

The Quill

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From the Bishop

By Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, NWWA Synod

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

We Turn to Serve and Love Our Neighbor

I share two stories that I heard in the last two weeks.

The first story I heard was from Pastor Ron Glusenkamp from a trip he took to Senegal with other ELCA folks:

We landed in Dakar, Senegal where the people are 95% Muslim and the other 5% are Christian or something else. Our group traveled to a small village to visit a Lutheran health center that is funded by ELCA World Hunger. When we arrived, we met ten guests who were living there. They all were HIV positive and all had been banned from their homes and so lived together with about a hundred others at this Lutheran health center.

When we asked the group how they were doing, one of the women spoke. She spoke in her own dialect that was translated to English. She spoke eloquently and simply. She said, “If it wasn’t for this Lutheran clinic, I would be dead.”

The second story I heard while attending the Conference of Bishops in Chicago. There we heard of Lutheran owned and operated Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. The United States government had voted to continue funding this important medical center but for some reason they are not releasing the money. This is putting people at risk. Chemotherapy is not able to be administered. Surgeries are unable to be performed. Children, especially, are dying.

While this is a complex issue, the stories we heard compelled Presiding Bishop Eaton to write a letter to the administration. She and all 65 bishops signed this letter requesting the United States government to restore the millions of dollars in funding promised to Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem that primarily serves Palestinian Christians. This hospital, owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation and is supported by the ELCA, is vital as it is the only medical center there.

In the first story above, I don’t know what happened to this woman or the other people gathered that day in Senegal. I hope all of them are still living and still receiving care. In the second instance, I do know that many of the people treated at AVH are Christian Palestinians whose only access to healthcare is through AVH. And I do know this: As people of God, we hold all people sacred. As people who believe in the priesthood of all believers, we know that the staff and volunteers at these health centers are doing holy work. As people who believe in Jesus, we know that Jesus is in the midst of those that others have rejected. As people of the cross, we know that in the midst of suffering, Jesus is there.

You see, as Lutherans, we take seriously what justification by grace alone means: Salvation is not the process or goal of life but rather its foundation. Because we are claimed by God through no merit of our own, we are free to live and love and serve our neighbor—whether it is the neighbor next door or the neighbor in Senegal or Jerusalem.

Way back in the sixteenth century, Martin Luther wrote about establishing a common chest for the sake of the poor in the city of Leisnig, “Those individuals in our parish ... who are impoverished ... shall receive each week on Sunday ... support from our common chest ... This is to be done out of Christian love, to the honor and praise of God, so that their lives and health may be preserved.” (LW, 45:189)

I read Martin Luther’s words and they remind me that we are called out into the world—not because we

have to but because of what God has claimed for us. I am so thankful that as we remember the Reformation on October 31 we continue in the footsteps of Martin Luther and the other reformers: Trusting in God's grace through Jesus, we turn to serve and love our neighbor—whoever or wherever that neighbor is.

Thank you for the love and care you are showing to your neighbors—both near and far—as we see the face of Jesus in all.

In God's Peace and Joy,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

FROM THE CANTOR

'Tis the Season, Part I: Music and ForKIDS

In last month's *Quill*, I wrote that Terry and I have been working behind the scenes to add music programming to QALC's ForKids gatherings. And... here we are! Starting this month, I'll be meeting with ForKids on a regular basis, leading up to our special program during the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 22. In place of a sermon by Pastor Dan, we'll have a message in word and song led by ForKids and also including adults—an intergenerational presentation of the Good News at Christmastime with favorite carols sung by kids and the congregation.

'Tis the Season, Part II: Choir for Advent and Christmas

Following Reformation Sunday, October 27, the choir is turning toward the Advent-Christmas cycle. This is a great time to give choir a try! We are especially in need of tenors and basses. We have fun while growing deeper in music, fellowship, and our shared appreciation for music in worship. Rehearsals are 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays and we warm up at 10:00 a.m. prior to the 10:30 service. Questions? Just ask! Catch me after church, or send me an email (address below).

'Tis the Season, Part III:

Northwest Repertory Singers tickets, 50% off for QALC!

Did you know I conduct a 50-voice auditioned choir in Tacoma? Our December concerts, "Christmas Ancient, Christmas Modern" are December 7 and 8. If you purchase tickets online and use the promo code "Kyle" (without quotation marks), you'll receive 50% off the full ticket price (each ticket becomes \$10, plus a nominal service charge; tickets at the door are \$20/\$18). Our program features Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi's masterful *Gloria* plus contrasting modern takes on Christmas carols and seasonal music, including my setting of the beloved Polish carol, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" published by Augsburg. I hope to see you at one of our concerts in Tacoma! See www.nwrs.org for more information and links to online ticket sales.

Another big "Thank You!"

Many thanks to all who attended my forum presentation on the Lutheran worship heritage and the Reformation's musical legacy. The turnout was great, and your warm support was very much appreciated. I'll be back at the form twice next spring to take a deeper dive into hymns and singing. I'm looking forward to it!

See you in church,



Kyle Haugen, Cantor — cantor@queenannelutheran.org

For**KIDS** — Actually, For**EVERYONE**!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY, told with congregational participation, will be the sermon message on December 22 at 10:30 worship

- This year, both kids and adults will participate in retelling the story of Christmas during the sermon time. All participants can be in the pews for the rest of the service.
- Kids and adults of *any* age are encouraged to take part.
- There are three speaking parts, but most parts are non-speaking, and only a few participants wear costumes.
- Practice is on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 9–10 AM (during the Forum time) in the sanctuary. Speaking parts will also practice from 9–10 AM on one additional Sunday.
- Saturday, Dec. 21, 10:00-11:00, practice in the sanctuary *only* if deemed necessary.

Speaking/reading parts:

- Teen/young adult male; reads from script—main role
- Teen/young adult female; reads from script—main role
- Angel, male or female: in costume; reads scripture

Walk on parts in costume, with some costumes provided:

- Mary, Joseph and baby: if possible, a couple with their baby.
- Younger kids in animal costumes to be around the manger.
- The Christmas Star in costume.
- Kids in traditional shepherd costume (girls and/or boys).
- Three “wise men” in traditional costume (boys and/or girls).

Adults as present day shepherds, in regular clothing with a suggested prop:

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| • Business man/woman | • Retired senior |
| • Farmer | • Student |
| • Doctor | • Waitress |
| • Pastor | • Accountant |
| • Teacher | • Tech person |

Adults as present day wise men/women, in regular clothing with a suggested prop:

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| • Sunday school teacher | • Person who does coffee hour |
| • Choir member | • Money counter |
| • Quilt maker | • Person taking care of the church property |
| • LWR school kit maker | • Person putting offering into offering plate, |
| | • Person holding the plate |

Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex, and fingers crossed that all parts are filled by the end of November.

—Terry Anderson,
Children's Ministry Coordinator
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



November Is “Feed Your Neighbor Month”

It is important to think of our neighbors year-round, but November is a particularly busy month for our congregation. How can you participate? There are several ways:

Food Drive

Together with For**KIDS** we will collect non-perishable food for delivery to Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lake Union. Immanuel Lutheran provides numerous services for those in need, including a food bank. Food can be dropped off in the narthex or the church office.

Community Lunch on Capitol Hill

Keeping with QALC’s 30+ year tradition, we will prepare and serve lunches at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill on the four Tuesdays in November (11/5, 11/12, 11/19, and 11/26). Volunteers are needed for each shift—for cooking and preparation, arrive anytime from 9 AM to 11:30 AM; serving, noon to 1 PM; cleanup, 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Please join in this valuable service to the community by signing up in the narthex, or contact Jim Margard at 206-920-7704 or jrm952@gmail.com for additional information. (CLCH is located at 1710 11th Ave across from Cal Anderson Park.)

New Horizons Ministries

For the first time this year, we will prepare and serve breakfast for 35 youth on 11/7 (7:45 to 9:15) and dinner for 60 on 11/20 (6:30 until 8:00). Needed are 3-5 volunteers for breakfast and 4-8 for dinner. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Jim Margard (see above) for information. NHM, which provides services to youth not living at home, is located at 2709 3rd Avenue in Belltown, just south of Denny Way.

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 meets Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Conference Room. In a world heading toward artificial intelligence, we are currently discussing what it means to be human using *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, (2011) by Yuval Noah Harari. We’d love to hear your thoughts on this fascinating topic. See you there!

all-Church Advent Celebration

"a time to prepare"

Sunday, November 24

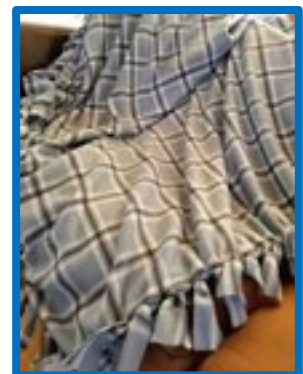
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enjoy foods from around the world



Activities may include:

- Tying blankets for Westside Baby
- Making a simple creche
- Making a snowman
- Cookie decorating
- Making Christmas cards



NOVEMBER ADULT FORUM SERIES: **Going Beyond God the Father**



Traditional Jewish and Christian God-language typically refers to God in male terms. This series, led by Dr. Lynn Hofstad of Seattle University's Department of Theology and Religious Studies, explores the side-effects of using solely male language for God, offering redeeming alternatives that draw from the experience of women. Join us in the Conference Room from 9 to 10 AM on Sundays November 3, 10, and 17, and on December 1.

Mystic Mondays in November

We have reached the mystical number of seven people. Our first Mystic Mondays group will meet on Monday November 4, 11, and 18 to explore the book *The Cloud of Unknowing*, written by an anonymous medieval author. Thank you for your interest. Watch for future Mystic Monday opportunities in the coming year.

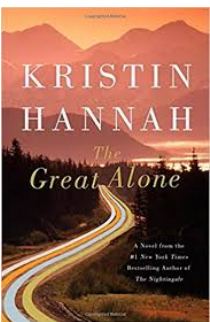


Explore the Intersection of **Faith & Film**

“Blur Circle” • 4PM • Saturday 11/16

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to watch the film, with discussion facilitated by Pastor Wayne Bacus; all are welcome.

Jill Temple is a single mother still grieving the loss of her young son after he disappeared two years ago. Unable to face the possibility that she has lost him forever, she aggressively and sometimes disturbingly pursues every lead. During her pursuit, she encounters Burton Rose, a man with a mysterious past who seems to record everything with his camera phone. The details of what happened to Burton in the past—and how he has responded to it—force Jill to look at her life in a completely new way. (2016, not rated, 92 minutes).



November Book Group — *The Great Alone*

The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will meet on Monday, November 25 at 7 PM in the church narthex to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Discussion will be led by Karen McCullough.

In Hannah's *The Great Alone*, a desperate family seeks a new beginning in the near-isolated wilderness of Alaska only to find that their unpredictable environment is less threatening than the erratic behavior found in human nature.

The Book Group doesn't meet in December. For your Christmas reading and wish list, January 2020's book will be *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, and the meeting Monday, January 27.

Men's Ministry (For men of all ages)

Thanks to all of you who helped assemble 96 LWR Personal Care Kits on September 14.

Thanks to everyone who assembled LWR School Kits before and after church on Sunday, October 13.

LWR Fall Ingathering – Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2 at Our Redeemers' LC. Thanks in advance to all the Loaders and Traffic Directors – in particular sixteen from QALC. —Rich Mathes

Thankofferings



At QAELC we collect Thankoffering during the month of November. Offering envelopes will be in the pews. Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, including our triennial conventions, the work of your elected churchwide board, the annual conference of synodical presidents, our communications ministries, justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

An organized annual service is only one way to take part in this age-old practice among women of faith. Just as we're grateful more than once a year, we can make Thankofferings any time the spirit moves us. Just go to online to womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings.

It's been shown time and again that gratitude is good for us—spiritually, mentally, and even physically. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action. The Women of the ELCA is grateful to you for taking that action. Thank you.

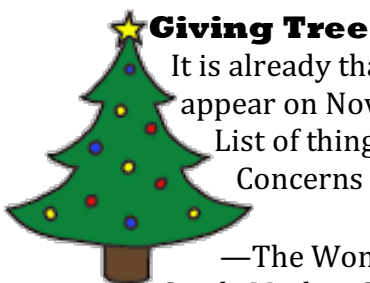
Lutheran World Relief



This time of year is always so exciting! Kits and quilts were made, they were blessed and boxed, and by the time you read this they will be shipped. I meant to ask everyone who had any part in the ministry to stand up—those who collected items for the kits, fabric for the quilts, purchased the batting, sewed and tied the quilts, helped put together kits, folded and boxed quilts and kits, delivered the boxes, helped load the boxes, and helped pay for the shipping. Did you have a chance to be part of this ministry? We thank EVERYONE who helped! We were able to send 84 quilts, 77 school kits, 96 personal care kits, 55 baby care kits, and 6 fabric kits—a total of 1,024 pounds, for a cost of \$768.00!

Core Tanzania

The women are continuing to collect money to help support CORE Tanzania. Jeanette Banobi will be taking the first 30 backpacks to the Twegashe School for the first class. The backpacks will be blessed here in the middle of November so that Jeanette can take them with her to Tanzania in December. If you would like to contribute money to this project, drop a check in the offering plate and in the memo line write "QAELCW/CORE Tanzania." (See update on CORE Tanzania's Bushasha project on next page.)



Giving Tree

It is already that time of year! Watch the narthex for this years' Giving Tree. Hopefully it will appear on November 24, just in time for you to add the requested items to your Christmas List of things to buy. (Always needed are socks and hats for Compass Housing. Social Concerns will be having a sock drive in February.)

—The Women's Committee

Candy Mathes, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Barb Bach, and Lisa Ondrejcek

Holden Village 2020

We have a group reservation for 20 for August 2—8, 2020; some of you registered on your own, so in total we may have more! Please try to firm up your plans by January 20 — we need to send list of names to Holden by the end of January.

Holden is great for kids and families. Besides being safe and directly in God's creation, morning classes the village school holds morning classes where kids can meet other kids.

Hiking into Holden – Do you plan to hike from Stehekin into Holden over Martin Ridge using Cottonwood Creek Trail, Cloudy Pass, or Spider Gap? Please let me know.

—Rich Mathes

CORE Tanzania News



Warm greetings to all of you from Michael in Tanzania!

As of his last report, Twegashe School was seven courses of blocks above the ground—and counting! The construction team is working hard to be ready to open for our first kindergartners early next year. A job announcement has been posted for a teacher, and soon we'll start putting the word out for students. We want to make sure every family in the village is aware of this opportunity.

This past month was especially busy on the water and sanitation front. A Tanzanian trainer and his crew came to Bushasha to help with the construction of the school biofil toilets (worm-based composting toilets). He also trained several villagers in this technology. The goal is for the trainees to be able to set up a small business constructing these safe and sustainable toilets for village families. The District Education Officer also sent a representative to the training—he's interested in using this technology to replace the unsanitary pit toilets common in rural schools.

The trainer also helped us to construct a 20,000 liter ferrocement water tank, which will be our main water storage for the school and nearby villagers. This type of tank is formed by applying a thin layer of cement on both sides of a wire mesh frame. They're reported to be less prone to cracking than concrete and also to last longer than plastic tanks, which degrade in the intense equatorial sun.

Lots of activity, and also lots of excitement among villagers as this new school takes shape. Many thanks to our friends at QALC, whose encouragement and support have helped to make all this activity and excitement possible!

—Jeannette Banobi

Property Committee Update

RainWise QALC —Council approved going ahead in September; Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) inspected our site and approved the project; and Tim Griffen of Monsoon Rain Gardens started work October 21. He is placing all the cisterns. Actual hookups will not happen until after the new gutters are installed in mid-November.

All cisterns should be placed by the time you read this. (*See photos next page.*) The south-side sign "Queen Anne Lutheran Church" was not blocked—partially because Tim needed to dig a hole for that cistern so it could drain directly into an existing downspout drain.

—Rich Mathes, Property Committee





Autumn Beauty

Left: Fall color was lovely in October.

Below: The sanctuary, bedecked in quilts—a quiet view as the quilts await their blessing; and below, we sat amidst the abundance of kits and quilts during worship October 20.

Far left, top to bottom: Being RainWise is also a beautiful thing. Our new south-side cisterns are installed, with one sunk into the ground a bit. North-side cisterns are also in place; at bottom left, a mystery photo—talk to Rich if you have a guess about these what these cylinders are!

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

*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:

Jennifer and Chloe Jones

Offering Counters

03 John Reese/Linda Olson
10 Jennifer Jones/Linda Olson
17 Lindley Williamson/Sally Villaluz
24 Barb Bach/Bridget Boysen

Usher: (8:00 AM)

03 Ken Hockman
10 Ken Hockman
17 Mac Smith
24 Mac Smith

Ushers: (10:30 AM—two needed)

03 Don Thomas/ Denny Alfson
10 Don Thomas/ Denny Alfson
17 Don Thomas/ Jim Margard
24 Don Thomas/ Jim Margard

Lectors (8:00 AM)

03 Jacqui Darroch
10 Jan Olson
17 Dan Squires
24 Mei Le Smith

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

03 Jacqui Darroch
10 Linda Olson
17 Dan Squires
24 Dolly Smith

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

03 John Reese
10 Marc Oplinger
17 Joan Kavanaugh
24 Aaron Rugg

Flowers for the Altar

03 Shirley Flory
10 Smith family
17 Pat Sobeck
24 Meg Shaw

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

03 Jan & Linda Olson
10 Ken & Ellen Hockman
17 Smith family
24 Smith family

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

03 Marc and Jean Oplinger
10 Georganne and Harold Robertson
17 Pat Sobeck and Nancy Fulwiler
24 Karen and Brent McCullough

forKIDS Teachers: (9:30 AM)

17 (tweens) Tim Porter/Jenny Porter
17 (K-3) Meg Shaw/needed

Deadline for the December *Quill* is Thursday, November 21.

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NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LWR Regional Ingathering 8:00 am	2 LWR Regional Ingathering 8:00 am Alanon Women 10:30 am Community Music Jam 3:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
3 All Saints Day Family Sunday Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am	4 12-Step FA 7:00 pm Mystic Mondays 7:00 pm	5 Community Lunch on Capitol Hill 9:00 am First Tuesday Bible Study 12:00 pm Executive Committee 6:00 pm	6 Sewing and Service 9:30 am Girl Scouts 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 3:00 pm Beyond Faith 7:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	7 New Horizons Breakfast 7:30 am Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	8	9 Great Books 8:00 am Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
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24 Worship 8:00 am Advent Celebration 8:45 am Worship 10:30 am	25 12-Step FA 7:00 pm Queen Anne Book Group 7:00 pm	26 Community Lunch on Capitol Hill 9:00 am QALCW Circle 7:00 pm	27 Sewing and Service 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	28 Thanksgiving 12-Step FA 9:00 am	29	30 Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm