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the Pastor's WORD

Sabbatical Report

As some of you reading this know, council approved my request for a one-month sabbatical which, as of the end of July, I completed. Normally, according to synodical guidelines, a pastor receives a three-month sabbatical at the end of six years. Unlike the Ten Commandments, however, these guidelines are not written in stone. Congregation and pastor can modify them in good faith—and so we did.

You might be wondering: why did Pastor Dan ask for a one-month sabbatical at the end of three years, the anniversary of which he celebrated in June, rather than three months at the end of six? The short answer is my call as pastor and theologian, the latter of which involves doing research, something, in addition to spending extremely valuable time with my family in California, I pursued daily for the entire month.

What was the result? I feel reinvigorated. I have a deeper sense of purpose on the other side of the research I completed, work that will unquestionably inform my ministry over the months to come. Reading, writing, and thinking deeply about God, the Bible, and the faith we share as a community—these are my spiritual disciplines. I know that now more than ever before. I feel calm after reading. I love God with my mind. This is who God made me to be.

That said, the research I completed was not just about me. It was about how I will continue to serve *you* in the ministry we share. Wait until you hear what I discovered! Listen to the sermons I will deliver. Watch our adult forum programming as well. I intend to present a series this year or next on the Old Testament's most "Godless" book, one that Martin Luther despised and dismissed as full of "pagan improprieties." I will defend the book, and while I cannot change Luther's mind, what I found might change yours.

In the meantime, know that whether far or near, you remain my priority. My feelings about you echo those of Paul toward the church in Philippi: "I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" (1:3-5). Worshipping on Sundays at my home congregation, I found myself praying for those of you who presently struggle, and during the weeks in between I sent notes when possible of gratitude or sympathy, depending on the circumstances.

You are, in short, a special congregation. It is my privilege to be your pastor. I returned on July 31, and I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

FROM THE CANTOR

Pastor Dan Since joining the staff at Queen Anne Lutheran Church as your *cantor*, I've heard the question, "What's a *cantor*?" It's a very reasonable question. After all, *cantor* isn't a term we hear every day in popular culture. Look online and the definitions are narrowly focused, describing someone who leads responsorial verses in a Christian church or at a Jewish synagogue.

Lutherans have historically understood the term *cantor* a bit differently. The Church of St. Thomas in Leipzig, for example (the *Thomas Kirche* or *Thomanerkirche*), has a famous line of *cantors* (in German, *Kantor*). The most famous among them, is Johann Sebastian Bach, who served from 1723 to 1750. As *Thomanerkantor*, Bach conducted the choir of men and boys and orchestral ensembles; he planned the liturgies and played the organ for Sunday services and other occasions; and he wrote copious amounts of organ, choral, and orchestral music, including many of his cantatas—with typically a new cantata presented weekly(!). Even adjusting for Bach's over-achieving tendencies, you can see that among Lutherans the term *cantor* refers to a wide-ranging role encompassing the whole musical life of a congregation.

I recently found a modern definition of *cantor* at the Association for Lutheran Church Musician's website. Here's a slightly edited version of text that is artistically inscribed for a poster entitled, "The Role of the Cantor."

The cantor... the historical term among Lutherans, is the leader of the people's song. When Christ's people, the baptized, gather for worship, they receive God's love in word and sacrament and through the gift of music pray, praise, proclaim and recount the story of God's grace in song. The cantor is responsible for leading the musical expression of the people... the assembly, choral groups, solo singers and instrumentalists, among whom organists have been especially important for Lutherans. The cantor leads the earthly assembly in a foretaste of John's vision of the heavenly assembly in which all creatures give praise, honor, glory and power to the Lamb.

J.S. Bach signed each of his musical compositions with the initials "S.D.G." for *Soli Deo Gloria*, which means, "To God alone be the glory." Every cantor hopes that each note of music—from prelude to postlude and everything in between—may be to God's glory and the edification of the congregation gathered to receive God's gifts in worship.

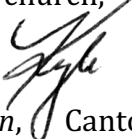
Sing for a Sunday this August

Let's meet Sunday, August 11 at 9:00 a.m. *sharp* in the choir gallery at the rear of the nave and prepare to sing for the 10:00 service that same day. I'll have a couple of music options ready so I can choose something that fits the group *du jour*. (It's helpful if you RSVP to cantor@queenannelutheran.org.) *What happens if we don't have a "choral quorum?"* If it turns out we don't quite have enough singers, let's go to Macrina Bakery for some pre-service fellowship!

Come sing with the choir this Fall

Choir rehearsals resume Thursday, September 12 and the choir will participate in the "Welcome Back" 10:30 service on Sunday, September 15. More info to come in next month's *Quill*. Mark your calendar!

See you in church,



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
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Here I am Lord....if you lead me!

We breathe in and we breathe out in order to live. Doing only one or the other isn't really an option!

In the New Testament we hear of disciples and apostles, and learn that as God's followers we are both. Disciples are those who learn, and apostles are those sent into communities to do God's work. In Luke 10 we hear that "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few".

We have different talents and sometimes conclude that those who are learners learn (like disciples), and those with the time to serve or be a leader (like apostles) do that. Sometimes we think that the pastor, cantor, kid min leader, or office manager will get things done because, well, it's their job.

Rather than one or the other, we're ALL called to disciples AND apostles. They go together like our breathing in and breathing out.

When "the laborers are few" and "apostles" take on too much work they run the risk of getting burned out, and when "disciples" only learn they, like still water, can become stagnant.

In the Gospels we hear about the twelve disciples, and in Luke 10 we hear of **seventy** imperfect, busy, and untrained people sent out as laborers "into the harvest". It takes a lot of people to "harvest"!

Thankfully apostles weren't and still aren't sent to plant the harvest, or manage the results of the harvest. Apostles labor in the harvest, sometimes even without a clear understanding their part in the whole or without seeing the results of their labor.

We grow our faith at worship, personal study and prayer, and maybe forums at church. We live our faith by serving and doing the work of God. And there's something for everyone.

The lyrics to an Irish hymn are a beautiful response to being a laborer in the harvest:

*Here I am Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I will hold neighbors in my heart. I will hold children in my heart. I will hold the strangers in my heart. I will hold the sick or shut-ins in my heart. I will hold the environment and future generations in my heart. I will hold the ... ? ... What is God calling *you* to "harvest"?

Summer is coming to a close and regular worship and church activities resume. There's a lot to "harvest" and help is welcomed! Breathe in and breathe out.

Terry Anderson, Children's Ministry Coordinator
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PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATES

(this is update of July article; see July Quill for more information)



Door refinishing: The long-awaited front door refinishing happened! Holowchuk did great work. Note that the little “L” wood pieces could not easily be removed because they are nailed. Holowchuk used lots of elbow grease with little metal scrapers on all the corners. Vortex (a door repair company) adjusted what was needed so the doors open and close better than before the refinishing. Thanks to all of you who contributed to “the Doors Fund.” McGraw Street door refinishing should happen late in August or early September.

Parsonage exterior painting: The parsonage painting finished July 23. Ironically the new wood fence on the south side was painted July 22 by that house’s owners. It blends real well with the “Cake Batter” walls and “Van Buren Brown” trim of the parsonage. A few shingles and back porch rails were replaced, and old no-longer-used telephone and cable lines were removed.

Our second floor heating and airflow has not existed since the February snow. In early July, Johansen determined that the damper must be fixed by replacing the fusible link. That was installed.

For their final step, they will insert an entry door in the narthex kitchen wall-hole, so that the damper can be accessed in the future, if necessary. Although modern fire/smoke damper detectors are often activated before the heat becomes hot enough to melt a fusible link, the fire department would not allow us to install such detectors, because of the age of our building. We will simply keep the heat detecting fusible link system we have.

None of our other dampers have access panels, so if and when another one sticks or is closed, we may have another needle-in-the-haystack project.

Rainwise QALC?

This month Monsoon Rain Gardens added a website link that you can use to learn more about their proposal for QALC, as well as research their company and the many Rainwise projects they have completed. Go to www.monsoonraingardens.com/qalc

During August there will be four display boards on easels in the narthex. One shows where the cisterns will be located. Note that whatever cover or sign is on the cistern is our choice. Any QALC signage there will probably need to mesh with our own Sign Committee’s plans for our outside signage design, and there are some Parks Department and City requirements to follow. We could also just ensure plants block several of the cisterns. One of the displays has an aerial view showing which parts, and how much, of our rainwater goes into which cistern.

Any questions or suggestions are appreciated. You can also ask questions directly of Monsoon Rain Gardens at the website link.

Rich Mathes
Property Committee



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Groove & Twang on the grass

As we did last summer, on the four Wednesday evenings in August we will host “**Groove & Twang on the Grass.**” A free picnic open to the public with accompanying music will be held outside in the church yard beginning at 5:30 PM, and will be followed by short prayer service using a beautiful and simple sung liturgy from Holden Village in the sanctuary at 6:45 PM.

The first and third weeks, Roosevelt High School will provide a jazz ensemble of student musicians to perform for us. On alternating weeks, the Bluegrass Twang will play—our own Emmett Pritchard is one of the musicians in this group. All four events will include a simple menu of grilled items, including some for vegetarians; chips, watermelon and root beer floats. Each week, a different group will lead the volunteers; here’s the line-up:

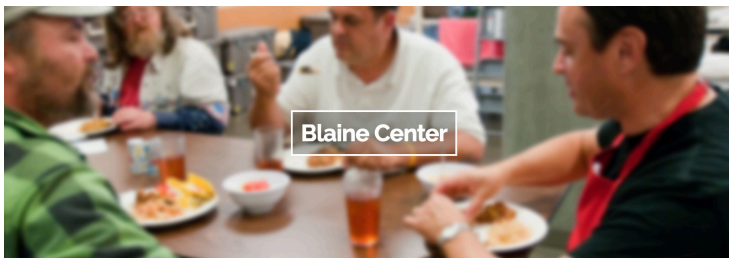
August 07	Roosevelt High School Jazz Quartet	Coordinating Group: Church Council
August 14	The Bluegrass Twang	Coordinating Group: Chancel Choir
August 21	Roosevelt High School Jazz Quartet	Coordinating Group: Men’s Ministry
August 28	The Bluegrass Twang	Coordinating Group: Women’s Ministry

This is a great way to connect to our neighborhood. Please plan to attend and invite friends and neighbors. A sign-up is in the narthex for volunteers—and we are looking for **one more grill to borrow** as well. Each week, we’ll need volunteers to:

- help set up tables & chairs and begin to prep food around 4:30 PM;
- start grills at 5:00;
- serve and resupply food tables from 5:15 – 6:30;
- clean up, starting at 6:30, by washing the serving dishes in the Fellowship Hall and putting chairs and tables back in the chapel.

God’s Work. Our Hands... August 31.

QALC will participate in the nation-wide ELCA event, “God’s Work. Our Hands”, to serve the community, by providing breakfast for the 60-70 residents of **Compass Blaine Center** for men, on Saturday, August 31.



This will be our third consecutive year of providing this breakfast for homeless men at CBC, located at Denny and Warren, in lower Queen Anne. QALC members can participate by providing breakfast items or serving. If you are interested, please email Jim Margard of the Social Concerns Committee (SCC) at jrm952@gmail.com.

The SCC is also in the process of exploring the needs of **New Horizons Ministry** at Vine and 3rd Ave., and our possible involvement. NH is a shelter for youth between ages 13-25, with a proportionately large clientele base of persons of color and LGBTQ+ lifestyle. NH provides safe shelter space, meals, counseling, medical services, clothing and toiletry items, in addition to social gathering places and Christian services (optional). Please contact Jim Margard if this service is of interest to you, or you would like to know more about it.



First Fall Forum Series: Digital Apocalypse? AI and Our Human Future

What will Artificial Intelligence (AI) mean for humanity in the years to come? Will its promises benefit us or will its development be to our peril? Joining us for this exciting three-week forum series beginning on Sunday, 9/22, will be **Carissa Schoenick**, Sr. Program Manager and Communications Director at the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence; the **Rev. Dr. Ted Peters**, Director of the Center for Theology and Natural Sciences in Berkeley, returns on 9/29; our own **Pastor Dan** completes the series on 10/6. Stay tuned for further details!

Carissa Schoenick is a Sr. Program Manager and Communications Director at the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (AI2), where she works on defining, driving, and communicating the future of AI.

Carissa has spent over a decade working at the forefront of artificial intelligence and computational knowledge initiatives. Before joining AI2 in 2014, she managed computable data and natural language parsing efforts for the Wolfram Alpha knowledge engine, as well as implemented leading-edge computational cloud support features and environments for Amazon Web Services. Carissa has co-authored articles on the current challenges and future potential of artificial intelligence for publications like NBC News, Education Week, and Communications of the ACM.



Ted Peters, who presented forums in 2018 here at Queen Anne Lutheran on the topic of Astrotheology, 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.

August Jam—Back to first Saturdays

Community Music Jam, that is. The bluegrass group, open to all, will meet August 3 on the first Saturday as usual, and return to that monthly schedule going forward. Led by our own Emmett Pritchard, the Jam meets from 3:00–5:00 PM in the chapel, and all bluegrass instruments and voices are welcome. If you can't make the Jam, be sure to stop by our Wednesday picnics on August 14 and 28 to hear the bluegrass!

Beyond Faith at a Fork in the Road

Beyond Faith is a group of folks exploring what they believe. In the past, we have studied the evolution of Christian faith traditions, the purpose of prayer, and our thoughts, our feelings, and the practicalities surrounding death. We will be choosing our next topic, select materials, and confirming meeting logistics at our gathering on Thursday, August 8 at Lee Duty's home. A picnic supper will be served at 6 PM, with discussion at 6:30 PM. Please call Lee to RSVP. If you are interested, but can't attend, please email your comments. Lee's contact info is: 206-686-2794 or leeduty@financialdetailers.com.

All are welcome!

Lutheran World Relief Kit Materials Needed

SCHOOL KITS: We need the following items **by Sept 30**. School items are on sale now. Donations can be placed in the narthex "LWR" drawer; please put your items in the correct bin so they can find their way to us! Our goal is to assemble 75 school kits, plus 30 kits for **CORE Tanzania**, which use most of these same items:

- **70-sheet notebooks** (wide or college ruled) – need 200. Buy these at Fred Meyer or Walmart for 25 cents each
- **Pencil sharpeners** (w/ cover)—Need 75
- **Rulers** (centimeter/inch)—Need 70. Note: *Wood rulers need a metal edge to draw straight lines; hard plastic rulers or metal rulers are fine. Do not buy rubber rulers – they curl.*
- **Pencils**—Need 100 unsharpened pencils—there are 5 per kit (*Yes, we finally used up much of our supply of pencils!*)
- **Ball point pens**; blue/black regular (i.e. not gel) —Need 100—there are 5 per kit
- **Box Crayons** (24 regular)—30 boxes (about 60-80 cents)
- **Blunt scissors** —Need 15
- **Erasers** (2.5 inches long)—Need 20

We also intend to send 100 **PERSONAL CARE KITS**, so we will need:

- **100 nail clippers**. These are usually 49 – 59 cents on sale, which occurs periodically; Bartell's sells two for one (for \$1); however, usually with a limit of 12. **We need these by Sept 7.**

If you will not be able to shop the sales, you can contribute funds to QALCW marked "LWR Kit Supplies" to defray costs.

Contact Rich or Candy Mathes if you have questions at lwrmathes@aol.com

THANK-YOUS

Queen Anne Lutheran Church received thanks from the following:

From Lutheran Community Services Northwest for a donation of \$200.00

We give thanks for our own Visitation Teams for their visits to those who cannot come to church regularly. Thanks to the women of Sewing & Service who worked to organize the quilting storage in July. Thanks to Candy and Rich Mathes for taking a load of unneeded toys from our church to the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) for a toy drive.

Men's Ministry *(For men of all ages)*

Here are some events to take note of in the months ahead:

Wednesday, August 21—Groove and Twang, We will setup, cook and cleanup. Need several volunteers to help setup around 4:30; grill setup starts at 5 pm; need more to help keep food tables going from 5:15 to 6:30; need dedicated cleanup volunteers starting at 6:30 to wash the serving dishes in Fellowship Hall dishwasher, and others to put chairs and tables back in the chapel. Please sign up in the narthex.

Saturday, September 14—Assemble LWR Personal Care Kits at 9 AM in the Conference Room.

Saturday, October 12—Assemble School Kits at 9 AM in the Conference Room.

Friday & Saturday, November 1&2—LWR Fall Ingathering at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church.

—Rich Mathes

Holden Village 2020:

We are organizing a one-week QALC group for Holden Village next summer. Go to holdenvillage.org to get a sense of the experience, or talk to someone who has been there before. Please sign up in the narthex this summer with your preferred week(s). We will probably try for a week in July.

Some of you may feel it's hard to commit time a year in advance. A group reservation allows us to substitute for you if you don't attend. So you do not need to know for sure your summer plans when you sign up as "interested." Our reservation will be submitted December 1—but the final list of names won't be sent until around May 1.

Holden is great for kids and families. Besides being safe, and directly in God's creation, morning classes are available in the village school—kids can meet other kids. If any of our families are interested in this opportunity, please sign up!

Why go with a group? If you have never been, it is an easy way to get oriented. There are about 450 people in the village each day June 1— Aug 31.

Hiking into Holden—Options include a hike from Stehekin into Holden, over Martin Ridge using Cottonwood Creek trail, or Cloudy Pass, or Spider Gap. Anyone with potentially similar interests, or other hikes, please note that on signup sheet.

—Rich Mathes

August Book Group Will Choose 2020 Titles at a Garden Party

The Queen Anne Book Group invites all who are interested to meet on **Monday, August 26** at the Mathes home at 6:30 PM to help create their 2020 book list and schedule, as well as have some relaxing time together. Bring your list of "wannareads." Contact Candy Mathes or the church office for location. For those of you looking for summer reading, here is the list of books slated for September to November of this year. The group meets on the last Monday of each month in the church narthex at 7:00 PM for their book discussions:

September 30	<i>Everything Happens for a Reason</i> , by Kate Bowler (Cathi Unseth, discussion leader)
October 28	<i>The Immortal Irishman: the Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero</i> by Timothy Egan (Joan Kavanaugh, discussion leader)
November 25	<i>The Great Unknown</i> by Kristen Hannah (Karen McCullough, discussion leader)

The Summer Suggestion Box Is Still Out—*This time for sermon topics and hymns!*

Do you **wish you could hear a sermon** on a certain bible passage, or a faith question that you struggle with? Do you have a **favorite hymn** from our red hymnal or from somewhere else? Then submit your ideas in the suggestion box on the narthex table. Pastor Dan will take your questions, topics or sermon texts and preach from them this summer. Cantor Kyle will see if the hymn ideas are available for us to sing, and if we can incorporate your suggestion in support the season, readings, and sermon topics.

CORE Tanzania News

We're pleased to report that we finally got the "stamp of approval" from the Bukoba District Executive Director on our application to build a school. This means we can now proceed full-speed ahead with school construction!

With perfect and completely unplanned good timing, we've got a fundraiser at the Ravenna Brewing Company coming up on August 3, from 4-9 PM. Come celebrate this good news with us! A portion of all proceeds from the evening will go to CORE Tanzania.

One more piece of good news...QALC member Marc Oplinger, head architect for our Twegashe School project, will be traveling to Tanzania in mid-August to get the view from on-the-ground and help with construction. We wish him "*Safari njema!*" ("Bon voyage!").

—Jeannette and Michael Banobi



\$1 of every pint sold goes to support education in rural Tanzania

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TOASTS FOR TWEGASHE!
CORE TANZANIA FUNDRAISING EVENT



Twegashe Primary School
(artist rendering)

Saturday August 3rd 4-9PM

CORE TANZANIA
is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to lift up poor communities in rural Tanzania through improved education. We are currently building a new school in Bushasha Village.

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Moments with July's Guest Pastors:



Left: Rev. Pam Gompf presided over her first eucharist as a newly-ordained pastor here on Sunday, July 14. Pam is called to serve Pointe of Grace Lutheran church in Mukilteo, WA. Right: On Sunday, July 21, our own member and seminary student Deborah Squires led our worship, including exploring with the children how the surprise item inside our Mystery Basket connects to what we know about God. Deb is a chaplain at St. Joseph's PeaceHealth Hospital in Bellingham this summer and will resume her internship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Everett in September..

We also enjoyed seeing Gabe Brannan and Rev. Terry Kylo back in our pulpit, and on July 7, welcomed Rev. Chris Ode, who is called to Living Stones Prison Congregation. Welcome back from sabbatical, Pastor Dan—our spirits have been well-fed in your absence!

Women's No-Work Event. Pat Sobeck has invited the QALC Women for lunch at the Hearthstone for our Summer No-Work Event. We will be meeting at the Hearthstone at 11:45 on Wednesday, August 7. Cost is \$10.00. Sallie Wilson is collecting the money for this event. Let Sallie know if you need a ride.

Groove & Twang help is needed! The Women's Group is in charge of the fourth Wednesday Groove and Twang Dinner, August 28. Help is needed to set up, serve and cleanup. Please come help us serve! Signups are in the narthex. We start set up, slicing, etc. around 4:30. Hamburgers need to be coming off the grill at 5:25! If you can't get there until later let us know. We will be glad to save a hamburger for you and we always need help with cleanup.

LWR Alert: We Need School Kits!

"Right now LWR is in urgent need of School Kits to fulfill request from partners around the world. Your donations each places like Syria, where LWR recently distributed 6,350 School Kits to families affected by the ongoing conflict."

July and August are also the best months for collecting school supplies—notebooks (usually at Fred Meyer in August for \$.25 each), blunt tip school scissors, wooden rulers with centimeters on one side, quality pencil sharpeners, 16 or 24 box of crayons, erasers that erase. . . a detailed list is on page 7. The Men's Group would love to fill 100 school bags this fall!

For **Baby Care Kits**, we need **men's large size cotton t-shirts, any color**. No religious or patriotic symbols, please!

Circles continue to meet when members are in town—check with a circle if you plan to attend. Sometimes plans are changed at the last minute. August *Gather* Bible Study continues with discussion of Esther. It is interesting to look at Esther through the eyes of the "MeToo" era. The Evening Circle is back at Barbara Bach's home. Come join us on August 26 at 7 PM. We would love to have you. Northern Lights circle meets on August 19 at Gretchen Richey's home.

Fall 2019 *Gather* Bible Study: "No hard feelings? Poetry & emotions in the Old Testament."

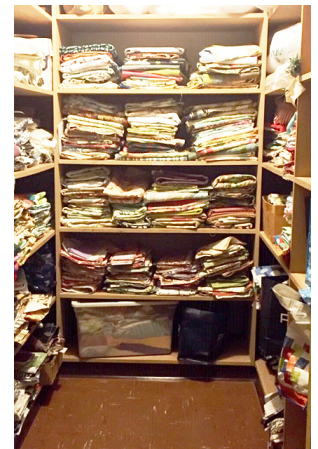


This September, October and November, we will study selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, Lamentations and Song of Solomon. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look to God for help in stewarding our deep emotions, finding hope and grace along the way. Bible Study is from *Gather* magazine; extra copies are in the narthex. Subscriptions to *Gather* are \$19.95 per year or 3 years for \$49.95.

Sewing and Service starts back with an optional Wednesday, August 14. **PDQ's** continues to meet on the third Tuesday evening, this month August 20. We spent part of our July straightening spaces. It often looks like we subscribe to the motto, "She with the most fabric wins!" (See photo at right.)

We are still looking for **someone to serve as treasurer** of the Women's Group. Talk to Lisa or Sallie about what is involved. We would love your help!

Your Women's Committee
Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Lisa Ondrejcek and Candy Mathes





Bishop's Message

By Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee, NWWA Synod

*From the August 2019 Edition of *The Spirit**

Broken Vessels

Today in the mail I received a surprise gift of pottery. Two vases and a cup. All beautiful. All treasured. But the most beautiful one has a crack on the top. I worried that it had cracked during the shipping process so I texted my friends who had sent it asking if I should be concerned. One of them replied, “Earthen vessels that we are, with maybe a crack that God can make beautiful.”

I confess that I’m feeling a little cracked right now. As excited as I am for this new call as Bishop, and as excited as I am to work with rostered ministers and congregations in this synod and in the wider church, there is a lot to process and learn. I feel the weight of responsibility and expectation.

But today, looking at this cracked vase, ruminating on my friend’s words, I am awash in grace.

You see, it is so easy when we look at ourselves or our world, to only concentrate on what seems broken. Sometimes we only see the imperfect and despair. We wonder what is wrong with this world, with society, with church, with ourselves.

But what if it is exactly this brokenness that shows God? What if this crack is where the Spirit enters in? Maybe it is in this very vulnerability when we can finally catch a glimpse of who God is and who we are.

I know that just as I have some anxiety about beginning a new call and what the future holds, there is anxiety in your lives, too. I understand both the difficulty and anticipation of moving into the future together.

But as I quoted Acts 17 during the synod assembly, I say to you again, “For in God, we live and move and have our being.” And this is where we begin and end—in God, with one another, trusting in the love that comes from Jesus. For this is who we are: Cracked earthen vessels open to the calling of the Spirit.

As I begin this new call as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, I call on all of us to be trusting, accepting, vulnerable, and hopeful, as we anticipate the dance of God’s Holy Spirit—cracked beautiful vessels that we are together.

In God’s Peace and Joy,
Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee



As of August 1, 2019, the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee will begin serving as the bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod.

She will be installed as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod on Saturday, November 2 at 2pm at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle. Reception to follow. Interested in helping? Contact susan@lutheransnw.org.

Staff Presence in August

PASTOR DAN has returned from his sabbatical and thanks the congregation for its support. 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 or contact the church office to set up an appointment. For pastoral emergencies, he can be reached by text at 253-230-9695.

KYLE HAUGEN, our cantor, is at the church Tuesday through Thursday each week, roughly from 1 to 8 PM. Kyle will be taking a vacation in early September and will be away two Sundays, September 1 & 8.

TERRY ANDERSON, our For**Kids** coordinator, will attend her home church on Sundays during the summer months but will be in the office every Wednesday. Terry can be reached at forkids@queenannelutheran.org.

BARBARA BASH, our parish administrator, is in the church office Tuesday through Friday each week, 9 to 5. She will be taking a vacation from August 15 through 21.

SERVING IN AUGUST

Sign-ups are in the narthex for providing flowers, hosting coffee hour, and ushering.

Contact the office or Pastor Dan if you would like to assist in worship.

Altar Guild:

Emmett Pritchard

Offering Counters

04 Barb Bach and Joel Matter

11 Linda Olson and Susan Evans

18 John Reese and Jennifer Jones

25 Barb Bach and Lindley Williamson

Ushers: (10:00 AM) (Two are needed)

04 needed

11 Jim Margard/needed

18 Jim Margard/needed

25 needed

Assisting Minister (10:00 AM)

04 Carol Ann Davis

11 open

18 open

25 Rich Mathes

Flowers on the Altar

04 Peggy Morgan

11 open

18 Rich & Candy Mathes

25 Barb Bach

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:00 AM)

04 open

11 open

18 open

25 open

Deadline for the September Quill is Thursday, August 22.

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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VBS@BFL	2 VBS@BFL	3 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jam 4:00pm CORE Tanzania Fundraiser @Ravenna Brewery, 4-9 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
4 10:00am Worship	5 7:00pm 12-Step FA	6 6:00pm Executive Committee	7 11:45am QALCWomen Lunch@Hearthstone 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Groove & Twang on the Grass 6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	8 6:00pm Beyond Faith Summer Gathering	9	10 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
11 10:00am Worship	12 7:00pm ALZ Caregiver's Support 7:00pm 12-Step FA	13 6:30pm Church Council	14 9:30am Sewing & Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Alateen planning mtg. 5:30pm Groove & Twang on the Grass 6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	15	16	17 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
18 10:00am Worship	19 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step FA	20 5:30pm PDQs	21 9:30am Sewing & Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Groove & Twang on the Grass 6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	22	23	24 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers
25 10:00am Worship	26 6:30pm QA Book Group Summer Gathering 7:00pm 12-Step FA	27 7:00pm QALCW Circle	28 9:30am Sewing & Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Groove & Twang on the Grass 6:45pm Holden Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	29	30	31 God's Work. Our Hands. Berakfast@Blaine Center 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers