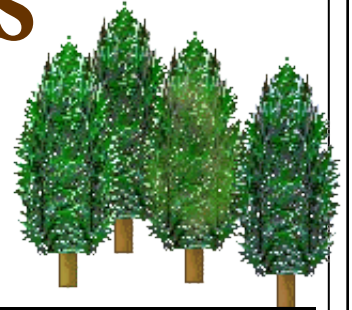


Wooden Cross Newsletter



June, 2024

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

Matthew 13:45-46—*“Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” ~ Jesus*

Dearest friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

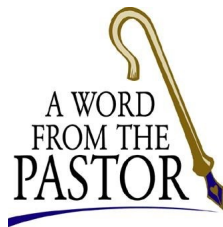
How has it been going with your “first Love” of late? Is the “pearl” still one of great price, one for which all else is of no worth in comparison? Is Jesus yet the one Rabbi, Master and Lord of your life or does he get relegated to one voice among many who claim your attention, resources, efforts and time?

The 13th chapter of Matthew’s Gospel is a whole sequence of parables Jesus uses to teach on the surpassing and costly value of God’s kingdom. After several different parables, it concludes with Jesus asking his disciples if they actually understand what he has been saying to which they say “we do” and maybe they did, however I find myself oft-timers wondering if they (and we) truly do?

These parables echo strongly something contained in the very first Commandment... the one perhaps most fundamental to them all and as a result the most often transgressed. We are to have no other god’s before God... and yet we do don’t we?

Don’t we...

And just like that... our “pearl-of-great-price” becomes little more to us than a trinket or bauble, holding our attention and allegiance until we grow distracted or seduced by the next “shiny-pretty-precious” to capture our heart and mind. We set aside our first-



love, our pearl and we go a-chasing away... prodigals us all.

It’s a sad truth that one of the most frequent judgments proclaimed over God’s people is that they have gone prostituting after other god’s... a deep tendency that if anything in this ever-more-complex world it may be even easier than ever for us to go awry as we too disregard the One who spent His all to purchase us even while we continue to rebel, running the tab ever deeper into the red.

Friends we are nearly into summer and most if not all take at least some time to rest and rejuvenate over these balmy months. While you are resting, relaxing and vacationing I’d encourage you to ALSO spend some time re-engaging with Christ as your first Love. Be intentional and honest within yourself as your regard

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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.

2024 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,818

APR	Week 1:	\$2,406	
	Week 2:	\$3,390	
	Week 3:	\$8,435	
	Week 4:	<u>\$2,201</u>	
		\$16,432	
	Weekly Average:		\$4,108

MAY	Week 1:	\$3,255	
	Week 2:	\$6,345	
	Week 3:	<u>\$775</u>	
		\$10,375	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,458

Thank you!



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Music Director/Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Linda Griffith

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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this costly "Pearl"... do you value Him as dearly as his worth? Have you allowed other god's to take up residence in your heart and mind... and perhaps more so what are you called to do about that? Jesus talks about selling all to possess this most precious pearl... what do you and I yet need to "dis-possess" in receiving Christ Jesus our Pearl-of-great-Price?

I pray God will give us all eyes to see, ears to hear, and the courage to obey as he calls us deeper into faith and the Life he creates within us. May the refining fire of God's Holy Spirit cleanse us and renew us each over these summer months.

Peace and growth in Christ Jesus our Lord... our Pearl... He alone is truly worth it all!

RevEric



UKULELE WORKSHOP



Jim D'Ville's Pacific Northwest Workshop Tour will include a workshop at Wooden Cross on **Saturday, June 15**. The meet and greet will be at 10:00 AM, and the workshop will start at **10:30 AM**. The workshop fee is \$30/person. You may register online at www.PlayUkuleleByEar.com. A free concert will follow the workshop at **12:30 PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Madsen at 206-228-3113.

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.

**COMING IN AUGUST!
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie—making our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.



National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors from communities across all

fifty states take part in National Night Out. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much

more. Together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live.

Wooden Cross will host a **National Night Out** on **Tuesday, August 6, 3:30-5:30 PM**. You are invited to bring your family and friends and join us for the festivities. Contact person: Bonnie Madsen.

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

2024



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<p>2</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group</p> <p>6:00p Facility Use: WGC (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>11:00-3:00 Quilters</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00a-12:00p Property Committee Landscape Project</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service</p> <p>7:00-10:00p Facility Use: Voice Recital [Kruse]</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts 7:00p Christian Response</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori (Class Photo)</p> <p>10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group</p> <p>7:00P Church Council</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00a—2:00p Facility Use: Ukulele Workshop</p> <p>3:45-7:30p Facility Use: Cello Recitals [Lumsden]</p>
<p>16 Father's Day!</p> <p>9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service</p> <p>JUL NEWS Article Due!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori (Last Day of School)</p> <p>7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00a Adult Bible Study</p> <p>2:00p Uke Group</p> <p>7:00p Worship Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00-3:00 Quilters</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00-4:00 Woodinville Garden Tour</p> <p>1:30-4:30p Facility Use: Eagle Scout Court of Honor Grant Tier</p>
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