

# The Quill

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## Vocation and the “Purpose-Driven Life”

When I was a professor at Seattle University, I used to love teaching students about vocation. The word comes from the Latin term *vocare* which means to call. In a Christian setting it means to be called *by God* for a particular kind of work in the world.

Before the Protestant Reformation, only the “spiritual elite” (monks, nuns, priests) were believed to have had a vocation in life. Martin Luther changed that. Following 2 Thessalonians 1:11, he argued that *every Christian* had a calling from God. A maid was just as called to her work as a monk was to his, provided she did it in the spirit of service (i.e., for the sake of helping her neighbor).

Luther equated a person’s calling with the “station in life” s/he already inhabited. Social and economic mobility were uncommon in his day. The idea was to do what you already do in the spirit of service. Yet Luther was also aware that the world around him was changing, that education could make some degree of mobility possible. This gave people the opportunity to determine *for themselves* the kind of calling they wished to pursue.

You can find *your* vocation by thinking about the kind of work you enjoy, whether it suits your skills, and how you can use both to help/serve others. This is the recipe for a “purpose-driven life.” Teaching it to college students was enjoyable because it helped them navigate everything from choosing electives to exploring internships. It helped them see that finding a career was about more than personal fulfillment. It was about helping others, which helps make for a better world.

Most of us are well beyond deciphering the steps we must take to find our first career. We might think that learning the recipe for a “purpose-driven life” no longer applies. But it does: a vocation, a calling from God, can be anything from the role you play as a parent or grandparent to the volunteer activities you pursue following retirement. I think of our quilters, how the work they do reflects something they *enjoy*, draws on the *talents* they have, and then utilizes both for the sake of *helping others*. Without them, and without the many other volunteers who contribute their time and talents, our ministry cannot—and will not—survive.

Members and friends of Queen Anne Lutheran have done an incredible job in sustaining this ministry through financial giving over the past year (especially in the midst of a pandemic). Our ministry needs your time and talents too. We have a variety of unusual pathways to plug into the life of the church, and we have a pressing need for helping volunteers to support our community and staff. Pages 12 and 13 of this month’s edition of *The Quill* offer some great examples. Consider them. How might God be calling you in this ministry to a purpose-driven life?

Pastor Dan

# From the Cantor

Here are a few “news briefs” related to music ministry at QALC.

## New “Song Stories” video series

At about the time this newsletter is published, I’ll release the first in a new series of “Song Stories” YouTube videos. Each video will be approximately two minutes long and will provide historical background about a hymn, plus a stanza or brief musical selection based on it. The first featured hymn is “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 841). Keep an eye out in the Friday emails for info about new videos as they are released!

## ForKIDS music #2 is coming soon

The first ForKIDS video (in lieu of Sunday song time) was released on Reformation Sunday, October 25. Keep an eye out for the next video for the first Sunday of Advent, November 29. The video will include “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* 240). We’ll sing a stanza of this hymn each week in our audio (or video) worship services, and the ForKIDS video will be a good resource to help kids learn this song. Also, I hope you’ll consider using this song for your own family devotions as you light Advent candles at home.

## Christmas and ForKIDS

In lieu of a Christmas pageant, a slide show/video with music and narration is coming to our YouTube channel on December 20. Many thanks to those who have signed up for one-on-one ForKIDS Zoom music sessions, which were publicized by Terry and in QALC Friday emails. I will be adding more sessions, hoping that this will lead to more participation. Here’s how the sessions work: During each one-on-one, 15-minute Zoom session, I’ll sing Christmas songs “Simon Says” style and record the Zoom audio. Later, I’ll stitch the kids’ voices together for use as part of the slide show/video. This way of recording music will be a bit of an experiment for me, but I think it will work! (Note that for *speaking* parts for the Christmas slide show/video, kids and adults will record in the nave, just like for Sunday audio services, so if you’re planning to help, please watch for more details about that.)

## Lessons and Carols

In place of our usual worship services on December 24 and December 25, I’m working with Pastor Dan to produce a Lessons and Carols video service that you’ll be able to follow (and sing with) at home. If you’ve seen our Holden Evening Prayer services from last summer, I envision something similar, with the words of the readings and carols clearly visible for you to follow as the audio plays. Nothing can come close to celebrating our Lord’s birth together, but hopefully this (and our ForKIDS slide show/video) will give us a sense of the season with our church family.

## Happy Thanksgiving

Even amid everything that we are dealing with—as individuals and as a community—we are always thankful for the One who promises to always be with us. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts this Thanksgiving. As always, keep singing in the Spirit while we are apart!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor

[cantor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org)

## A Bit of GRIT

Three of our grandkids go to public schools in the small suburb of Westmont outside of Chicago.

At all school levels, the focus is on students learning the skills of “**GRIT**,” and at Middle School graduation a few years ago, grandson Tim was one of three getting an award for living **GRIT**. To me the word grit brought up images of tough cowboys living off the land, so we looked up the details:

“Living with grit is perseverance and passion toward long-term goals, and sustained commitment toward completing specific endeavors despite episodes of failure, setbacks, and adversity. Resilience is a part of grit.”

We learned that people with grit often display the following traits:

- Have a core purpose in life.
- Learn from the wisdom of those with life experience.
- Learn from people who have failed before finding success.
- Learn from nature and literature.
- When tempted to give up, ask, “What’s the hard part of this problem?”
- Choose to try something hard/challenging because they want to, not because they have to.
- Are problem solvers.
- Ask themselves: Is this problem permanent or temporary?
- Ask themselves: Do I blame myself or others or a situation for this problem?
- Persevere.

The Bible is full of stories reminding us of people who lived with grit: Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the wise men, and the shepherds, just to name a few!

For many of us, the holidays will be very different this year as we’re advised not to get together with loved ones, not to come together in person to worship or to light the Advent wreath, or to experience the music and candles at the candlelight service. We’ll need a dose of grit!

Try making a mantra about God’s presence in your life, and let the word **GRIT** come to mind when you start feeling down:

**God’s**  
**Reliable.**  
**I will**  
**Thrive.**

**God’s**  
**Right**  
**In**  
**There with me.**

**God’s love**  
**Reassures**  
**In**  
**Troubling times.**

**God’s my**  
**Reason for**  
**Incredible**  
**Trust.**

Wishing you the joy of knowing that God had each of you in mind when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Have unusual celebrations, but celebrate, knowing that as a child of God you are deeply loved.

—Terry from ForKIDS@HOME



# Announcements

## **First Sunday in Advent, November 29—We Celebrate Communion**

This month, we celebrate the First Sunday in Advent on November 29 with a video edition of “Word Out!” The service includes the lighting of our sanctuary Advent candle, and will also incorporate Communion. As Pastor Dan states in that service’s Welcome, we look with hope in the Advent season to new beginnings. He notes, “Sunday’s service itself features a new beginning. Months into a pandemic that seems indefinite, we at Queen Anne Lutheran Church recognize the spiritual need for sustenance; a need we did not anticipate in the early days of the outbreak. In response to that pastoral need, and with the full endorsement of our Worship and Music committee, we will be celebrating Communion during today’s service. If you wish to partake at home, we invite you, once I have spoken the Words of Institution, to participate. Simply have on hand some bread, and a small amount of wine or grape juice, and receive at my direction.”

Our service on December 20, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, will be recorded audio, but on that Sunday our Christmas Pageant will also be available as a special video. Thank you for all who participated, and to Terry Anderson, Cantor Kyle, and Jenny and Jimmy Porter for their technical help!

Christmas worship itself will be on video, and will include Communion. Cantor Kyle provides more details about that service on page 3 of this issue.

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**



### **Thankful Pumpkin**

We hope you have had a Thanksgiving full of gratitude for your many blessings, and joyful moments even if you weren't together with family as planned. Send us pictures of your Thankful pumpkin if you made one.

—Terry Anderson

## **We're Making It Easier to Connect**

Our Parish Administrator Barb Bash now has the ability to schedule Zoom sessions for church meetings and events. What does this mean? It means that any small group, committee or church ministry wishing to set up an online gathering for its members can simply contact the church office to request that. Barb will set up the session and help you communicate the link information. We are encouraged to see that the QA Book Group and QALCW Circle Bible Study groups have started meeting over Zoom this fall, and that Faith and Film may be up and running before Christmas as well (see page 7). Please reach out to the office as needed!

Nancy Fulwiler has begun a monthly “Informal Social Gathering with Wine (or other beverage)” on Zoom. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 16; their schedule varies a bit. If you would like to join the next gathering, please contact Nancy or the church office. And if you would like to begin a similar group with a different schedule, just reach out to Barb Bash and she will help you do that.

## **Christmas Giving Tree**

Please see pages 10 and 11 for information about our Giving Tree, which benefits Compass Housing Alliance families this year.



## Ordination of Deborah Squires on Sunday, Dec. 6—Lend a Hand\*

We were excited to hear this fall of our former member Deb Squire's call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Everett. Deb posted on Facebook to invite us all to her ordination:

"I am being ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10 AM. Most of you have been part of the journey that has—finally—brought me here. I would be honored if you would be present via Zoom. **Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10:00 AM.**

Thank you for your love and care through the years, and for being with me in spirit and prayer (if not in person!) for this next step of the journey.

[Link here](#) to join Deborah Squires' Zoom Ordination  
With Meeting ID: 824 0079 2545



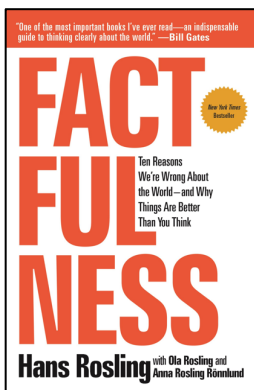
This link will also be available on the church's homepage on Sunday morning, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Preschool in Everett, WA – [www.oslc-everett.com](http://www.oslc-everett.com).

\* Also, since there are so few for the laying on of hands, I am asking people to trace their hand on paper and either take a photo and send it to me by email or text, or mail it to 6218 Harbour Heights, Mukilteo, WA 98275. I will use them in the service."

—Deb Squires

## Queen Anne Book Group to Meet Nov. 30

The Queen Anne Book Group will meet via Zoom on Monday, November 30 at 7 PM to discuss *Factfulness* by Hans Rosling. "All are welcome! Let Barbara Bash know if you would like to receive Book Group emails and links, or contact Nancy Fulwiler.



When asked simple questions about global trends, we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers. In *Factfulness*, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators, Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. They reveal the ten instincts that distort our perspective—from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of *us* and *them*) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress (believing that most things are getting worse).

[Link here](#) for the Zoom link (or check your Friday email and click)  
Or Dial 1 253 215 8782  
Meeting ID: 915 9902 8700  
Passcode: 203792



## Christian Education

### **(Almost) Banned from the Bible: Introducing Esther**

*Sunday Forum Series led by Pastor Dan  
December 6 (at 9 AM), 13 and 20 at 10 AM*

The Jews debated Esther's inclusion in the Bible for centuries after the book was written. No author of the New Testament quoted it, not a single Christian commentary was written on it until the Middle Ages, and Martin Luther despised it. Come find out why in this three-session series led by Pastor Dan.

[Link here](#) to join on Sunday mornings (Look for an email link to more easily join):  
or call in by phone at: +1 253 215 8782  
with Meeting ID: 891 7301 7795  
and Passcode: 063447

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

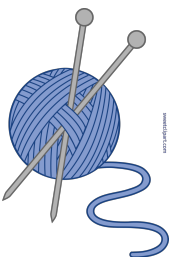
All are invited as we continue with our online "First Wednesdays" Bible study on December 1, when we will discuss Galatians 1 and 2. Join us to discuss this foundational letter of Paul, which proclaims the gift of God's freedom and grace.

[Link here](#) to join at noon on Wednesdays (Look for an email link to more easily join):  
or call in by phone at 1 253 215 8782  
with Meeting ID: 840 7482 4857  
and Passcode: 622720

### **Faith and Film is Re-Emerging!**

Imagine a Zoom meeting where everyone gathers with their favorite snack and drink, the host plays a movie for all to watch together, and then discussion ensues afterwards—why, it's Faith and Film! We would love to schedule such an online gathering on a December Saturday at 4 PM. **All we are waiting for is someone who has a film suggestion and who is willing to lead the discussion after viewing the movie.** If that is you, please contact [Carol Ann Davis](#) and [Barb Bash](#), and we'll get the Zoom meeting scheduled, work with you to sort out the tech, and send the invites out.

## Ministries



### **250 Heads Warmed—More Yarn Needed**

Barbara Koziol is busy knitting warm caps. She already donated 250 to share between the Gospel Mission and Mary's Place, and says that she knits about two a day when she has yarn. If you have leftover yarn or can get some from Goodwill (acrylic is best), please bring it to the church office or chapel, or leave it on Barbara K.'s porch. The caps will be donated to the warm clothing drive for QA Helpline.

Contact Terry at <mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org> if you need to work out details.

And a giant-sized **THANK YOU** to Barbara K! Following the example of Christ, at Queen Anne Lutheran we walk the talk to love our neighbor.

## Social Action Committee: 3 New Ways to Help the Community

The Social Action committee is pleased to announce plans to support:

- **New Horizons Ministries**, for “out of home” youth in the new year.
  - We will provide another **dinner for 65 youth** on Friday, January 8th. If you would like to prepare - in your home - a main course, salad, vegetable dish, dessert or bread, it can be picked up on the same day by Jim Margard, or dropped off at New Horizons in Belltown.
  - In addition, New Horizons is in need of **take-out sack lunches** - typically with items like bagels, healthy snack bar, fruit cup, chips - for all days. 60 bags will be adequate for a 3-day weekend and 20 bags will suffice for one day. If you would like to support either of these projects, please contact Jim Margard at [jrm952@gmail.com](mailto:jrm952@gmail.com).
- **Queen Anne Helpline**, with our annual coat, socks and hat drive, to be delivered in late December. The need for men’s coats is especially acute. Please drop off donations at church when Barb is in the office, on Thursdays or Fridays, or arrange for a pickup with Jim Margard."



## Remember the ForKIDS Bake Sale Last December?

The generous donations and purchases left us with \$700 that we forgot about.

Plans are to distribute the money between the warm clothing drive for Queen Anne Helpline and New Horizons Ministries for youth.



**The QALC  
100-Mile  
FOOD BANK  
Challenge!**



Woohoo! Two more people signed up for the challenge. Jenna is the first from the ForKIDS group, and a shout out to John Reese for challenging himself to 500 miles!

Remember that this challenge is about getting out for a long or short daily walk/run for your health, and having a heart of gratitude. You can donate \$100 to the Challenge when you have reached 100 miles, find sponsors to donate when you reach your goal, or sponsor someone else to walk, for any amount.

We welcome more people from QALC to join the Challenge, anticipating Food Banks will be needing more help than ever in the new year. WE CAN DO BIG THINGS BY EVERYONE DOING A LITTLE!

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



## Seattle LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Ingathering 2020

Prior to Covid19, our LWR Quilt & Kit Ingathering (collecting quilts and kit to ship to Baltimore warehouse) process had not changed for many years. Our process relied upon volunteers (6-7/shift) who spend hours inside a container (424 square feet) stacking boxes. Covid19 made that model less safe and some of our usual volunteers would not work inside the container since there was no social distancing.

LWR came up with a new model. Boxes would be collected over several days and then a professional moving crew would load the container. This required a church large enough to store the boxes, maybe for a long time, plus one with a parking lot that directly leads into the building without stairs or cumbersome ramps. First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLCB) volunteered to be the guinea pig for this new process in the Seattle area.

In October, churches brought their boxes to the FLCB parking lot. But even then the process was COVID-19-modified. The drivers, and passengers, needed to be masked, and stay in their vehicles. Our loading crew was limited to the number of persons FLCB allowed to use their building and grounds (two groups of six). FLCB took temperatures of the volunteers when we arrived, and recorded our contact data. Any drivers/passengers that needed to use restroom, had to be temperature-screened as well. Deliveries were scheduled every 15 minutes so that cars would not need to line up, and so that our “unloaders” would have time to get everything inside safely. Our “unloaders” used two-wheel dollies to roll all boxes into FLCB building.

A 53-foot container was delivered to the FLCB parking lot, and on Nov 20th it was fully loaded. The hired professional moving crew worked inside the container, employing the normal Box Tetris approach. Our regular volunteers moved boxes on two-wheelers from inside the building to the container, and placed the boxes on the container lip. This process only took around three hours. The excess boxes at FLCB will probably be shipped when another similar Ingathering happens in 2021.

Many thanks to all the many volunteers and to FLCB who helped with this “Modified COVID-19 LWR Loading Process.”

—Rich Mathes





**Have you purchased a gift or gift cards for the Giving Tree?** Compass Housing Alliance has a lot of families in need this year. See the details on the next page, and please consider helping out. If you would like to donate but can't get out to buy gift cards, QALCW would love to help you. They are asking for \$25.00 gift cards for kids, or robes (in sizes XL to 3X) and slippers for adults; see the next page for all the details.

### Share the December *Gather* magazine devotional with a friend

This year *Gather* magazine is making the digital PDF of our December devotional, "Singing, writing, moving, connecting: Advent rituals for uncertain times" by the Rev. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick, free to subscribers of its e-newsletter!

To download your copy, confirm your subscription [here](#)—or send the link to a friend! If you are reading a hard copy, Candy Mathes will be glad to send you the link.

### From Michael & Jeanette Banobi and CORE Tanzania:



"The children love their new home. The big glass windows make the classroom nice and bright, they let in the breeze when it's hot, and they keep out the wind when it's cold. In contrast to most rural schools, the classrooms have ceilings, so when it rains on the metal roof the students can still hear their teacher. And there is plenty of room for the students to work independently on their Montessori materials, to sing and dance, and to be active as young children love to be.

Thank you for providing this wonderful learning space for our students."

Don't forget, QALCW pledged their support to this wonderful school. See page 15 of this *Quill* for more updates about the project. Your gifts can be sent in with your church offering; just mark checks "QALCW/Core Tanzania."

Your donation will help build and operate Twegashe School and give the children of Bushasa a chance for a quality education. Here are some examples of what your gift can do:

\$50 —Student desk and chair  
 \$75 —Breakfast for 30 students for a month  
 \$250 —Library table and chairs  
 \$300 —Cafeteria table with benches

\$500 —Set of 1st & 2nd grade math textbooks  
 \$1,000 —Raincoats for a class of 30 students  
 \$2,000 —Cement blocks for one classroom  
 \$5,000 —All six Phase 2 toilets



## Gratitude Given!

The question came up the other night at the “QALCW Informal Zoom Meeting with a Glass of Wine:”  
*What are we thankful for?*


I just want to say how thankful I am for a wonderful group of women who care about QALCW *and* each other. Thank you to Barb Bach, Sallie Wilson and Barb Bash for getting out the Thank-offering letters so each of you can participate in the Women of the ELCA. Thank you to Nancy Fulwiler for getting our “Informal Zoom meeting with a Glass of Wine (or coffee, tea, water, etc.)” going, as well as volunteering to be the Bible Study leader for one of the Bible Studies. It is wonderful to see how our women can work together to get things done.

If YOU would like to join Informal Zoom w/Wine or the monthly Evening Bible Study, let Candy Mathes or Nancy Fulwiler know and we will make sure to loop you into the emails. Our Northern Lights Circle is also still meeting via Zoom, and the contact for that group is Dolly Smith.

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for [God] is good; for [God’s] steadfast love endures forever.”*

—I Chronicles 16:34

Your Women’s Committee,  
Candy Mathes, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck and Barbara Bach



## Compass Housing Alliance 2020 Gift Guide

Gifts and wrapping supplies  
should be dropped off by  
**Friday, December 12th**


**Drop items off at  
Queen Anne Lutheran**  
Fridays between 10 & 2  
(Call first, 206-284-1960)  
or contact Candy Mathes  
206-919-7330  
for delivery help.

**For Kids**  
\$25 Giftcards  
Target, Fred Meyer, or Amazon  
Because we are unable to host volunteers to  
sort or wrap gifts this year, we are not  
collecting children’s toys.

**For Adults**  
Robes  
Slippers  
Travel Thermos  
Twin Size Bedding Sets  
Shopping notes for adult gifts :

- Men’s and women’s items needed
- Please purchase items in sizes L, XL, XXL or 3XL
- Solid, dark or jewel tone colors preferred
- Items should be approximately \$25

**Wrapping Supplies**  
Bows  
Tissue Paper  
Large Gift Bags  
Medium Gift Bags



## QALC Tasks in Search of Someone to Do Them

Life under lockdown has reshaped the work we do, and our staff finds that we need new forms of support from the membership in order to make worship and children's activities happen. **We need your help!** Are you willing to do a bit for your church community to make a difference during a challenging time? Please take a look at this diverse list to see where you might be able to lend your gifts, and contact the staff member who is looking for your help. (Note: *Mask-wearing and social distancing is practiced here at all times. Some tasks may be done in the Chapel with the door open, outside, or from home.*)

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Delivery People for Christmas</b> (1-10)	We need drivers to deliver poinsettias and other items to members of our church who are especially isolated, in the week or two prior to Christmas.	Barb Bash <a href="mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org">admin@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Deliver Knit Hats</b> (1)	Take 250 knit hats to charity organizations (hats are in chapel)	Terry Anderson <a href="mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org">forkids@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Worship Recording Assistant</b> (1-2 more)	Run the sanctuary camera to help record video worship. Marc Oplinger will train. Approximately once/month. Mask-wearing and social distancing is practiced.	Kyle Haugen <a href="mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org">cantor@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Video Editor</b> (1-2)	Edit video clips at home to create worship services. Approximately once/month; work with staff via email and Google Drive to coordinate proofing and deadlines.	Kyle Haugen <a href="mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org">cantor@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>For KIDS Monthly Packet Mailing Help</b> (1-3 people)	A monthly packet for families needs collating, stapling, filling envelopes, and prep for mailing. Time commitment of an hour or two working in the Chapel, or for pick up at the Chapel to take home.	Terry Anderson <a href="mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org">forkids@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>For KIDS Monthly Activities</b> (2-3 ) help to plan and stage monthly projects at church. (For example: "Let Your Light Shine" Halloween event.)	Terry needs others to brainstorm ideas with, and to help make the plans happen! Creative doers, communicators, brain-stormers, and enthusiasts with a vision for ways QALC's families can connect, and ways our church can connect with the neighborhood. Time varies depending on the activity, with work done at home and outside at church.	Terry Anderson <a href="mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org">forkids@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Repair and Finish the Little Library</b> (1-2)	The door to our little library came off and needs to be re-fastened in a stronger way. The inside of the little free library also needs paint.	Barb Bash <a href="mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org">admin@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Care of the Little Library</b> (1-3)	One hour weekly time commitment to monitor books in the Little Library.	Terry Anderson <a href="mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org">forkids@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Gratitude Bearers</b> (1-2)	Write and mail thank-you cards to forum speakers, etc.	Pastor Dan <a href="mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org">pastor@queenannelutheran.org</a>

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Worship Readers/Lectors</b> (no set number of participants)	Record scripture readings at QALC for the audio service and/or lead the spoken prayers. Typically several weeks are recorded at a Saturday session of about 1 hour at QALC. When not reading/leading, participants join together for congregational responses.	Kyle Haugen <a href="mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org">cantor@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Worship Musicians</b> (no set number of participants)	Working with Cantor Kyle, record preludes, postludes, songs, hymns, or other music (instrumental or vocal/choral). In most cases, music is recorded at QALC. <i>Note: We are being very cautious due to general concerns about the unique circumstances of singing and playing wind instruments during the pandemic; so, these music opportunities will be more limited during Phase 2 guidelines. Physical distancing is observed and cleaning of piano keys, if applicable.</i>	Kyle Haugen <a href="mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org">cantor@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Facebook Post Coordinator (1)</b>	This volunteer would keep track of activities such as Forums and special worship events worthy of being highlighted on our church Facebook page. Barb is willing to do the actual posting, if someone gives her the items to highlight by Tuesday of each week and provides the copy. Or, you can post items yourself.	Barb Bash <a href="mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org">admin@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>Instagram Poster (1)</b>	Regular posting about church activities, forums. <i>We will create an Instagram account if we find someone to be the "poster."</i> This volunteer would keep track of activities such as Forums and special worship events worthy of being highlighted on our Instagram page.	Barb Bash <a href="mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org">admin@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>TLC for the Grounds Group (2-4)</b>	In addition to regular grounds maintenance, visioning that the outdoor areas at church look welcoming. Tasks to be determined and coordinated with ForKids, Worship, and Grounds Coordinator for special events. Time commitment for planning, communicating, and some on-site doing.	Terry Anderson <a href="mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org">forkids@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<b>College Kid Care (1-3)</b>	We would love to put together and send care packages to young members who are away at college in these difficult times. Volunteers could work together to decide what to include and take care of the logistics of packing and mailing.	Barb Bash <a href="mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org">admin@queenannelutheran.org</a>



## Lutheran Campus Ministry

On November 22, we were blessed with the presence of Rev. Chelsea Globe in our worship as guest preacher. Pastor Chelsea is new to Lutheran Campus Ministry, and sent the letter below to many congregations by way of introduction.



Greetings in the name of Christ!

My name is Chelsea Globe and I'm the newly called pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministry to the University of Washington community. After more than a year of intentional time off while navigating much transition and change, or what we are calling a "fallow year" (in reference to Exodus 23:11's advice for a fertile harvest), this ministry is looking forward to new growth. The fertile ground of our ministry is now well-rested and ready to produce a bountiful harvest once again!

How do we rebuild a campus ministry in the middle of a pandemic? The same way you would any other time – connections! We want to connect with YOU! If you are or are related to a UW student, (undergraduate or graduate), let us know! If you are a UW faculty or staff member, let us know! If you are a UW alumnus, let us know! Heck, even if you are just a fan of Husky sports, or care about the spiritual development of college students, let us know! As the new pastor trying to get this ministry up and running again, I want to hear from anyone and everyone who has any connection to both UW and Lutheranism.

While the opportunities to meet physically are limited this year, there are still so many ways that we can be supportive of students and staff at the University of Washington. Right now, I'm primarily seeking to connect with individuals at UW to introduce myself and let them know that the ELCA is here for them. I am also focusing on increasing our presence within our region's ELCA congregations so that everyone knows we are back up and running! And of course, you always have the opportunity to support this vital ministry with your prayers, thoughts, and donations.

I hope to keep in regular contact with you and your congregations. If you want to stay connected, [click here](#) to sign up for our email newsletters. You can also keep up with us on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), or [Instagram](#). And if you have a UW student to refer to campus ministry, you can use this [Google Form](#) to do so or email me directly.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry as we show God's grace and unconditional love to the UW community!

Blessings,  
Pastor Chelsea Globe  
[pastor@uwlutherans.org](mailto:pastor@uwlutherans.org)  
206-590-0857  
[www.uwlutherans.org](http://www.uwlutherans.org)

## CORE Tanzania Update



Twegashe students are now in their new home! They moved from their temporary classroom in the village Lutheran church at the end of October. We are so grateful to that congregation for allowing us to use their building, since otherwise this group of kindergartners would not have had the opportunity to attend Twegashe School. Another example of Lutheran generosity in action!

We're also grateful to Queen Anne's own Marc Oplinger for the design of this lovely classroom, including the beautiful colors. The children and teachers are very happy to be in this wonderful new space!

Michael and I have been in Bushasha since early October, and a lot has happened in that time. The kindergartners went on a field trip to collect worms for the composting toilets, our cook set up shop in the new kitchen at Twegashe School, the students received new raincoats just in time for the start of the rainy season (It rains a lot here, and it's cold when it rains!), we've arranged with the director of the village clinic for regular health check-ups for the students, and we've started taking applications for next year's kindergarten class.



Phase I construction is almost finished. All that remains is one teacher duplex and some finishing touches on the classroom building and toilets. And just in time for the completion of construction, we've received a Rotary grant for solar electricity for the school!



For more details about developments at Twegashe School, you can check out the latest update on our website at <https://coretanzania.org/weve-moved-in/>

We send warm greetings and many thanks to our family at Queen Anne Lutheran for all your encouragement and support!

*—Jeannette and Michael Banobi*

P.S. We're preparing to order another set of raincoats for next year's class. If you'd like to contribute to the "raincoat fund" please let us know!





Dear Ones,

In this month that we celebrate Thanksgiving, I give thanks for you. May God's Spirit continue to lead and guide us in these times.

This last week my mom called to tell me that they would not be hosting a big family celebration for Thanksgiving this year because of COVID-19. I already knew that we wouldn't be able to have the raucous, crowded party that we have had in the past (and will have in the future), but it still is hard when the decision is voiced. Unfortunately, we are still in COVID-19 times. And because of this, I want to emphasize a few things for all of you.

In the last few weeks, I have been asked when the synod would have new, updated guidelines. As the guidelines were a few months old, I thought I should review and give new guidelines for where we are now. However, as I started working on updated guidelines, I realized pretty quickly that old guidelines are today's guidelines ... because we are still in COVID-19 times. Therefore, the updated recommendations sound remarkably like the old recommendations.

The NWWA Synod continues to encourage care and thoughtful preparation for your community. A care-filled response is much more than unlocking the church doors and inviting all to come. Please keep in mind the Washington State guidelines and CDC guidelines and the population of your congregation. While we are all in different phases, depending on your county, here are some guidelines that we all should keep in mind.

1. Please continue to avoid large gatherings, maintain physical distance when with others, use face coverings, and regularly wash hands and surfaces.
2. To maintain ultimate safety, the NWWA Synod continues to recommend that congregations and ministry sites continue to utilize corporate worship on an online or digital platform until February 2021 – and further into 2021 depending on the availability of vaccines or other positive markers.
3. If there is an in-person worship experience, please

consider meeting outside while masked and physical distanced and following the protocols for a corporate gathering. While this is not completely safe, this is the next safest option to meeting online.

4. If there is an in-person worship experience indoors, please understand that there is high-risk involved, and care must be taken for the safety of all. Please consider this carefully and thoroughly before implementing. Please see the synod website for further guidance.

5. If you are going to meet in-person, small gatherings are the safest option. Below are some ideas that are meant to meet spiritual, emotional, and physical needs as we continue to navigate this pandemic. (These ideas are meant to be a supplement to online worship and are only to be implemented after careful reflection and planning).

- Small group Bible studies
- One-on-one pastoral care conversations
- Bringing a meal or a card to a homebound person
- Participating in a food drive
- Having a "bring your own food" potluck gathering in a backyard.
- Sitting around a bonfire listening to a guitar
- Book Study
- I'm sure you all have many others.

If you have ideas in your congregation or ministry site on how to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people during this time, please share with others so we may safely and meaningfully meet with one another during this time. We would be happy to post these ideas on our website.

As we enter into winter, it is easy to let our guards down. We long to be together. We miss each other. And we are tired. I get it. I'm with you. I want nothing more than to be able to be with you in-person. But as we love God and neighbor, let us continue to be church in the world. Let us thoughtfully and prayerfully prepare. And let us continue to be Holy Community. And remember, dear Beloveds, we are still gathered and we are still sent – to live into the love of Jesus with all we meet.

Grace & Peace,  
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

# 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 during this very difficult 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 2020 QALC Giving Statement, please remember that:

- With the church office officially closed and our staff still working from home, we ask that you mail your December checks to the church rather than hand delivering them to the church. Also, please be aware that with the office closed, our mailing address has been changed to a PO box:

**Queen Anne Lutheran Church**

**PO Box 17029**

**Seattle, WA 98127-0729**

- Checks can be mailed as late as December 31<sup>st</sup>, but the envelope must have a “2020” postmark to be considered a 2020 donation.

### **Credit Card Donations**

QALC also accepts credit card donations.

- Visit the church’s website ([queenannelutheran.org](http://queenannelutheran.org)). On the website’s homepage, click on the GIVE button. When the new page opens, scroll down and click on the yellow DONATE button.
- You can charge your donation to your Paypal account, or if you don’t have a Paypal account, you can use any credit card.
- Like donations made via check, these PayPal transactions must also be dated 2020.

### **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](mailto:treasurer@queenannelutheran.org)) for the Edward Jones account number and DTC number.

### **Looking ahead to 2021**

- The new, 2021 Offering Envelope booklets will be available on a table in the narthex throughout the Advent and Christmas season. Look for information in your Friday emails —the church will be open during December for picking up these booklets (possibly in conjunction with some tree decoration in the narthex!) 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" Direct Deposit 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 the church website. For further details about the Simply Giving options, please speak with either Ken Hockman or Sallie Wilson).

Again, we say thank you to all of you.

Whether it be sharing your financial resources or participating in the Sunday morning Zoom events, whether it be assisting with the worship programming offered via YouTube or making a friendly phone call to one of our shut-ins, whether it be sewing quilts or assembling kits for LWR, whether it be counting the offerings or attending church Council meetings, or doing any of the new tasks listed in this issue on pages 12 and 13—all of your contributions are important. And despite this year's many challenges, together we are keeping our church's ministry alive and vibrant.

Blessings to you this Advent season,

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

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## 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 but 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 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.

<b>CONTACTS for QALC STAFF:</b>	<b>Office Phone 206/284-1960</b>
<i>Voice mails left at the office number will be picked up on Fridays.</i>	
Pastor Daniel Peterson	<a href="mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org">pastor@queenannelutheran.org</a>
<i>For emergency pastoral care needs, please text Pastor Dan at 253-230-9695</i>	
Cantor Kyle Haugen	<a href="mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org">cantor@queenannelutheran.org</a>
Children's Ministry Coordinator Terry Anderson	<a href="mailto:forkids@queenannelutheran.org">forkids@queenannelutheran.org</a>
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## Please Use Our Mailing Address

Note that because we are not staffing our building regularly, we have opened a Post Office Box. Mail to our street address does not reach us, so please use the PO Box address for all your mail, including offerings: **Queen Anne Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 17029, Seattle, WA 98127**





## Poinsettias for One Another

This year, your donated poinsettias will be given as gifts to elderly, ill, or isolated members of our congregation. The person you choose to honor will be noted as part of that gift. All the commemorations will also be noted in the church bulletin for our Christmas service. Any extra poinsettias will be placed in the breezeway outside.

If you would like to contribute one or more plants, please fill out the form below and mail it, or simply [email the info to the church office](#). Either way, please notify us before Wednesday, December 16. 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 below.

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In memory of, OR ☐ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Advent I VIDEO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am	30 QA Book Group (Zoom) 7:00 pm	1 Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm	2	3 Worship & Music Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	4 Word Out!	5
6 Advent II AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE FAMILY SUNDAY Forum (Zoom) 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	7	8 Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	9	10 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	11 Word Out!	12
13 Advent III AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am Visitation Team 12:00 pm AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	14	15 Informal Social Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	16	17 Choir (Zoom) 7:00 pm	18 Word Out!	19 Faith & Film (Zoom – TBD) 4:00 pm
20 Advent IV AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Christmas Pageant (Video Online) Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am Personnel Committee (Zoom) 12:00 pm AfterWord (Zoom) 12:30 pm	21 QALCW Circle Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Choir, time TBD Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Word Out!	26
27 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE	28	29	30	31		

A single **Lessons and Carols**  
video service will be our Christmas worship,  
and will include Communion.