

The Quill

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Christmas at Queen Anne Lutheran

SUNDAY, DEC. 22 4th Sunday in Advent	MON.	TUESDAY, DEC. 24 Christmas Eve	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 Christmas Day
8.00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship with Intergenerational Christmas Program		5:30 PM Worship 11:00 PM Worship	10:30 AM Worship
SUNDAY, DEC. 29 First Sunday of Christmas	Note: There will be no childcare in the nursery for our holiday Sunday services. Families are warmly invited and encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Note that service times on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and on Sunday, Dec. 29 are different from last year!		
10:30 AM One Worship Service Only			



the Pastor's WORD

A Conference I Won't Soon Forget

Each fall I join thousands of other clergy, religion professors, and independent scholars by attending the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. This year, from November 22nd to the 26th, the conference was held at the San Diego Convention Center, where I got to experience something I occasionally forget living in Seattle.

Sunshine.

The conference featured an overwhelming array of options for its participants: hundreds upon hundreds of sessions and panels on topics ranging from migration and bio-technology to climate change and race/gender studies. Dozens of famous speakers populated the schedule as well. A few years ago President Jimmy Carter addressed us on religion and efforts at peace-making. This year Jack Miles joined us, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *God: a Biography*. I was fortunate enough to receive a complimentary, autographed copy of his new book, *God in the Qur'an*, even though I just missed meeting him in person at the book exhibit!

The book exhibit included thousands of titles on the latest trends in biblical studies, world religions, worship, preaching, and theology as well as the study of religion from other disciplines like cognitive neuroscience. It was heaven for people who love to read. It was hell for the pocketbook. I purchased nearly *twenty books* which will take me nearly a year to read! Some of these, at least, will appear in our church library insofar as they relate to upcoming forum presentations. Ryan Stokes' *The Satan: How God's Executioner Became the Enemy*, for example, which I purchased the first day and which was sold out by the end of the conference, will inform my contribution to our upcoming forum series, "Demons, Darkness, and the Devil."

Next to the sessions I attended and the books I reviewed/purchased, the conference gave me the opportunity to "scout" for teaching-talent on behalf of our Christian Education Committee. One contact



I made was with a theologian who is doing exciting work on bio-enhancement and the creation of human cyborgs, a fitting sequel perhaps to our news-making series earlier this fall on AI.

Of all the people I met, however, one of the most memorable was Ted Farris, a New York City lawyer who also happens to be the grandson of someone quite special to me, the theologian Paul Tillich. He was at the annual dinner of the North American Paul Tillich Society.

The AAR this year was a conference I will not soon forget. It was an essential part of my continuing education, the ultimate goal of which is to benefit the congregation by staying abreast of current trends relevant to the ministry. I am grateful.

Pastor Dan Peterson with Ted Farris, grandson of theologian Paul Tillich.

Pastor Dan

FROM THE CANTOR

A Season for Music!

As I write this article, we are heading into the Advent season and the beginning of a new Church year. The Advent-Christmas cycle brings with it some of the most cherished hymns and carols. I bet you have favorites you look forward to singing at home, on Sundays, or at the Christmas services. Familiar Advent hymns will be sprinkled throughout the Sundays in December, and of course our two Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day worship will give you many opportunities to sing beloved Christmas carols and hymns. It's a festive time of year and I hope you'll sing heartily throughout the season!

This Advent we are also introducing a new musical setting of the liturgy. Setting Nine in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* was composed by Joel Martinson for the *Renewing Worship* provisional material leading up to the publication of the hymnal. According to his website, Martinson was born in Minneapolis in 1960 and raised in Oregon. He has lived in the Dallas, Texas area since 1981 and has worked as a Director of Music and Organist in various churches of Christian liturgical denominations and in a Reformed Jewish congregation. He has many published compositions for choir, organ, and liturgical use.

Martinson's music for Setting Nine has joyful moments as well as a more contemplative affect at times. I've studied the melodies closely, and I'm intrigued by how economical the writing is—each portion of the liturgy we will sing this Advent uses a few building blocks of musical material. This approach makes it more intuitive for a congregation to learn. For example, the "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei) repeats the same melody twice, and then stays close to the rhythm already established while introducing a slightly different melody for the third statement. To help draw attention to these musical building blocks (even if you don't read music), I've used my music software to make custom layouts of "Lamb of God" and "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (the Sanctus) for our bulletins. I hope this may help you as we learn this new music. Also, I've also played melodies from Setting Nine during the prelude for the last two Sundays in November (at the organ on Nov. 17 and at the piano Nov. 24) to help get the music into the collective "ear" of the congregation.

Learning a new setting of the liturgy is a milestone in the life of a congregation. If you've been a Lutheran for most of your life, think back to when you learned the musical settings in *Lutheran Book of Worship* (carried over in *ELW* as Settings Three and Four). I bet some of the music seemed foreign and challenging at first. Fast-forward to the present day, and for most of us a setting from the "Green Book" is a welcome serving of musical comfort food! Remember, it's perfectly normal for it to take some time to become truly comfortable with new liturgical music. As you grow accustomed to Setting Nine, I hope you'll feel welcomed and encouraged to sing boldly right from the beginning. Let the melodies and words surround and carry you as together we proclaim the truths and mysteries of the faith through the liturgy. In fact, you may find yourself noticing that this musical setting draws out different aspects of the liturgical story as we sing familiar words to new music. Maybe Setting Nine, new to us this Advent season, will one day also be cherished as "musical comfort food" in our celebrations of the holy Meal that is the foretaste of the feast to come.

See you in church,



Kyle Haugen, Cantor — cantor@queenannelutheran.org

FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Worshipping alone . . . or with others?

In researching blogs to get insight on families and their church involvement, I found that ten reasons are most often given as to why even dedicated church people are attending church less often.

Some of the reasons I've heard voiced, and some don't sound at all familiar. Besides, with only God knowing what's in a person's heart, it's certain that I can't judge what people do.

The reasons people do give, however, are food for thought.

1. Greater affluence: people with money have more options for travel, for their kids.
2. Higher focus on kids' activities, such as sports, and someone to take them there.
3. Families with two working parents need to find time for family time, rest, and relaxation on the weekend.
4. Changing family structures with single parents, blended families, and families with one parent being of a different faith or no faith involvement.
5. A cultural disappearance of guilt. In church involvement it's probably a good thing to lose guilt as a motivator, and to instead find a positive motivation.
6. People look less to churches for spiritual growth, and more to other options like books, friends, online self-help, counselors, being in nature, or meditation.
7. People make time for what they value most, and some families fail to see a direct benefit from church attendance.
8. Is attendance valued over engagement? If so, that results in a decline in attendance. How can churches show that engagement is what's valued?
9. A declining trust of and reliance on institutions, and disagreements or conflict in a congregation or church body can cause disillusionment.
10. Change happens. Institutions that thrive are flexible and adapt with change, while those resisting change may go through hard times.

So, how can I use the knowledge from these insights?

- I might look at patterns my life to notice if some of the reasons for not attending church are true for me, and think about things I decide to do and why.
- I listen to people who voice concerns or struggles, ask questions to understand, and refrain from judgment.
- I consider adapting scheduling or programs when it interferes with the schedules or needs of others, realizing that being flexible is not always possible.
- I remember that we each have gifts, and that there's more than one way to live life as a child of God. I can try new ways of living my life, and so might others.
- I remind myself that even as I do my best to live in God's way, I'm a work in progress . . . that we're all a work in progress, and that I'm loved and forgiven daily.

—Terry Anderson,
Children's Ministry Coordinator
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COMMITTEE MESSAGES

An End-of-Year Thank you from the Finance Committee ... and notes about End-of-Year Giving

As we near the end of another year, the Finance Committee wishes to thank all of you who have faithfully supported the mission and ministry of Queen Anne Lutheran this year. Your faithful donations throughout the year have allowed us to stay current with all of our benevolence payments and our ministry expenses. And we are grateful as well for your many hours of volunteer service that keep our ministry vibrant and always reaching outward.

End of Year Giving

In this Advent season, many of us are already planning our end-of-year giving. If you are planning to make a special gift at the end of the year to further the mission and ministry of Queen Anne Lutheran, the following information may help you with your planning.

Donations by Check

You may know that the church must always observe the IRS rules for acknowledging donations. In order for your gifts to be included on your 2019 QALC Giving Statement, please remember that:

- Your checks should be received in the church office by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 31st. Someone will be there to receive it.
- If you are mailing a check to the church, it can be mailed as late as December 31st, but the envelope must have a “2019” postmark to be considered a 2019 donation.

Paypal Donations

- QALC also accepts PayPal donations. Visit the church’s website (queenannelutheran.org) and find your way to the “Donations” page. Like donations made via check, these PayPal transactions must also be dated 2019.

Gifts of stock

- Queen Anne Lutheran is also equipped to accept gifts of stock in lieu of checks. We have a brokerage account with Edward Jones that can easily accept your stock transfers. Contact our QALC Treasure, Myra Dittes by phone or by email (treasurer@queenannelutheran.org) for the Edward Jones account number and DTC number.

Looking ahead to 2019

- The new, 2020 Offering Envelope booklets will be available on a table in the narthex throughout the Advent and Christmas season. If you don’t see an offering envelope book with your name on it and would like one, please contact Sallie Wilson, our QALC Financial Secretary or the church office. The church provides these numbered offering envelopes to help you become a faithful giver, but also to ensure the accurate recording of your donations by the Counters. Note that in addition to weekly envelopes, your book of offering envelopes includes several envelopes for “special offerings” of your choosing.
- Lastly, please consider enrolling in QALC’s “Simply Giving” EFT program. This is an electronic funds transfer program that provides a simple and secure way for you to make automatic donations to QALC from your checking or savings account. This helps QALC by ensuring that your offering is received even when you cannot make your donation in person. It also eliminates the chance of error, and it helps ensure a steady income for the church. Enrollment forms are available on a clipboard on the railing in the narthex. For further details about the Simply Giving options, please speak with either Ken Hockman (at the 8:00 service) or Sallie Wilson (at the 11:00 service).

Again, we say thank you to all of you.

Whether it be sharing your financial resources or welcoming the stranger on Sunday morning, whether it be teaching children in the Sunday School upstairs or washing dishes in the kitchen downstairs, whether it be lending your voice to the singing of hymns on Sunday morning or serving hot meals to those in need, whether it be arranging flowers for the altar or changing light bulbs, whether it be sewing quilts or loading trucks, whether it be counting the Sunday offerings or making coffee for Sunday morning, all contributions are important. Together, we all contribute to keeping our ministry alive and vibrant.

Blessings to you this Advent season,

The Finance Committee—*Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Tim Porter, Sallie Wilson, Cathi Unseth, and Rich Mathes.*

Property Committee Updates: Rainwise QALC

Our Rainwise project is essentially complete. Most of the new gutters and downspouts were installed on November 20. They allowed us to preserve the south-side “Queen Anne Lutheran Church” letters. (*See the “before” and “after” photos below.*) Wooden screens have been placed on two cisterns; they, as well as the cisterns, can be painted.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



Several of you have asked “How do these cisterns help slow down water going to the West Point Sewage Treatment Plant?” Essentially, the cisterns hold 530 gallons of water, which takes about six hours to all flow into the current sewers because the cistern outlet is only one quarter-inch in diameter. (*See photo, at right, of our window well cistern.*) About 0.9 inches of rain completely fill each cistern with 530 gallons—each cistern approximately drains 1,000+ square feet. We will be able to use the water from the south side and west side cisterns to water our lawns or some of the garden areas using the hose spigot.



What if we receive two inches or more of rain quickly? In such a case, we are not helping slow any rainfall; a downpour of more than one inch will flow through the 3-inch diameter overflow pipe, which goes down into the same sewer. However, Seattle does not often receive more than one inch of rain in six hours. Several pages are posted in the narthex that show the final roof surface caught by the cisterns, as well as how many cisterns are filled each month, on average.

Finally, please look at the article “*Hocus Focus®, QALC-Style!*” on the next two pages. I am challenging everyone to compare “before and after” photos of QALC, and to comment on whether you like the changes, what else we could or should do next, including signage. There will be a narthex clipboard for you to list your comments.

—*Rich Mathes, Property Committee*

Hocus Focus®, QALC-Style!

Some of you have played the “Hocus Focus®” comic in the newspaper. I have created a different version, which has more answers. Will you play?

In the paper, you simply look at two very similar drawings and point out the differences—maybe a different-sized hat, or something that has moved. Now, since the exterior of our QALC building has changed a bit in the past year, I thought we could play a similar game. . .

Here are the Hocus Focus® Rules:

1. On a comment sheet in the narthex, list each difference you notice now compared to last January 2019. (This may be difficult, since I may not be able to provide a “before” photo for every nook and cranny.)
2. List whether you *like* the change – i.e. does the building appear more attractive, less attractive?
3. Suggest what else could be done—e.g. “*Paint Cistern E a particular color...*”
4. Note if you think more needs to be done – signage additions or changes, perhaps? Where?

“Hocus Focus®” comment sheets will be in narthex through January. All comments appreciated.

—Rich Mathes, Property Committee

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FAITH



Environmental Stewardship And Faith— Make A Suggestion, Win An Eco-Prize!

As we learn more about the climate crisis, it can seem overwhelming to consider, “What can I do?” We are collecting your suggestions to share with the congregation. Please look for the suggestion box in the narthex and submit your ideas. Each month we will draw one name from the submissions to win a prize that will reduce waste and improve your carbon footprint. Contact Bob Whitehorn, Susan Evans, or Lisa Kjaer-

Schade to get involved in this task force.

Check out Lisa’s article on the next page, listing many suggestions a resources for reducing waste during the holidays.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FAITH

Ideas for a Zero-Waste Holiday

At our house, Christmas is one of the biggest trash days of the year. Wrapping paper, Styrofoam, other gift and food packaging, food leftovers, and replaced electronics and batteries all contribute to the landfill. Here are some easy ideas for reducing contributions to the landfill this year: Just a little planning can make a huge difference. Adopting even one of these ideas will help!*

- Getting a lot of unwanted catalogs in the mail this time of year?. Cancel them for free via <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>. It may take several months to see the effect but if you do it now, next year's junk mail will be significantly reduced. Tip: I save just the catalog cover page (which includes all the data that is needed to cancel the catalog) then stack that page by the computer until I have a few piled up - then cancel them all at once.
- Give gifts that are homemade, benefit charity or are antiques or experiences. One option is the ELCA's Good Gifts at <https://community.elca.org/ELCAGoodGifts>.
- Reuse and recycle gift wrap, or use reusable gift bags, cloth tea towels or even sew your own gift bags. Avoid foiled, plastic, glitter, velveteen or raised embossing gift wrap as it usually can't be recycled. Remember ribbon cannot be recycled (but it can be reused!). One alternative to ribbon is raffia, which can be recycled.
- If you must use disposable plates and cutlery, use paper plates and compostable silverware instead of Styrofoam and plastic. Compost when finished.
- Decorate your home with natural decorations (plants, fruit, branches, ivy, etc) and edible displays, which can be eaten or composted when you are done.
- Styrofoam requires special handling. Peanuts are often accepted at your local packaging store, such as Mailbox, etc. (The Magnolia Mailbox is always happy to receive them.). In Seattle, you can arrange for Seattle Public Utilities to pick up Styrofoam blocks for free (max 32 gallon bag), but you must arrange a separate pick up online or by calling (206) 684-3000. If you are a member of Ridwell (see below), they will pick up a huge bag of Styrofoam for \$9.
- As of Jan 1 we will no longer be able to put plastic film (bags, plastic bubble mailers, bread bags, etc) in our recycling. For a small fee, Ridwell, a new company, started on Queen Anne, will pick up items from 4 categories: lightbulbs, batteries, plastic film and "threads" twice a month. In addition, they maintain a list of rotating categories throughout the year, e.g. leftover halloween candy, broken Christmas lights, women's work clothes, etc., that you can opt in for, and for which they have found a good home. <https://www.ridwell.com/>.
- Buy local/humanely raised meat, or try celebrating a meatless holiday. Freeze leftovers rather than throwing them out. Some sources for humanely raised and local turkey include:

www.HeritageTurkeyFoundation.org

www.LocalHarvest.org

www.huffpost.com/entry/heritage-turkeys-thanksgiving_n_5bd341f6e4b055bc948b78c4/amp

—Lisa Kjaer-Schade

* Primary Source: *The Zero-Waste Lifestyle - Live Well by Throwing Away Less*, by Amy Korst

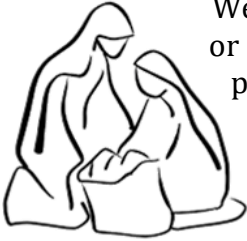
ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Giving Tree Is Up!

Gift tags on our annual "Giving Tree" will help residents of the Renton Veterans Center, permanent housing for veterans run by Compass Housing. Please grab a tag from the little table-tree in the narthex today. Gifts (unwrapped) are due back by Wednesday, December 11.

Share Your Nativity Set



We will once again display nativity sets in the narthex during Advent. If you have a crèche or nativity art, humble or extravagant, that's special to you, please bring it here as soon as possible. We can accommodate larger pieces, too. Please consider contributing; talk to Terry Anderson or Myra Dittes.

Greening of the Church

Join us at 10:00 AM on **Saturday, December 14** to help put up the trees and decorate the narthex and sanctuary for the Christmas season! A simple lunch will be shared.



"A Bluegrass Christmas"

with a Carol Sing-Along—

Celebrate the Christmas season on **Saturday, December 21** with carols and secular songs in the narthex with our bluegrass musicians, starting at 3 PM.

Hot cocoa and cider provided; bring cookies to share if you like. Bring your children or family visitors, and invite your friends and neighbors!



"The Christmas Story"— Intergenerational Christmas Program

Everyone is invited to participate in our Christmas program at the 10:30 AM worship service on **December 22**, functioning as the sermon that day. This novel, one-rehearsal program has parts for dozens of adults and children as we enact together the story of Jesus' birth and celebrate the continued presence of Christ in our lives today. Participants will rehearse just once at 9:30 AM on December 15.; most parts are non-speaking roles. Children will have costumes; adult parts are costume-optional. Talk to Terry Anderson for more information. We hope you'll join in the fun, as participant or congregant!



December Adult Forum Series: Ministry From 31,000 Feet



Pastor Paul Hoffman will lead our adult forum next Sunday and again on 12/15. His presentations will share observations that he has gathered about practices and trends in the ELCA from his ministry travels to Lutheran churches throughout the US over the past year. With the ELCA and most other North American protestant denominations in steep decline, Paul hopes to share with us both a word of alert (appropriate to this Advent season) and a word of hope. Come join this informal presentation and discussion in the Conference Room, 9-10 AM.

First Tuesdays Bible Study

First Tuesday became SECOND Tuesday this month! Bring a sack lunch to the Conference Room at noon for a discussion on December 10, as our Bible study group finishes its examination of the book of Ruth. Participants are invited to read the fourth chapter of Ruth in preparation. This Bible study group will continue to meet each First Tuesday into the new year. All are welcome.



Your Christmas Shopping Can Help Others

If you opt to do your Christmas shopping via Amazon, there is a way to create a small benefit to QALC's ministries. The smile.amazon.com link is an alternate entry point to the Amazon website that allows individuals to select QALC as the non-profit organization that they want to benefit from their shopping. Because several folks are already making use of this feature we've earned about \$80 for the year-to-date, all of which goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence Fund to help those in need.

PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, Quilters) Dinner

The date for PDQ's December gathering at the Thomsen home has been changed to Friday, December 20. Call the office or contact Jackie Thomsen for details. The PDQ group actually includes both men and women, and meets on third Tuesdays monthly at the church for quilting and a light supper at 5:30. All are welcome!

CHA Meeting Includes Tour of New Housing at Compass Broadview



You're cordially invited to attend **COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE'S 29TH ANNUAL MEETING, Saturday, December 14 from 10 AM – noon**

at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (13047 Greenwood Ave. N.).

Those attending this annual meeting will have the opportunity to tour the most recently opened Compass Housing Alliance facility—Compass Broadview—on the grounds of Luther Memorial. The Compass Broadview 59-unit affordable housing development provides new beginnings for homeless and low-income individuals and families. Compass Housing Alliance provides the residents with opportunities for stability, growth, and belonging through on-site case management, children's programming such as tutoring, and community building activities, skill-set development opportunities, and much more. To register for attendance at the annual meeting, please call (206) 474-1073 or visit compasshousingalliance.org.

*"As a community of women created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action,
and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."*



We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the backpacks for Core Tanzania (*at left*). Several people helped make the bags and a lot of you contributed the items that will go into the bags. Michael and Jeanette Banobi will assemble the bags in Tanzania. They take less space in the luggage unassembled. Again our thanks everyone who helped.

Did everyone have enough Himbashe, Stollen, sausage and coffee? Seville's waffles were wonderful! Did you help in making the blankets for Westside Baby—basics for children in need? Did you make a craft? Did you mark that this is the beginning of Advent? I hope you said "yes" and I hope you had a wonderful time. We enjoyed having you at the celebration.



Sewing and Service will meet for sewing the first two Wednesdays in December. On December 18 they will meet for lunch at Jean McLauchlan's. All women of QALC are invited to the luncheon.

After lunch at Jean's on December 18, those interested will meet at the church to make cookies for Community Lunch on Capitol Hill Christmas goody bags. The goody bag is given to all those who come to lunch on Christmas at CLC.

PDQ's will meet at Jacki Thomsen's for dinner on Friday, December 20. The New Circle chose not to meet on Christmas Eve, so their next meeting will be in January.

Have a greatly anticipated time of Advent and a joyous Christmas.

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

Caregivers Support Group at Bayview

Being one of the primary care givers to a loved one can be a very isolating and lonely experience. Come draw wisdom and support from others who are going through similar experiences. This support group is open to those who are caregivers in any capacity. It meets every other week on Mondays: the 2nd, 16th and 30th in December, from 1:30 to 2:30pm in the chaplain's office at Bayview, 11 West Aloha St., Seattle, WA 98119. The group is facilitated by Chaplain Juliana Bateman, Director of Spiritual Care. Contact Juliana at 206.281.5749 or jbateman@bayviewseattle.org.

Notes from the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

Preliminary totals for the Seattle Ingathering showed 100 churches participating: 5,000 quilts; 5,500 school kits. Both quilts and school kit numbers are up a bit from the prior October. In the fall we receive 90% of the full year's school kits, 40% of quilts, and 35% of personal care kits.



Thanks to all of you who made quilts or kits, contributed money for quilts, kits or shipping costs, or loaded the many boxes!



L-R: Paul Robinson with full truck; Dan Fulwiler; Paul Hoffman with Steve Burdick. Lower left: Janel Johnson - Momanyi, Paul Abodeely and Pastor Doug Stensby.



We were privileged to have **Janel Johnson-Momanyi**, at the Ingathering. (See photo to left). Janel is replacing Melanie Gibbons as Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager at the Baltimore LWR office. She is transferring from IMAWorld Health (founded as Interchurch Medical Assistance), and so is new to LWR Ingathering details. Janel attended our Ingathering to help get her feet wet—of course our weather was beautiful. She was able to talk to lots of drivers, quilters, and loaders. LWR and IMA are merging during 2019. There are two different handouts in the narthex if you want to learn more, or go to lwr.org for details.

If you have questions about Lutheran World Relief, contact Rich or Candy Mathes at lwrmathes@aol.com.



November Was a Busy Month for Feeding Our Neighbors!

In keeping with our multi-decade tradition, we prepared, served and hosted guests at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill on all four Tuesdays in November. In addition, we began providing breakfast and dinner at New Horizons Ministries, serving youth in need at their North Belltown center.

Finally, **ForKids** sponsored a food drive to benefit Immanuel Lutheran Food Bank. We look forward to having another “Feed Your Neighbor Month” next November, with additional events before then. Stay tuned for more opportunities to serve in early 2020! If you have questions or suggestions, contact Jim Margard.

Above right:: The serving group at New Horizons Ministries, with the beautiful spread we prepared (Al Mangold also made fresh bread).

Left, top to bottom: Many QALC members volunteered Tuesdays at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill—thank you to all!

Offsite, but Connected—

Check Out These December Holiday Music & Art Events, too:

There are several Advent music and art events connected to members of our congregation (Sophie Pritchard, Annika Lundsgaard, and Kyle Haugen). Flyers related to these events are posted on the Music bulletin board near the chapel hallway.



Friday, December 6, and weekends December 7 & 8, 14 & 15

IKONS—Art Work by Sophie K. Pritchard, QALC member, showing at Anu Rana's Healthy Kitchen 17610 Vashon Highway SW, Vashon Island, WA 98070, during the Vashon Island Artists Holiday Studio Tour (The VIVA). Pick up a VIVA Studio Tour brochure and map at Island businesses—Studios and Galleries welcome the public 10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday and Sunday, Dec 7-8 and 14-15. Or join the First Friday Art Walk and Gallery Cruise December 6, 2019 6-9 PM. Email sophiekpritchard@gmail.com for info.

Saturday/Sunday, December 7 & 8

NORTHWEST REPERTORY SINGERS, conducted by QALC cantor, **Kyle Haugen**, presents "Christmas Ancient, Christmas Modern" December 7 and 8 at Mason United Methodist Church in the North End of Tacoma. **Purchase tickets online with promo code "Kyle" (without quotation marks) and receive 50% off the full ticket price!** See www.nwrs.org for more information and links to online ticket sales.



Friday, December 13

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA'S MESSIAH

SINGALONG invites all to Seattle First Baptist Church Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM. \$15 tickets are available through Brown Paper tickets; rent scores for \$5; all proceeds benefit Garfield Orchestra, in which QALC member **Annika Lundsgaard** plays.



From the Bishop

By Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, NWWA Synod

From the December 2019 Edition of The Spirit

RECENTLY I had a meeting at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. As I walked on campus I had to take a deep breath. You see, I had to prepare myself for how much different Luther Seminary is now then when I was a student almost thirty years ago. When I attended Luther, there were 800 students on campus. Lots of faculty. Almost everyone lived on campus. The cafeteria was stuffed full with people. On Wednesdays you had to arrive early for chapel or you wouldn't be able to find a seat.

This is not what Luther is like now.

And so I take a breath. And I miss what used to be.

I have the same experience when I drive past a soccer field and see kids playing. I have an urge to stop and watch the game. (I need to tell you, this is very strange for me to WANT to watch youth soccer.) Back when I had kids playing soccer I often complained that I was too hot or too cold or too wet or I had laundry to do or ... whatever ... and now when I drive by I think, "Oh, I just want to watch kids play soccer."

Obviously, it is not that I want to watch youth soccer. It is that I miss having younger kids at home.

And so I take a breath. And I miss what used to be.

So often we look backwards and hold something up as "the best time" and wonder how to get back to that place. And this is understandable. As humans we need to acknowledge the grief that we are carrying. If we don't do this careful and important work, grief can fester and come out as anger or apathy or just become so deeply imbedded we are unable to live in the present or into the future.

We in the synod office have been wondering how to acknowledge this grief about "what once was" in order to move forward into the future. We're wondering if some sort of get-together or some holding space would be helpful to talk about this. One suggestion is to collectively read Bishop Michael Girlinghouse's book, *Embracing God's Future Without Forgetting the Past*. I have started reading it and find it a useful and lovely book. I would be interested in hearing if you would be interested in reading this book together and discussing it.

Going back to that visit to Luther Seminary, while I took a deep breath and prepared myself for things "not as they once were," when I arrived on campus and listened to students, after I talked with administration and professors, after worshipping together in chapel, I realized that God is acting and moving in the life of Luther. Through the new webtools at Faith+Life, through the correct sizing of their campus, through their new pathways towards MDivs, through their emphasis on student formation and, especially, through their listening, they are dancing with the Spirit in this new day.

Dear Beloveds of God, I encourage you to have deep, sometimes hard, conversations about who you have been and who you are called to be. I encourage you to tell the stories of your life and your congregation. Record them. Remember them. And I encourage you to dream into the next stories of your place. What is next?

For this is what we trust and hold: *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!* 2 Corinthians 5:17

In God's Peace and Joy,

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

The time has come again to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Altar Guild will be using poinsettia plants to decorate the altar area.

If you would like to contribute one or more plants, please fill out the form below. Detach it and leave it in an offering plate or return it to the church office before Wednesday, December 18. You may also email us your information. Cost per plant is **\$12.00**. Checks should be made out to QALC and marked "poinsettias." If you are giving the poinsettias in honor or memory of someone, please print that name very clearly. Commemorations will be noted in the church bulletins for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Your name (please print clearly!) _____

Number of plants _____

☐ In memory of, OR ☐ In honor of: _____

SERVING IN DECEMBER

Attached is my check for \$ _____

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 or usher.

Altar Guild:

Jennifer and Chloe Jones

Offering Counters

- 1 Vicke Pugil and Cathi Unseth
- 8 Rich Mathes and Joel Matter
- 15 Susan Evans and Linda Olson
- 22 Jennifer Jones and John Reese
- 27 Jennifer Jones and Susan Evans
- 29 Barb Bach and Bridget Boysen
- 31 *Counting for fiscal year—needed*

Ushers: (8:00 AM)

- 1 *needed*
- 8 *needed*
- 15 *needed*
- 22 *needed*

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 1 Don Thomas, children
- 8 Don Thomas, *needed*
- 15 Don Thomas, *needed*
- 22 Don Thomas, *needed*
- 29 Don Thomas, *needed*

Ushers: (Christmas Worship)

- 24 5:30 PM *needed*
- 24 11:00 PM *needed*
- 25 10:30 AM *needed*

Lector/Communion Server (8:00 AM)

- 1 Dan Squires
 - 8 Jacqui Darroch
 - 15 Jan & Linda Olson
 - 22 Mei Le & Dolly Smith
- No 8:00 AM service on Dec. 29*

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 1 Rich Mathes
- 8 Meg Shaw
- 15 Tim Porter
- 22 Carol Ann Davis
- 29 Aaron Rugg

Assisting Minister (Christmas Worship)

Tues., Dec. 24 5:30 PM Joan Kavanaugh
Tues., Dec. 24 11:00 PM Consuelo Vega-Bockelie
Additional Communion Helper: Nancy Fulwiler
Wed., Dec. 25 10:30 AM *needed*

Flowers on the Altar

(Flowers through Advent and Christmas will be provided by the Altar Guild. Fill out a form (page 18) for a Poinsettia plant if you would like to contribute to the decor; they may be taken home after Christmas.)

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 1 *needed*
- 8 *needed*
- 15 *needed*
- 22 *needed*

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

- 1 Oplingers
- 8 Finks
- 15 Dibbles
- 22 *needed*
- 29 *needed*

forKIDS Teachers: (9:30 AM)

- 08 (twens) Rich Mathes/James Fink
- 08 (K-3) Consuelo Vega-Bockelie/Kathleen Fink
- 15 (twens) Tim Porter/Jenny Porter
- 15 (K-3) Meg Shaw/ Consuelo Vega-Bockelie

Deadline for the January Quill is Thursday, December 26.

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DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Blessing of the Toys Family Sunday Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Kids Music with Cantor Kyle 9:30 am Worship 10:30 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 2:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 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 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am “ForKIDS” Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 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 2:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	Choir 7:00 pm	Girl Scouts Caroling Practice 2:40 pm	Greening of the Church 10:00 am Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Kids Music with Cantor Kyle 9:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	12-Step FA 7:00 pm		QALCW Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	PDQ Quilters 5:30 pm	Alanon Women 10:30 am Bluegrass Christmas with a Carol Singalong 3:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship 8:00 am Christmas Program Prep — Kids 9:30 am Worship with Christmas Program 10:30 am	12-Step FA 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship 11:00 pm	Christmas Day Worship 10:30 am AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm			Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
29	30	31				
Worship 10:30 am	12-Step FA 7:00 pm					