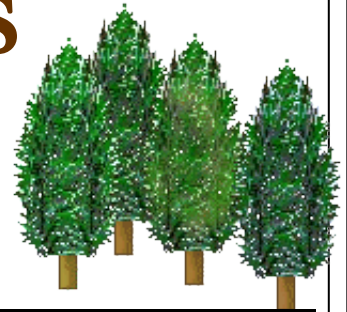
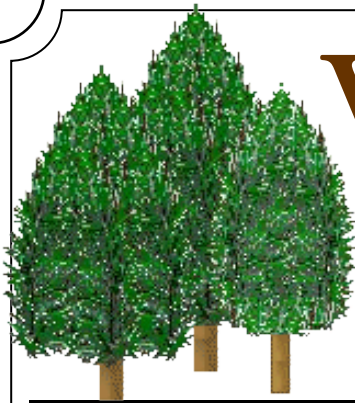


Wooden Cross Newsletter

March, 2025



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

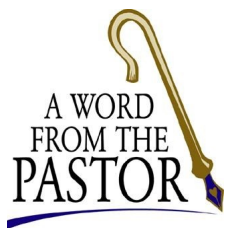
Dearest Children of God,

Do not lose sight of your first love in Christ Jesus our Lord. In a time when it seems that there is and will be no shortage of news and information bombarding us all each and every day, information each of us will receive with anything from revulsion to joy, and just about anything in between. Do not replace nor have supplanted your faith and confidence in the Lord our God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps in the keeping of His people.

I know that this can be very difficult because you, the children of God, have been formed with the very qualities the enemies of God can and will use against you in their ploys for power and control. You will have your compassion and mercy weaponized against you.

You will be told, sometimes even with what sounds to be appeals to faith, to choose who to align against because who they are and what they advocate for are just so wrong as to be irredeemable. You will find the gifts of Hope and even Love that are indeed given and sourced from God being manipulated and morphed into shadowy approximations in the service of agendas, where God's Will is a distant concern, if even discernible at all.

Do not lose sight of the one in Whose footsteps you have been called to follow. Jesus tells us that his sheep know his voice and will follow where He calls. So, dear children, do listen for Him. Know that we live in a world at war with God and we are the "Church Militant" called to stand and fight in the realm of our Good Shepherd's leading. And know too, that though we are called to the fight, the battle is already decided, as victory already



belongs to the Lord. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, He even now is on the judgment seat and His kingdom will have no end.

Do not be deceived nor dismayed by the voices that tell you your hope is in vain and you follow in a fool's path. We have been told by our glorious God that His weakness is greater than all the world's strength, even as His "foolishness" is wiser than the greatest "wisdom" of the world.

Do not have your heart captured nor captivated by the mouthpieces of this world in their bids for power. Instead simply walk in the footsteps of our crucified and risen Lord who leads us for his name's sake on paths of true righteousness.

You are beloved by Christ Jesus our Lord and though our world will buck and struggle against His merciful reign, His Kingdom does come and His Will will be done even on Earth as it is in Heaven.

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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.

2025 Local Giving Budget

Weekly Average Goal: \$4,812

DEC	Week 1:	\$2,990
	Week 2:	\$3,445
	Week 3:	\$3,464
	Week 4:	\$6,059
	Week 5:	<u>\$24,836</u>
		\$40,795
	Weekly Average:	\$8,159

JAN	Week 1:	\$
	Week 2:	\$
	Week 3:	\$
	Week 4:	\$
		\$
	Weekly Average:	\$



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

17401 198th Avenue NE
Woodinville, Washington 98077
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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Church 425-788-3626

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Secretary / Bookkeeper Kathy Corneloup

Music Director / Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Linda Griffith

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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This is the promise, this is our proclamation, this is our faith... and in Christ Jesus our Hope is secure!

Do not lose sight of your first Love my friends and be at peace even as the world tumbles and collides around us. Trust in Christ Jesus our Lord and rest in Him.

In the mercy of our Triune God, may the peace of our Father, Son and Holy Spirit live and move in you this day.

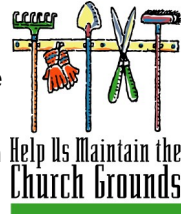
May you rest in the glory of our truly Glorious Lord who even in this moment is pouring out His Holy Spirit to you that you might believe and trust and know Him as the author of your peace and salvation.

Peace be with you each and all!

In Christ,

revEric

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY



Church members and friends are invited to help "Spruce Up the Church Grounds" for our Easter Celebration Sunday on April 20.

The work party date is: **Saturday, April 5** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON** each day. Tasks include cleaning up windfall branches from winter storms; raking out planted beds; power wash the sidewalks and gutters; and lay mulch as needed.

If you could spare some time and energy on any of these days, we'd love to have you. Please bring appropriate clothing, hand tools and gloves.

Thank you from the Property Team.

ONLINE WORSHIP



Wooden Cross church services are available on a YouTube LiveStream Channel. You can watch our Sunday morning worship services online, as well as see any of the previous broadcasted services.

Visit our church website—WeAreWoodenCross.org, and click on the streaming link. Be sure to "subscribe" to receive ongoing notifications of upcoming streams, as well as access to archived services that you missed or have chosen to watch later.

Through this technology we are able to expand our ministry anywhere in the world and let people learn more about us and our ministry. Join us as we Connect, Grow in faith, and Serve in our communities, following Jesus and helping others do the same!

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!

JOIN THE CHOIR!

It's time to make some music! And the Wooden Cross Choir is ready to start singing again! Organist and Music Director, Seung Lee will lead the choir.



Why not add more music to your life and consider joining the choir! All voices welcome—particularly sopranos! The Wooden Cross Choir rehearses on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM.**

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.



CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

LENT 2025 — “BY FAITH”
DINNER DISCUSSION WITH ZOOM

This year friends, you are invited to join us for a **Lenten Dinner Discussion** on Wednesday evenings, **6:00-7:00 PM**. This will be both available for those who are able to meet in-person at Wooden Cross, as well as for those participating remotely via Zoom.



The intent this year of having a gathering around a dinner discussion more than a worship service is to make it more accessible and interactive for those reluctant to drive after dark.

Each week Pastor Eric will lead a devotional conversation on the theme of **“By Faith”** where we will encounter scripture, some thoughts originally from Martin Luther, as well as then some conversation and thoughts of those who are connecting together for the discussion.

On a related note, in order to have this be a “dinner discussion” we are seeking those who can help with a simple meal of soup and bread for those who will be part of the weekly in-person gathering. There will be a sign-up on the narthex table for those who can help with this.

The rhythm of the gathering will be to meet at 6:00, get folks situated and dinner served, and then enjoy our conversation together based around a resource compiled by Pr. Eric.

May God bless us in this season of growing in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This resource will be available to the whole congregation as a Lenten devotional for the 5 weeks following Ash Wednesday leading up to Holy Week. The congregation is encouraged to pick one up, irrespective of whether you plan to participate in the dinner discussions.

For those connecting remotely to the discussion via Zoom, the link will be coming out via email from Wooden Cross each week.

- MAR 12 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Discussion**
“By Faith”—Week 1
- MAR 19 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Discussion**
“By Faith”—Week 2
- MAR 26 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Discussion**
“By Faith”—Week 3
- APR 2 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Discussion**
“By Faith”—Week 4
- APR 9 6:00-7:00 PM **Lenten Dinner Discussion**
“By Faith”—Week 5



Holy Week

- Palm SundayApril 13
- Worship Service 10:00 AM
- Mauddy ThursdayApril 17
- Worship Service 7:00 PM
- Good FridayApril 18
- Worship Service 7:00 PM
- Easter SundayApril 20
- Easter Potluck Brunch 8:30 AM
- Festival Worship Service 10:00 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



You are invited to join us for our **Ash Wednesday Service** on **March 5 at 7:00 PM**.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER!



Remember to **“Spring Ahead”** for Daylight Savings. Set your clocks one hour ahead. Daylight Savings begins at **2:00 AM, Sunday, March 9**.

2025



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<p>16</p> <p>Lent 2 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Holden Prayer Worship Service 11:30-12:30 Book Study (Prayer Chapel) 1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA April Newsletter Articles Due Today!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Acorn Montessori Parent Conferences</p> <p>7:00p AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>7:00p Worship Zoom Mtg 7-9 p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori 10:00a Adult Bible Study 2:00p Uke Group 6:00-7:00p Lenten Dinner Discussion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Handbells</p> <p>7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9-2:45 Acorn Montessori</p>	<p>22</p>
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