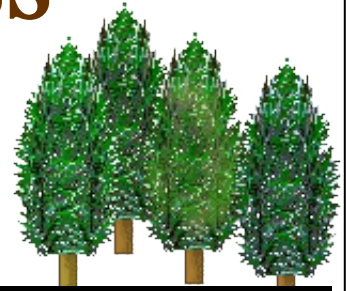


# Wooden Cross Newsletter



September, 2021

**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 OUR PASTOR

I share with you a reading from I Corinthians 12:27-31 as translated into Hawaiian Pidgin and recorded in a Bible Translation given to me a long time ago by some dear friends... (Da Jesus Book... Hawaiian Pidgin New Testament, Wycliff Publishers c.2000)

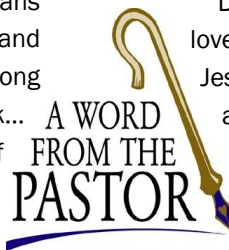
Numba 1 Fo Da Corint Peopo 12: 27-31a

“Same ting wit you guys. You jalike Christ’s body. Everybody jalike one part inside Christ’s body. From all da peopo dat come togedda fo church, da numba one importan ting, God send some guys all ova da place fo tell wat he wen say. Numba two, he make some peopo his talka guys. Numba three, he make some peopo teachas. Den, he give some peopo da power fo do all kine awesome stuff dat show God’s power. Odda peopo can make da sick peopo come good. Odda peopo can help. Odda peopo can put tings togedda strait. An odda peopo, he give um da power so dey can talk differen kine languages.

Now, wat you guys tink? God send everydody all ova da place fo tell wat he wen say? Nah. He make everybody talk fo him? Nah. He make everybody teacha guys? Nah. He make everybody do awesome kine stuff? Nah. He give everybody da power fo make da sick peopo come good? Nah. He make everybody so dey can talk differen kine languages? Nah. He make everybody so dey can tell wat da differen kine language mean? Nah.

Now, you guys go all out so you guys can handle da mos importan stuff God give you.”

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Dearest friends, the opportunities to serve and love, to proclaim, to Connect, Grow and Go following Jesus and sharing his good news are myriad and all around us. Your calling is simply to see what gifts God provided you uniquely and place yourself in service to God’s kingdom accordingly. “For some da peopo”

God equips quite differently and uniquely. Some of you will be drawn towards providing relief for the suffering in Haitii. For others your calling to hospitality will guide you towards creating places of welcome and refuge for those escaping Afghanistan. For others of you it will be continuing to pray and hold up a world seemingly caught in a Jungian existential psychic psychosis, bringing the full armor of God to bear and a robust faith in Jesus as the answer to all that is broken.

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**LIGHTS! CAMERA! AUCTION!**

“Lights! Camera! Auction!” The 2021 Wooden Cross Auction is set for **LIGHTS! CAMERA! AUCTION!** Friday, November 5!



The Auction Team is gearing up and we are asking the Wooden Cross family and area businesses to consider contributing items and services for the Silent and Live Auctions. Donation forms are available on the church entrance table and can be emailed upon request.

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-Coordinator

**2021 Stewardship**



**STEWARDS OF GOD'S LOVE**

*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**

<b>JUL</b>	Week 1:	\$2,810	
	Week 2:	\$2,681	
	Week 3:	\$5,212	
	Week 4:	<u>\$5,225</u>	
		<b>\$15,927</b>	
	<b>Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$3,982</b>
<b>AUG</b>	Week 1:	\$3,170	
	Week 2:	\$3,680	
	Week 3:	<u>\$4,960</u>	
		<b>\$11,810</b>	
	<b>Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$3,937</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 Choir Director ..... Seung Lee  
Special Music ..... Ensemble Musicians  
Altar Guild ..... Sally Simpson

## CELLO CLASS COMING IN 2022!

The cello classes set to begin at Wooden Cross in September have been postponed until the new year. Ms. Charmian Bartlett, our newest music teacher, will be teaching cello lessons to young people of all ages.



Charmian has a Bachelor of Music in Performance with merit from Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Australia; Graduated Student of the Year from Sydney Conservatorium of Music 1993; Associate of Sydney Conservatorium of Music with merit, Australia; Licentiate of Music, Australia. She is on staff at SYSO (Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra) Summer Camp; Vashon Island Cello Camp; Pacific Luther University Summer Cello Workshop; and Northshore and Seattle Schools Chamber Music Coaching Programs. Charmian has played lead cello in the Sydney productions of “Phantom of the Opera” and “Miss Saigon” at the Theater Royale in Sydney, Australia and toured the Solomon Islands with The Cove Chamber Orchestra.

Brochures are available on the narthex table if you have young ones interested in learning the cello. It is wonderful to hear the sounds of music and the laughter of children learning and playing in our building again as we transition into the Fall and Winter seasons. We welcome Ms. Charmian to the Wooden Cross family.

## CONSIDER SHARING YOUR VOICE!

It’s time to make some music!  
And the Wooden Cross Choir is ready to start singing again!

Seung Lee will lead the choir as the new Interim Director.

Why not add more music to your life and consider joining the choir!

The Wooden Cross Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings. October start date to be announced. All voices welcome—particularly sopranos!



## NEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL!

When you visit the church in September, please welcome Ms. Saira Pradhan—the new owner and teacher of The Acorn Montessori School. She recently purchased the school from Ms. Yasmin and begins her first year at Wooden Cross in September. The Acorn Montessori school days, vacations and holidays will match the Northshore School District. In-person classes will be taught Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.



Ms. Saira has 10 years of experience as a Montessori teacher. She and her husband are parents to a 5-year-old boy, Ari, and 1½-year-old daughter, Sophia (who may join the class next Fall). You may see her nanny and assistant around as well.

The Wooden Cross family welcomes Ms. Saira to her new school this Fall. Have a wonderful school year!

## CAMP UNITY DINNER



Wooden Cross members and friends provide monthly meals to Camp Unity residents in the Woodinville area. The next dinner will be on **Monday, September 27.**

The Wooden Cross meal coordinator will deliver the food to Camp Unity. Residents will serve themselves. If you’d like to supply 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.

## QUILTER’S GROUP

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!



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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

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Others will continue to quietly mow lawns and dust fixtures, while others will keep meals rolling to those hungry, while yet others will keep sewing machines buzzing to create warmth.

As a small church it is easy to think of all we “cannot do,” but today I’d ask you to remember all that you ARE equipped and gifted by God to live within as a servant and friend of Jesus. Remember, give thanks, take heart and then go as Jesus sends you... wherever he leads you, however you are particularly gifted. Share Jesus’ gospel however you are able in whatever ways God has given you the gifts to do so!

My encouragement in all this is quite simply summed up in this final line of this reading. Each of you go “all out” in your particular calling and in this way we, together as Christ’s one body, “can handle da mos importan stuff God give you.”

Abandon any pretense or judgment over others in answering God’s call in ways other than yours as this is actually God’s plan and intention seen through the way he chooses to give each of “da peopo” different gifts and in different measure.

Abandon too the guilt or shame applied by others of Christ’s body who look with disdain upon your faith in action for not taking up their cause or advancing their particular flag. God is not done working upon their heart and their ability to do what Jesus forbids his disciples in “Lording over others.” In this the fault is theirs, not yours when you are living out of the gifts God gives you.

God made no mistakes in you, nor does he call you into ministry without giving you what YOU need to serve.

As a church I suspect we ask ourselves questions of “how will we grow?” I find in this scripture some insight into this question—We grow as God’s kingdom is served and expands. The one “follows” the other, and needfully so.

Paul reminds us in this selfsame letter that these gifts are ALL given to the building up of the body of the Christ, the church gathered BY him IN his name. Use your gifts even as we together use our distinct gifts to proclaim, heal, share, teach, speak for God and all the rest, and we will be living faithfully.

Will we “numerically” grow?... I’m not sure I find that promised here... what I do see though is that in living purposeful expressions of the unique gifts God gives to each... “you guys can handle da mos importan stuff God give you.”

**Now, you guys go all out so you guys can handle da mos importan stuff God give you.**

Amen?

**Amen!**

And may the peace of Christ Jesus be with you all and fill you with courage, hope and a calling to love and serve in this world!

revEric

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE**



If you or your family have any health concerns needing prayer, **PASTORAL CARE** or a pastoral contact or visit, please call or email the church office. Thank you.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE THANK YOU!**

A “a big thank you” to the Property Committee for your contributions of time and energy in completing significant maintenance around our church grounds, building and playground areas this past summer. Let me just list a few of the projects identified and accomplished to date...

The facility outside and inside:

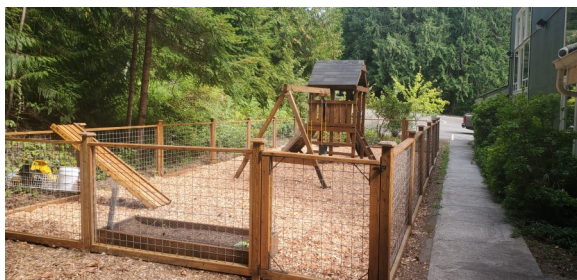
- ▶ Cleaned and shampooed all the carpets in the Acorn School classrooms 1-4. (Jerry B.)
- ▶ Cleaned all the roof, gutters, opened scuppers and repainted the flat roof over the new classrooms. ( Mike G. , Jerry B.)
- ▶ Replaced outside light bulbs and repaired the sensors so now they operate as designed to keep our building lit at night. ( Mike G.)



- ▶ Power washed clean the play structure area, fence, picnic tables and balance beam in back. ( Jim H., Art H, Jerry B.)



- ▶ Roofed and repaired the play structure. ( Mike G.)
- ▶ Applied Olympic sealer to play structure, picnic tables and balance beam. ( Jerry B.)
- ▶ Removed several diseased rhododendrons, small trees and opened up by trimmed up around the play structure, front of church, along the north side of parking lot. (Sandra and Jerry B.)



- ▶ Three yards of playground chips were delivered and spread so the area looks finished and ready for the new kids coming next week. (Jim H. and team)
- ▶ Finally but certainly a big thank you to the lawn mowing team who began in April mowing and keeping our yard nice and presentable and the retention pond n in compliance. ( Art H., Mike G., Jerry B. Doug P. and Rich Madsen consultant!)

The area looks beautiful. It takes a lot of work to keep this church facility and grounds operational and presentable. Thanks again to your many hours of attention to these tasks. We look forward to adding to our crew next year as we tackle new projects around our space.

Respectfully,

Mike Gaylord (Lead dog!) & Jerry Booren

Dear Wooden Cross Lutheran Church family,

I want to thank you all sincerely for all your hard work, time and care you have put into the playground, shampooing the classrooms, and for meticulously maintaining the church premises. In fact, my five-year-old son (who will be attending the school) pointed out the new playground chips with excitement.

The playground looks beautiful and I am sure that the children will appreciate and enjoy it very much. I have been working in the classroom to get it ready for the children- please feel free to stop by.

Lastly, I feel blessed to be part of the church community and am very thankful for the beautiful space in which I can serve to teach the young children in their most formative years.

Kind Regards,

Saira

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## ELCA SPOTLIGHT: YOUR NATIONAL CHURCH AT WORK

### DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. They collaborate with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need.

The news out of Afghanistan is unfolding tragically. Please consider a donation to [Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services](#), our ELCA support group whose mission it is to address such needs. The world is especially troubled right now with many calls for action and donations. Another critical place is for [Haiti - Lutheran World Relief](#) (the same agency where WC donates quilts and personal care kits.) And of course there are needs here at home, [ELCA Disaster Response](#) helps with natural disasters that have hit areas impacted by wildfires and floods in the U.S.

As the needs for refugees out of Afghanistan become more clear the Christian Response Committee will be rolling out opportunities for people to be involved in our local efforts, such as our collections for restart cleaning kits through Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Check out their website at <https://lcsnw.org/>

### “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday on September 12 is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

Throughout the ELCA we are witnessing the love and concern God’s people have for one another. During this time, congregations continue to support ministries that assist vulnerable people in their communities. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: On “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday we come together to restore and reconcile our communities. You do this kind of work every day—loving your neighbors and making your community a better place.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

In 2021, as we heal from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

The pandemic is known for hitting the underprivileged and marginalized groups the hardest. People caught in conflict are especially vulnerable in terms of lack of access to healthcare. In line with the Secretary-General’s appeal for a global ceasefire last March, in February 2021 the Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for Member States to support a “sustained humanitarian pause” to local conflicts. The global ceasefire must continue to be honored, to ensure people caught in conflict have access to lifesaving vaccinations and treatments.

The 2021 theme for the International Day of Peace is “Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World”. We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations family as we focus on recovering better for a more equitable and peaceful world.



2021



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