

Wooden Cross Newsletter

April, 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

Blessed Easter brothers and sisters. May the new life granted in Christ Jesus bring you great joy and hope!

I write to you as those who have been made members of Christ Jesus our Lord, his body elected, regenerated and made complete in him in faith alone. He is the one who makes us new, who in his resurrection not only signals new life, but makes it complete in us as His Holy Spirit brings us to faith, trusting in Jesus to be our life. It is to His cross that we have been traveling across this Lenten desert. It is in the Holy Spirit that we are fasting, praying, searching Scripture, worshiping and partaking in the faith-filled conversations of God's children with God's Holy Spirit working in you making us each into God's children even as we bring the 40 days of Lent to a close culminating in the Holy Week.

As we come to the conclusions of Lent in just a few brief weeks, it is my prayer that these last couple weeks will bring rich growth along with a deeper more abiding trust that God is at work in your life as a source of your renewal in Him. Though this call to grow is in no way limited to the Lenten Season, it has been my ongoing prayer that for each one of you God has been meeting with you over these 40 days that you might better know Him and His will in your life through Christ Jesus.

Now why write you "mid-journey?" The narrative of God's people is full of the stories of both those who heed God's call and those who do not. Jesus himself even taught in a parable of two brothers, one who told his father that he would come to the vineyard, never to appear and the other who refused the call to work, and



later arrives unexpectedly to fulfill his father's bidding.

Though we are each called, it may be THIS Lent that finally finds any one of us at last molded and shaped by the Word to now arrive at God's vineyard, ready to encounter God's will in our lives. It is never too late to arrive, it is never too late to begin... it is never too late to be transformed by the Word of God for "today" is ever the day of transformation and salvation in Jesus our Good and Glorious savior.

As we near Holy Week and Easter I'd ask you to ponder what it is to be granted new life in Jesus. How has His resurrection become for you your own? What in you has been discovered to yet be in need of being brought to life in Him? What would it mean to arrive at a tomb of death only to discover that no longer are you being held in it's depths instead to discover that led by

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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

FEB	Week 1:	\$2,418	
	Week 2:	\$3,274	
	Week 3:	\$15,227	
	Week 4:	<u>\$2,664</u>	
		\$23,583	
	Weekly Average:		\$5,896

MAR	Week 1:	\$2,660	
	Week 2:	\$1,945	
	Week 3:	<u>\$4,849</u>	
		\$9,454	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,151

Thank you!



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Church 425-788-3626

Church Office Hours Mon.-Thurs, 7:30 AM—3:00 PM

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Pastor Eric Griffith

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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Jesus you are now being guided back into life... and a life so abundant and glorious as to be beyond mere words to fully describe? What is it like to see Jesus take each excruciating step of the way of the cross with you as his destination and goal, for trusting in God and His Will, He knows that this is the way to bring you His life?

As you traverse these last couple weeks of Lent... ponder these. As we arrive at Holy Week, come and worship... watch... observe... participate... bring others along in the journey. As we come to the tomb... see what unfolds as death gives way to resurrection. Come and know the One who is Lord of Lords and King of Kings... the One who even in this moment is beckoning you onward into the life of Faith and trust in Him.

In Christ and In the hope of His resurrection,
revEric

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

The Wooden Cross Property Team is sponsoring three clean up work parties in preparation for Palm Sunday (April 13), Holy Week and Easter Sunday (April 20). If you would like to participate in our Annual Spring Clean Up, mark your calendars and join us. Volunteers will work from **9:00 AM–12:00 Noon** on the following days: **Tuesday, March 25; Tuesday, April 8; and Saturday, April 12.**



The first two clean up days will include raking out the planting beds, trimming all the bushes, washing windows and power washing the outside of the church and sidewalks. April 12 will be the final mulch laydown and parking lot blow off.

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, rakes, trimmers, shovels, wheelbarrows and gloves. Treats will be provided.

—Jerry Booren, Property Committee

**COMING IN JUNE!
END OF SCHOOL YEAR
OUTDOOR PARTY!**

Mark your calendars for the **Neighborhood End of School Year Party** on **Saturday, June 28**, Wooden Cross parking lot!



Neighbors, friends and family are invited to come and celebrate the end of school with hot dogs, music, games, activities, and more! Look for details in upcoming newsletters. *Coordinated by the Christian Connection Committee*

SPRING COLLECTION

For the Spring Ingathering this year, the Christian Connection Committee will focus on collecting items for local refugees—laundry products, dish soap, face soap, bar soap, and shampoo.

These are items that families are unable to get from various food banks or SNAP programs. The ingathering will begin after Easter. Thank you for your support.



ONLINE WORSHIP



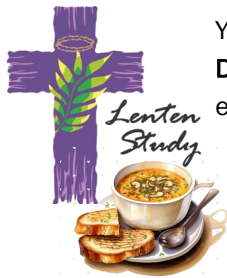
Wooden Cross church services are available on a YouTube LiveStream Channel. You can watch our Sunday morning worship services online, as well as see any of the previous broadcasted services.

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!

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

LENT DINNER DISCUSSIONS



You are invited to join us for **Lenten Dinner Discussions** on Wednesday evenings, **6:00-7:00 PM**—in-person at Wooden Cross, and via Zoom.

Pastor Eric will lead weekly devotional conversations on the theme **“By Faith”** which will include scripture, thoughts originally from Martin Luther, and conversation and thoughts from those who are connecting together for the discussion.

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

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!

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.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship Service
April 13, 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
April 17, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship Service
April 18, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 20
Festival Worship Service, 10:00 AM
Easter Potluck Brunch, 8:30 AM

EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

Members and friends are invited to bring family neighbors and friends to the **Easter Potluck Brunch** on **Sunday, April 20 at 8:30 AM**, before the worship service at 10:00 AM.



If you’d like to bring a dish to share, or volunteer to help, the Easter Brunch sign-up is on the narthex table.

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.**

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