

# The Quill

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## *Bishop's Message*

*By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod*

*From the May 2018 edition of *The Spirit**

### **Signs of the Times**

It was not that long ago that the third highest attendance numbers for a Sunday were on Mother's Day. It was a big deal to honor mom's wishes to have all her kids in church. I often met adult children that I didn't know existed. It may have been awkward for them to go to church, but it was one day when you didn't want to disappoint mom. Coffee Hour was always slim because families were off to a Mother's Day brunch following worship. It was the one day when Mom was not expected to do any work. It was a favorite day for restaurant owners as the cash registers were singing.

Father's Day, on the hand, was one of the least attended Sundays. It often fell on the first day of the fishing season. The treat was for dad to take the kids fishing and then return home to big meal.

Fast forward a decade or two—and everything has changed. Not even Hallmark has been able to sustain the power of these special days. I dare say that Mother's Day has fallen off the Church calendar.

These are the kinds of changes in the culture which we don't get to vote on. Multiple factors converge to create new perspectives on what is important and what the culture values. We are but one voice in the conversation.

I know several people for whom Mother's Day elicits tremendous pain. People who had difficult relationships with their mother, those who have lost their mom, people facing fertility challenges, those who have lost children, and women for whom the expectation of motherhood by the culture is not their personal choice. My comments are not intended to be a critique of Mother's Day but rather a reminder for us all how the church must learn to adapt to an always changing culture.

While having this conversation with a congregation's adult forum group, I met a mother who expressed the heart burn she feels trying to navigate her role as mom in the world. She confessed that she has had to forgo her time on Facebook because it made her feel that her parenting skills were lacking given all the postings about how great other people's families are. She spoke about how much she would value a mothers' group of mothers willing to share in the real challenges they face.

I could see the light come on as she began to imagine how this could happen in her congregation and how valuable it would be. She was clear that it would need to be an outreach for new mothers by new mothers. She received affirmation from others for raising the idea, and I encouraged her to consider giving it a try. Such a gathering isn't going to turn around attendance on Mother's Day but it could very well be the "Day" that each one of the participating mothers looked forward to.

There are so many ways in which the church can discover new ways of being church with mothers and fathers, with ALL PEOPLE, that serves to strengthen the fabric of the whole community. We need to listen, learn, and try.

So, for those who celebrate Mother's Day, happy Mother's Day. For those who celebrating Father's Day, happy Father's Day. And for all children of God, may we discover new ways to be in relationship with God and with one another.

(Note: Pr. Dan's "the Pastor's Word" will return to *the Quill* in June.)



## **SUMMER HAPPENINGS ForKIDS— but not only for kids!**

In his book *Resisting happiness*, Matthew Kelly says, “Once you get a taste of God working through you to bring joy to others, you are hooked. There is no greater feeling in the world.”

Have you ever felt that in your life? **ForKIDS** is planning summer activities called **FAMILIES SERVING TOGETHER** for kids and adults to feel the joy of service and to help in our community.

**Families Serving Together** will consist of several summer Saturdays when a family (a family with kids, a couple, or a single) can join in working on a service project, with the option of afterwards doing something together to build community and to have fun.

We’re in the process of investigating service activities in the vicinity of Queen Anne Lutheran that serve the local community, and that’s where your help is needed.

Do you know of a local service project for Families Serving Together to participate in? It could be at church or the community, something for families to do on a Saturday morning. And, it also could happen that once someone feels the grand feeling of God working through people to make others happy, some may decide to serve more! **We’re looking for input from YOU to help us find service activities.**

Experiencing service and seeing God at work through people is powerful, and adults modeling service to kids is important. The happy surprise is that we always get more than we give!

Please do scout out service activities in the local community, and maybe even consider joining some of the service activities this summer. **Contact Terry, [forkids@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org), with ideas and suggestions, and help to make this happen!**

Abraham Lincoln once wrote, “Most people are usually about as happy as they make up their minds to be.” Plan to have a HAPPY summer!

## **First Communion Classes Scheduled**

Would you like to expand your children's knowledge, faith, and community connection? If your child is age 7 or 8, please consider these new classes to prepare him or her for their First Communion. Pastor Dan will be leading the classes. All books/curriculum will be provided, as well as snacks for the kids. Please feel free to contact Lori Roozen at [ms.lojay@gmail.com](mailto:ms.lojay@gmail.com) with any questions.

—Lori Roozen

<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>	<u>Bread baking</u>	<u>Ceremony</u>
Saturday, May 12	Saturday, May 19	Saturday, June 2	Sunday, June 3
9:30 AM-Noon	9:30 AM-Noon	Time TBD	10:30 Service
QALC (Fellowship Hall)	QALC (Fireside Room)	At Lori Roozen's home	Small celebration to follow

## April Adult Forums Are OUT OF THIS WORLD

Think big . . . bigger . . . Big Bang! April's Adult Forum topic is so big, it even requires the first Sunday in May for a Big Event.

we encounter **Astrotheology**, and explore the impact the discovery of extraterrestrial life could have on religious belief. Then join us May 6 both at the Forum and at 4 PM for the Big Event starring guest speaker and leader in this new field, Lutheran pastor and theologian **Ted Peters**.

**May 6 Forum:** One of the leading authors in the emerging discipline of Astrotheology, **Ted Peters**, will pilot our interests on the topic. Ted is an author, professor, and pastor. He is Research Professor Emeritus in Systematic Theology and Ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences; and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. He offers a theological analysis of culture, analyzing especially the role of science in culture. He co-edits the journal Theology and Science.

**May 6, 4 PM at QALC: The Big Event:** **Ted Peters** discusses a new book on the topic of Astrotheology, published by the *Center for Theology and Natural Sciences*. See next page for details.

## Beyond Faith

Beyond Faith is a study group exploring the meaning of faith, religion, and the existence of God in today's secular culture. Over the winter, this lively group met weekly to read and discuss Pastor Dan's book on the Lutheran theologian Paul Tillich. We will reconvene for three Wednesdays in May—the 9th, the 16th, and the 23rd—to discuss three of Tillich's most popular (and accessible) sermons. Everyone is welcome.

Links to the sermons can be found online by starting at Queen Anne Lutheran's website; click on GROW, then ADULTS.

1. May 9: The Paradox of Prayer
2. May 16: You Are Accepted
3. May 23: The New Being (chapter two)

A paper copy of each sermon is also in the office for borrowing and/or copying.



## SAVE THE DATE!!

The Centennial Committee would like you to save the date for our upcoming celebration of 100 years of Queen Anne Lutheran Church!

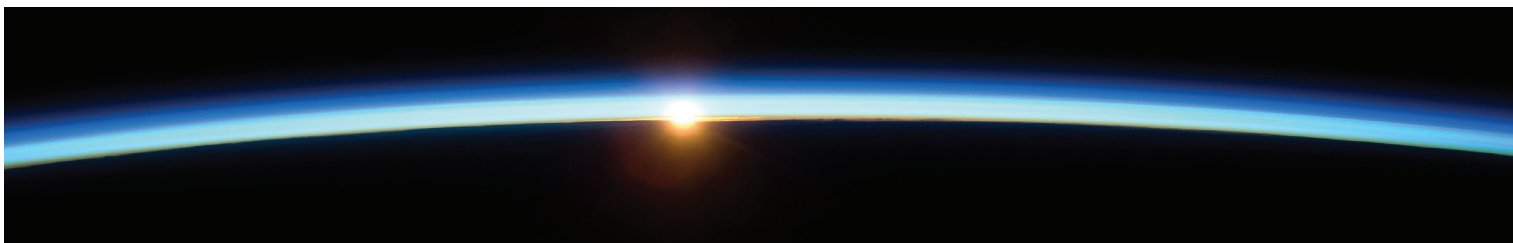
**Sunday, October 28th 2018**, following the service.

Join us for lunch and a program looking back on the last 100 years and forward to our future together!

## Pastoral Hours

Would you like to meet with the pastor to talk about faith, challenges you are facing, Scripture or—yes—theology? Would you or someone you know like to receive Holy Communion or share in prayer? **Pastor Dan is available Tuesday through Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday each week.** (His days off are Mondays and Fridays.) Please email him at [pastor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org) or contact the office to set up an appointment.





# ASTROTHEOLOGY

WHERE SCIENCE AND FAITH MEET “E.T.”

## OUTER SPACE VIBRATES WITH SPIRITUAL MEANING!

Join Ted Peters\* as he explores these provocative questions:

- Will confirmation of extra-terrestrial intelligence (ETI) cause terrestrial religion to collapse?
- Can the scope of God's creation include the entire cosmos?
- How can religious leaders prepare theologically and ethically to greet ETI?

Ted will contend that contact with ETI will expand the existing Christian vision that all of creation—including the 13.8-billion-year history of the universe replete with all of God's creatures—is the gift of a loving and gracious God.

**Bring your questions—and an open mind—to this community event!**

A lecture by author, professor, theologian, and Lutheran pastor

## Ted Peters

**Sunday, May 6, 2018, 4 P.M.**

Queen Anne Lutheran Church  
2400 8th Ave W, Seattle

### Questions?

206-284-1960  
[queenannelutheran.org](http://queenannelutheran.org)

*\*Research Professor Emeritus in Systematic Theology and Ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences; and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.*

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## Visitation Team Lunch and Orientation

Our mission at Queen Anne Lutheran is to make God's love in Christ known to all people, including those who cannot join us on Sundays due to short-term rehabilitation or long-term care. You can be part of this mission!

On **Sunday, May 20**, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we invite anyone who would like to learn more about a **NEW VISITATION TEAM at QALC** to meet for lunch and a special orientation to this ministry facilitated by Rev. Dr. Thomas Wert, now retired from Columbia Lutheran Home, and Connie Wurm of QALC. (see sidebar for more about Connie!) It will cover such topics as getting to know the person you visit, listening and communication skills, sharing communion, and other helpful information. We will also be talking about the frequency of visits and of meeting together as a visitation team.

Whatever the reason our members are unable to join us, it is important for their well-being to maintain their connection with this faith community. It is both comforting and empowering to be visited on behalf of the congregation: to receive communion, a worship bulletin, or newsletter; to talk about what is happening in the congregation; and to know that they are remembered in the prayers of the community.

Please join us for this event. If you are unable to attend but would like more information about the Visitation Team, please contact the church office or Pastor Dan.

— *Pastor Thom, Pastor Dan,  
and Connie Wurm*

<sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:35-36

### A Visit With Connie Wurm:

For those of you who haven't yet met me, I have been attending Queen Anne Lutheran since last November. I attended the University of Washington and have a BA degree in Psychology, unofficially minoring in Philosophy.

I later attended Seattle University and obtained a Master's Degree in Counseling and a Certificate In Addiction Studies.

I worked for 19 years in Geriatric mental health, dementia and medical concerns for folks over 60. I obtained a Certificate in Geriatric Mental Health from UW's continuing education Social Work Dept. I also taught classes for the UW continuing education program to Nurses and Social Workers for several years in Addiction Studies and Seniors.

I grew up in Ohio and my grandmother (Mary Elizabeth Mabel Pflueger-Wurm) was the baby sister of Queen Anne Lutheran's founder, Rev. Jessie Pflueger. My grandmother is the reason I was raised Lutheran and how I came to accept Jesus and God in my life. I remember, when my grandmother was in her nineties and found it increasing difficult to get to Church, how much she cherished a visit from the pastor or other members of her congregation (another older Pflueger brother founded her Church, St. Paul's of Westerville, Ohio).

I hope that together we can deliver much needed love and communion to those who can no longer come to services for whatever reason. I am new to this program but I am confident that we can make such a wonderful difference together. Please work with me so we can serve our seniors and disabled adults together.

Peace,

*Connie Wurm*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Join a Work Party!.... or Two!

Two big jobs need to be done during the next few months:

1. Cathi Unseth has made great strides in clearing up an upstairs storage room, and now the **materials need to be organized** into labeled bins. It's a Mission Impossible that need many "angels" to make it happen. ( Remember *Charlie's Angels*?) The date will be determined by those who volunteer...but we have some bins ready and waiting. Refreshments will be provided.

2. The **Godly Play materials** need to be gathered, categorized, and put into labeled bins so that we know what we have. We hope to use Godly play during Advent and Lent if we have the materials for this part of the curriculum. The dates to work on this will be determined by those who volunteer. Refreshments will be provided.

We have many great materials, and when organized we'll know what we have and use what we have. It's a TOUGH job, but many hands make the task doable. If you could help with either of these tasks, please contact Terry at [forkids@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org).

—Terry Anderson,  
*Children's Ministry Coordinator*

### Social Concerns Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the Social Concerns Committee on Sunday, May 6th after the 10:30 service. All are welcome, including anyone not currently on the committee—please come if you are interested in joining the ongoing discussion about the work of Queen Anne Lutheran in the world.

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2018 Promises to Be Brief but Meaningful— Can You Attend?

This year the Synod is trying a new format for the yearly Assembly. Instead of the traditional business meeting, the Synod Council is gathering churches into **one day of sharing and conversation around the topic "Who Is My Neighbor?"** This will be a fantastic opportunity to be in fellowship and learning with our Synod partners in ministry. In this new format there is no limit to the number of representatives—so **we are inviting all those interested to attend.** As an added bonus, our own **Georganne Robertson will be honored** as she completes her many years of service on the Synod Council, most recently as Vice President.

We would like to have a contingent from Queen Anne attend on **June 2 at Saint Andrew's in Bellevue from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.** QALC is able to cover the registration cost. If you are interested, please call or email Barb in the church office. We can help arrange for carpools to the assembly.

Please visit the Synod website for more specifics about the assembly, including forum topics and descriptions: go to [lutheransnw.org/2018-Synod-Gatherings](http://lutheransnw.org/2018-Synod-Gatherings).



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Katie Thompson  
Elliott Oplinger  
Karen McCullough  
William Bush  
Candy Mathes  
Sophie Pritchard  
Elissa Rosenthal  
Marie Tobiason  
Mei Le Smith  
Matt Boysen  
Donna Hoffman  
Cathi Unseth

*If your (or a family member's) birthday is missing from this list, please contact the church office at 206-284-1960 or email*

[admin@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org)

—Kirsten Erickson

## Planning a Successful Reprise for Lutheran Summer Music Program 2018—with a Little Help from Our Friends

Mei Le Smith will again be attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University for four weeks in July. The Smith family has personally experienced the unique benefits of this program in terms of musical studies, friendship, life purpose, and spiritual growth. We thank you for the overwhelming congregational and individual support received last year. If you feel moved to donate this year there are two ways to do so:



- Electronically through the LSM website <https://www.lsmacademy.org/support> You can click on “Give a gift today. Send us a Gift.” Select LSM Scholarship fund and under “optional” select “in Honor” and type in “a violin player from QALC.” Due to tax laws, you cannot put in Mei Le’s name but LSM knows Mei Le is the only violin player from QALC so it would go towards her tuition.
- A check to Mac or Dolly to be used for airfare, lodging, tuition and other trip-related expenses.

We appreciate your encouragement and support of Mei Le for attendance at this wonderful camp!

## No Jam in May

Community Music Jam, that is. The bluegrass group will meet again on First Saturdays in the summer (June 2, July 7, August 4). Led by Emmett Pritchard, the Jam meets from 3:00–5:00 PM in the chapel.



## Explore the Intersection of Faith & Film

### “Good Bye Lenin!”

Saturday, May 19, 2018

4:00 PM Snacks and libations

4:30 PM Watch the movie together

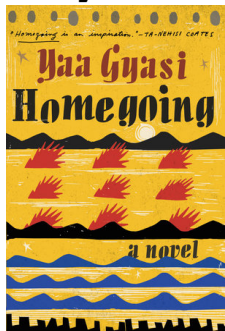
6:30 PM Discussion led by David Lepse, and refills

The film for May 19 is “Good Bye Lenin!” a poignant comedy set in Berlin in 1989 and 1990 during the time of the fall of the Berlin Wall and German reunification. An East German mother and committed communist, Christiane Kerner, spends eight months in a coma and misses the dramatic events. When she regains consciousness, her family fears that she won’t be able to handle the shock that communist East Germany no longer exists. So her children engage in an elaborate scheme to convince their bed-ridden mother that nothing has changed. This deception becomes increasingly difficult as capitalist changes appear around them and their mother regains some mobility. The family debates whether they should tell her the truth or continue the lie, but then their mother reveals that she also has been concealing an important truth from her family. (2004) 118 minutes. English subtitles. Rated R for brief language and sexuality.

—David Lepse



## May Book Group Discusses *Homegoing*, the 2018 Seattle Reads Selection



Come join us Monday, May 21 in the narthex at 7 PM to discuss this debut novel by Yaa Gyasi. The book is this year's "Seattle Reads" selection, and book groups around the city will be discussing the novel. Barb Bach will lead our discussion. Absolutely anyone is welcome to join us. Gyasi will appear in person at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute on May 16 at 7 PM.

From *GoodReads*: "A novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana and along the way also becomes a truly great American novel. Extraordinary for its exquisite language, its implacable sorrow, its soaring beauty, and for its monumental portrait of the forces that shape families and nations, *Homegoing* heralds the arrival of a major new voice in contemporary fiction."



**May 9 Spring Luncheon for Mary's Place** This fundraising event takes place on Wednesday, May 9 at 11:30 AM at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. Please visit the Mary's Place website if you are interested in attending.

## Sixth Annual *Blessing of Bicycles & Other Wheels*

In celebration of National Bike Month, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Queen Anne will offer blessings to anything with wheels on Saturday, May 6 at 10:30 AM. Bring your wheels—bicycles, skateboards, wheelchairs, wagons, walkers, trikes, or strollers—to the parking lot of St. Anne School's playground to receive Queen Anne Interfaith Ministries' blessings for a safe summer, and extend the blessing to everyone on your path. St. Anne School is at 101 W. Lee Street. Information: 206-282-0223.

## Kick off the Summer Schedule with our All-Church Picnic on Sunday, June 10!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 10—that's when we will move to our summer schedule with **ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM**, celebrating the switch with an all-church picnic outside.

Hamburgers (veggie option also), hotdogs, and trimmings provided; lemonade, too! Bring a side or a dessert to share. Donations to cover food costs are also welcome.

A sign-up will be in the narthex soon for volunteers to help with set-up, serving, grilling, and clean-up. Some tasks, such as preparing the grills, may require missing a bit of worship time.

We hope everyone will be able to attend and enjoy the fellowship—bring a friend!





## Join Team QALC at the 32nd Annual Queen Anne Helpline Fun Run



The Fun Run is an all ages, all ability levels event with an emphasis on FUN! It starts at 8 AM and is over by 9:30, with an awards ceremony, a raffle drawing and yummy treats at the end. The course is a 5.5K run/walk around the crown of Queen Anne, and it begins right here at Queen Anne Lutheran.

**We are pulling together a team of runners and walkers to represent QALC at the event.** Starting on Thursday, June 7 at 6 PM, we will begin meeting weekly at QALC to train for this Fun Run. We are seeking participants from the congregation to join us in this community outreach event to support Queen Anne Helpline. All abilities are encouraged to join us for the training and run, but if you are not so inclined, please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 14 to come out and support our QALC team as they cross the finish line.

For additional information, please feel free to contact Kim & Dan Heffernan at [nwrunner123@gmail.com](mailto:nwrunner123@gmail.com) or Pastor Dan at [pastor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org).

## Lutheran World Relief School Kit Materials Needed for Fall 2018 Ingathering, November 2/3

### School Kits:

Please look for school items on sale during the coming summer. Our goal is 50 school kits.:

Items we need by Sept 30:

**70-sheet notebooks** (wide or college ruled) - need 200 for 50 kits.

In July & August, you can buy at Fred Meyer's or WalMart (usually) 10 at a time, for 19 cents each.

**Blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well) – Need 37

**Pencil sharpeners** (with cover) – Need 25

**Box Crayons** (24 regular) – 30 boxes

**Ball point pens;** blue/black regular (**i.e. not gel**) – Need 100 - there are 5 per kit

**Rulers** (centimeter/inch) – Need 42

**Erasers** – 2.5 inches long – Need 40

**Pencils** – ZERO needed.

### Personal Care Kits:

We intend to send 70 - 100 kits – need 70 - 100 nail clippers. Usually 49 – 59 cents on sale, which occurs periodically; Bartell's sells two for one (for \$1); however, usually only 12 or so at a time.

Contact Rich or Candy Mathes if you have questions. [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com)

### Quilt Count Through the Years ...

2010	May 68	Oct 50
2011	May 88	Oct 40
2012	May 72	Oct 51
2013	May 68	Oct 127
2014	May 73	Oct 92
2015	May 76	Oct 75
2016	May 68	Nov 100
2017	May 81	Nov 77
2018	May 94	

**... at least 1,300 hearts warmed so far!**

# Women of the ELCA QALC Women's News:

As I write this, I keep thinking of the song, "I get by with a little help from my friends". In this case it may be we get by with a lot of help from our friends. The quilt and kit makers of Sewing & Service and PDQs would like to thank all who helped tie quilts and assembled Baby Care Kits. We especially would like to thank Pastor Kristi Daniels and the men of Church of Steadfast Love for sharing a Friday of quilt tying (*top row of photos*), as well as all of those from Queen Anne Lutheran who don't normally come to Sewing and Service or PDQ's who helped get things completed the evening of April 20 (*bottom row*). Jackie Thomsen took all the "freshly tied" quilts home and sewed around the edges!







## QALC Women's News, continued:

SAVE THE DATE!



### NW Synodical Women's Retreat

September 21-23, 2018

Warm Beach Conference Center

NW Synod Women's Retreat Speaker — Barbara Bell.

Barbara will be speaking on the importance of cultivating right attitudes in all the places where women engage today. Wired and gifted by God for relationships, women often struggle with critical attitudes and responses in those relationships and work hard to find joy and gratitude. This retreat will look at Scripture and the encouragement God gives to refuel and refresh our hearts to choose attitudes that honor Him. If attitudes are contagious, are yours worth catching?

### REGION 1 GATHERING.....That's US!!!!

Synods of Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming

June 20-23, 2019 in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Possible speaker Sharon Brown, author of *Sensible Shoes*. Hillsboro Embassy Suites will be our headquarters. Train service from Portland is available.



### Circles / Bible Study:

The "New" and still unnamed evening circle will not meet in May. We will be joining the Book Group for a discussion on the All Seattle Reads book. You are welcome to come to the May Book Group (see page \_\_\_\_). Our wonderful Parish Administrator realized we could not do two activities at once . . . Northern Lights will meet as scheduled.

—Your Women's Committee

Lisa Ondrejcek, Sophie Pritchard, Pat Sobeck, Sallie Wilson and Candy Mathes

### Women of QALC— Ongoing Groups

**New Circle:** Meets at church in the chapel conference room on the third Monday of each month at 7 PM. All are welcome. Contact Candy Mathes.

**Northern Lights:** This north-of-the-city circle meets in homes, monthly on Mondays at 7 PM. Contact Dolly Smith for schedule and locations.

**Sewing and Service:** Meet Wednesday mornings at church to work on LWR quilts and kits, and to socialize. All are welcome. Contact Candy Mathes or Sallie Wilson.

**PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts):** Intergenerational quilting. Third Tuesday of most months, 5:30 PM at the church. Contact Karen McCullough.

## Queen Anne Men's Ministry (For men of all ages):

Thanks to all who helped **host a great Easter Breakfast!** Thanks to everyone who brought egg dishes, breads, and fruit salads. I would like to thank the following men who helped: Dana Harmon bought flowers for the tables; Ken Hockman, Don Thomas, Dennis Alfson and Barth Olson set up on Saturday; Al Shabino brought sausages; Mark Dibble purchased ham and other supplies; Mark Dibble, Michael & Aaron Banobi, and Don Thomas cooked; Dennis, Don, Paul Abodeely, Marc & Elliott Oplinger helped in the kitchen. Anyone I forgot—thank you also.

Thanks to all who helped with **assembling 50 LWR School Care kits** April 14th!!!

### **Spring LWR Ingathering**

will be May 4 & May 5 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran

Church, located at 2500 NW 85th. If you can load boxes or just direct cars and trucks, please let Rich know. Please add the dates to your personal calendar. Contact Rich at [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com) with questions or if you can volunteer.

**June 10 QALC Picnic** – Immediately after the 10 AM service ends (i.e. 11 AM). Please sign up in the narthex for setup at 9 AM, grilling at 10 AM, or general help. Given there is only one worship service, cooks will miss at least parts of the service.

—Rich Mathes



## THANK-YOUS

Queen Anne Lutheran received thanks from Lutheran World Relief for a donation of \$468.75.

We also received this note:

“Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,


Thank you for your generous support of Church of Steadfast Love. We appreciate your kindness and your steadfastness. Thank you too for inviting us in and welcoming us to a quilt-tying party. We enjoyed the day. Being able to give back gives life and purpose. Thank you for giving us life on so many levels. Christ is risen!

—Pr. Kristy



**LUTHERAN YOUTH OF NORTH SEATTLE  
PRESENTS**

# **BILL & TED'S CONFIRMATION ENDEAVOR**



**MAY 11, 12, 18, 19**

**BALLARD FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2006 NW 65TH ST, SEATTLE, WA 98117**

**Night Performances:**

\$20 for adults

\$15 for seniors

\$50 for family (2 adults, 2-3 kids)

**Matinee Performances:**

\$15 for adults

\$10 for seniors

\$40 for families (2 adults, 2-3 kids)

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Purchase Tickets Online at: [roaringlyons.org/dinnertheater](http://roaringlyons.org/dinnertheater)



## CORE Tanzania News

### YOU'RE INVITED!

We're having a **party** at QALC to kick-off our fundraising campaign for **Twegashe School**.

We'd love for you to **join us and bring your friends!** You'll have an opportunity to learn more about our project and meet some of our board members and key volunteers.

The event will also feature "**Bite of Bushasha**" and **live African music!**



## Progress Report

We're happy to report that we are making steady progress in our preparations to build Twegashe Primary School!

### Trip to Tanzania

In late January we took a two-week trip to Tanzania with our volunteer builder, Bill Suhr. During the first week we drove across northern Tanzania, covering close to 700 miles and visiting seven different schools along the way. From these visits we gathered lots of helpful ideas about construction techniques and materials. Perhaps even more important, we met people who have already successfully navigated the complexities of undertaking a project in Tanzania. All of them were very eager to provide information, and have encouraged us to contact them as questions arise in the future. This is an invaluable resource!

We spent the second week of our trip in Bushasha Village. Here we accomplished our primary goal, to survey the school site and get a better idea of the slopes so that our architectural team can move ahead with detailed school design. We also made a visit to the existing government primary school, Kyembale Primary. We were particularly interested in seeing their kindergarten, and were astonished to find 130 children packed into one classroom. Then we found out there are actually 200 students on the roster, all with only one teacher! The principal was new and hadn't yet heard about our plans to build a new school in the village. He was quite excited when we told him, and asked if there was any possibility we could open the school next year to take some of the pressure off Kyembale. With 800 students enrolled and only eight teachers, it's no wonder he is eager to have relief!

### Construction materials update

We've been doing a lot of research in our effort to choose the most suitable construction material for the school. Our plan from early on has been to use interlocking stabilized soil blocks (ISSBs) made by compressing soil that has been mixed with a small amount of cement. These blocks are more environmentally-friendly than the baked bricks used in most local construction because they require no firing. One drawback with the type of ISSBs we were originally considering is that they are solid, so rebar cannot be inserted to provide earthquake resistance. Earthquakes are not common in the area around Bushasha, but in 2016 there was a 5.7 magnitude quake centered only about 40 miles from the village. As a result, we have decided we will probably use a new type of hand-operated brick press made in India that produces hollow, interlocking ISSBs approved by the Indian government for use in high earthquake severity zones.

## **Water supply news**

In researching our options for how to supply water to Twegashe School, we came across the St. Photini's Well project, sponsored by St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, CA, and working in northwestern Tanzania, where Bushasha is located. We reached out with some questions, and before we knew it, they were offering to drill a well for us, as long as we will then make water available not only to the school but also to local villagers.

## **501(c)(3) approval**

One piece of very good news that awaited us when we returned from Tanzania was our determination letter from the IRS. CORE Tanzania is now an approved 501(c)(3) public charity, which means donations are tax-deductible!



## **Fundraising campaign**

In April we formally launched our “Making Lives Meaningful” Campaign for Twegashe School (“Twegashe” translates roughly as “Let’s make our lives meaningful” in Kihaya, the language spoken in Bushasha). Our campaign goal is \$500,000, enough to build the first phase of the school (K-3) and operate for three years. (Please note that all of our travel expenses are covered by the individuals traveling.) To date we have raised about \$125,000 in donations and pledges—nearly one-fourth of the way to our goal. Many thanks to all of you who have helped us to get this far!

I’d like to end with a brief story about a third-grader named Anita, a relative of mine who lives in the village and was walking with us one day as we headed toward the school site to take some measurements.

Anita took my hand, and as we continued walking, hand-in-hand, she asked “Do you know who I am?”

“No, who are you?” I replied, wondering where this was going.

“I’m Magufuli.” [Tanzania’s recently-elected president]

I wasn’t quite sure how to respond.

“You see,” she said, “I’ve already recruited you as my bodyguard!”

Like Anita imagining herself as the president of her country, we have an ambitious vision, a vision of quality education for every child in rural Tanzania.

And like Anita, we know that anything is possible.

But it’s only possible because of YOU! Thank you for your support as we work to turn our vision into reality! Wakora muno! (“Thank you very much” in Kihaya)

—Michael & Jeannette Banobi

## **My Time at Holden – April 2018**

I travelled to Holden Village recently for the first of three visits this year to work on the village archives. This was the first time I have ever been to Holden in early April. It is a small community, less than 50 people total—staff and guests. Several long-term staff people, including the village pastors, were taking their required leaves from Holden before the big ramp-up to summer mode. There were several people I knew who were there during my visit. Some guests came at this time because it was their spring break.

### **Unpredictable Hazards, Pleasant Pastimes, and Dishes**

I took a lot of luggage, as well as a space heater, this trip because I did not know what to expect with the weather or working conditions. Some of the lodges and chalets are vacant during the winter and not heated—including the Village Center where the main archives are kept. Providing extra heat would be essential.

The weather was changing from winter to spring during my visit. When I arrived at Holden, it was snowing, and there was snow on the tree branches weighing them down. There were no sounds of birds or other critters. While there, it rained a lot. Toward the end of my visit the sun had made an appearance and blue sky could be seen. By then the trees were bare, and various birds—robins, Steller’s jays, swallows, and ravens—had arrived with their calls. Chipmunks were also about.

While the main east-west street of Holden was bare and wet, there was still over two feet of snow on the ground. The use of YakTrax® was necessary for walking on the snow. One of the dangers at Holden this time of year is the possibility of “postholing,” where one makes a step on the snow and the foot keeps going into the snow depths, causing the sudden cessation of any sort of momentum. All kinds of injuries could occur with a “postholing” incident. I was able to avoid this.

Another danger is a “roofalanche.” This is when snow slides off a roof of a building and falls onto the nearby ground. There are piles of snow alongside all the buildings, which used to be on

the roofs. One does not want to be at such a location when a “roofalanche” occurs. I watched one take place while I was safely indoors.

I heard the story of a mudslide that took place on Thanksgiving morning last year. Material came down Martin Ridge from an avalanche chute west of the village and travelled down the main street from east to west past the school. It covered the road throughout its length and inundated the drainage ditch along its uphill side. Miraculously, the mudslide did not enter or damage any of the buildings. Villagers spent their Thanksgiving digging out the ditch and scraping the mud off the road. There is a coating of mud remaining on the road, and the concern was what that coating would do once warm weather set in.

During the winter season, there is almost no program. Some crafts activity took place in the Art Studio (people still call it the Craft Cave), though two artists in residence—who had been in the village for a month—left a couple days after I arrived. Guests and staff made use of the ping pong table and ¾-size pool table set up in the dining hall. Putting together jigsaw puzzles was a common pastime for both guests and staff; I also worked on three of them during the evening hours after Vespers.

My visits this year coincide with those of Larry Howard, the village archivist appointed by the Holden board of directors. I work under his direction. Larry and I were regarded as short-term staff. This meant we had the same duties in which all staff participate: specifically, dish team. We were on different dish teams, so adjusted our work schedules accordingly. In winter there are only two dish teams daily instead of with each meal in summer. We were spared from doing “garbology” this time.

### **Brownian Motion in the Village Archives**

In previous articles and in many conversations I have usually said that I was working on the museum or the museum archives. That was incorrect. “Village archives” is the proper term, for much of the material that makes up the archives might not be exhibited in the new museum. Such

materials still need to be catalogued, properly stored, and made available for scholars, researchers, and village staff.

Larry Howard had a list of the tasks he hopes we could accomplish this year in the village archives. However, he knows from experience that his time in the village is often affected by what he calls “Brownian Motion:” some task or a request made to him takes him and me in different directions and on other unforeseen tasks. This held true for the April visit as well.

The current Operations Manager, Mark Rerucha Borges, decided that the historic Ops files could go to the archives. Larry Howard had wanted to do this for years, and so the to-do list was set aside to attend to the boxes and file cabinets of Ops material. These files were taken from storage and brought to the Creekside Room in Koinonia. Josh Post, current president of the board of directors, who was in the village for the first four days Larry and I were there, joined us in sorting, sifting, and examining the content of those files when he was not busy with his board president duties. The three of us were able to go through most of the material; after Josh left the village, Larry and I completed going through the remaining files. Lots of correspondence, invoices and purchase orders, blueprints, installation manuals for devices and appliances no longer in use, samples of products, many photos with little or no annotation whatsoever, and much more made up the content of these files. Some of the files dated back to the time when Werner Janssen was the business manager of Holden (1963–1984), a job that is now handled by at least five staff people.

A big task that is taking up Josh’s time is searching for and reviewing all of the board minutes and reports he can find. He has made quite a study of this, and is arguably the most knowledgeable person of the board’s governance of Holden Village throughout its history. Though I never found any such items while I was going through materials in the archives, I did show to Josh a couple pieces of correspondence regarding the bowling alley he had not seen previously. Last year, Josh spearheaded a project to renovate the bowling alley and saw it to completion. This visit,

he brought some devices that, when inflated, are placed in the gutters so youngsters and people new to the game of bowling can play without the frustration of rolling gutter balls. He showed Larry and I how quilts laid over the lanes help preserve them during the winter months.

When not working on the Operations archives, Larry wanted to make a cursory search through all the boxes in the archives in the Village Center. There are over 100 of them, most of which do not have any sort of official inventory. Larry needs lists of all the content—at a high level, not detailed—of each box so he can conduct computer searches. He hopes to have this big task complete by the end of this year. Cataloguing of all the materials cannot begin until this inventory task has been finished. I was able to make lists for three of these boxes. In one of those boxes I came across photo representations of the brochure made by the mining company for the sale of Holden in 1957. I guess I had always thought the name “Holden Village” was something coined after the place had been acquired from the mining company. But there on the first page of this brochure from 1957 was “Holden Village” in bold lettering. When I showed this to Larry, he was surprised as well.

### **A Pressing Need for Volunteer Staff**

During a staff meeting it was reported that guests would be returning to Holden in the summer, projecting village capacity at 90% or above. There is space available for additional guests if they would get on the waiting list, for cancellations are always a possibility. While there will be plenty of guests, there is a pressing need for more part-time staff and long-term staff. When I talked with Peg Carlson-Hoffman— one of the directors of Holden—about this, she said that it is harder and harder to interest young people to volunteer their time. Institutions of higher learning, which used to promote Holden to students, no longer do so, steering them to paying internships instead. Word of mouth is now the most important way to inform and interest people about Holden, its program, and its opportunities for life enrichment through volunteering.

—Joel Matter

## SERVING IN MAY

*Interested in being an usher or worship leader? Contact Pastor Dan or Barb in the office to volunteer.*

### **Altar Guild:**

Jennifer and Chloe Jones

### **Offering Counters**

Vicke Pugil & John Reese

### **Ushers: (8:00 AM)**

6 Ken Hockman  
13 Jan & Linda Olson  
20 Smith family  
27 Ken Hockman

### **Ushers: (10:30 AM)**

6 Don Thomas/TBD  
13 Don Thomas/TBD  
20 Don Thomas/TBD  
27 Don Thomas/TBD

### **Lectors (8:00 AM)**

6 Jacqui Darroch  
13 Jan Olson  
20 Dan Squires  
27 Mei Le Smith

### **Communion Servers (8:00 AM)**

6 Jacqui Darroch  
13 Linda Olson  
20 Dan Squires  
27 Dolly Smith

### **Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)**

6 Joan Kavanaugh  
13 Rich Mathes  
20 Jean Oplinger  
27 Tim Porter

### **Flowers on the Altar**

6 Lois Unseth  
13 Carol Bonenko  
20 Brent & Karen McCullough  
27 Pat & Don Sobeck; Susan Sobeck Burroughs

### **Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)**

6 TBD  
13 TBD  
20 Smith family  
27 TBD

### **Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)**

6 Paul and Carol Abodeely  
13 TBD  
20 TBD  
27 Pat & Don Sobeck w/Susan Sobeck Burroughs

**Deadline for the June Quill is Tuesday, May 22.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:00pm Executive Committee	<b>2</b> 9:15am Sewing & Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> 8:00am LWR Ingathering @Our Redeemer's Lutheran	<b>5</b> 8:00am LWR Ingathering @Our Redeemer's Lutheran 10:00am Alanon Women 10:30am Blessing of the Bicycles at St. Anne's Parish 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
<b>6</b> Family Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship 11:45am Social Concerns Meeting 4:00pm Rev. Dr. Ted Peters Book Event	<b>7</b> 7:00pm 12-Step FA	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Church Council	<b>9</b> 9:15am Sewing & Service 1:30pm Girl Scouts 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Beyond Faith 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	<b>10</b> 11:00am Clergy Cluster Mtg 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>11</b> 7:00pm LYONS Theater @BFL	<b>12</b> 9:30am First Communion 10:00am Alanon Women's Potluck Event 2:00pm LYONS Matinee@BFL 6:00pm CORE Tanzania Event 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers 7:00pm LYONS Theater @ BFL
<b>13</b> 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	<b>14</b> 7:00pm 12-Step FA 7:00pm ALZ Caregiver's Support	<b>15</b> 12:00pm Interfaith Community Meeting 5:30pm PDQs	<b>16</b> 9:15am Sewing & Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Beyond Faith 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> 7:00pm LYONS Theater @BFL	<b>19</b> 9:30am First Communion Class 10:00am Alanon Women 2:00pm LYONS Matinee@BFL 4:00pm Faith & Film 7:00pm LYONS Theater @ BFL 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
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