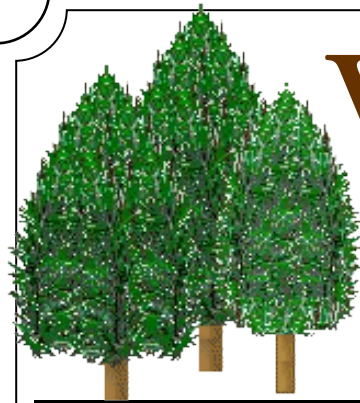
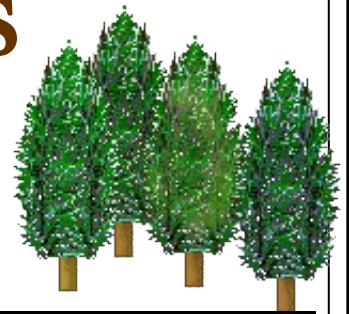




Wooden Cross Newsletter

August, 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

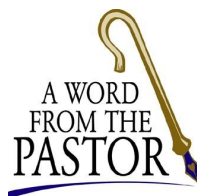
*"On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other
ground is sinking sand..."*

Dearest friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Have you noticed in our world that there seems to be an almost visceral hunger to find some place that will remain stable when much everything else seems to be shaking? Which of us has felt our political, social, relational, economic, familial, or vocational lives to yet be stable over the past several years?

What of our church life... when you look around, do you perceive what is happening amongst us to be stable or something other? How many of you feel your faith to be stringer today than when you were younger? Or have nuances of life created for you various and sundry existential crises that at times have shaken your confidence in God, God's people, the church, and the authority of Scripture to speak truth into your modern life?

When you go through the rhythms of your day, to what degree does shopping, gassing up, paying bills, talking with friends, finding and participating in entertainments, or engaging with sources of information, feel like these did say a year or two ago? Do these actions seem the same, or have you noticed differences significant enough to be noteworthy? Do you find life to be feeling pretty stable, or do you notice at times feeling yourself to be standing in the midst of what feels pretty shaky—the proverbial 'sinking sand' mentioned in scripture?



When life should feel shaking ... what holds
stable and firm?

Our Scripture calls us to turn to Jesus to rediscover a foundation that is a solid rock upon which we might stand. In the rhythms of "take and eat, and take and drink" we receive the body and blood of this Solid Rock as we trust Him at his word of promise. In the proclamation of the Word we hear him call us out of boats to stand firm with him on the raging waters. And when we find ourselves in the boats of life feeling ourselves to be swamped, we find him right there in the boat able to call out to the wind and the waves "peace... be still," and even creation itself obeys the one through whom it came into being.

Together we gather around words like "you are loved" and "you are forgiven." And in the great wonder of faith we discover that it is God himself speaking these to us, to bring us back onto the rock from the shaking turmoil's of life. In His "come follow me" we discover in his calling that we are given a certainty of

Continued on page 3.

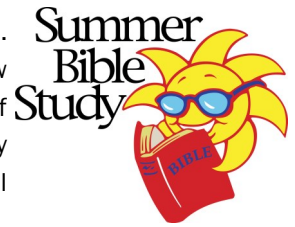
Pastor's Message	1 & 3
Bible Study	2
Family Fun Night	4
Holy Guacamole Fiesta & Fundraiser	4
Woodinville Food Bank Collection	5
August Calendar	6



Peggy Reiber President
 Shawn Quinn Vice President
 Carolyn Gross Secretary/Treasurer
 Jone Vrhel Council Member
 Nancy VanDalsem Council Member
 Art Hammersberg Council Member
 Peg Skiftenes Council Member

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 in August** Pr. Eric will lead **Adult Bible Study** from **10:00-11:30 AM** (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

JUN	Week 1:	\$6,564	
	Week 2:	\$2,718	
	Week 3:	\$9,160	
	Week 4:	\$4,205	
	Week 5:	<u>\$1,330</u>	
		\$23,977	
Weekly Average:		\$4,795	

JUL	Week 1:	\$2,060	
	Week 2:	\$2,990	
	Week 3:	<u>\$2,115</u>	
		\$7,165	
Weekly Average:		\$2,388	

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.-Thurs, 7:30 AM—3:00 PM

Church Email woodencrosslc@gmail.com

Website WeAreWoodenCross.org

Pastor Office Hours M-W: 9:30 AM—2:30 PM; Fri. by Appointment

Pastor Email revericg@hotmail.com

Pastor Eric Griffith

Secretary / Bookkeeper Kathy Corneloup

Music Director / Organist Seung Lee

Special Music Ensemble Musicians

Altar Guild Coordinator Linda Griffith

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Continued from page 1

purpose and direction, that the world around us cannot provide and may not in truth even be able to fully comprehend.

In his living Word, we learn of the truth that is the firm foundation of all things. For the truth brings us into what is most real... God himself who comes to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Jesus we are set on solid ground, and in Him we live.

As we continue to move through the summer months, I invite you, you families, your colleagues and neighbors to come and rediscover the One who grants us stability in a world oft-times chaotic and unstable.

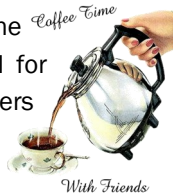
Dearest friends in Christ... stand firm upon the rock who is Christ Jesus and in Him may you know a peace that surpasses all understanding.

In Christ

revEric

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.



COLLECTION DISTRIBUTION



The Christian Response Committee collection of soaps, detergents and personal care items the were distributed to a Sno-Valley Community on July 7.

Wooden Cross partnered with representatives from two other churches who are part of a gleaning program in Monroe. It was a beautiful day and many people were happy to have these items. Thank you to our congregation for your generous contributions.

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.

FRESH SUMMER FRUIT OPPORTUNITY

This summer the Calhoun Family CSA (*Community Supported Agriculture*) is offering an opportunity to buy fruit at a discount, and have it delivered over the mountains for pick up in Snoqualmie. All the fruit will be Washington State fruit off the trees at Calhoun Family Fruit in Wapato, Washington.

Farm fruits include: apricots, apples, cherries, nectarines, peaches, plums, pluots, and pears. Fruit orders will be delivered to Snoqualmie once a week for the summer season. Snoqualmie summer pick-up days will be on Wednesdays. If enough Wooden Cross people order, Cinda Woody will ask if the fruit orders could be delivered to the church.

For more information, visit: <https://calhoun-family-csa.square.site/> or contact Cinda Woody at crw766@outlook.com

CONNECT — GROW — SERVE

HOLY GUACAMOLE—FIESTA & FUNDRAISER!

You are invited to join us for **Holy Guacamole! Fiesta & Fundraiser Dinner Auction** on **Saturday, October 25.**

You can help by donating Items! There are many ways of donating. Consider re-gifting a new item; contact businesses you have a relationship with for a donation or gift certificate; consider offering a service, or baking a special dish. Donation forms are available on the entrance table.



This lively evening is a great opportunity for you to invite your neighbors, relatives and friends. The Fiesta & Fundraiser Dinner Auction will have spirited bidding, food and music. There will be a Silent and Live Auction, with variety of items for ALL ages! Come, relax, visit, and enjoy a meal with friends at this family-friendly event.

Proceeds from the Auction will support Acres of Diamonds, Maltby Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Boy Scouts of America. *The annual auction is sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial.*

We appreciate your continued support and participation!

—Carla Peterson and Peggy Reiber
2025 Auction Co-Coordinator

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Bring friends and family and join us for **Family Fun Night** on **Friday, August 8, at 5:30 PM** at Wooden Cross.

We are continuing our ministry for families with younger children—creating a fun evening where folks with kiddos, grand kiddos, nieces, nephews, etc., and their friends can come together for dinner, games, and faith-talk to bless children and the folks who love them.

The evening will begin with a yummy supper followed by some fun-n-games geared for kiddos and the young at heart—perhaps even Bingo!

Kid-less? Well come and get to know some, and become an encouragement for some lovely parents. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to connect with, laugh, and encourage children and their parents.

If you think can make it, please sign up on the entrance table by Sunday, August 3 (so we can better plan for supper.) If you have any questions, contact Pastor Eric, Jana Griffith, or Nicole Ralston.

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](https://www.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!

WOODINVILLE STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

The Woodinville Storehouse Food Bank is a Christian organization that provides fresh food and prayer support to members of our community.

The WSH welcomes those in need to spend time in comfort and prayer, where healthy food and support are available every Tuesday and Saturday. Anyone who is experiencing food insecurity is invited to become a client for as long as they need. WSH provides quality food including dairy, baked goods, produce, meat and vegetables. Clients are treated with respect and care by volunteers who are equipped to pray for them if desired.

Located on the ground floor of the Woodinville Community Church, the WSH is operated by a coalition of churches and denominations serving the local community by providing nourishment and ministry to those in need. For more information, visit: www.woodinvillestorehouse.org

Wooden Cross will have seasonal food drives to support the WSH. The following non-perishable items are always appreciated. Please remember to check the “use by” dates and do not donate expired food. Thank you.

- Peanut Butter,
- Canned Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Rice (1-2 pound bags)
- Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Cereal, Canned Fruits,
- Canned Meals (ravioli, beefaroni)
- Pancake Mix (regular size boxes/bags)
- Personal Hygiene products
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baby Food/Formula
- Diapers/Wipes



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!

FRIENDS IN MINISTRY



The Wooden Cross congregation works together with others for sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all. Our ministry and mission partners include:

Acres of Diamonds.....	https://www.acresofdiamonds.org/
Camp Lutherwood	http://www.camplutherwood.org/
Compass Housing Alliance.....	https://www.compasshousingalliance.org/
Earth Ministry.....	https://earthministry.org/
Foss Home & Village	http://www.fosscares.org/
Habitat for Humanity.....	https://www.habitat.org/
Holden Village.....	http://www.holdenvillage.org/
Hopelink Food Bank.....	https://www.hopelink.org/
Lutheran Campus Ministry.....	https://www.lutheransnw.org/campus-ministry
Lutheran Community Services Northwest	https://lcsnw.org/
Lutheran World Relief	https://lwr.org/
Maltby Food Bank	http://www.maltbyfoodbank.org/
Seattle-Limbe Sewing Circle.....	https://www.seattlelimbe.org/

2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i>	4 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:00p AA</i>	5 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	6 10:00a Adult Bible Study <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	7 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	1 Floor Waxing	2 6:00p Floor Re-Set
					8  5:30p Family Fun Night!	9
10 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch</i> <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i>	11 <i>Staff Vacation Day</i> <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:00p AA</i>	12 <i>Staff Vacation Day</i> <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7-9 p Boy Scouts</i>	13 10:00a Adult Bible Study <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:00p Church Council</i>	14 <i>11:00-3:00 Quilters</i> <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	15 	16
17 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i> SEP NEWS Article Due!	18 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:00p AA</i>	19 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7-9 p Boy Scouts</i>	20 10:00a Adult Bible Study <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:00p Worship Committee</i>	21 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	22 	23
24 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch</i> <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i>	25 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7:00p AA</i>	26 <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group 7-9 p Boy Scouts</i>	27 10:00a Adult Bible Study <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	28 <i>11:00-3:00 Quilters</i> <i>6:30-9:30p Theater Group</i>	29 	30
31 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i>						