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From the Bishop

By Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, NWWA Synod
From the February 2020 Edition of *The Spirit*

Grace Grants

I am excited to announce that the application process for Northwest Washington Synod Grace Grants is open. Thanks to the vision and desire for continued ministry, Grace Lutheran, Bellevue gave the synod council a percentage of their proceeds when they closed their ministry. The synod council, in turn, wants to invest this money in congregations and ministry sites who are doing faithful innovation. In that spirit, Grace Grants were born.

For each of the next three years, \$100,000 will be made available for congregations and ministry sites to apply for Grace Grants. If other congregations, institutions or individuals would like to contribute to this fund, the synod council will continue Grace grants beyond these initial three years.

Congregations and ministry sites are welcome to apply for grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000. The council welcomes all applications. In particular, the Grace Grant Committee and synod council are looking for congregations who are faithfully looking into the future, trusting God, and seeing new possibilities in sharing the story of Jesus.

As you consider these grants, these questions might help you discern what God is up to in your area of the synod:

- What is happening in your church's neighborhood?
Where do you see possibilities for partnership or collaboration?
- What is our unique ELCA identity and witness?
- Are there avenues to talk with and listen to those outside the walls of the church?
- How can we equip disciples and our own community of faith?
- How can we foster a spirit of connection across the synod?
- What are the resources needed to develop new leaders?
- How can we partner with young adults, listening and collaborating?
- Where are the places we can be more eco-friendly in our church buildings?
- Who are those marginalized?
- Who are those discriminated against?

Of course, there are other areas to consider for ministry through these Grace Grants. These are just a few ideas that might help.

As you prepare, here are some important dates:

- February 1 - Grant Application Period open, find form on synod website.
- May 1 - Applications due. No late applications will be accepted.
- May - Grant committee review will take place.
- June 5 - Final approval of Grants by Synod Council.
- June 6 - Notification of grants awarded at Synod Assembly.
- July 1 - Grants to be funded

Grants need to be used between July 1, 2020 & April 1, 2021. Grants are potentially renewable.

I hope you find this opportunity as exciting as the Northwest Washington Synod Council. We are excited to continue vitalizing our congregations and ministry sites into the future – as we trust God is walking with us, leading us and guiding us.

Grace & Peace,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Highlights from the 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting

We met on January 26 for a wonderful lunch (Thanks to all responsible!) and for our QALC Annual Meeting. 50 voting members registered their attendance at the meeting. Full reports including the minutes will soon be in the Members Area of our queenannelutheran.org website. Contact the church office for access to the Members Area.

Reports were presented by Terry Anderson, Director of Children's Ministry, Candy Mathes representing the QALC Women, Cantor Kyle Haugen, Outgoing Council President Dan Squires, and Pastor Dan Peterson.

Myra Dittes presented the Treasurer's Report for 2019. Having begun the year with a robust beginning balance of \$72,881, the church ended the year with a positive ending balance. With increased activities in music (due to the arrival of our Cantor, Kyle Haugen) the financial statements now present increased detail in reporting Worship and Music finances. Council set aside \$50,000 for deferred maintenance; at the end of the year those funds were transferred to the funds for the stewardship of the building. In 2019 Donor Designated Benevolences amount to \$32,668. A motion was approved to transfer the Endowment Fund Assets to the ELCA Fund Pooled Trust.

Nancy Fulwiler presented the Audit Committee report, confirming that the church's financial policies, procedures, and records are all sound.

Marc Oplinger presented the Nominating Committee report, and the 2020 slate of candidates was approved as presented; our new congregational leadership is listed below, and the new Council will begin meeting this month. Several positions on the 2020 Nominating Committee and one of two delegate positions to the one-day Synod Convention in May are still open.

Rich Mathes presented the 2020 Guidelines for Expenditures, noting that in order to break even the church needs to increase offerings.

Many people have contributed to the mission and work of QALC over the past year. Throughout the meeting, thanks were given for everyone's stewardship of time, presence and finances. There is much to celebrate from 2019 and much to look forward to in 2020 and beyond!

—Summary from Congregational Meeting Minutes submitted by
Marjorie Dowd, Outgoing Council Secretary

2020 Congregational Council (Names in **BOLD** are 2020 electees)

Executive Committee: (One year term)

President	Mark Dibble
Vice President	Aaron Rugg
Secretary	John Reese
Treasurer	Myra Dittes

Council Members:

Al Shabino	One year term ending 01/31/21
Susan Evans	Last year of three-year term ending 01/31/21
Carol Ann Davis	Last year of three-year term ending 01/31/21
Chris Roozen	Second year of three-year term ending 01/31/22
Pam Harmon	Begins two-year term ending 01/31/22
Consuelo Vega	Begins two-year term ending 01/31/22
John Reese	Begins three-year term ending 01/31/23
Kirsti Melby	Begins three-year term ending 01/31/23
Nancy Fulwiler	Begins three-year term ending 01/31/23

Thanks...

... to all those who worked to make our Annual Congregational Meeting a success!

Many people wrote and gave reports; created and presented budgets, financial statements, and



audit reports; many calls were made and emails sent for nominations.

And let us also give praise to Al Mangold's bread, and to all those who worked to set tables, and labored in the kitchen both before and after our meal.

Thanks, too, to Terry Anderson for setting up a welcoming area with activities for children to enjoy while we met.



FROM THE CANTOR

Choir and Community

With so many Facebook acquaintances and friends who are also church musicians, I come across posts and links related to my profession. Through a friend's re-posting at Facebook I recently found a blog article entitled, "The Critical Importance of Church Choirs." The article is posted at a site called blog.discoverworship.com, and I must state upfront that I don't know much about that site or the views espoused there overall—I simply thought the author (Vince Wilcox) made some interesting observations in this particular piece. Below I share some of my own thoughts as well as a quote from Wilcox.

For Lutheran Christians, the choir has always been central in worship alongside the robust participation of the congregation. The choir helps steward a biblical worship heritage dating from ancient times (consider especially the Psalms) as well as our unique Lutheran musical-theological history and its contribution to the evolution of Western culture. This means that preparation of music and building skills as an ensemble are essential to a healthy choir's identity. But more importantly, a choir—especially a volunteer choir—is a *community*. Wilcox writes:

We live in the age of the superstar worship leader and celebrity pastor. Choirs can be an antidote to this spiritual epidemic. A healthy choir affirms all it's [sic] members—not just the high-profile ones. A choir can be a redemptive community where all the imperfect parts of the Body of Christ are cherished—especially when someone is going through a tough time. A choir is a place where you belong, where you are missed when you're not there, and where you can contribute your modest talent so that the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts.

It's my hope that QALC's choir can offer a fun, educational, caring "community within our community" through our weekly preparation to help lead the song of the congregation. If you've ever considered joining us Thursdays at 7 PM, please feel welcome—the Lent/Easter cycle is coming and this is a great time to check us out. There's always extra sheet music for guests!

Coming Soon

I'm looking forward to working with for **KIDS** again in February, and we'll offer a musical selection or two at our Family Sunday in March (last December's psalm refrain with kids and choir together went well, giving kids leadership within the worship service). Looking further ahead, we'll have a "free ring" (no rehearsal required!) again this year on Palm Sunday for kids (10:30) and adults/kids (8:00). I'll also be reaching out soon to see if there is interest in more structured bell-ringing opportunities for adults leading up to Easter Sunday. Stay tuned!

See you in church,



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

On Childcare at QALC

Tucked away upstairs are two connected childcare rooms with a window and door between them. When the window is open, it almost feels as though the two rooms are one.

The first room has the hallway entrance, and a bulletin board for parents to sign children in and out. There is also a connected bathroom and changing table, a small table and chairs, a rocking chair, playhouse, and toys and books for infants through 3-year-olds.

The connecting room is primarily for the older kids, with puzzles, games, books, and small-sized Lego blocks more appropriate for those four years and up. An activity choice is to color a Bible story page, and background music playing children's Bible songs is in the plans.

Childcare is available each Sunday from 7:45 until after 10:30 worship, and is a safe and fun place for kids to engage in appropriate activities during all or part of worship and/or the morning Forum. However, kids are always welcome to stay in worship.

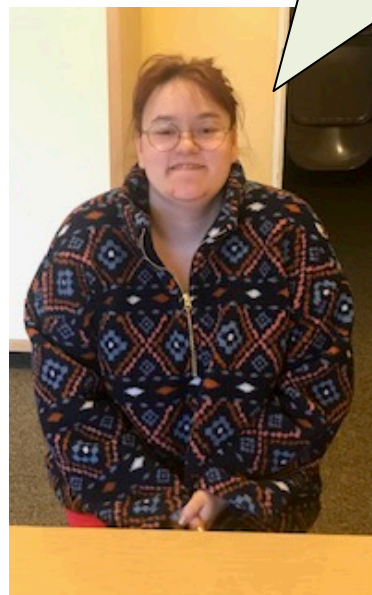
Below you can meet our two friendly and experienced caregivers, who care for the children and for the childcare space. We're grateful that they are a part of the Sunday QALC team.

—Terry Anderson,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

My name is Claire London. I'm an infant teacher at a daycare in Issaquah and work with little ones three months to a year old. I've worked at the church for about a year, and my goal is to go to college to study childhood development. For fun, I have recently started skiing and try to get up to Snoqualmie a couple times a month.



My name is Emma London and I'm 23 years old. I have worked at the church for over two years and enjoy the kids. I'm also going to college, taking courses to become an elementary teacher. One thing I like to do in my spare time is to play with my dog in the back yard, and to take her on walks.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

HOCUS FOCUS Game

Only a few of you have commented in narthex on the HOCUS FOCUS sheet. Please continue to add to that list; include your name; at my age sometimes I cannot read your writing. See the Property Committee section of the Annual Report on pages 29-31. Particularly look at “end of year thoughts.” Some of these ideas were discussed at the Adult Forum before the Annual Meeting.

There are several lighting issues –

- 1) Light sanctuary at night, with new LED (?) lights, to show off stained glass window to folks outside
- 2) Light front walk
- 3) Light signs more. And of course, new signage, regardless of lighting.

Besides your comments, if you would like to help work on one of these projects, please let me know. We are God’s hands and eyes.

—Rich Mathes
Property Committee



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FAITH

Suggestion Box Yields Great Results in December

The first month of the Climate Change Suggestion Box was a success! Rich Mathes won the drawing and received a reusable water bottle. Here are the excellent suggestions our members submitted:

For the Community:

Support uniform federal standards for recycling and composting.

For the Church:

Solar panels.

Use compostable products to replace plastic. BEWARE: “compostable” means what Cedar Grove accepts. Flatware and lined deli containers are trash in Seattle, even though the products say they are compostable. Plates with slick surfaces and waxed cups aren’t compostable, either. Even if you wash food off these dishes and recycle them, the paper itself probably goes into the garbage at the recycler.

For Our Homes:

Put up a clothesline to dry your clothes in good weather (makes them smell wonderful!).j

Plan trips to avoid using the car; make it a family contest! Ideas: 1) carpool with families for soccer practice, 2) ride bikes or walk to school, 3) group errands – for example, do grocery shopping and visit the library when you’re in the area for a doctor/dentist appointment.

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Use washable ceramic/glass dishes and storage containers instead of single use plastic.

Use air purifiers for good respiratory health.

Use toilet paper made from recycled paper. A million acres of Canada's boreal forests are logged each year, and a lot of that timber goes to make throwaway tissue products like toilet paper. Since boreal forests store more carbon per hectare than any other forest ecosystem, they are one of the best defenses against climate change. NO major household brands of toilet paper contain any recycled content. See the sustainability scorecard below from the Natural Resources Defense Council/Stand.earth and Google "The Issue with Tissue".

A BUYER'S GUIDE TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF AT-HOME TISSUE PRODUCTS

 TOILET PAPER	
BRAND	GRADE
Green Forest	A
365 Everyday Value, 100% Recycled	A
Earth First	A
Natural Value	A
Seventh Generation	A
Trader Joe's Bath Tissue	A
Marcal 1000 ^a	B
Marcal Small Steps	B
365 Everyday Value, Sustainably Soft	D
Cottonelle Ultra	D
Scott 1000	D
Scott ComfortPlus	D
Trader Joe's Super Soft Bath Tissue	D
Charmin Ultra ^b	F
Kirkland	F
Angel Soft	F
Quilted Northern	F
Up & Up Soft & Strong	F

 PAPER TOWELS	
BRAND	GRADE
Green Forest	A
365 Everyday Value	A
Earth First	A
Natural Value	A
Seventh Generation	A
Trader Joe's	A
Marcal	B
Marcal Small Steps	B
Viva	D
Bounty	F
Brawny	F
Sparkle	F
Up & Up	F
Kirkland	F

 FACIAL TISSUE	
BRAND	GRADE
Green Forest	A
365 Everyday Value, 100% Recycled	A
Natural Value	A
Trader Joe's	A
Fluff Out	B
Marcal Small Steps	B
Seventh Generation	B
365 Everyday Value, Sustainably Soft	D
Kleenex Everyday	D
Kirkland	D
Puffs Ultra Soft	F
Up & Up Soft	F

^a Due to a fire at their New Jersey paper plant in January 2019, Marcal is suspending manufacture of their at-home products, including all Marcal products listed in this report. However, they could become available again in the future.

^b This entry applies to both Charmin Ultra Soft and Charmin Ultra Strong.

Please keep these great ideas coming! Truly, it will take all of us working together to reduce our carbon footprints and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. In February, let's all make a commitment to try out one of these suggestions.

—Susan Evans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Jones Leads the Altar Guild, and There is a Place for You!

Greetings from your Altar Guild.

My co-chair, Emmett Pritchard, has stepped down as our primary chairperson, so I am stepping up to fill the position full-time.

Altar Guild members provide an important service to our worship experience. Have you ever wondered where all those different-colored draperies behind the cross come from, why we drape fancy fabric over the chalice, or what gluten-free wafers taste like? Join us on Altar Guild and you can find out! Our membership is running low and we need to replenish our ranks.

Altar Guild is a great way to be a QALC “insider” without a time-consuming commitment. I can offer you a flexible membership plan, no public speaking, and we only meet once or twice a year! 8AM service attendees, I’m inviting you, too! I’d love to have one or two people that I could count on to set-up for the 8 AM service.

So, if this sounds even vaguely interesting, please come see me after church (I’m in the choir) or send me an email at jmjones12@msn.com, and I can fill you in on how fulfilling our work can be.

—Jennifer Jones



Make-A-Home Project —New Saturday Moving Date February 15!

Our Make-A-Home Project is providing one Mary’s Place family moving into permanent housing with basic furniture and household items. Saturday, February 15 will be Moving Day, and we’ll need a crew of 5-10 people to help load the truck at our church, travel to the family’s new apartment in Renton, and unload. Meet at QALC at 10 AM to help. It will be a day full of joy for that family, and for the volunteers—a “moving” day for the heart as well as our muscles. Making this family’s house feel like a home and experiencing community support is integral to their long-term stability during this important transition. If you would be available that day to pitch in, please contact Peggy Morgan at pmorganxyz@comcast.net —and many thanks.

Kids Make Music with Cantor Kyle this Month

Each Sunday in February, Cantor Kyle Haugen will meet with our children and youth to sing together. The goal is to sing in worship on March 1, Family Sunday. We hope your children will be able to come sing! The schedule varies a bit each week; here are the times for music-making:

Sunday, February 09	9:00 AM
Sunday, February 16	9:30 AM
Sunday February 23	9:00 AM
Sunday, March 01	9:30 AM

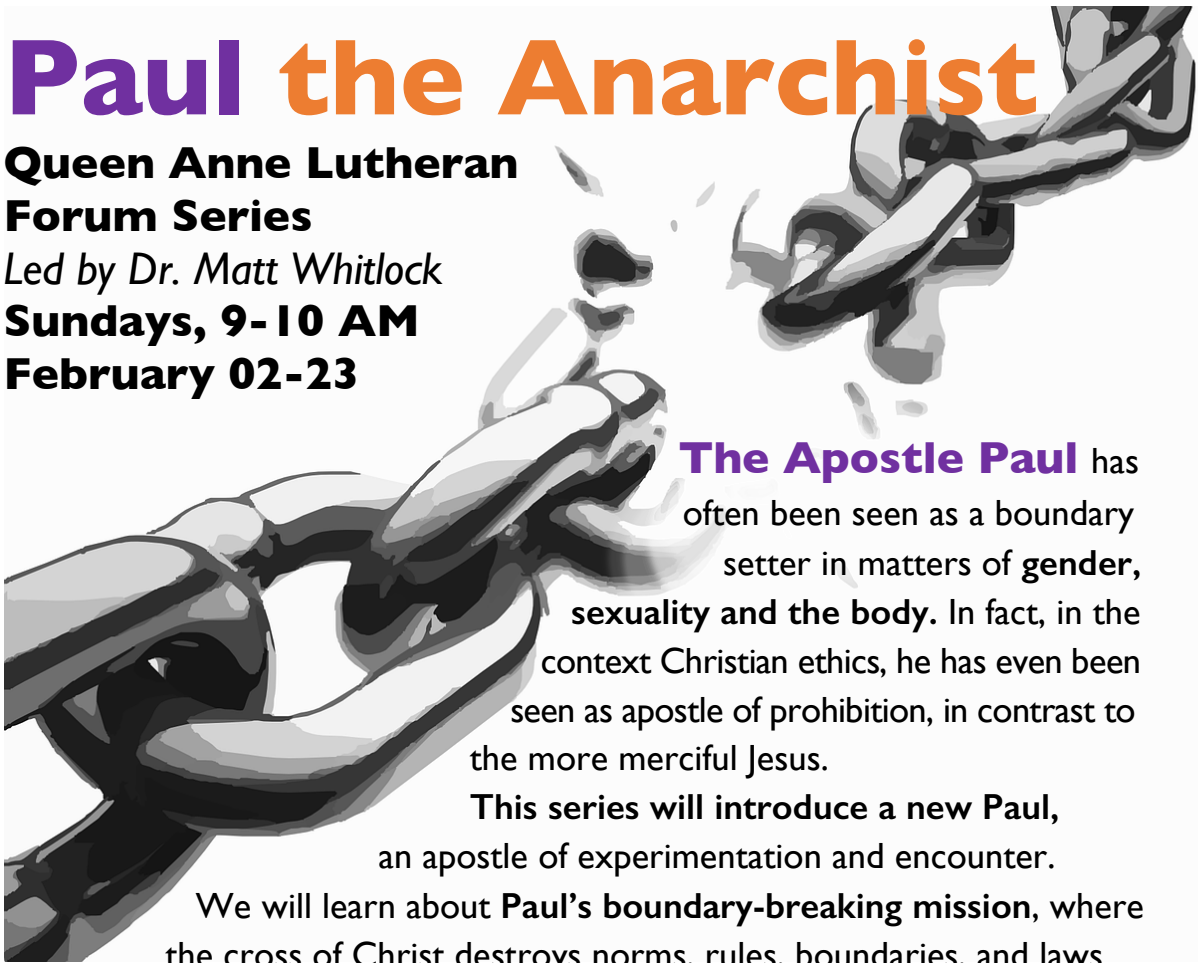
Paul the Anarchist

Queen Anne Lutheran Forum Series

Led by Dr. Matt Whitlock

Sundays, 9-10 AM

February 02-23



The Apostle Paul has often been seen as a boundary setter in matters of **gender, sexuality and the body**. In fact, in the context Christian ethics, he has even been seen as apostle of prohibition, in contrast to the more merciful Jesus.

This series will introduce a new Paul, an apostle of experimentation and encounter.

We will learn about Paul's boundary-breaking mission, where the cross of Christ destroys norms, rules, boundaries, and laws.

2/02: "Is Pauline Theology Just a Guy Thing?"

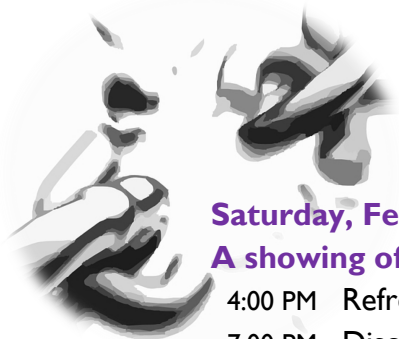
2/09: The Experimental Paul

2/16: Queering Paul: Is Pauline Theology Just a Heterosexual Thing?

2/23: Paul: The Writer of Science Fiction and Apocalypse

Matthew G. Whitlock is Associate Professor in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at Seattle University. He received his Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America, focusing on the intersections of the Gospels and Paul. His research currently focuses on the intersections between modern philosophy, science fiction, and the New Testament.

Join us also for These "Paul the Anarchist"– Related Events:



Saturday, February 22:
A showing of "The Matrix"

4:00 PM Refreshments; film;
7:00 PM Discussion facilitated
by Matt Whitlock



Sunday, February 23:
Lunch & Public Talk

NOON Lunch is served
1:00 PM Public Talk
by Matt Whitlock



Explore the Intersection of **Faith & Film**

“The Matrix”

DATE: Saturday, February 22 in the Conference Room

TIME: 4:00 PM: Appetizers and drinks

4:45 PM: Watch the movie together

7:00 PM: Discussion (led by Dr. Matt Whitlock)

All are welcome. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex.

Without a doubt one of the best and most influential movies of all time, “The Matrix” is the defining science fiction film of the 1990's and the biggest leap the genre has taken since Kubrick's “2001: a Space Odyssey” The Matrix depicts a dystopian future where all of humanity has been trapped in a simulated reality, being used as an energy source for artificially intelligent creatures.

A hacker, Neo, is alerted to the falseness of the world they live in, and soon starts on a quest to uncover the truth. (2 hour, 16 minutes long; 1999; Rated R)

“The Matrix” brought questions about existential philosophy and nihilism to the forefront, creating a sci-fi film that reverberates around contemporary culture—and how might the film relate to the Apostle Paul? Explore ideas during the discussion afterward with Dr. Matt Whitlock, who also leads our February forums on the Apostle.

First Wednesdays—Joel On Joel:

Our monthly noontime Bible study will reconvene Wednesday February 5 at 12 PM in the Conference Room. The group will be examining the book of Joel this time, and our own Joel Matter will lead the first discussion. Please read the first chapter of the Book of Joel beforehand, and any commentary material you come across as well.

Beyond Faith Begins Again

The Beyond Faith discussion group will begin meeting again in the Conference Room from 6:30 to 8:30 for three Wednesdays in February, starting Wednesday, February 5. Those interested should use this month to read the book *Certainty of Uncertainty* by Mark Schaefer, and come prepared to discuss the first eight chapters all the way through “Pointing Beyond the Metaphor.” All are welcome to attend.



Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) Event at QALC—Saturday, Feb. 8 at 4:00 PM

Mei Le Smith (who has attended LSM for several years with the support of QALC), Cantor Kyle, and Pastor Paul Hoffman will be participating in *An Evening with LSM* held at QALC. LSM is hosting regional events modeled after a typical night during LSM, the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. A recital is performed by LSM alumni and current or former students and faculty, wherein each performer has an opportunity to share the impact of LSM on their lives. The recital is then followed by a service of Evening Prayer in true LSM style. The evening concludes with a reception and time of fellowship. A freewill offering is collected to grow scholarship support for the upcoming summer.

Mark your calendar and come support LSM and youth music!

Attendance is FREE for any QALC member thanks to a generous donation by one of our members. Please attend! Talk to Paul Hoffman, one of the organizers, for more information; posters are in the narthex.



ASH WEDNESDAY is February 26 and marks the beginning of Lent.

Worship will be held at 10:30 AM in the chapel and at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary.

Pastor Dan, along with Pastor Mark Griffith of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, will also be offering "Ashes on the Ave" to the public along Queen Anne Ave. from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

QALC WOMEN'S LENTEN BRUNCH

This annual event will be held at 9:30 AM on Saturday, February 29. All women are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast and a short program led by Rev. Stacy Kitahata followed by worship. See details, next page.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT:

Morning Worship—

Every Wednesday during Lent, we have a brief worship service in the chapel beginning at 10:30 AM. Our focus in worship will be on various texts from our hymnody. All are welcome.

Evening Supper, Study, and Compline —

Lent provides the opportunity to stop and reflect on questions related to faith, not least of which is the question of death. How do we face it and what, if anything, happens after this life comes to an end? Join us this Lent as we welcome back **Dr. Beatrice Lawrence**, professor of Hebrew Bible at Seattle University, to guide us through the labyrinth of death and dying from a Jewish perspective. Members of local synagogues have also been invited to attend.

Beginning on March 4, we will gather each Wednesday in Lent, starting with a simple meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. (A sign-up to help provide soup and bread each week will soon be in the narthex.) The meal will be followed at 6:45 PM Dr. Lawrence's class, and we will end the evening with a brief compline service in the chapel. We hope to see you there.

QALCW Lenten Brunch

for all Women of QALC & Guests

The Joy of Lent: 40 days' journey with Jesus

Guest Speaker – Stacy Kitahata

Saturday, February 29 @ 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall @ QALC

If you would like to help or have questions,
please talk to Sallie Wilson or Candy Mathes



Stacy Kitahata

Director for Partnerships

Stacy is a community leader with a sustained commitment to fostering cultural competence and active faith. Stacy joined the Krista Foundation in February of 2011. Prior to that, she served as Director for Community Engagement and Professor of Intercultural Studies at Trinity Lutheran College in Everett. As an Associate with the Kaleidoscope Institute, Stacy regularly facilitates intercultural competency training with an ecumenical consortium of Northwest churches and trainers.

Stacy brings a solid background of investment in young adults. She has been deeply involved as an advisor and young adult mentor for a five-year Asian American Discipleship Conference series on faith and vocation. Stacy has also served on the Lutheran Volunteer Corps Board of Directors (LVC) and connected locally with service volunteers. Since her own youth, Stacy has been rooted in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), and has served as denominational staff and in many volunteer capacities, including the ELCA's national Multicultural Youth Leadership Events.

While in Chicago, she was Dean of the Community and member of the faculty at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. Stacy has traveled extensively in Latin America, Asia and Africa and holds degrees from UCLA and McCormick Theological Seminary. These experiences equip her with a wealth of global, ecumenical, and theological insight. Meanwhile, Stacy brings another talent from urban Chicago: an "unparalleled ability" to parallel park in the tightest of spaces!

In her spare time, Stacy still loves reading books: from how the brain works to the latest on understanding the complexities of culture and politics. Alongside her spouse Diakonda, Stacy is passionate about advocating for inclusion of all members of our communities, particularly immigrants.

When asked what she looked forward to in partnering with Krista Colleagues, Stacy shared, "In these terribly polarized times when the tensions in our life together seem daunting, the wisdom and perseverance of the Colleagues—together with the access and potential available in our connected/global world—will move us all to a better place than we can even begin to imagine. The Colleagues are inspiring and challenging and it is an honor to serve with them."

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of reflection at the QALCW Lenten Brunch, Saturday, February 29 at 9:30 AM Our guest speaker, Stacy Kitahata, will be speaking on "The Joy of Lent: 40 days' journey with Jesus." (See page at left.) The season of Lent invites us to reflect deeply in the midst of the flurry around us. Together we explore the traditional spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and gracious generosity, and their implications in our contemporary context. Let's engage these gifts of Lent for renewal, joy, and justice.

How may you help? Take the time to join us. For a community to be, we need YOU to be a part of it. If you would like to be help with set up, food preparation or cleanup, please talk to Barb Bach or Candy Mathes.

"We are called!" *Gather* Magazine kicked off the winter Bible Study with a discussion of what it means to be called. According to Luther, everything we do to respond to the needs of our neighbor in any way is a vocation, a calling from God. We are called in the midst of community, and we are called to keep building community, wherever we are.

Come join Northern Lights (Gretchen Richey) or the Evening Bible Study (Barb Bach) to discuss these ideas and to build that community.

The two groups that meet for sewing mission quilts are back in full swing. PDQ's meet the third Tuesday of the month starting between 5 and 6 PM. Dinner is provided. Sewing and Service meets every Wednesday at 9:30 (coffee at 11:00). Come check us out!

It is always nice to get a thank-you in the mail:



"Kristy Daniels and I are leading worship here at the Byberg preaching conference in Seaside. Kristy told me that the quilters at Queen Anne Lutheran Church helped her to finish the quilt she brought and also gave her a quilt to bring to make our conference room a worship space. I wanted to share a picture with you all to let you know how thankful I and conference participants are to have had your beautiful work in front of us. The quilts brought color and warmth and helped our conference room/banquet room become a worship space. Thank you all.

Peace,

Pastor Glen Aaberg,

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church-Renton"

Your Women's Committee

Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Barbara Bach and Candy Mathes

Queen Anne Men's Ministry (For men of all ages):

Please save the dates:

Saturday, March 14 or 21 (Date will be finalized when we find out when most of you can help.)
Assemble LWR personal care kits & school kits in the Fellowship Hall. Kit assembly starts at 9:00 AM.

Saturday, April 11 Easter setup begins at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall . We will set tables and chairs for the Easter Breakfast on April 12.

Easter Sunday, April 12 The Men's Ministry will cook and serve Easter Breakfast.

Spring LWR Ingathering May 1 & 2 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church, located at 2500 NW 85th. If you can load boxes or just direct cars and trucks, please let Rich know; email lwrmathes@aol.com.

—Rich Mathes



CORE Tanzania Update

Happy New Year from Bushasha!

CORE TANZANIA
Creating Opportunity Through Rural Education



Our preparations for Twegashe School are going well. Construction is a bit behind schedule, partly because of rain, and also because our volunteer builder, Bill Suhr, couldn't stay as long as planned since his work permit was denied. But we were fortunate to find a Tanzanian from the Arusha area with the skills necessary to take Bill's place. He can't be here on a regular basis, but during the time he is here, he is very effective, and the crew loves him. It seems as though they work hard when he's not here to do things right and earn his approval when he returns! The roof is the hold-up now. As soon as it arrives and is installed the classroom will be ready to go except for a few last-minute touches.

We have hired two wonderful teachers who have lots of experience teaching young children and are very excited about helping to create the kindergarten program for a brand new school. Our friend Keela Williams has been here for four weeks training Editha and Joanita in the Montessori method and orienting them to all the materials that she has donated. They are impressed with how these materials force children to really think, rather than just memorize as is very common here.

The best news we have to report is that the local Lutheran Church (by far the largest church in Bushasha) has agreed to let us use their building to house our kindergarten class until their classroom at Twegashe School is ready. Hooray for the Lutherans! This means we will be able to begin classes on the third of February. So exciting! This news is especially good since it means that Keela will still be here and will be able to work with the teachers and students together. (Of course, personally, I am also very excited because it means I will still be here when classes begin, too!)

We hope you share our excitement, since your support and encouragement have helped to make this all possible. Asante sana!



—Jeannette and Michael Banobi

Altar Guild Appreciations

On behalf of your Altar Guild I'd like to give a few belated thank-yous:

- To all the people who helped decorate our church for Christmas:
Jackie and Chris Thomsen, Don Thomas, Dolly & Mei Li Smith, Sallie Wilson, Barbara Bach, Candy Mathis, Dan Squires, Kyle Haugen, and Colin (from the 8am devotees).
Thanks to Emmett for picking up lunch, and a super-huge thank-you to Jim and Tom McLauchlan for picking up the trees!!!!
- To my family, Jackie & Chris Thomsen, and Chloe Jones for changing the sanctuary from Advent to Christmas while I donned my counting hat!
- And to the people who helped take all the Christmas decorations down. I would like to especially recognize the Louie family for doing most of the hard work taking boxes downstairs and dragging the trees outside. I couldn't have done it without them!

I was relying on my memory, and am sorry if I missed anyone. Volunteers make our Christmas seasons beautiful! THANK YOU!!!!

—Jennifer Jones

Lecture at the Well

Join Dr. Thomas Jay Oord as he discusses the ideas from his book "God Can't: How to Believe in God and Love After Tragedy, Abuse, and Other Evils" on Saturday, February 8, 10:30-12:00 at The Well located at Queen Anne United Methodist Church (1606 5th Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119). Tickets are \$10 (general) and \$5 (student cost). However, all are welcome, regardless of ability to pay.

You are also invited to a book discussion on January 30, 6:30-7:40 PM at The Well, located at Queen Anne United Methodist Church. The book group is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at thewellqueenanne@gmail.com.

F A I T H . F O R M I N G . F A I T H

An evening of Faith Formation for Rostered Leaders and Laypeople

Facing Climate Change as Disciples of Jesus

As God's people, we all care deeply about climate change. We just don't know where to start. This evening is designed to help us...

Monday, 10 February 2020 at 7:00 pm

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church

7500 Greenwood Ave North

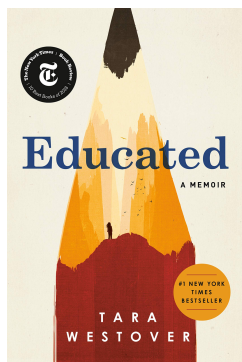
Seattle, WA 98103

Attendance at this workshop is free to church members thanks to a generous donation from a QALC member. We hope you can attend. A poster with more information is in the narthex, or contact Paul Hoffman, who is one of the organizers.

Compassion Brunch: A Gathering of Grace—Saturday, Feb. 15.

Held at the Swedish Club with a fun Scandinavian-themed menu, this Compass Housing Alliance event was created to thank all our faith partners. Attendance is free. Please RSVP by Feb. 5 as seating is limited: go to compasshousingalliance.org.

Questions? Contact Jennifer at jmarquette@compasshousingalliance.org



February Book Group — *Educated: A Memoir*

The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will meet on Monday, February 25 at 7 PM in the church narthex to discuss *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Discussion will be led by Nancy Fulwiler.

Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born

to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches. In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when Tara's older brother became violent.

Then, lacking a formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

QALC Book Group 2020

Book Group does not meet in December.

Date	Book	Leader
January 27	Becoming - Michelle Obama	Barbara Bach
February 24	Educated - Terra Westover	Nancy Fulwiler
March 30	The Only Woman in the Room - Marie Benedict	Sallie Wilson
April 27		
May 25	Map of Salt and Stars - Zeyn Joukhada	Jackie Thomsen
June 29	Factfulness - Hans Rosling	Sharon Longaker
July 27		
August 31	Book Choosing	Location to be Determined
September 28	Moment of Lift - Melinda Gates	Cathi Unseth
October 26	Where the Crawdads Sing - Delia Owens	Candy Mathes
November 30	The Dressmaker of Khair Khana- Gayle Tzemaachh Lemmin	Karen McCullough

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Many tasks together help support our Sunday worship, teaching, and fellowship!

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.

Contact Terry Anderson to help work with forKIDS classes.

Altar Guild:

Emmett Pritchard

Offering Counters

02 Linda Olson and Lindley Williamson
09 John Reese and Jennifer Jones
19 Bridget Boysen and Barb Bach
23 Cathi Unseth / *second counter needed*

Ushers: (8:00 AM)

5 Ken Hockman
12 Ken Hockman
19 *needed*
26 *needed*

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

02 Jenna del Vento, Will Feldmann,
Lucy Fink, Grace Louie
09 Jim Margard/Don Thomas
16 *needed*
23 Jim Margard/*needed*

Lector/Communion Server (8:00 AM)

02 Jacqui Darroch
09 Jan & Linda Olson
16 Dan Squires
23 Mei Le Smith/Dolly Smith

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

02 Sonia Patten, Jenna del Vento, Lectors;
Christian Louie, Crucifer;
Meg Shaw, Assisting Minister
09 Jean Oplinger
16 Rich Mathes
23 *needed*

Assisting Minister (Ash Wednesday, 7:30 PM)

26 *needed*

Flowers on the Altar

02 Jean McLauchlan
09 *needed*
16 Rich & Candy Mathes
23 *needed*

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

02 Ken & Ellen Hockman
09 *needed*
16 Dan Squires
23 *needed*

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

02 Sally Villaluz
09 Harold & Georganne Robertson
16 Joan & Bill Kavanaugh
23 *needed*

forKIDS Teachers: (9:30 AM)

09 (tweens) James Fink/John Reese
09 (K-3) Kathleen Fink/ *needed*
23 (tweens) *needed* / *needed*
23 (K-3) *needed* / *needed*

Deadline for the March Quill is Thursday, February 20.

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FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Alanon Women 10:30 am Piano Recital—Malmstrom 1:00 pm Community Music Jam 3:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
2 Bake Sale for Socks Family Sunday Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am	3 12-Step FA 7:00 pm	4 Executive Committee 6:00 pm	5 Sewing and Service 9:30 am First Wednesday Bible Study 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Beyond Faith 6:30 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	6 Choir 7:00 pm	7	8 Alanon Women 10:30 am Lutheran Summer Music Event 4:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
9 Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Kids Sing with Cantor Kyle 9:00 am "ForKIDS" Sunday School 9:30 am Connect! for Parents 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship and Music Committee Mtg. 11:30 am	10 12-Step FA 7:00 pm ALZ Caregiver's Support Group 7:00 pm	11 Church Council 6:30 pm	12 Sewing and Service 9:30 am Girl Scouts 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Beyond Faith 6:30 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	13 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	14	15 Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
16 Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Kids Sing with Cantor Kyle 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	17 Presidents' Day Mid-Day Alanon Meeting 12:00 pm 12-Step FA 7:00 pm Northern Lights Circle 7:00 pm	18 PDQ (Pizza, Damsels, Quilts) 5:30 pm	19 Sewing and Service 9:30 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Beyond Faith 6:30 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	20 Choir 7:00 pm	21	22 Alanon Women 10:30 am Faith & Film 4:00 pm AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm
23 Worship 8:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Kids Sing with Cantor Kyle 9:00 am "ForKIDS" Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am "Paul the Anarchist" Public Talk with Lunch 12:00 pm	24 12-Step FA 7:00 pm Queen Anne Book Group 7:00 pm	25 QALCW Circle 7:00 pm	26 Ash Wednesday Sewing and Service 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Girl Scouts 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Worship 7:30 pm AA/Alanon/Alateen 8:00 pm	27 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	28	29 QALCW Lenten Breakfast 9:30 am Alanon Women 10:30 am AA—The Shanty Trudgers 7:00 pm