

The Quill

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Welcome Sunday, Sept. 15

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Join us in our celebration to kick off the school year. Kids, please bring your school-year backpack to church to receive God's blessing as you start your new educational journey, and have fun getting ready for fall. . . Adult students and teachers are welcome to bring backpacks also!

Expanded Worship Opportunities at 8:00 & 10:30 AM as we return to fall's schedule

From 9 to 10:20 AM:

- Games and Activities for Kids & Adults
- Prizes and Treats
- Welcome Sunday Ministry Fair—Ways to Get Involved

At 10:30 Worship:

- Blessing of the Backpacks—for all those returning to school
- Mystery Basket
- Baptism

Find out more about **Adult Forum, Children's Ministry, Social Concerns** and **Music** as we enter into autumn's busy schedule!

An Answer to Fear

I'm scared. I hear about the fires consuming the Amazon Rainforest and my heart sinks. Scientists warn that we are at the critical "tipping point," that if these fires continue to rage, the effect on the climate could be irreversible. I have no idea what to do.

I'm scared. A mass shooting in the US occurs now on average once every nine days. I find myself wondering in a theater or grocery store what would happen if a shooter opened fire. How would I react? Would I be able to protect the person or people with me? Would I survive? My stomach turns when I hear do-nothing politicians offering their "thoughts and prayers" to victims and their families.

I'm scared. I'm afraid of what is happening to Christianity, how fundamentalism has become "the only game in town" as mainline Protestant churches dwindle and close. I listen to preachers on radio and television malign our denomination *by name*. They represent a Christian faith I do not recognize, one that turns trusting God into submission, the Bible into an idol, and the mind into muck. I want people to know there is an alternative, but what can I do?

I'm scared. Perhaps you are too. Sometimes I feel helpless. Perhaps you do as well. And if your experience is anything like mine, these feelings intensify when you are alone. That is what makes community so important! It empowers us by helping us see that we are not alone and that, together, we can confront the issues of our time, including the ones I've listed here.

If you have become distant from the church, feel more isolated, or have pulled away, our **Welcome Sunday on September 15th** would be the perfect opportunity for you to return. That morning from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the narthex we will feature exciting new ways to get involved and meet others. Our worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM will feature new "accents" as well. Please join us!

Yes, I'm scared. Maybe you are too. After all, the challenges we face today are great. But our fears need not have the final word. They dissipate when we come together. This is how "perfect love," which we experience in community, "casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). Life together helps us endeavor.



Pastor Dan



Art by Dan Erlander

FROM THE CANTOR

Add your voice to QALC's Choir... One week... One session... or all season!

Now's your chance to try the choir! *New, returning, and occasional singers* are welcome to attend rehearsal on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM downstairs in the Music Room and join us for warm-up on Welcome Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 AM and sing for the 10:30 service. You can sing for just this one service if you like, but of course you're encouraged to stay longer!

This season we will try dividing the season into several sessions, typically singing each Sunday along the way. My hope is that this encourages singers to join us who might be hesitant to commit to the full year through Pentecost. For the rest of 2019 (after Welcome Sunday), the sessions will be:

Reformation session: Thurs, Sept. 19 – Sun, Oct. 27

Advent/Christmas session: Thurs, October 31 – Wed, Dec. 25

I try to keep rehearsals fast-paced, focused, educational, and fun. It's not just about "learning the notes." Come sing with us!



Music and ForKIDS

Terry and I have been working behind the scenes on bringing back worship music opportunities for kids. With the demographic changes in the congregation and the challenges of evening commitments for families, the For**KIDS** time on Sunday mornings seems like the way forward. We have several blocks of Sundays when I will spend time during part of For**KIDS** to prepare music in advance for specific worship services. Terry is fun to work with and I'm looking forward to this! *More details as the year unfolds.*

Say "Hi" at Pastor Peterson's Painted-Parsonage Party, September 26

It's been almost 6 months since my first Sunday at QALC! Thank you for being so welcoming. If you'd like a chance to chat outside of Sunday mornings, come say "hello" at the parsonage gathering on Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 PM. Ask me about my years working in college admission, or taking a youth choir to Ireland... or test my *Star Trek* trivia! Hope to see you there.

See you in church,

Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

Happening in ForKIDS starting in September

After the summer, it's back to school and back to regular—or maybe new—routines. In ForKIDS we've got both the regular *and* the new. This ministry only happens with the help of volunteers, and there's a need for YOUR help if you're over 18.

Resuming Activities for ForKIDS

- **Child Care** is available during worship times, and church bags, doodle bags, and books to use during worship.
- **Family Sundays:** On the first Sunday of every month, kids, Tweens, and Teens are encouraged to help with worship by handing out bulletins, taking the offering, and reading the lessons. There's a sign-up on a clipboard a few weeks ahead of time, or volunteers can email Terry. There is a kids' message during worship and a table activity in the narthex afterwards.
- **God's Work Our Hands** Sunday, September 8, is the annual nation-wide ELCA focus on service. Families may choose a service to do on their own or to participate in ones offered at QALC. Families can fill bags with non-perishable items for homeless after worship on Sunday, and parents can write letters (templates provided by the ELCA) for advocacy on a variety of issues. We celebrate with service!
- **Welcome Sunday, September 15**, our two worship times resume. Starting at 9:30, between worship times, we'll have **fun activities** for kids (outdoors, weather permitting, or inside if not). Everyone is encouraged to bring their backpack for the **Blessing of the Backpacks** during 10:30 worship.
- **Sunday morning time ForKIDS begins at 9:30 on September 22.** Details and a schedule is available on Welcome Sunday at the ForKIDS information table, and information will be sent home weekly in *High Five ForKIDS*.

New Activities for ForKIDS

- **Two ForKIDS classes are available**, one for K-3 and one for grades 4-Tweens. Help teaching the classes is welcomed. To help, anyone over 18 may sign up on the narthex clipboard. This year the cycle is learning stories in the New Testament.
- **Sermon Notes**, a handout for taking notes during the sermon, is available on the table by the entrance door. Kids who complete 20 sermon notes during the year will be honored with an award!
- **A bible verse for the week** is sent home Sundays and in *High Five ForKIDS*, and kids are encouraged to learn it, discuss it with their family, or use it as a mealtime prayer.
- **CONNECT, a time for parents**, happens several times during the year at 9:30. The first meeting is on Sunday, October 20 at 9:30.
- **Sunday music time** with Cantor Kyle will give kids the opportunity to experience music and to offer their praises during several 10:30 AM worship services spread across the year.

—Terry Anderson,
Children's Ministry Coordinator
forkids@queenannelutheran.org



God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 8

Acknowledging that we are Christ's body in the world, we encourage our members to participate in the nation-wide ELCA event, "God's work. Our hands," to serve the larger community. We will celebrate our service on September 8 in worship.

There are many ways you can participate in God's Work—indeed, we do this all year long. However, here are special activities to consider. Help restore a person — or a nation.

FILL SNACK-PACKS FOR THE HUNGRY

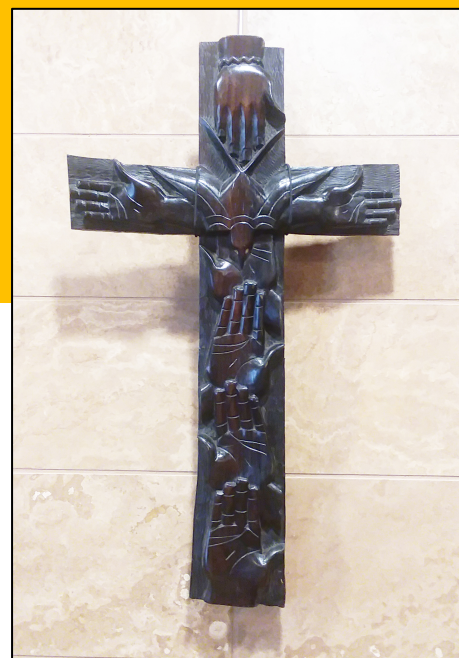
Sunday, September 8 in the narthex after worship

Assemble paper-bag sacks of nutritious snack foods. The church office gives these to those who come here in need; members may also take some to give out in their daily encounters with need. Led by Dolly Smith. Assembly line welcomes all ages.

WRITE LETTERS AT OUR ADVOCACY TABLE

Sunday, September 8 in the narthex after worship

The ELCA provides template letters to address the issues of Housing, Climate Finance, Food Assistance and Immigration Budgeting with our Congressional representatives. We will have a table out on Sunday for you to write and sign such letters; those collected by the ELCA will then be presented to our elected leaders.



Displayed in the narthex currently is this "Holy Spirit Cross" from Tanzania, on loan from Karen McCullough. It depicts God's Holy Spirit coming to people with hands ready to receive—a fitting gesture during our God's Work, Our Hands" initiative.

(If you have art you would like to contribute to our rotating display in the narthex, there is a sign-up sheet there, or speak with Myra Dittes.)

CORE Tanzania News

Construction of Twegashe School is moving ahead! Foundations for the main school building and teachers' duplex have been poured and blocks are being laid for the stem walls. We had our first visit from the government building inspectors last week after the foundations were completed. The inspectors were very interested in the style of reinforced construction that we are using. Michael asked at what stage they wanted to come next to inspect, and they said they want to come right before we pour the slab—not for the purpose of making sure that we are doing things correctly, but so that they can learn new building techniques... So teaching and learning are already happening at Twegashe School!

A huge "thank you" to our Queen Anne Lutheran Church friends and supporters for helping to make this progress possible!

—Jeannette Banobi





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Peterson's Painted-Parsonage Party

Come celebrate the recent painting of the parsonage and the roughly six-month anniversary of hiring Cantor Kyle. All are welcome on Thursday, September 26, 5:30 to 7 PM at the parsonage, 209 West McGraw Street.

2020 Guidelines for Expenditures

It is almost that time of year again!!

All committee heads—or anyone who needs to, or wants to—provide input for potential 2020

expenditures, or income, please provide your proposal at our Finance Committee meeting **Tuesday, October 22** in the Conference Room from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please submit written documentation, whether or not you can attend the meeting Oct. 22. Draft numbers need to be available by early November for Council review; Council finalizes the Guidelines for Expenditures in December and the congregation will vote on them at our Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020.

If you have suggestions, even if not for an existing budget line item, or even if you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also.

Great ideas that are not presented may not get into the 2020 guidelines.

The Finance Committee members are Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Sallie Wilson, Cathi Unseth, and Rich Mathes. You can provide input to any of us, or place it in our office mailbox, in the lower left section of mailboxes.



Compass Housing Alliance Luncheon

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 12pm at the Sheraton Grand Seattle to learn how Compass Housing Alliance is transforming our region's response to housing and homelessness. Our luncheon

will feature inspirational speakers, outcomes and updates, and an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families working hard for their futures.

From innovative housing solutions to 24/7 enhanced shelter programs, we are rising to meet the needs of our community. Compass Housing Alliance offers stability, growth, and community at 20 Puget Sound locations, touching the lives of 10,000 people each year.

Reserve Your Seat by going online at compasshousingalliance.org/luncheon or call Suzanne Sullivan at 206-474-1069. **There is no cost to register for the luncheon. Your support will be welcomed at the event.**

—Peggy Morgan

Would You Like to Lead a QALC Team for a 5K Walk?

The American Cancer Society is organizing the “**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER**” 5K WALK on Saturday, October 19. Should we participate as a congregation? If so, we need a volunteer leader interested in organizing a team from QALC for this fundraising walk. If interested in that leadership, please contact Pastor Dan or the church office.

Property Committee Updates

Door refinishing:

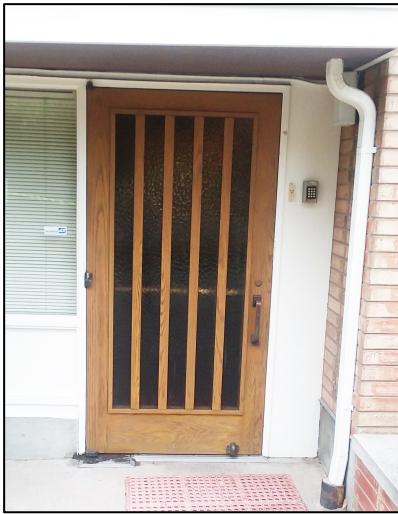
Our McGraw Street door was refinished in August to match the front doors!! Thanks to all of you who contributed to the “Doors Fund.”

Notes about door

locking:

When the doors need to be unlocked, please only

insert the hex key in the left side of the McGraw St. door, and in the middle on the front two doors. The other side is taped; please do not peel off the tape to “unlock” that side. There will still be some work on the hydraulic floor closing valves. Until the western front door mechanism is worked on more, I suggest that door be left locked, because its lock sometimes sticks open. Both front doors now can be physically left open when necessary.



Rainwise QALC?


Last month Monsoon RainGardens had added a link at their website, www.monsoonraingardens.com/qalc, with specific information about our proposed project. The website also shows which parts of Seattle are part of this effort – highest priority goes to areas with the most runoff. Some areas are lower priority, so cannot be part of the Rainwise funding.

Four display easels will remain in the narthex. Small, round color samples – numbered from #1 through #4 – show possible cistern colors. Whatever cover or signage is on each cistern is our choice. Any cistern signage will probably need to mesh with our Sign Committee design. Your questions or suggestions are appreciated. You can also ask questions directly of Monsoon RainGardens at their website.

RainWise at Queen Anne Lutheran Church

Quick Facts:

- Project will be 100% Paid-For by Seattle Public Utilities
- Includes 8 Cisterns that manage 11,102 square feet of roof area
- Helps manage 43,600 Gallons of stormwater run-off annually
- Provides 4,020 Gallons of rainwater for irrigation/emergency use



Seattle Public Utilities King County Monsoon RainGardens

—Rich Mathes, Property Committee

Our First Fall Forum Series

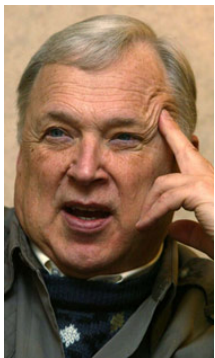


“DIGITAL APOCALYPSE: Will AI Destroy Us?” *What will Artificial Intelligence (AI) mean for humanity in the years to come? Will its promises benefit us or will its development be our peril?*

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 (*see below*), returns on 9/29; additionally after worship, a lunch will be served at noon, and Dr. Peters will give a public talk at 1 PM, with a panel discussion from 2:00-2:30. Our own **Pastor Dan** completes the Forum series on 10/6. We hope you can join us!

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 preached and 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.

Adult Forums in the Coming Year: A full schedule of our 2019-2020 Adult Forums along with a catalog detailing the offerings will be produced and available on Welcome Sunday, September 15. We are very excited about the year ahead and hope to see you Sunday mornings at 9 AM!

First Tuesdays Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, September 3, Bible Study will take a different direction. Together we will select a short book of the Bible and meet to discuss it on the first Tuesday of every month, September to December (Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3). We will meet in the Conference Room at noon on each first Tuesday; bring your lunch if you like. Pastor Dan will facilitate. All are welcome.

Beyond Faith

Beyond Faith is a group of folks exploring what they believe. Beyond Faith begins its new season of exploration centered around the book *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, (2011) by Yuval Noah Harari. We will meet in the Conference Room Wednesdays from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, from September 25 through November 20. In the past, we have studied the evolution of Christian faith traditions, the purpose of prayer, and our thoughts, feelings, and the practicalities surrounding death.

After-Word — Your Take on Sunday's Sermon

All are welcome to these impromptu “pop-up” discussions, offered directly after the 10:30 worship service. Gather with Pastor Dan to explore more deeply that Sunday morning's Bible readings and message, giving YOU the chance to ask questions, to reflect on the sermon, or to engage other parts of the readings that were not covered.

Mystic Mondays

Our first series of three-week book discussions on the topic of spirituality and mysticism will take place on three Mondays at 7 PM, November 4-18, to explore the book *The Cloud of Unknowing*, written by an anonymous medieval author. Pastor Dan will facilitate. Watch here for details to come. Sign-ups will be limited to seven people. Speak with Pastor Dan if you are interested.



(2016, PG-13, 2 hours 15 minutes)

Explore the Intersection of Faith & Film

“Rogue One, A Star Wars Story”

Saturday, September 21, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall

4:00 PM: Snacks and libations

4:30 PM: Watch the movie together

6:45 PM: Discussion facilitated by Pastor Dan

From Lucasfilm, the first of the Star Wars standalone films, “*Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*,” is an epic adventure. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves. Pastor Dan will focus on K250, the “droid” of the film, considering questions raised by our September Forum series on Artificial Intelligence (*see p. 9*)

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, Thanks to all who helped cook, prepare and serve food, and clean up on any of the Wednesdays. In particular, thanks to Mark Dibble for procuring food each week!

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 Fellowship Hall.

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

—Rich Mathes

Lutheran World Relief Kit Materials Update

School Kits— Great News! Thanks to many of you, we now have enough supplies for our planned 75 LWR kits plus 30 more for CORE Tanzania. If you have purchased materials but not brought them in yet, please bring those school supplies to church. We will use them next spring—or earlier, in case there was a miscount.

Personal Care Kits: We still need 50 nail clippers for our goal of 100 kits. They are 49–59 cents on sale; Bartell's sells two for one (for \$1), though usually with a limit of 12 at a time. We'll need these by Sept. 7. If you were not able to shop the sales, you can contribute funds to help defray costs by writing a check to QALCW marked "LWR Kit Supplies" on the memo line. If you have questions, contact Rich or Candy Mathes at 206-384-1183 or lwrmathes@aol.com

Holden Village 2020:

We are organizing a one-week QALC group for Holden Village next summer. Please sign up in the narthex this summer with your preferred week(s).

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

September Book Group — *Everything Happens for a Reason*

The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will meet on Monday, September 30 at 7 PM in the church narthex to discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*, by Kate Bowler. Discussion will be led by Cathi Unseth.

With grace, wisdom and humor Bowler, a divinity professor at Duke University tells of her cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment in a way that pierces platitudes to showcase her resilience in the face of impending death. . . . Throughout her account, she relates her suddenly terrifying life to her academic work on the prosperity gospel—a peculiarly American belief in deserved success and control that is at odds with her current life. Bowler's lovely prose and sharp wit capture her struggle to find continued joy after her diagnosis in this poignant look at the unpredictable promises of faith.

THANK-YOUs

Queen Anne Lutheran Church received thanks from the following:

From the Unseth's:

A RESOUNDING "THANK YOU"

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank all of you for your graciousness, prayers, concern, and food (breads, lunches, dinners, etc.). We want you to know what a Godsend the food was.

An update on Jon's condition: It has truly been an answer to prayer. After five weeks of touch-and-go between the hospital and home with him not having any memory of that time, he has begun healing. Jon is off hospice, taking a more active role in his own care—he's gone from bedridden, to walker, and now a cane, and drove for the first time in five months. Thank you all for your love and concern.

—The Unseth's

Lois, Cathi, Minda, Gretchen & Jon

From Lutheran World Relief, for the donation of 69 Mission Quilts, 39 Baby Care Kits, 130 Personal Care Kits, and 64 School Kits. Tracker records noted that some of our Personal Care Kits and School Kits went to Georgia, Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits went to Mali, and more School Kits went to Lebanon.

From Queen Anne Interfaith Community:

Dear Interfaith Partners:

A total of 400 backpacks—our highest ever number—were picked up by the Mary's Place van on Monday, August 19 with huge smiles all around. Many thanks to all of you who participated in this, our 6th Annual Backpack & School Supplies drive to benefit Mary's Place, donating supplies and valuable volunteer time! . . . Special thanks also go to Sacred Heart Catholic Church/QA Food Bank, Queen Anne Baptist Church, Dignity Seattle, Queen Anne Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church for donating supplies and/or volunteer time to this wonderful cause! . . . Marty Hartman, Executive Director of Mary's Place was thrilled with all the donations and sends many thanks to our group. Once again, thanks so much for helping Mary's Place kids get a great start on the new school year!

Blessings, Rev. Ann Pearce



Queen Anne Lutheran gives thanks for 26 Groove & Twang picnic volunteers, for the music of our Bluegrass Twang and the Roosevelt HS jazz quartets, for Cantor Kyle and our Holden Evening Prayer vocalists, and for all the members and neighbors who came to the picnics and prayer services in August, in rain and sunshine!



Queen Anne Lutheran Church Women—who are we? What do we do? When do we meet? Who can join? QALCW includes any woman at QALC. We meet for Bible Study (Circles), Service Projects (Sewing and Service and PDQ's), Fellowship (Lenten Breakfast), and Fun (Summer No-Work Event). It is through QALCW that you can make life-long friendships. Check the narthex, *Quill* or Sunday Bulletin for times.

From The Women of the ELCA:

"At a recent Bible study at church, someone asked the group, 'What brought you to our church, and what keeps you here?'

All our answers had one thing in common: Someone greeted us and invited us to take part in the congregation once we got there. We were invited to join the choir, or attend an event, or participate in some other way. It was the come-and-join-us attitude of the congregation that made us feel welcomed. People need a sense of belonging, of knowing we are welcomed and a part of something bigger than us."

For our Fall Bible Study from *Gather* magazine:

"Try a simple Google search with key words like, 'anger toward God,' and even a quick glance at the top search results will reveal pervasive Christian ambivalence about the topic. Titles of articles like 'It's a sin to be angry at God' and 'Anger at God as a spiritual struggle' and 'Anger toward God is a sign of unfaith' leap off of the computer screen. Scrolling through the results, a person can feel simultaneously sheepish, guilty, and maybe even the subject of the search: angry! But I can't help but wonder if the authors of these webpages have really read their psalter..."

Fall is almost here, and so is *Gather's* fall Bible study, "No hard feelings?" by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. Learn more about this and other upcoming studies on *Gather's* website.

Our summer "No-Work Event" was lunch at the Hearthstone with Pat Sobeck. Thank you, Pat, for having us all.

Your Women's Committee

Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Lisa Ondrejcek and Candy Mathes





From the Bishop

By Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee, NWWA Synod

From the September 2019 Edition of *The Spirit*

On August 3, as I prepared to fly to Milwaukee for the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, I looked out the airplane window at Mt. Rainier and thought, “Wow! Is there anything more spectacular?” And, I admit, I also thought, “I have so much work to do right here in the synod, why do I have to leave for a week?”

On August 12, as I prepared to leave Milwaukee to return home, I looked out the airplane window at Lake Michigan and thought, “Wow! I am both so proud of our church and also so aware of how much further we have to go!”

I hope that you were able to follow the Assembly in real time by watching the livestream. But even if you weren’t able to follow the Assembly in real time, I encourage you to read about the people elected, the motions that were passed, experience the worship, and hopefully, enter into the joy that happens when we are *church together* (which was the theme for this year). It truly was a blessing to be with over 1,000 Lutherans as we did good and hard work this past week.

In the coming months I will reflect more on some of the motions and actions that happened at the Churchwide Assembly. But here are a few thoughts as I return home. We are connected to a deep and broad community throughout the United States. We are people of different ethnicities, cultures, colors, sexualities, and genders. We are young and old. We are from blue and red states. We are people who are Lutherans from birth and we are people who embraced the Lutheran lens of Christianity later in life.

We are a people who are listening to God’s call to embrace all people, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable. We are a people who ask forgiveness when we mess up and we are a people of grace. We are a people who march against unjust laws and we are a people who sing of that promised day when all will be made right. We are a people who ask many questions and we are a people who reflect on words spoken. We are a people who try (as best we can) to follow Robert’s Rules of Order and we are a people who laugh when no one can figure out the rabbit hole we have gone down as we attempt Robert’s Rules of Order. We are a people who sing old and well-known hymns with gusto and we are a people who embrace new words and new melodies in this new day.

In short, we are people of God. We don’t always get it right. We don’t always agree. But God’s Spirit was present and active in Milwaukee just as God’s Spirit is present and active in your congregation, in the Northwest Washington Synod, and in the wider ELCA. I am confident and excited about what is next for us and for the entire ELCA.

As we heard throughout the assembly, *Together we are Church*.

If you would like to know more about the actions taken by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, you can follow this link: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8003>

Grace & Peace,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

September 15 is Welcome Sunday, when we return to our schedule of worship at 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

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, Lori Roozen, Jennifer Jones

Offering Counters

01 Bridget Boysen/Barb Bach
08 Cathi Unseth/Michael Banobi
15 Bridget Boysen/Barb Bach
22 Susan Evans/Linda Olson
29 John Reese/Jennifer Jones

Usher: (8:00 AM)

15 needed
22 needed
29 needed

Ushers: (10:00/10:30 AM—two needed)

01 Jim Margard/
08 needed
15 Jim Margard/
22 needed
29 needed

Lectors (8:00 AM)

15 Jan Olson
22 Dan Squires
29 needed

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

15 Linda Olson
22 Dan Squires
29 needed

Assisting Minister (10:00/10:30 AM)

01 Carol Ann Davis
08 Tim Porter
15 Jean Oplinger
22 Aaron Rugg
29 Consuelo Vega-Bockelie

Flowers for the Altar

01 Ken & Ellen Hockman
08 Jean & Marc Oplinger
15 Aaron & Cat Rugg
22 Lori & Chris Roozen
29 Marjorie Dowd

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

15 Jan & Linda Olson
22 Dan Squires
29 needed

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:00/10:30 AM)

01 Karen & Brent McCullough
08 Sarah and Grace Louie
15 John and Jenna Reese
22 Peggy Morgan & Al Shabino
29 needed

Deadline for the October Quill is Tuesday, September 24.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship 10:00 am	12-Step FA 7:00 pm	First Tuesday Bible Study 12:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm	Sewing and Service 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm			Alanon Women 10:30 am Community Music Jam 3:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship 10:00 am God's Work. Our Hands. Snack-bag Assembly and Advocacy 11:00 am Visitation Team Meeting 12:30 pm	12-Step FA 7:00 pm ALZ Caregiver's Support Group 7:00 pm	Church Council 6:30 pm	Sewing and Service 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir 7:00 pm		Men's Ministry 9:00 am Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Welcome Sunday! Worship 8:00 am Information Tables, Games and Activities 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am	12-Step FA 7:00 pm Northern Lights Circle 7:00 pm	Interfaith Community Meeting 12:00 pm PDQ (Pizza, Damsels, Quilts) 5:30 pm	Sewing and Service 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir 7:00 pm		Alanon Women 10:30 am Alanon Writers Workshop 11:30 am Faith and Film 4:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am "ForKIDS" Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	12-Step FA 7:00 pm	Endowment Fund Committee 6:00 pm QALCW Circle 7:00 pm	Sewing and Service 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm Beyond Faith 7:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	Pastor Peterson's Painted-Parsonage Party 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm		Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
29	30					
Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am "ForKIDS" Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am "Will AI Destroy Us?" Lunch, Public Talk and Panel Discussion 12:00 pm	12-Step FA 7:00 pm Queen Anne Book Group 7:00 pm					