenever we fall out of the habit of bearing witness to God alive and at work amongst us. I am so looking forward to hearing and seeing more of these stories in the days and weeks ahead!

Now some of you might be wondering (if not outright terrified) what it would be like to share your story in the context of worship. Let me offer this opportunity to you...

On Sunday, May 1, 22 and 29, I'm offering a bit of a "practicum" on sharing one's faith. These three one-hour sessions are scheduled to follow Sunday worship. In each session we will be playfully practicing, asking, and responding to questions that might help you relate to each other some aspect of your faith, and the "who, what, how, and why" you believe as you do. I'll be sharing a bit on the theology of "witness" as well.

Mostly these sessions will be a way to ease you into sharing some aspect of your faith with others in an environment where one is definitely "amongst" friends. The more we practice the language of faith, the more we grow easy in sharing it.

I expect that as we progress through each session what will come to light is all kinds of different and yet wonderful ways we have available to tell how we journey with God, not only in our past but also in our present day



lives as well.

The desire is that as we continue this practice of sharing our faith, we "Lutheran Types" at Wooden cross will eventually find it more "odd" that folks **wouldn't** be regularly sharing their own reflections on God's work in their lives (compared with our more recent past where it was considered a "new" thing to bring this practice to bear in our context).

So consider this an open invitation to come this Sunday and try it all out! I think mostly you will find it a good time, and I also expect we will all be blessed by God in putting into practice a call to love each other and to share our faith!

Peace and see you soon

revEric



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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**

<b>MAR</b>	Week 1:	\$5,392	
	Week 2:	\$5,489	
	Week 3:	\$2,345	
	Week 4:	<u>\$3,146</u>	
		<b>\$16,372</b>	
	<b>Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$4,093</b>

<b>APR</b>	Week 1:	\$3,285	
	Week 2:	\$2,840	
	Week 3:	\$4,535	
	Week 4:	<u>\$1,575</u>	
		<b>\$12,235</b>	
	<b>Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$3,059</b>

**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**

**Church ..... 425-788-3626**

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

Church Email ..... [woodencrosslc@gmail.com](mailto:woodencrosslc@gmail.com)

Website ..... [www.WeAreWoodenCross.org](http://www.WeAreWoodenCross.org)

**Pastor Office Hours ..... T-Th: 9:30 AM—2:30 PM; Fri. by Appointment**

**Pastor Email ..... revericg@hotmail.com**

Pastor ..... Eric Griffith

Secretary / Bookkeeper ..... Kathy Corneloup

Organist / Interim Music Director ..... Seung Lee

Special Music ..... Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild ..... Sally Simpson

## I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

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.



Over the next few months the Church Council is going to provide the opportunity for the worshipping members of Wooden Cross Lutheran Church to share their faith with their fellow church members. We are excited to begin telling our stories because it is a joy to share things that are important to us with others.

Steven Carlson, Council President

## HANDBELL RINGERS INVITATION



The Handbell Choir is looking to expand. Rehearsals are Thursday mornings, 9:15-10:15 AM. Once-a-month a piece is performed during the Sunday Service as special music. If you are an experienced handbell ringer, or just want to know more about this music ministry, please contact Linda Rubel (206-940-8267) or Jone Vrhel (425-205-1636).

## 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%).

## ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

College-bound Wooden Cross High School Seniors and Eagle Scouts of Troop 422 are eligible to apply for the Endowment Fund Scholarship. Applications are available on the entrance table.



Please email your application to: [woodencrosslc@gmail.com](mailto:woodencrosslc@gmail.com), and type "Endowment Fund Scholarship" in the subject line. Or, you may mail your application to: Wooden Cross, 17401 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98077. **Completed applications must be submitted by Sunday, May 22.** Scholarships will be awarded on Graduate Sunday, June 5.

## THE CHOIR RETURNS!

Why not add more music to your life? Consider joining the choir. The Wooden Cross Choir rehearses on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM.**



All voices welcome—particularly sopranos! Seung Lee will lead the choir as the new Interim Director.

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

The following COVID Safety Protocols and Restrictions will be observed:



- ▶ All attendees must show proof of full COVID vaccination, as defined by the CDC at the time of the assembly
- ▶ Masks will be required for all participants while indoors
- ▶ All relevant local, state, and federal safety guidelines and mandates in place at the time of the assembly will be followed—including requirements of the specific site of the assembly.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE



**WOODEN CROSS  
GARAGE SALE**



This year's Annual Wooden Cross Garage Sale will be Friday & Saturday, May 20 and 21.

Garage Sale may be donated through Tuesday, May 17. 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.

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!

*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.*

—Pati McGraw, Coordinator

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP  
HAS RETURNED!**

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, please sign up in the kitchen. Thank you.

**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!

**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, May 16**. 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.



**SPRING CLEAN-UP  
THANK YOU!**



A BIG THANK YOU to the everyone who participated in the church cleaning on Saturday, April 2.

We had trimmers, wheel barrow pilots, landscape artists, pressure washers, and weed whackers working hard to spruce up the church grounds for the Easter season.

Everyone took on tasks without much direction, and did an outstanding job! Thanks again to everyone who participated. And I'm so happy we had a beautiful Spring day in which to work.

—Mike Gaylord, Property Chair

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<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day!</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8-3:30 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8-3:30 Acom Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00p Christian Response LWR Pkg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8-3:30 Acom Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study 10:00-11:30 Parent Group (Fellowship Hall) 2:00p Uke Group (Sanctuary) 7:00p Church Council</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8-3:30 Acom Montessori 9:30-12:00 Good Neighbors Food Bank 9:15a Handbells 1:30-3:30 Quilters</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8-3:30 Acom Montessori</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30 Faith Sharing Workshop</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day Holiday. Office Closed. No Acom Montessori 7:00p AA</p> 	<p>31</p>				