

The Quill

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the Pastor's WORD

Climate Change and Our Calling from God

The Bible constantly surprises me. Its writers could not have imagined the world in which we live today. Their technology was rudimentary (Judges 1:19). They attributed illness to evil spirits (Mk 9:17). They thought the sun revolved around the earth (Josh 10:12-13), and their view of the world resembled a birthday cake with three tiers (Rev 5:13). Yet for all their lack of technological sophistication, biblical writers often possessed a degree of insight and wisdom *far* beyond ours.

Consider the second creation story in Genesis. According to the ELCA's social statement on "Caring for Creation," this text specifies that "our role within creation is to serve and keep the Lord's garden, the earth. 'To serve,' often translated 'to till,' invites us again and again to envision ourselves as servants, while 'to keep' invites us to take care of the earth as God keeps and cares for us (Num 6:24-26)." Tend to my creation, God says, trusting its well-being to "the man of the earth," to us.

Finding ourselves today on the cresting wave of human-made climate crisis, we have to wonder: what happened? Where did we go wrong?

Again we turn to Scripture, only to discover what "Caring for Creation" identifies as "the central cause of the environmental crisis," namely, "our alienation from God and the rest of creation" as symbolized by Adam's expulsion from the garden (Gen 3:23) and the enmity that arose between the serpent and Eve (Gen 3:15). Sin, "lurking at the door" (Gen 4:7) entered the world through Adam (Rom 5:12) who, now curved in on himself, disrupts and exploits what God has made.

At the heart of the second creation story, we realize, lies a profound theological truth for our time: we have abdicated our most basic vocation of caring for the earth by living instead for ourselves, unaware or even *unwilling* to acknowledge the repercussions our habits of consumption and greed have on other people and the planet as a whole.

Over the next month, our Sunday forum series, "**World's End? Addressing the Climate Crisis,**" will invite us to explore the ramifications our way of life is having on the environment, what resources the Christian faith may provide us to face the problem, and what opportunities might exist for corrective action. Our worship services will complement the series, offering hymns in praise of God's creation, including the *new creation* we celebrate this Easter season, along with sermons of hope. You can find out more information about the forum series and a special public lecture in this edition of *The Quill*. I cannot encourage you enough to attend!

The Bible constantly surprises me. The depth of its stories, especially those in the opening pages of its first book, offers not only an answer to the question of purpose; these stories also offer good news in sometimes surprising ways—word of a God, for example, who clothes His children even in exile (Gen 3:21). May this forum series surprise you likewise with hope and give you courage to fulfill *your* vocation as God's caretaker of the world.

Pastor Dan

FROM THE CANTOR . . .

Holy Week and Easter: Thank you!

Thank you for a wonderful Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday! One major highlight for me was kids and adults ringing handbells together during the Palm Sunday procession. Thanks to everyone of all ages who “took the plunge” and rang a handbell for the first time, and thanks to Terry Anderson for her help in making it happen. I also appreciate the choir’s flexibility, commitment to our worship life, and the “extra” singers who joined us for special services.

Speaking of QALC’S Choir...

As I write this I’m in the thick of planning choral music from now until Pentecost, which this year falls on Sunday, June 9. After that date the choir will take its customary summertime hiatus. **Why not come sing with us between now and then?** Even if you can’t make it every week, I’d love to get to know new or returning singers even if only for a week or two. *If you can carry a tune and are willing to learn, you’re welcome to try singing with our choir!* Rehearsals are educational, fast-paced, and we have some laughs along the way! Please feel welcome to join us at 7 PM Thursdays, downstairs in the Music Room (note that there is no choir rehearsal on Thursday, May 9).

Northwest Repertory Singers concert in Tacoma



As many of you know, I’m the artistic director of Northwest Repertory Singers, a 50-voice auditioned community choir in Tacoma. Our spring concerts are Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, May 19 at 3 PM, entitled “re|sounding VOICES: Songs of Place and People, Hope and Courage.” The concerts will be held at Mason United Methodist Church in Tacoma’s bustling Proctor District (a part of town with a feel not unlike Queen Anne Hill, with shops and restaurants near the church). Our concert features the U.S. West Coast premiere of *Everyday Wonders: The Girl from Aleppo*, a hope-filled choral cantata with piano and violin accompaniment based on the true story of a Kurdish refugee girl’s journey from Syria to Germany. In addition to *Everyday Wonders*, our program features repertoire by modern American composers. Examples include the incomparable setting of the African-American Spiritual “Wade in the Water” by Moses Hogan; the poignant “Choral Reflections on Amazing

Grace,” composed by Roger Ames after the 9/11 attacks; and “Arise, My Love,” a joy-filled setting of words from the biblical Song of Solomon. Honoring the human drive to persevere, our concert concludes with composer Tom Trenney’s unique 2017 setting of “We Shall Overcome” for choir and djembe (and published by “our own” Augsburg Fortress). **For tickets and information, visit www.nwrs.org.** I would love to see you there!*

Are you a musician who would like to participate in worship? Let Kyle know!

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Do you have a child who sings or plays an instrument? Interested in handbells? Please do feel welcome and encouraged to let me know! You’re welcome to catch me after a worship service or email me at cantor@queenannelutheran.org.

See you in church,

Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

* Some of you may recognize our former Interim Pastor
Doug Stensby on the upper right of the photo!

CONNECT Partnering with Parents at QALC

Coming up on Sunday May 19, 9:30-10:20 AM, is the first meeting of CONNECT. It's an informal meeting for ALL parents with children at QALC, and during the meeting children can be happily occupied at ForKIDS time or in the nursery.

Why CONNECT? Summer is the time churches reflect on ministry and begin their planning for the new cycle of events starting in September. At CONNECT, parents will get to know other parents over a cup of coffee/tea, and share thoughts on how QALC might partner with them to support their child or children as they grow in their relationship with God.

In getting to know needs of families we can more effectively partner with parents in ministry. Please join us on May 19 at 9:30, upstairs in Room 202, and we'll have coffee and tea available!

Bibles Presented on May 5, Family Sunday

Each year in May the church family at QALC will present story Bibles, children's Bibles, or adult Bibles to children at three levels: pre-K, 3rd grade, and 5th grade on up. Families may choose for their child to receive a Bible by signing up with Terry Anderson or on a clipboard in the narthex.

On Family Sunday May 5, during 10:30 worship, the following families chose for their child to receive a story-Bible: Charlie Fink, Michelle Fink, Edward Rugg, Phillip Rugg, and Ethan Boysen.

Parents teach kids a multitude of things, and the QALC church family prays that God will guide parents as they use story Bibles, children's Bibles or adult Bibles in their homes. Even through Bible stories for young children, we can learn together and nurture our love for God's Word, growing seeds of faith.

A BIG thank you!

The Egg Hunt with a Difference happened with the help of many hands. Thanks to:

- The people who filled the Sharing Jar with coins and bills!
- The Wednesday Quilters who helped to fill eggs!
- Susan Evans, Mary Gallagher, Sean Williams and his friend Suzanna, and Magdalena Philips for running things on Easter Sunday!
- The kids who found eggs, and shared their findings to buy chicks for people in need overseas!

Each and every piece of help was an important part of the final result, and we'll be sure to let everyone know how many chicks are being sent! We are blessed to have help in ministry to kids, and it results in our being a blessing to others!

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Eastertide

On Easter, we welcomed new members **Dana Harmon, Lisa Gregory Chile, and Nancy Fulwiler** into our community. The following week, **Rowena Williamson** and her father **Andrew Williamson** were baptized. Our Easter celebrations were blessed by a large attendance, the music in worship, the joy of children and the abundance of food, and we give thanks to God for all these blessings. Photos from those April Sundays can be found on page 10 of this online issue.



QALC Represented at Lutheran Summer Music Program 2019

For her third and final year, Mei Le Smith will be attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University. This program lasts for four weeks in June and 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 these past two years. 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 "Sponsor a Student – Sponsor Now". Select an amount to give and select "One-time or Monthly" and "write us a comment". Last year we were told to have folks write in, "a violin player from QALC." (Due to tax laws, we 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! Please contact Dolly, Mac or Mei Le with questions. Thank you!

LYONS: Dinner Theater Postponed to June; Other Updates

Due to issues coordinating preparations for this annual youth fundraiser, LYONS (Lutheran Youth of North Seattle) has decided to postpone their annual Dinner Theater, and instead to incorporate that event into an end-of-year celebration for LYONS in June. On Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 PM, LYONS is holding a meeting in the youth room at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church for everyone interested in helping out with the End of the Year Celebration / Dinner Theater event.

Bryant Williams, director of LYONS, has taken a call to be Youth & Family Ministry Director at Advent Lutheran Church in Mill Creek, WA. Megan Hundley, LYONS program assistant, continues part time through Sunday, June 9, which is also the date of the LYONS End-of-the-Year Picnic.

A meeting was held here at Queen Anne Lutheran on April 28 to hear about the changes happening with LYONS and to discuss the vision for QALC and our youth going forward. If you were not able to make it but would like to share your thoughts, please contact Kirsten Erickson (our LYONS Board rep) at klerickson77@gmail.com. We would like to hear from families with kids of all ages so we can better understand the hopes and interests around youth programming for the future.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Katie Thompson
Elliott Oplinger
Karen McCullough
William Bush
Candy Mathes
Sophie Pritchard
Elissa Rosenthal
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

World's End? Addressing the Climate Crisis



Scientists across the globe now say that we may have as little as eleven years before irreversible changes in our climate take effect, changes that will be devastating. What is the science predicting, and how might we respond from a faith perspective?

Join us this spring for a *special four-part forum series*—**World's End?**

Addressing the Climate Crisis—beginning with a two-part presentation by

Dr. Kristie Ebi, author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change latest

report and professor of public health from the University of Washington, followed by an introduction

to “eco-theology” by **Pastor Dan** on 5/12, and concluding with a forum and public lecture on 5/19

(see below) by **Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda**, eco-theologian, from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The forum series runs from **Sunday, 4/28 to Sunday, 5/19**, 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Dr. Kristie L. Ebi is a professor of global health and environmental and occupational health sciences at the University of Washington and she has been conducting research and practice on the health risks of climate varia-

bility and change for over twenty years. Her research focuses on the impacts of and adaptation to climate change. She focuses on understanding sources of vulnerability, estimating current and future health risks of climate change, and designing adaptation policies and measures to reduce the risks of climate change in multi-stressor environments.



Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Professor of Theological and Social ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, brings together Earth ethics, eco-feminist theologies, and other liberation theologies in her work on climate change.

Her book, *Resisting Structural Evil: Love as Ecological Economic Vocation* (Fortress, 2013), won a Nautilus Book Award for social justice. She has lectured or consulted in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, and many parts of North America.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19:

Hope, Courage, and Moral-Spiritual Power in the Age of Climate Change

A Free Public Lecture by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda • 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Climate justice may be the foremost moral challenge of the 21st century. Humankind—or rather some of us—are threatening Earth's capacity to regenerate and support life, including human life. While caused primarily by high-consuming people, climate change is wreaking death and destruction first and foremost on impoverished people. How are we to face this crisis with courage, wisdom, agency, and hope? What does religion bring to the issue? This presentation aims at interdisciplinary inquiry into these burning questions. The presentation is free.

(You can help spread the word about this event by visiting our event page on Facebook, and liking or sharing the event with your Facebook community.)

What Is Death Of God Theology?

Pastor Dan's brand new article on this subject is featured in the latest edition of *The 4th R*, copies of which are available in the office. All are invited to a discussion of the ideas in the article with Pastor Dan on **Wednesday, May 15 at 7 PM** in the Conference Room. Refreshments will be provided.



So how did we do this spring?

Quilts—approximately 75. Baby Care kits—31, School Kits—29, Personal Care Kits—90, Fabric Kits—5, and Soap.

So how can YOU help? Of course we always need help paying for shipping. If you would still like to donate, write a check to **QALCWomen**, mark it “LWR Loading” and place it in the offering plate. Help us collect cotton sheets and men’s lightly-used cotton t-shirts.

Thanks: 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.

The Evening Circle that has been meeting at Barbara Bach’s home will meet at QALChurch in the narthex in May and June. In May the Bible Study is a devotional on passing things from generation to generation. Do we think: children and grandparents? Do we think of our church family? Come join us this month for a lively discussion.

“Garage Sale Season” is coming!

Please watch your neighborhood garage sales for the following items for our LWR projects:

- **Cotton Sheets** - dark colors
- **Baby clothes** - t-shirts, pants, socks, hats, and receiving blankets. Size 6 month to size 2.
Suggested price, less than \$3/item.
- **Adult sport-type cotton t-shirts**, large or x-large preferred - they make wonderful diapers!.
Suggested price 25 cents.
- **Fabric** of all types - prefer cotton. We love flannel!

Remember in July to start watching for school supplies on sale, also!

You (the Women of QALC) approved allocating \$3,000.00 for Core Tanzania School this year. The proposal also included raising \$1,000 per year for the next 3 years (2020, 2021, and 2022) in support of the school. Sallie Wilson is in charge of this project. Part of the support for the school will be making book bags for the students. One of the requests was for two dark-colored handkerchiefs per book bag. We need 60. The handkerchiefs could be bandanas. Would anyone like to work on this?

REGION 1 GATHERING

SAVE THE DATE

June 21-23, 2019

Oregon
Women of the ELCA



From Sonja Hoffman, President

Oregon Synodical Women of the ELCA Greetings Sisters in Christ:

“YOUR FAITH JOURNEY!” This is our theme for the Region I Gathering that will be held June 21-23, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Hillsboro, OR. The Oregon SWO Board and I are excited to invite you and the other Christian women in your life to join us in discovering, renewing and deepening “Your Faith Journey.”

Our presenter will be Sharon Garlough Brown. Sharon is the author of the **Sensible Shoes** four book series. The books follow four characters as they work to discover God’s plan for them and develop relationships with each other.”

Look for more information and registration forms in the Narthex!

QALCWomen’s Committee

Pat Sobeck, Sallie Wilson, Lisa Ondrejcek and Candy Mathes

Circles and Small Groups

QALCW Unnamed Circle meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In May and June, the meeting is at church in the narthex at 7 PM. May 28 and June 25 are the dates. Contact bbach4751@gmail.com for info.

Northern Lights, our north-end Circle, meets on Monday, May 20 at 7 PM. Contact Dolly Smith at ohana3@comcast.net for info and locations.

Sewing and Service meets Wednesdays at 9:30 AM at QALC for quilting. Join us for coffee at 10:30 AM.

PDQs is a multigenerational, multigender group which meets at QALC on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM for a simple supper and quilting. In May, the meeting is Tuesday, May 21.

Queen Anne Men’s Ministry (for men of all ages)

Easter Breakfast: Thanks to all who helped set up, brought egg dishes, fruits and breads, and cooked and served food at the Easter Breakfast! 120 people were served. The food and fellowship were great. (Photos from our Easter festivities can be viewed in the online *Quill*.)

Spring LWR Ingathering May 3rd/4th 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 at lwrmathes@aol.com.

Queen Anne Lutheran Church Annual Picnic—June 9. Men’s group will cook the meats and organize the serving tables. Note that is the first Sunday of summer worship hours—i.e. 10 AM is the only service.

—Rich Mathes

COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE



Compassion Brunch — a gathering of grace

Sat., May 11, 2019 • 10:30 AM check-in; program at 11

Seattle Swedish Club • 1920 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle

Peggy Morgan says, “Be My Guest!”

“As a member of Compass Housing Alliance's board, I'd like to invite *you*, as a member of Compass's community, to join me at a celebration of that community's legacy of compassion and support across generations.

The May 11 brunch buffet is inspired by Compass's roots in the Swedish and Lutheran communities, including modern twists on traditional Nordic dishes. The program honors the commitment of Queen Anne Lutheran (along with many other Lutheran churches) to our homeless and unstably housed neighbors throughout the Puget Sound region. Proceeds from this event will benefit the transformational, innovative work Compass Housing Alliance is doing--reaching over 10,000 people each year with shelter, transitional and permanent housing, and day services.

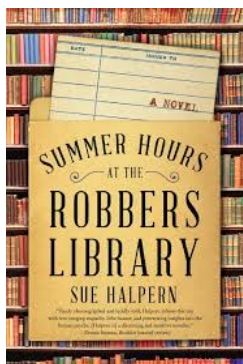
I currently have eight seats open at my table for the first eight folks* to let me know they'd like to attend, at no cost.

Contact Peggy at pmorganxyz@comcast.net.

—Peggy Morgan

*And if this table fills up, other attendees can register online to attend—tickets are \$50 per person.

Go to www.compasshousingalliance.org/brunch



May Book Group — *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library*

Book Group meets in the narthex on the last Monday of each month—except in May, we meet a week early (May 20) to avoid conflicts with Memorial Day plans. We want to make it clear that all are welcome at our meetings, men and women, old or young. Everyone is invited! **Anyone** who wants to be in on the discussion is welcome, and it's okay if you didn't have time to read one month or can't always attend! This month we will meet on Monday, May 20 at 7 PM in the church narthex to discuss *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* by Susan Halpern. Discussion will be led by Barb Bach.

From amazon.com: "People are drawn to libraries for all kinds of reasons. For head librarian Kit, the public library in Riverton, New Hampshire, offers what she craves most: peace. An escape from the calamitous events that had catapulted her out of a settled, suburban life. But that changes when a home-schooled teen named Sunny gets arrested for shoplifting a dictionary. The judge throws the book at Sunny—literally—assigning her to do community service at the library for the summer. Bright, curious, and eager to connect with someone other than her off-the-grid hippie parents, Sunny coaxes Kit out of her self-imposed isolation. As the story unfolds in this little library, the heart of its small town, the cast of offbeat characters come to terms with how their lives have unraveled and also discover how they might knit them together again."

Reading ahead: June's selection is the "All Seattle Reads" selection, *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui. The entire year's picks can be found on the narthex bulletin board and online on the church website; from the home page, go to CONNECT/QALC BOOK GROUP.



CORE Tanzania Update

We're happy to report continued progress on our Twegashe School program.

First, a huge "Thank you" to the QALC Women for their generous donation of \$3,000. We feel very blessed to have your support!

We've made it through another government hoop, with the formation of a local NGO in Tanzania to carry out our activities there. We have word from our Tanzanian architect that the building permit should be ready by the beginning of May. The block press that we've purchased has made its way from India to Bushasha Village, and our volunteer builder has completed a week-long training in Dallas on using this machine and on building with compressed earth blocks. Our well has been drilled, and a pump is on order, so we'll have water on site when we're ready to start making blocks.

There's still one more government application to complete, but Michael needs to be in-country for us to begin that step. We'll be heading to Bushasha on May 11 to make preparations for construction, and that application will be our first item of business. Michael will be staying in Tanzania for an extended time to oversee the project, and our volunteer builder will arrive in late May, assuming all goes well with his residence permit application. If we haven't received permission by that time to actually start building, there will be plenty of work to do making blocks—our calculation is that for Phase I construction we'll need about 60,000 of them!

Lots of blocks required, and of course, lots of funds, too! We've raised enough to start, but there's still a gap to close for funding the entire Phase I project. We are so thankful for all the support we have already received from our Queen Anne friends. If you have suggestions of people or groups we could reach out to (or that you could reach out to on our behalf) to leverage that support, we would be very grateful for your input.

Thank you for standing behind us in this effort to bring meaningful education to children in rural Tanzania.

—Michael and Jeannette Banobi

Lutheran World Relief

Many thanks to those who have donated to help cover shipping costs for our Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits, and to those who helped box and load them on April 28.



LWR tells us that our quilts and kits from 2018 were sent to Ethiopia, Armenia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Mauritania, Iraq, and El Salvador (see chart).

Where Did Our Quilts and Kits Go?

Item	Date Shipped	Notes
Quilts	9/20/2018	Armenia
Quilts	9/20/2018	Tanzania
Quilts	9/27/2018	Ethiopia
Personal Care Kit	6/28/2018	El Salvador
Personal Care Kit	9/27/2018	Ethiopia
Personal Care Kit	11/23/2018	Mauritania
Personal Care Kit	1/12/2019	Zimbabwe
Baby Care Kit	6/28/2018	El Salvador
Baby Care Kit	9/20/2018	Iraq
Baby Care Kit	9/27/2018	Ethiopia
New School Kit	6/6/2018	
New School Kit	1/12/2019	Zimbabwe
Fabric Kit	9/20/2018	Armenia

THANKSGIVINGS IN THE EASTER SEASON



On Easter Sunday, we welcomed as new members Dana Harmon, Nancy Fulwiler, and Lisa Gregory Chille. The following Sunday, Rowena Williamson was baptized, and so also was her father, Andrew.



Megan Hundley, longtime program assistant for the Lutheran Youth of North Seattle, visited our congregation on April 28. We bid her Godspeed at our worship that day. Megan's last day with LYONS will be June 9, the same day as their end-of-year picnic. Megan has a full-time job in Everett. With the earlier departure of Bryant Williams, LYONS director, the future of youth ministry on Seattle's north end Lutheran churches will need to take on a new shape. See page 5 of this issue of *the Quill* to find out how to participate in the discussion around that ministry.



THANKSGIVINGS IN THE EASTER SEASON



Easter Breakfast was hosted by the Men's Ministry, who set the tables, flipped pancakes and worked hard in the kitchen. Many others supplied egg dishes, pastries, and fruit. Our Easter floral cross took on its lovely form, and became a nice backdrop for photos of members of all ages. Below left, Ben Matter and his nephew; at right, the Boysen family.





Bishop's Message

*By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod
From the May 2019 edition of The Spirit*

Words of Encouragement

I have been pondering what to share with the newly elected bishop. These are a few of my thoughts recorded before the election in order to reach the editor's deadline. I thought they might be of interest to the whole Synod.

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Dear Newly Elected Bishop,

Know that you were called by God to serve as a bishop of this church and that God will provide you with all that you will need.

It can be a daunting transition, but there will be many who will accompany you. The people of God will pray for you BY NAME on a regular basis. You will have a staff to share the highs and lows with. You will discover amongst the roster and laity those who will offer you encouragement and graciously speak the truth to you.

It is a great privilege to meet so many rostered ministers and wonderful lay people. I was also blessed to know better our specialized ministers and the amazing work they do.

The Vice President and the Synod Council will be your partners in offering leadership and direction.

Quickly, you will head off to Chicago for Bishop's Formation. It will be a time to bond with your class of newly elected bishops. It is very moving to share your call stories and wonder together if you are fit for what lies ahead. I am confident many of my classmates will be lifelong friends.

You will also have the rich experience of being part of the Conference of Bishops. It was a real eye opener for me coming from the Northwest to discover how diverse the practices of this church are. Yet, I must say I have never experienced a group that works so hard to hear one another and does so in such a respectful way. The Conference became a life line for me.

Before you even settle in you will attend the Churchwide Assembly where you will experience what it means to gather a thousand strong. You will be introduced to the many life-giving ways this church is present throughout the world. It is impressive to hear a thousand voices in song and prayer. (And this is from a guy who doesn't enjoy singing!)

The joy awaits you of being able to meet a host of judicatory leaders and interfaith leaders. This is a group that is growing stronger in solidarity against hate and hostility. They will walk alongside of you as together you share the challenges of navigating these times.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways in which Faith Action Network, our Public Policy Office, will invite your voice and presence to advocate for those who are marginalized by a political system that is deeply influenced by privilege and power.

One of my biggest surprises was discovering how deeply valued the church's voice is in a world that still hungers for a gracious moral grounding. I was amazed what it meant to others just to show up.

I want you to know that I am praying for you and will continue to, knowing that in addition to the joy and incredible opportunities there is the weight of the office. Coupled with the weight is the pace which at times will be unrelenting. You will need to discover new rhythms and ways to take care of yourself.

May God continue to richly bless you and sustain you as you have said "yes" to serve as a bishop of this church!

With gratitude to God for you,
Bishop (Not for long) Kirby Unti

SERVING IN MAY

We would welcome your help leading worship, reading scripture, assisting with Communion, or ushering. If you are able and willing to do so, please talk to Pastor Dan, Cantor Kyle Haugen, or Barb Bash in the office.

Altar Guild:

Emmett Pritchard

Offering Counters

- 5 John Reese and Jennifer Jones
- 12 Lindley Williamson and Sally Villaluz
- 19 Bridget Boysen and Barbara Bach
- 26 Cathi Unseth and Michael Banobi

Ushers: (8:00 AM)

- 5 Ken Hockman
- 12 NEEDED
- 19 Ken Hockman
- 26 Ken Hockman

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 5 Jim Margard/Denny Alfson
- 12 Don Thomas/Denny Alfson
- 19 Don Thomas/Denny Alfson
- 26 NEEDED

Lector/Communion Server (8:00 AM)

- 5 Ken Hockman
- 12 NEEDED
- 19 Jan Olson/Linda Olson
- 26 Mei Le Smith/ Dolly Smith

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 5 Carol Ann Davis
- 12 Aaron Rugg
- 19 Joan Kavanaugh
- 26 Jean Oplinger

Flowers on the Altar

- 5 Lisa Gregory Chille
- 12 Smiths
- 19 NEEDED
- 26 Sobeck

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 5 NEEDED
- 12 NEEDED
- 19 Smiths
- 26 Smiths

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

- 5 Jenna Del Vento
- 12 NEEDED
- 19 NEEDED
- 26 Pat Sobeck/Help Requested

Deadline for the June Quill is Tuesday, May 21.

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Cantor Kyle Haugen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bishop's Convocation 9:30am Sewing & Service 1:30pm Girl Scouts 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Alanon Planning Mtg 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	2 6:00pm Worship & Music 7:00pm Chancel Choir	3 8:00am LWR Ingathering @ORLC	4 8:00am LWR Ingathering @ORLC 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jam 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
5 Family Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship	6 7:00pm 12-Step FA	7 12:00pm After-Word 6:00pm Executive Committee	8 9:30am Sewing & Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	9 5:30pm Girl Scouts	10	11 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
12 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship	13 7:00pm ALZ Caregiver's Support 7:00pm 12-Step FA	14 12:00pm After-Word 6:30pm Church Council	15 9:30am Sewing & Service 1:30pm Girl Scouts 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Discussion: What is Death of God Theology? 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	16 7:00pm Chancel Choir	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
19 Synod Assembly 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 9:30am ForKIDS Sunday School 9:30am CONNECT! for Parents 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Cynthia Moe Lobeda Public Talk	20 7:00pm QALC Book Group 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step FA	21 Pastor Dan out until 5/25 12:00pm Interfaith Community 5:30pm PDQs 7:00pm LYONS Board	22 9:30am Sewing & Service 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	23 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	24	25 9:30am Alanon Women's Potluck 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
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