

# The Quill

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# the Pastor's WORD

## My Spiritual Toolkit

What gives you strength to get through difficult times? I ask myself this a lot these days. I think about the coming election, how Americans appear to be more divided now than any time in our nation's history since the Civil War. I think about where I grew up in California, about how wildfires have, according to a [recent report by NPR](#), consumed over *four million acres* across the state since this year's fire season began.

And I think about *you*. I wonder what gives you strength, especially in the darkest valleys of life, to go on rather than give up.

Here are three things that help me:

The first is inspiration *from* Scripture. Christian fundamentalism, which now dominates virtually all religious programming on television and radio, invariably focuses on the inspiration *of* Scripture. To be a "true" Christian, you must submit to everything Scripture says because it's inspired (i.e. dictated to the authors) by God. As a Lutheran Christian, however, the focus differs. We look for inspiration *from* Scripture, which is why the proclamation of the gospel—the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ—belongs at the core of everything we do.

One of my favorite sources of inspiration *from* Scripture appears in Psalm 30:5b: "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." When I find myself in difficult moments, overcome—say—by despair or hopelessness, I try to remember, as this verse affirms, that the feeling won't overpower me forever. Storms pass. Keeping this in mind *while they occur* is one of the best ways to endure them.

A second source of strength for me is knowing I'm not alone, that other people have experiences like mine. Many of us understand what it is like to feel distant from God, especially when we undergo grief. The Psalmist gives voice to that experience when he cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" I don't know his circumstances, but I *do know* the sentiment, and in that way he and I share a bond which brings me comfort.

A third and final source of strength comes to me through prayer. Two of late have risen to the surface of my spiritual life: the petition in moments of need that God help me "in whatever way God can," and the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer.

The Serenity Prayer has us ask God to grant the serenity to accept the things we can't change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. In life, as a member of the congregation shared with me recently, we can only control our 50%. Focus on that. Give the rest, the other 50%, to God.

When times are tough, knowing I am not alone, receiving inspiration *from* Scripture, and focusing on the 50% (i.e., what I can control) give me strength. They belong to my spiritual toolkit. What's in yours?

Pastor Dan

## From the Cantor

In recent weeks our *Word Out!* services have featured African American spirituals. Let's take a closer look at the spirituals we've been singing, with the *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship* by Paul Westermeyer as our primary guide (Westermeyer is the retired director of my graduate program at Luther Seminary). If you have a copy of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* at home, consider taking the opportunity to revisit these songs.

### **Give Me Jesus (ELW 770)**

Passed down through oral tradition, there are approximately 6,000 known African American spirituals that have subsequently been preserved. "Give Me Jesus" is clearly among the most beloved, appearing in more than 20 recent American hymnals and songbooks. Westermeyer describes its text as a narrative that moves "from morning to midnight to the break of day to death—that is, back and forth across all of life as it rises, wails, and dies. And then to encompass everything, it wants to sing. The song it sings is 'Give me Jesus.'" I'm reminded of Philippians 1:21: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain."

Fisk University is a Historically Black University in Nashville, Tennessee. In the 1870s the Fisk Jubilee Singers was a major force in codifying the African American spiritual as an art form for the world stage. "Give Me Jesus" is among the pieces printed in their *Jubilee Songs* in 1872. Westermeyer sums up the melody as "a wail that knows where life is to be found."

### **Wade in the Water (ELW 459)**

This spiritual is a prime example of the "call and response" form, with short phrases exchanged between a soloist and group. It's also an example of coded messaging—many spirituals are not only expositions of biblical truths, but also instructions for safe passage. In this case, the text is a reminder to veer from the land path to water, in order to avoid being tracked by dogs. Westermeyer credits the late Notre Dame English and African American studies professor Erskine Peters for listing this spiritual "under the category of 'Lyrics of Resistance and Defiance.'" That may seem strange until one realizes it is about baptism. The slaves knew what their white masters did not: *baptism is a potent business and means freedom*" (emphasis mine).

### **There Is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)**

It's easy to imagine soloists extemporaneously creating the stanzas of this spiritual, with everyone singing the refrain. The refrain is first found in print as early as 1868; the complete spiritual appeared in *Folk Songs of the American Negro* in 1907. Westermeyer notes that the stanzas seem unrelated to the refrain, "until you realize that they tell you where the balm is located. It is not in Gilead or in any place in this world where horrible things like oppression and lynchings happen. No, it is the Holy Spirit who 'revives my soul,' and it is Jesus who 'is your friend' and 'died for all.'" Again, the Fisk Jubilee Singers helped to establish this spiritual through choral settings that were featured in concerts and tours in the U.S. and abroad.

### **Coming Soon**

In the next couple of months I'll be preparing some short videos about the histories of several hymns from a variety of genres and sources. Stay tuned, and keep singing in the Spirit while we are apart!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor  
cantor@queenannelutheran.or

# Worship Announcements

## Coffee Hour, Forums to Change Start Time starting October 18



You're invited to a Sunday Coffee Hour online via Zoom every Sunday. We are moving coffee hour's start time to 11:30 AM starting October 18 and going forward, as our Forum times move to 10 AM. Bring your cup of coffee to the screen and have a conversation. Look for links to join in your weekly emails – the link is the same each week. Those who can't or would rather not use the Internet may dial in to join the meeting by phone.

**Note:** AfterWord, our time to discuss the sermon each week, will again take place after coffee hour.

## Reformation Sunday, October 25—Much to Celebrate

This month the video edition of *Word Out!* moves to the last Sunday of the month as we celebrate Reformation Sunday, October 25. The service will also include the blessing of the quilts and kits for the upcoming Lutheran World Relief ingathering, and we will give thanks for the tenth anniversary of the Wech organ at QALC. Naturally there will be festive organ music from Cantor Kyle—including, of course, "A Mighty Fortress!" *The next video service will be November 29, the first Sunday of Advent.*

### *Reformation Sunday Is Also New Members Sunday!*

On October 25 worship will include a ceremony for any who wish to join our community. If you are interested or curious about joining Queen Anne Lutheran, please email Pastor Dan at [pastor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org).

## All Saints Day, November 1

In worship annually on All Saints Day we commemorate those who have passed away within the past year by saying their names and ringing a bell to mark their memory. It seems especially important this fall to acknowledge those who have died, as we have had to be apart for so long. If you have a friend, relative, family member or any other saint whose loss you grieve from this past year, please reach out to Pastor Dan so their name may be included in this service.

## Christ in Our Home

Our daily devotionals are now available for October – December. Let the [church office](#) know if you'd like one mailed to you. We hope our large-print copies will arrive soon.

## We Are Really in Need of Some Help Recording Worship!

Over the past six months, Marc Oplinger and Todd Bishop have volunteered many hours to help bring you your Sunday worship. We are grateful for Marc, who helps record our audio and video services, and for Todd, who has edited our videos.

We would love to train one or two people on how to run the video camera in the sanctuary, so they too can help with the video recordings for our worship. At this time, recording sessions are just once a month. (October's is scheduled for Saturday, 10/17) Please contact Marc Oplinger or Kyle Haugen if you would be interested in learning how to work the cameras. It is not difficult, and would be a new skill!

## **God's work. OUR hands... Many, many hands!**

Dogs need daily walks outdoors, and so do I! It was easy to get outdoors during summer months, but now that the weather changed I need motivation to not stay in with a cup of tea and a good book. And I have pandemic fatigue.

The **QALC 100-Mile Food Bank Challenge** (*see next page*) is starting to draw people in. It took off with the help of many hands: Jenny, Myra and Al, Barb, and my trying to get a granddaughter outside. As we help each other make healthy choices, God's work will be done as we donate money to food banks.

Find more information on the church website, sign up for the challenge, and/or sponsor others. Can we get 100 participants from QALC for God's work with our feet?

## **Let your Light Shine! Volunteers needed immediately**

Make QALC's light shine in the neighborhood on October 31, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM by welcoming neighborhood kids to celebrate Halloween with a different message—"let your light shine."

This event can happen safely outdoors in the breezeway, with one-way traffic and goodie bags on a table for each child to take.



**Volunteers are needed immediately so that we know it's a "go," and can then publicize the event in the community.**

**Here's what we have:** Some candy; Kyle volunteering to play organ music with open doors to the sanctuary; luminaries Susan created last year at Christmas; and set-up provided by Terry.

### **Here's what we need:**

1. Candy and little Halloween goodie bags to put it in.
2. Battery-powered candles for the luminaries, and strings of orange "fairy lights."
3. Large pumpkins cut out with a heart, star, circles, triangles etc., rather than jack-o-lantern faces.
4. Two people on Oct. 31 to monitor tables from 4:00-6:00 PM, and someone to move things into the chapel after the event.

**Can you help?** Contact Terry at [forkids@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org) right away and we'll work out details.

—Terry Anderson,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator



## The QALC 100-Mile FOOD BANK Challenge!



**We're challenging everyone to walk 100 miles and raise \$100 for local food banks, between now and Easter 2021.**

**Outdoor exercise does wonders for the body and soul!** These reasons, backed up by research, can motivate us to get out there, move, and get healthier when walking or running:

Makes you happier • Reduces stress • Clears your brain • Induces creativity • Makes your bones stronger • Improves concentration

**The QALC 100-MILE Food Bank Challenge donations will be distributed among these four food banks to feed our hungry neighbors:**

Queen Anne Food Bank • Rainier Valley Food Bank • White Center Food Bank • UW Food Pantry

**So, help yourself and our hungry neighbors by participating in one of three ways:**

**(Note: Go to our website and click on the yellow "100-Mile Challenge" button to find the Sign-up, Distance Log, and Sponsor Log. You can donate online, too.)**

**1. Take the whole challenge yourself.** Sign up to participate and record your distances on our Distance Log or other journal. When you reach 100 miles, donate \$1 for each mile completed. Donate online or by check; see info below.

**2. Sponsor someone else. Challenge a friend, family member or relative to sign up to walk, with your sponsorship.** For example: a grandchild, a busy son or daughter, a husband or wife, your Mom or Dad, a walking partner. Ask them to sign up and to record distance on our Distance Log. Keep in touch with their progress. When they complete the challenge, donate \$1 for each mile to QALC 100-Mile Food Bank Challenge. If they want to collect more sponsors, we also have a Sponsor form online.

**3. Ask neighbors to sponsor you,** or invite them to take on the challenge themselves using a Sponsor Log. When the challenge is met, collect money from your sponsors and donate to the QALC 100-Mile Food Bank Challenge.

### **Take on 100 miles. . . or more**

The challenge can be completed at your pace up to Easter 2021. Choose to take your time, do the challenge more than once, or take on more miles!

### **TWO WAYS TO DONATE:**

**By Check** Make your check payable to Queen Anne Lutheran Church, and put "Food Bank Challenge" on the memo line, with the name of the person you are sponsoring. Mail the check to:

Queen Anne Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 17029  
Seattle, WA 98127

**Online:** Go to the "100-Mile Food Bank Challenge" page on our website to find the yellow DONATE button.



# Environmental Stewardship and Faith

## Vote for the Environment

By the time you read this issue of the Quill, ballots for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> general election will be on their way to Washington voters. It's impossible to overemphasize the importance of this election, including its impact on environmental issues. Regardless of who controls the Presidency, the U. S. Senate, and the U. S. House of Representatives, some of the most meaningful environmental legislation is enacted at the state level, where laws have a direct effect on local policy. Since elections in state districts can be decided by slim margins, every vote makes a difference.

Once again this summer, we've experienced the deterioration of air quality from smoke coming from fires up and down the West Coast. Even though land management practices have had an impact on these fires, the effect of climate change on them is undeniable.

This year's fires have made climate change very personal to me. I grew up in Springfield, Oregon, just east of Eugene across the Willamette River. Springfield always has been known as the "Gateway to the McKenzie River." People from all over the world have come to vacation in cabins and lodges along the river and enjoy the breathtaking scenery, world class fishing, soul-inspiring hiking, and sensational river rafting. I've spent many memorable hours with family and friends playing and picnicking along the riverbanks and in the parks that dot the highway along the river. Along with the Oregon coast, I always thought it was the most beautiful place in the world. But the Willamette Valley has been unusually dry for several years, and on Labor Day fire began destroying land on both sides of the river for 24 miles. The fire has consumed over 173,000 acres and probably won't be completely contained until the end of this month. My high school served as an evacuation center for residents escaping the fire. The pastor of the church I grew up in and his wife had a home and spiritual retreat center along the river. They had enough time to pack a few things and leave with their cat, but their property is a total loss.



People all over the world are grieving the loss of life, home, and property from escalating natural disasters. Extraction and overuse of fossil fuels are devastating the atmosphere and the landscape. Plastics are clogging our landfills and polluting our oceans. First world conspicuous consumption is depleting all our natural resources. Third world countries are facing famine and disease. Aside from living our lives in the most environmentally conscious way we can, one of the most influential things we can do is vote. What better way to proclaim God's love in Christ for every person?

If you haven't registered to vote, do so now. Watch your mailboxes for your ballots. Place them in your closest drop box or mail them early to make sure they are counted. Urge your family and friends to do the same. Study the climate advocacy records of candidates in your districts. Your voter's pamphlet and the candidates' websites are great places to start.

We need to act now to stop and reverse the effects of global warming and climate change, while there is still time. God's magnificent creation deserves nothing less.

—Susan Evans++++

# Announcements

## Garden Goings-On

Our stalwart crew will be out tending the grounds on Thursday, October 15 and would love your company. We will all do our best to keep at least 6 feet apart and wear masks while we weed, deadhead, and water. We will work from approximately 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please contact Connie Wurm at [wurmcatchesbirds@gmail.com](mailto:wurmcatchesbirds@gmail.com) if you can be there, and thanks!

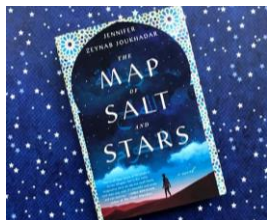
## Guidelines for Expenditures 2021

**It's that time of year again!!** All committee heads, or anyone who needs to, or wants to, provide input for potential 2021 expenditures or income, *please provide your proposal before the Wednesday October 28* Finance Committee meeting. Draft numbers need to be available by early November for Council review; the Church Council finalizes in December.

If you have suggestions, even if not for an existing budget line item, or even if you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also. Given our current COVID-19 worship status, we are looking for new and creative ideas as we move forward.

*Great ideas that are not presented may not get into the 2021 guidelines.*

Given that our traditional communications at church are not available, please submit written documentation. We suggest you email [finance@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:finance@queenannelutheran.org) with your suggestions and any documentation. That will reach all the finance committee members, who are Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Sallie Wilson, Cathi Unseth, and Rich Mathes. If you do not use email, call Rich at 206-384-1183 and we will find a way to view and discuss your suggestions.



## Queen Anne Book Group to Meet October 26

The Queen Anne Book Group will meet via Zoom on Monday, October 26 at 7 PM to discuss *Map of Salt and Stars* by Jennifer Zeynar Joukhadar. From *Amazon*: "This rich, moving, and lyrical debut novel is the story of two Syrian girls living eight hundred years apart—a modern-day refugee seeking safety, and a medieval adventurer apprenticed to a legendary mapmaker—placing today's headlines in the sweep of

history, where the pain of exile and the triumph of courage echo again and again. Jackie Thomsen will lead the discussion. For the Zoom link and/or info on how to connect, contact Nancy Fulwiler at [nancyfulwiler@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyfulwiler@hotmail.com). All are welcome.

## Miriam Torvik Puffert

Miriam Puffert passed away September 26 at The Kenney Retirement Community. She was born on June 18, 1930 in Seattle. Miriam served as the church organist here at Queen Anne Lutheran.



Pat Soback recalls both Miriam and her husband Larry with fondness. When Pat had just moved to Seattle at the age of 11 and began attending QALC, Larry would walk her home after choir practice, and they remained friends with a mutual love of music. Miriam and Larry married in 1955. Miriam, Pat recalls, had many gifts beyond her musicianship. She was a school teacher and counselor, and was a talented seamstress and dress designer.

Miriam was preceded in death by Larry; they are survived by their three sons and daughters-in-law David & Sharon Puffert of Seattle, Douglas Puffert & Irene Zimmer of Lithuania and Richard & Deeann Puffert of Seattle, two grandchildren, Grace & Blake Young, Laurel Puffert and a great grandchild, Lily.



# Christian Education

## Race and Religion: Lutheran Responses to a *Social* Pandemic



On October 4 & 11 we welcomed **Dr. Reggie Williams**, author of *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus*, for a presentation and discussion of how and on what basis this Lutheran stood up to white supremacy in Nazi Germany.

**Dr. Reggie Williams'** book *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance* was selected as a Choice Outstanding Title in 2015 in the field of religion. The book is an analysis of exposure to Harlem Renaissance intellectuals, and worship at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist on the German pastor and theologian Dietrich

Bonhoeffer, during his year of study at Union Seminary in New York, 1930-31.

Dr. Williams' research interests include Christological ethics, theological anthropology, Christian social ethics, the Harlem Renaissance, race, politics and black church life. Dr. Williams received his Ph.D. in Christian ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary in 2011. He earned a Master's in Theology from Fuller in 2006 and a Bachelor's in Religious Studies from Westmont College in 1995.

If you missed the Forum, you can watch the presentation Dr. Williams gave at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8X89BaE1xdU>

Both *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance* and, from the previous Forums in this series, Lenny Duncan's book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* will soon be available in our QALC library for borrowing.

## God-Talk #1: Politics and Faith, October 18 at 10 AM (note time change)



This year we feature four "God-Talks" in our forum calendar, each of which serves as a one-time discussion of an issue or topic that intersects with God or faith. The first features Amy Radil and Martin Kaste of KUOW/NPR.

What is it like for people of faith to cover politics? How do these journalists' faith/values inform the way they cover the news as well as what they choose to cover? What do they feel people of faith should know when it comes to their coverage of politics, particularly elections?

**Amy Radil** is a reporter at KUOW where she covers politics, government and law enforcement — everything from policing to legalized marijuana and campaign funding. A graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, she is the winner of regional awards from the Society for Professional Journalists and the RTNDA's Edward R. Murrow awards for investigative reporting.

**Martin Kaste** is a correspondent on NPR's National Desk. He covers law enforcement and privacy. He has been focused on police and use of force since before the 2014 protests in Ferguson. Kaste has reported on the government's warrantless wiretapping practices as well as the data collection practices used by social media. He has covered major world events in Haiti, Libya, and South America.

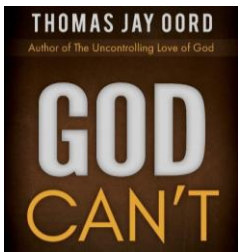
We invite you to read the article "How Should Lutherans Be Involved in Politics?" in this month's *Living Lutheran* magazine beforehand.

Join the Zoom Forums at 10 AM Sunday, October 18 (Look for an email link to more easily join):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028039148?pwd=WE05b1Q4WGd1RjcrSVVWbVlxVXBiZz09>

Or dial in by phone: +1 253 215 8782

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## **God-Talk #2: "God Can't Prevent Evil," Nov. 15 at 10 AM**

For millennia, believers in God have asked, "Why doesn't God prevent unnecessary suffering?" The usual answers to this question leave most of us unsatisfied. Dr. Thomas Jay Oord offers a different answer—actually five answers that combined, solve the problem of evil. Dr. Oord will speak from ideas in his best-selling book, *God Can't*. This discussion will center on God's uncontrolling love for us and all creation.

**Thomas Jay Oord, Ph.D.** directs the Center for Open and Relational Theology at Northwind Theological Seminary. He's a theologian, philosopher, and scholar of multidisciplinary studies; author or editor of more than twenty-five books. He is known for contributions to research on love, science and religion, open and relational theology, the problem of suffering, and the implications of freedom for transformational relationships.

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## **Join Us via Zoom for Our "First Wednesdays" Bible Study**

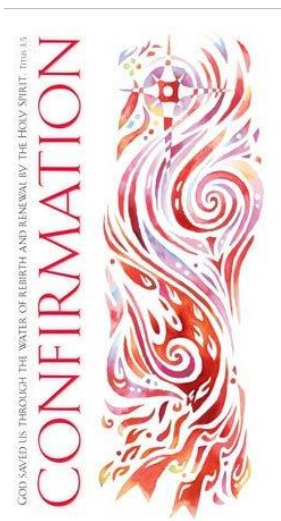
All are invited as we continue with our online "First Wednesdays" Bible study. In September and October we discussed the Book of Philemon, the shortest of Paul's Epistles in which Paul requests a man to forgive and reconcile with a runaway slave named Onesimus. The monthly meetins will continue, with a new topic, in November and December.

Link here to join at noon on Wednesdays (Look for an email link to more easily join):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84074824857?pwd=VEprc2h6bnV3dGRjQ3M2RHcrS2V5QT09>

or call in by phone at 1 253 215 8782

with Meeting ID: 840 7482 4857 and Password: 622720



## **Confirmation Underway**

Working with parents, Pastor Dan has begun confirmation with a focus on the Old Testament as the first unit of study. We have six young people from the congregation who are participating, making this the largest confirmation class we have had in several years. The group meets online every Saturday in October with Pastor Dan, and a parental volunteer joins the class each session.

For the first session, students were asked to identify contemporary issues that concern them. Pastor Dan then selected texts from the Old Testament that directly or indirectly address three of these issues: climate change (creation care in Genesis), racism (welcoming an ethnic outsider in Ruth), and theodicy (why God permits evil and suffering in Job). Parents have been quite supportive and the students eager to get started. "I want to learn [about] all the people in the Bible," one wrote ambitiously in her first assignment, "I am so excited." We are too!

# Ministries

## Seattle LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Ingathering

*Due to COVID19, our process is different for Fall 2020:*

1. Dates will be Thursday, Oct. 22 through Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 AM to 2 PM at First Lutheran Church of Bothell. Churches need to have reservations to attend—we do not know yet if all of the boxes will fit. We will try to stagger arrivals to allow loaders time to unload vehicles and move boxes safely.
2. We will use only one container because of Covid19 issues. It is not advisable for our older loaders to work in a small area without ventilation. Churches will bring boxes over three days to First Lutheran Church of Bothell. Later, professional movers will load the container without any volunteers being around.
3. Ingathering rules: Drivers and passengers must have masks. Hopefully, most drivers will not need to leave their vehicles, except to open a trunk or trailer. Our loading staff will move the boxes inside.
4. Those delivering will not be able to socialize as normal; there will be no food or drink for drivers or passengers.
5. The storage church can handle some overflow; if this method works well, we can repeat as necessary. We are not wedded to October/May Ingatherings.
6. Thanks to our QALC members who have volunteered to move boxes into the storage church.
7. **The really great news** is that **all** four of the containers that contained LWR Quilts and Kits that were in Beirut harbor at the time of the fertilizer explosion, **have been recovered intact**. One container has already been distributed. The link to the LWR summary is: <https://lwr.org/story-hub/humanitarian-aid-refugees-feared-destroyed-beirut-explosion-found-intact>

—Rich Mathes

### Men's Group:

Thanks to the three who followed Covid19 procedures and put together 102 Personal Care Kits and 50 School Kits for LWR. This was also an experiment to see how well we could maintain distancing, etc. As you can see by the photos we were spread out. It was nice to see familiar faces also.





**It's Fall! As we all know it is time for Ingathering!** You might ask, what do we have to gather? Why quilts, baby care kits, and the men's contribution of school kits and personal care kits. Many of our quilt makers have spent this time working from home. Recently we have been meeting in small groups (approximately 5-6) to layer and tie quilts - using the choir room and the Fireside Room to maintain social distancing. This year we have 145 quilts, 34 Baby Care Kits and 15 Fabric Kits. Many items were gathered and/or completed before we discontinued Sewing & Service meetings in March.

The envelopes for the Ingathering will NOT be in the bulletins or in the pews, but your checks will be appreciated. These extra offerings help cover the costs of shipping our quilts and kits. Please mark them "Quilts and Kits" and the counters will make sure it gets into the correct account.

### Exciting news from Beirut!

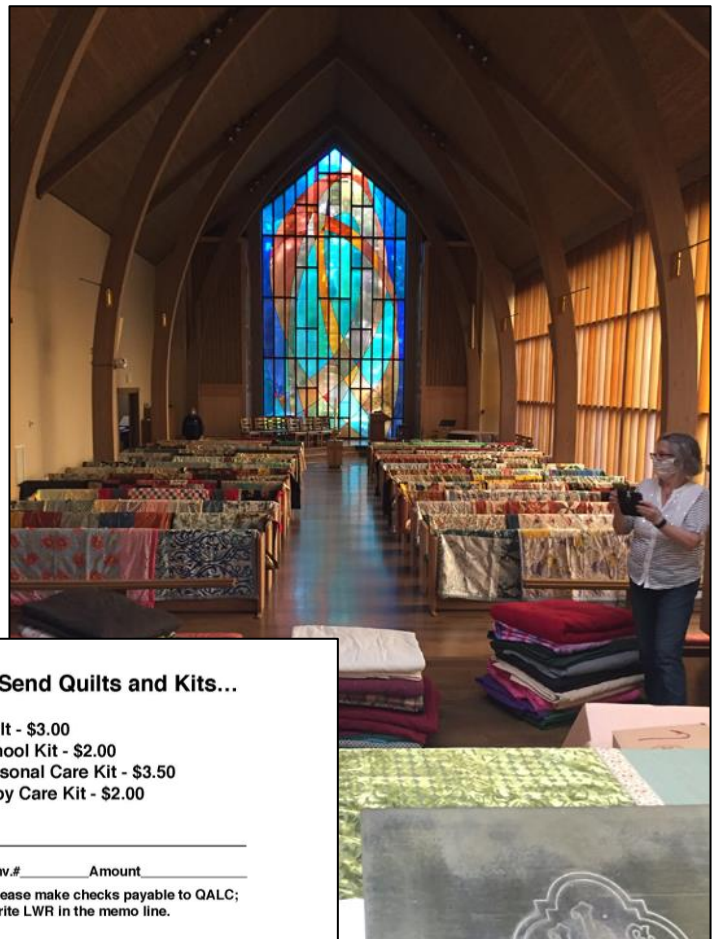
When the smoke had cleared and LWR could inspect the containers that were thought to have been destroyed, they found that none of them had been lost! The contents of one of them have already been distributed and the rest will go out soon.

This fall, we also sent 30 backpacks to CORE Tanzania. Jeanette and Michael Banobi took them back with them in September. Thanks to Shirley Flory who strung the cording into them at the last minute as well as a few others from Sewing and Service.

**Many of us miss gathering for Bible Study and Fellowship.** Nancy Fulwiler has become our ZOOM tech. If you would like to join the next Zoom Fellowship, Wed. Oct 14th (No agenda but a glass of wine/ Candy's is usually coffee) please contact Nancy Fulwiler, Barb Bach or Candy Mathes. Bible study will resume Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 7pm. Our *Gather* Magazine study series continues with **Holy time** (session 2) ***The holy "now"--recognizing and responding to God's kairos time.*** Yes, we are patient with "newbies" as we explore how to "see" the entire group, mute/unmute mics, learn to make sure the major light source is in front of you, etc. Remember NONE of us had these skills 6 months ago! You can join online, and when our techie gets it figured out, you will be able to call in as well. Nancy is also in charge of setting up the Monday evening Book Group.

**Coming in November! THANKOFFERINGS!** Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women; these offerings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, The Women of the ELC (WELCA). 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.

—Barb Bach



**Help Send Quilts and Kits...**



1 Quilt - \$3.00  
 1 School Kit - \$2.00  
 1 Personal Care Kit - \$3.50  
 1 Baby Care Kit - \$2.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

QALC Env.# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to QALC;  
write LWR in the memo line.





## God's work. Our hands.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our "God's Work Our Hands" project, which culminated in a large delivery of critical needs to New Horizons Ministries for youth on September 24th. We provided toiletries and sundries and a full dinner for 65+! I understand they really enjoyed it, and even had leftovers. A special thank you to the Abodeelys, Smiths, Hockmans, Margards and Fulwilers for helping out with dinner!

—Jim Margard





## Non-Profit News

### Two Favorite Fall Fundraisers Go Virtual:



#### QUEEN ANNE HELPLINE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 @5:30 PM**

[queenannehelpline.org/taste-2020.html](http://queenannehelpline.org/taste-2020.html)



#### MARY'S PLACE

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 @6:00 PM**

[marysplaceseattle.org/mp-events/2020/10/23/shine-virtual-gala](http://marysplaceseattle.org/mp-events/2020/10/23/shine-virtual-gala)

Rather than a live gathering, both of these annual fundraising events can instead be attended online and include live music, as well as fundraising fun such as bingo and live auctions. Go to the links above for more details and to register. For both events, registration also includes a dinner, which you may order ahead and get delivered to your home

### A Message from Compass Housing Alliance's Director:



"I have some exciting news. Last week, I signed a Letter of Intent for Compass to affiliate with Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW). We're excited that this partnership will give us an opportunity to grow our mission with backing from one of the largest social service non-profits in the Pacific Northwest.

LCSNW helps more than 40,000 people each year by ensuring they have access to behavioral health, crime

victim advocacy, child, youth and family, refugee, and immigrant supportive services, and aging and independent living services. LCSNW and Compass—both of which are celebrating 100 years of continuous service—share compatible missions and are excited to come together to create a powerful solution to serve the region's individuals, families, and communities. You can find more information about LCSNW here: <https://lcsnw.org/>.

**Compass will retain its name and operate as a subsidiary of LCSNW.** We will continue to serve guided by our vision of a world in which every person lives in a safe, caring community.

Thank you for everything you do. This is an exciting new chapter we are all starting together.

*Mary Steele*

Interim Executive Director

# On the Ground(s)

## Property Committee Updates:



Phinney Ridge Painting has started painting the outside of the building, starting with areas that really needed painting due to having never been painted, or having been painted with a color we later regretted. This strange summer has affected their painting, so the job is just now happening. The new color, "Tavern Taupe," blends better with the brick walls. To better bring the outside together, the white gutters, alley doors, and cisterns will be the same color, but with different finishes as appropriate – i.e. flat, semi-gloss, or satin. Many thanks to Virginia Stamey-Johnson for her time selecting colors, and to Virginia and Marc Oplinger for reviewing the many paint samples tested.

Thanks to all who have been showing up in small, socially distanced groups to work on the grounds – weeding, raking leaves, turning soil over for new plantings. Some of the work days were cancelled due to pouring rain, or super-high air quality numbers (smoke). Even without Covid19, this has been a difficult year to finish what we plan. Thanks, in no particular order, to Connie Wurm, Myra Dittes, Kathryn Knorr, Terry Anderson, Jimmy, Phoebe and Jenny Porter. If I missed anyone, thank you also.

Thanks to Barbara Bach for her diligence in maintaining the flower pots in front of church. It was great to see fresh flowers for the outdoor Baptism last month.

—Rich Mathes







## Waiting to Exhale in Minneapolis

In September, I drove and camped my way to Minnesota, a serene and solitary adventure, to visit my family there, which was a richly layered time for me. On my final afternoon in Minneapolis, I drove over to 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago, half a mile from my former high school, an intersection now blocked off in four directions. I stood at the spot where George Floyd was murdered, the epicenter of the BLM cataclysm which still grips our nation.

It is a sobering memorial. The pavement bears an image akin to a crucifix. The street is painted with the names of black and brown people who have been killed by police. Trayvon Martin. Eric Garner. Philando Castile. Breonna Taylor. . . I walked past 160 names. They appear again on the markers at a memorial “cemetery” nearby on a park’s hillside.

I was struck by similarities with Seattle’s “Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone” —bus shelters converted to a free clothing bank, a free library; a gas station’s pumps surrounded now by couches, chairs and a piano to encourage conversation; street art, statements of protest, and flowers everywhere. Plaintive gestures towards new ways to help others, to foster communication, to grieve communally. Unlike the CHAZ, though, this space felt quiet, as though breath had truly been taken from it.

Somewhere in a sermon I heard once, one of our words for God, “Yahweh,” was likened to the inhale and exhale of breath—inhale *Yah*, exhale *weh*—the breath of God which animates Creation. Standing there in that quiet moment, feeling the tension and uncertainty of this time in our nation’s life, we inhale the bitter original sin of our country’s racist past and present, and wait with both dread and hope for the exhalation of God. May we keep our eyes open and our hands and hearts ready to remake the world.

—Barb Bash







Dear Beloveds of Christ,

There are stories in this world that we will never know. Stories that beg to be told and yet they will never be heard because they have been forgotten, covered up, never told or intentionally destroyed.

A few weeks ago, I was floating down the Wenatchee River on an inner tube. It was a beautiful day – perfect weather – no sign of humanity anywhere. Rounding a bend, I suddenly saw a strange site: An old skinny white man wearing only a loin cloth flying a rainbow-colored kite. This man camping/living in an old RV on the banks of the Wenatchee, basically naked, long full beard and hair, arms outstretched towards the heavens and flying a beautiful multi-colored kite. *What story does he have to share?*

A few Sundays ago, the *New York Times* ran a photo essay about hunger in America. The author writes, “In the pandemic economy, nearly one in eight households doesn’t have enough to eat. The lockdown, with its epic lines at food banks, has revealed what was hidden in plain sight: that the struggle to make food last long enough, and to get food that’s healthful — what experts call ‘food insecurity’ — is a persistent one for millions of Americans ... Like many hardships, this burden falls disproportionately on Black and Hispanic families, who are almost twice as likely to experience food insecurity as white families.” ([www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/09/02/magazine/food-insecurity-hunger-us.html](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/09/02/magazine/food-insecurity-hunger-us.html)) Through the photo gallery in this *New York Times* photo essay, we catch glimpses of the lives of Kandice, Brayden, Doris, Armani and many others. *What other stories are held in this story?*

As I write this article, large swaths of California, Oregon and Washington are on fire. Houses burned to the ground. People missing. People killed. Treasured items gone. Lives disrupted and forever changed. *What stories are lost in the raging fires?*

When you read this article, there is a very good chance that over 200,000 people in the United States will have died from COVID-19. Over 6 million will have been infected. Common sense measures to mitigate the spread of COVID have been politicized. Suicide,

depression, hunger, loneliness, domestic violence, joblessness, and other hardships have increased in these last six months. *What story is no longer possible?*

Today I am more and more aware of the stories that have disappeared, been forgotten, or pushed underground. And I am ever mindful that as people who follow Jesus, we have the responsibility, the obligation — maybe it is a calling — to listen to the stories in the gaps of other stories. And to understand that the biggest voice might not be the place where the story is happening.

In Matthew 18, Jesus says, ‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.’ A few verses later Jesus says, “It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.”

You see, we are the people of the book — we are the people who claim the Holy Story. We are the people who believe that the story of God and humanity did not end with the cross but continues in, with and under all of us today. The Holy Spirit is alive and active among us. And the Holy Spirit is calling us through the stories we remember, the stories we share, the stories we hear, and the stories we notice.

Let us listen to one another’s story. Let us be mindful of the stories that exist on the margins. Let those of us who have had big voices quiet ourselves to hear other stories. And let us be mindful that listening to stories is not the end. For those of us who are white, let us take to heart these words from Austin Channing Brown, “In too many churches and organizations, listening to the hurt and pain of people of color is the end of the road, rather than the beginning.” (from *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*)

I would love to hear your story. How are you doing? Where is God working in your life and in the life of the Church? Where do you see God? What stories need to be told? What pain needs to be shared? What stories do you want to hear?

May the One - whose story we live in - provide care, comfort, love, and justice for you and for this world.

Let us live, move, and be in God’s Holy Story.  
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

## Staying Connected

Every week, we post an audio or video worship service on our website, and we hope you worship with us there. Each Friday, we also email our announcements, including links to all the online forums, meetings, and resources. If you want to be on our email list, contact Barb in the church office.

If connecting with worship on a computer is difficult for you, did you know you can receive the bulletin each week in the mail, including a written transcript of the sermon, and printed announcements? Just contact the church office and we'll add you to our mailing list. Call and leave a voice mail if you don't have email access.

If you have a computer and would like help learning how to connect to things with Zoom, please contact the church office. We'll find someone who can call you to help. It is not difficult!

## Contacting Queen Anne Lutheran Staff

Our entire church staff is now working from home. Messages on the church office phone will only be picked up on Fridays; emailing is best to contact any staff member. You may still send mail to the church's P.O. Box. Offerings and other items sent by mail will be picked up each Friday.

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## Giving Note

While we are apart, our staff and building continue to generate the usual expenses.

Your offerings have been a great support to us, and are still very much needed and welcome, even as we aren't able to meet "live." We greatly appreciate your help sustaining the church. Donations can be made online on a one-time basis, or can be set up there as a regular monthly contribution. You can also just write us a check and mail it.

If you go to our website, there are several options for online giving as well. Go to "GIVE" to find them:

Write a check.

Direct deposit,  
from your bank to ours.

Donate via PayPal  
from our website

Donate via your  
personal PayPal account.

## Please Use Our New Mailing Address

Note that because we are not staffing our building regularly, we have opened a Post Office Box. Mail to our street address is no longer reaching us, so please use the new PO Box address for all your mail, including offerings:

**Queen Anne Lutheran Church**  
**P.O. Box 17029**  
**Seattle, WA 98127**

The Quill can be viewed in full color online at [queenannelutheran.org](http://queenannelutheran.org). If you would prefer to have a copy **mailed to you** each month, just contact the church office! Likewise, if you receive The Quill in the mail and would prefer **not** to, just contact the office.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	2 Word Out!	3
4 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE FAMILY SUNDAY Forum (Zoom) 9:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:00 am	5	6 Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm	7 First Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 pm	8 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	9 Word Out!	10
11 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) 9:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:00 am AfterWord (Zoom) 12:00 pm Visitation Team 12:00 pm	12	13 Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	14	15 Garden Work Party 10:00 am Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	16 Word Out!	17 Faith & Film (Zoom – TBD) 4:00 pm
18 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am Personnel Committee (Zoom) 12:00 pm AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	19	20	21	22 LWR Ingathering in Bothell 9:00 am Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	23 Word Out! LWR Ingathering in Bothell 9:00 am	24 LWR Ingathering in Bothell 9:00 am
25 VIDEO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	26 Queen Anne Book Group (Zoom) 7:00 pm	27 Circle Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	28 Finance Committee 2:00 pm	29 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	30 Word Out!	31 Let Your Light Shine! Kids' Event 4:00 pm

# NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE FAMILY SUNDAY Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	2	3 Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm	4 First Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 pm	5 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	6 Word Out!	7
8 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	9	10 Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	11	12 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	13 Word Out!	14
15 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) – “God Talk” 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am Personnel Committee (Zoom) 12:00 pm AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	16	17	18	19 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	20 Word Out!	21 Faith & Film (Zoom – TBD) 4:00 pm
22 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am Personnel Committee (Zoom) 12:00 pm AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Word Out!	28
29 Advent I VIDEO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	30					