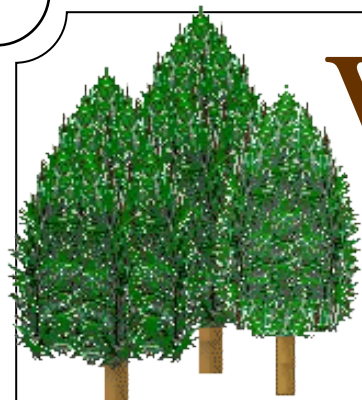
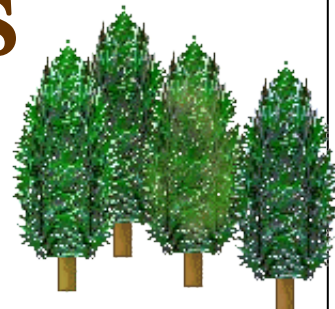




Wooden Cross Newsletter

January, 2025



WOODEN CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Wooden Cross is a welcoming, Christ-centered community believing in grace and living in faith and service.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE



By Constitution the Church Council announces this first public notice of **Wooden Cross' Annual Meeting** on **Sunday, January 18, 2026**. The Church Council will host a brunch after the worship service. The **Annual Meeting** will follow the brunch.

We encourage you to attend this important annual event. This is our family remembrance and celebration time! It is also our time to elect our Parish Family Leaders. You are missed when not present.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting is prepared by the Executive Committee (Officers) and the Church Council, in accordance with the Constitution. The agenda shall be posted at least 30 days prior to the meeting and closed 10 days prior to the meeting.

At this date, the agenda will include:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Secretary's Report
3. Elections for Council Officers, Council & Committee Members
4. Pastor's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Ministry and Mission Committees Reports
7. President's Report
8. Adoption of 2026 Budget
9. Resolutions (if any)
10. Election Results
11. Recognitions
12. Benediction

The Annual Report will be available at Church on Sunday, January 11, and from the Church Office during the week prior to the **Annual Meeting**, on **Sunday, January 18, 2026**.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

New and Continuing Elected Council and Committee Members for 2026 will be commissioned at the worship service on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**.

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- Peggy Reiber President
- Doug Pearman Vice President
- Carolyn Gross Secretary/Treasurer
- Jone Vrhel..... Council Member
- Nancy VanDalsem..... Council Member
- Art Hammersberg..... Council Member
- Peg Skiftenes Council Member

ANNUAL MEETING
 POTLUCK BRUNCH

Bring the family and join us for the Potluck Brunch & Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 18, 2026** immediately after the Worship Service.



The Brunch is hosted by the Church Council. We encourage you to attend this important annual event. This is our family remembrance and celebration time! It is also our time to elect our Parish Family Leaders. You are missed when not present.

We look forward to seeing at the Annual Meeting & Brunch.
 —Wooden Cross Council



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

OCT	Week 1:	\$6,615	
	Week 2:	\$2,199	
	Week 3:	\$3,454	
	Week 4:	<u>\$3,126</u>	
		\$15,394	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,849
NOV	Week 1:	\$7,535	
	Week 2:	\$1,770	
	Week 3:	<u>\$2,500</u>	
		\$11,805	
	Weekly Average:		\$3,9345

Thank you!



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 17401 198th Avenue NE
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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
 Pastor Email

Pastor
 Secretary / BookkeeperKathy Corneloup
 Music Director / Organist Seung Lee
 Special Music Ensemble Musicians
 Altar Guild Coordinator Jone Vrhel

THE NEW YEAR

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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.



GET READY TO TACKLE HUNGER!

As we prepare for the Super Bowl Festivities, the youth of our nation are gearing up for **Souper Bowl of Caring** on **Sunday, February 8**. It all began with a



simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Scouts from Troop #422 challenge you to be part of our "team" to stamp out hunger! Our goal is to fill the shelves at the Maltby Food Bank! We need you, to bring your "A" game by donating non-perishable food items or monetary donations.

So now it is time for you to gear up and make the big play in support of those in need! Thank you for participating in this team effort! Thank you!

SCOUT SUNDAY!

Scout Sunday is a day to recognize the contributions of young people and adults in the Scouting program.



Scout Sunday will be celebrated at Wooden Cross on **Sunday, February 8** during the worship service. All past and present Scouters—adults and young people—are encouraged to wear their uniforms or scouting pins in support of Scout Sunday.

QUILTER'S GROUP

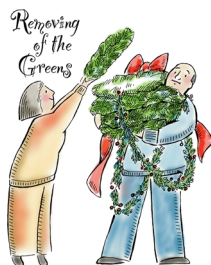
The **Wooden Cross Quilter's Group** continue to make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



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!

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR TAKE DOWN

Volunteers are needed on **Sunday, January 4 at 11:00 AM** (after the Worship Service) to take down and put away the Christmas tree, decorations and lights. Many volunteers make the task fun and fast. Thank you for helping.



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.**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE

God calls us to grow in faith. Members and friends are invited to grow in their relationships with God. Come and join us for a participant-led Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM**. A book of the Bible is selected to read and study together over several weeks.



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!

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.camlutherwood.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/



2026

January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Holiday. Office Closed. <i>Acom Montessori on Winter Break</i> 	2 <i>Acom Montessori on Winter Break</i>	3
4 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>Fellowship Host-</i> 11:00 Christmas Décor Take Down <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i>	5 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	6 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scout	7 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 9:00a Facility Use: WGC (Sanctuary) 10:00a Adult Bible Study	8 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir	9 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i>	10
11 Annual Reports Available 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service <i>Fellowship Host-Church Council</i> 11:30-3:00 Quilting & Brown Bag Lunch <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i> 5:00p Christian Connection	12 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	13 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts	14 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 6:30p Church Council	15 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 11:00-3:00 Quilters 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir	16 <i>No Acom Montessori (Teacher Professional Day)</i> 6:00-9:30p Facility Use: Scout Club Night	17 Chuckwagon Dinner Hosted by the Christian Connection Committee (Auction Item)
18 9:00 Community Prayer 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Annual Mtg & Brunch <i>1:30-4:00p Facility Use: ESUPA</i> FEB NEWS Article Due!	19 MLK, Jr. Holiday. Office Closed. <i>No Acom Montessori</i> 7:00p AA	20 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 7-9 p Boy Scouts	21 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00p Worship Zoom Mtg	22 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i> 4:00-5:00p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	23 <i>9-2:45 Acom Montessori</i>	24
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