

The Quill

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Happy New Year!

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Grief, Gratitude, and Hope

In 1 Corinthians 13:13 the Apostle Paul speaks of faith, hope, and love, the greatest of which he says is love. For this issue of *The Quill*, I'd like to suggest another triad that, I think, captures the year now in review: grief, gratitude, and hope.

We all grieve. We know the experience of loss. The pandemic has amplified it, preventing some, for instance, from visiting their loved ones who are dying. Several hundred thousand people have now lost their lives to Covid-19. Businesses, once prosperous, have floundered. Jobs have disappeared. There is so much to grieve. My heart goes out to those in our congregation especially who have suffered the loss of family members. It goes out as well to those who, like my mother, struggle arduously against cancer, or who find themselves for whatever reason nearing the end of life.

Grief by itself can be terrible, even if it is a part of life. But sometimes gratitude accompanies grief. Think of loss: you may feel a deep, agonizing absence when someone close to you dies. You may *also* find yourself feeling grateful for that person's presence in your life. This happened to me recently when I learned that a long-time mentor of mine passed away. I was deeply saddened when I heard the news; at the same time, I was also filled with gratitude that he had been part of my life. I was lucky to know him.

Gratitude often accompanies grief when we think of those who cared for a loved one, of doctors and nurses, say, who showed compassion. Consider also the selfless dedication people in our congregation have exhibited in donating their time, talents, and/or treasure to charitable causes and organizations like Queen Anne Helpline, not to mention our ministry here at Queen Anne Lutheran. Because of them—because of *you*—we have been able to help provide meals to people experiencing homelessness during this pandemic, and we have been able to offer rental assistance to keep others from experiencing homelessness. Many who have received assistance from us have expressed their gratitude to me, and on their behalf I express my gratitude to you.

Here's something interesting: Gratitude can inspire hope.

I have been thinking a lot about hope, where it comes from and what makes our hope as Christians distinctive. I even made it the topic of discussion on a recent God for Grownups [podcast episode](#) with my friend Pastor Mark Griffith. Here is what I have found: stories we have inherited from the past can inform an orientation of hope toward the future. We have heard, for example, of what God did in Jesus Christ long ago. We recall, as the prologue of John's Gospel says, that the light has entered the darkness. Remembering it some 2,000 years later shows that the "darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). That gives me hope.

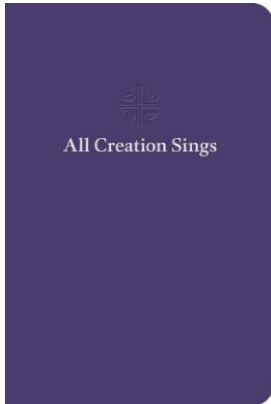
Looking back on 2020, we may simultaneously experience feelings of grief and gratitude. It's been a difficult year! But we also have hope. Long before 2020, a light came into the world, and that still flickers—now and into the coming year.

Pastor Dan

From the Cantor

Thank You!

A huge “thank you” to all who helped and participated with both our online Christmas pageant and our online Lessons and Carols service. Kids, youth, and parents provided piano and flute music; kids and adults read Scripture and sang carols; and volunteers of all ages took photos and posed for them. The response to both programs has been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you, one and all!



A new hymnal supplement for 2021: *All Creation Sings*

This year we will introduce the ELCA’s new hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, at QALC—but as we continue to live through COVID-19, I’m not sure *exactly* how that will take place. We’re as ready as we can be for *All Creation Sings* in the midst of the pandemic: QALC has already received several copies of the supplement for the choir, as well as leader and accompaniment editions, and the Worship and Music Committee will recommend funding in the upcoming 2021 budget to help cover the purchase of pew copies. Presumably the ELCA will soon make texts and music available through its online resource subscription service, *Sundays and Seasons*, as well, which will help make material available for *Word Out!*

Some of you may remember *Worship Supplement* (1969), and many of us know *With One Voice* (1995). *All Creation Sings* is similar in scope and substance. Like those earlier volumes, this new supplement will help the church at large to share and to sift music and texts that are new, unfamiliar, cross-cultural, or sometimes even a little bit experimental. From the Augsburg Fortress website, here’s more information about *All Creation Sings*:

This resource invites us to expand our song and prayer with timely attention to the health of our planetary home and the human community within it. 200 hymns and songs are included, more than 30 of them multilingual and many being new since ELW was released. This body of song supports the rhythms of the whole church year and gives enlarged expression to themes of healing and wholeness, creation care, justice and peace, praise and lament. Here are two new communion services, one presented in Spanish and English, the other offering options for evening use. Also included are a contemplative service of word and prayer as well as more than 50 additional prayer resources, rounding out nearly 70 pages of liturgy content.

And, *All Creation Sings* includes a beautiful hymn for Transfiguration Sunday, “Dazzling Presence on the Mountain,” by one of our own QALC members, Rev. Paul Hoffman!

I look forward to helping QALC get to know *All Creation Sings*, and the songs, hymns, and liturgical elements that fit our community and help to enrich our worship life together. I hope 2021 brings us together soon. As always, keep singing in the Spirit while we are apart.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle'.

Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

Resolved:

A week or so ago I found the donation of *52 Simple Ways to make Christmas Special* by Jean Dargatz on my desk at church, and took it home to look over before putting it into the QALC library.

With the New Year on the way, the chapter “Frame Your New Year’s Resolutions in Terms of Giving” caught my eye. Below is an excerpt for your contemplation:

“Consider rooting all your resolutions in the central concept of giving. The Greek word for resolution relates to the concepts of “choosing” or “deciding”. Your resolution must be rooted deeply in your will. If not, your resolution is just a wish or a daydream. What is it that you are truly willing to devote your physical strength, ideas and emotional energy towards doing or accomplishing?”

Among the many dictionary definitions for the word resolutions, one recently stood out in a new way: “to reduce to a simpler form.”

- *What do you resolve to give to God during the coming year? Think in terms of your time, ability, finances, and creativity.*
- *What do you resolve to give to yourself during this coming year? Consider new ways to give yourself the gifts of forgiveness, health, and joy.*
- *What do you resolve to give those around you? How better might you share your life with them?*

Seek to be single-minded in your approach to the New Year. Ask yourself, “When all is said and done, what will really matter?” Channel your energies and your coming days to that end. “



How did Jean Dargatz, publishing in 1991, write words that so resonate in 2020? God’s words John 15:12 remain the same, and our actions make a difference. The year 2021 can become the year of hope, giving, and healing for people near and far.

—Terry from ForKIDS@HOME

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting This Month

We will be holding our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 31, as a daytime virtual meeting on the Zoom platform. More details will be sent out to all members before January 17, and our Annual Report will be available on that date also. At 10 AM on Sunday the 31st, there will be a Q&A session with Church Council members to address any questions members have, prior to the meeting itself later that day. Watch your weekly emails or mailed announcements for the details and Zoom links.

The purpose of the annual meeting of the congregation is to review and celebrate the previous year's accomplishments, with reports from the pastor, the president and treasurer, and others; to elect officers and delegates for the coming year; and to hear and vote on this year's guidelines for expenditures and any other proposals requiring the majority approval of the membership.

A quorum of members is required to accomplish our tasks, and of course we hope you will be able to attend.

May 2021 Synod Assembly Information Emerging

At our Annual Congregational Meeting, we will be electing our delegates to attend the NW WA Synod Assembly. The following letter from the Synod came out this week. Go to lutheransnw.org/2021-Synod-Assembly to check for further updates. This letter was edited for length:

Greetings, Congregations and Leaders of the Northwest Washington Synod,

I am pleased to be sharing with you some preliminary information regarding our 2021 Synod Assembly. This assembly will be VERY different than previous assemblies, so please be attentive to information coming out in these upcoming months to prepare you for an easy experience!

First, our assembly will be Saturday May 15, 2021, from 9 AM–4 PM, and it will be completely online, via Zoom. We are building a great team to make the event smooth and easy to navigate.

Assembly will include worship, reports from our synod and churchwide leaders, elections, resolutions, and ministry anniversary celebrations.

Registration will open February 1st and close March 31st. The cost is \$25 per voting member. (NB—*QALC covers the costs for our representatives*) Visitors will be free – and while not part of the Zoom meeting, they will be invited to participate by following the livestream of the event.

As congregations prepare to elect voting members from your congregations, please keep in mind that due to the online nature of this Assembly, it will be necessary for each voting member to have access to their own computer and smart phone to participate in the meeting and our voting process.

More information will be coming out in the coming months, but should you have any questions, feel free to contact me (colver.liz@gmail.com) or the Synod Office (susan@lutheransnw.org.)

With Hope,

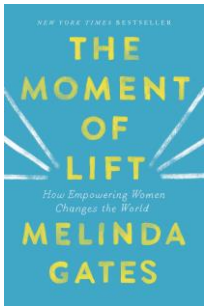
Sr. Liz Colver (she/her)

Assembly Planning Team Chair

Christ in Our Home

Our daily devotional booklets from Augsburg Publishing have been delayed in shipping this quarter. Augsburg is re-shipping the booklets. Because this is a widespread issue for them, they have set up a temporary option to receive the daily devotions in your email inbox. If you would like to sign up to receive them, here is the link:

go.augsburgfortress.org/temporary-christ-in-our-home-email



Queen Anne Book Group to Meet January 25

The Queen Anne Book Group will meet via Zoom on Monday, January 25 at 7 PM to discuss another excellent book: *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates. Cathi Unseth will lead the discussion. All are welcome! Let Barbara Bash know if you would like to receive Book Group emails and links, or contact Nancy Fulwiler.

The quote below is from Geek Wire:

“In the past two decades, Melinda Gates has worked on some of the greatest challenges in global health, including making vaccinations and family planning more widely accessible. In her new book, *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World*, she pulls everything she’s learned together to come up with one major takeaway: When we lift up women and girls everywhere, it benefits us all.”

[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

Adapting To a New Reality: *Living into a Fresh Vision for God's Church*

This arrived in our inbox from the ELCA. Perhaps some of you would be interested in attending these Third Thursday monthly webinars featuring well-known scholars and church leaders that focus on these key areas:

January 21 – Encouragement Beyond Fatigue

February 18 – Justice and the Common Good

March 18 – Hybrid Community: Virtual & In-Person

April 15 – The Future is Now: Creative Expressions of Church

“Please go to [IgniteTheChurch.net](https://igniteTheChurch.net) to see get more information on how you can join this transformational movement. Pastors and congregational lay leaders can sign up for only a \$25 donation to register for the entire series. All conference proceeds are donated to the ELCA Fund for Leaders. Don't delay; register today!”

Terry Anderson comments: “My view is that attending this webinar may help to give the big picture of what our church is thinking for 2021 plans, and will give us ideas. We'll be getting back to a new normal soon, and planning for that NEW part is going to take a bit of planning and out-of-the-box thinking.” Any congregational member can register. Let the office or Pastor Dan know if you will be at any of these sessions.

It's Official: Lutheran Community Services Northwest and Compass Housing Alliance Join Forces



Seattle, WA—Jan. 4, 2021 – Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCS Northwest) and Compass Housing Alliance (Compass) have signed a definitive agreement for Compass to become an affiliate of LCS Northwest. The agreement was approved by the Board of Directors for both organizations and is effective Jan. 1, 2021.

The two social services agencies with Lutheran roots bring different complementary strengths to the affiliation. Compass brings a focus on enhanced emergency services and affordable housing, while LCS Northwest brings a focus on behavioral health, child welfare, family services, crime victims, and seniors.

“Both of our 100-year-old organizations have a history of responding to needs in our communities and making meaningful impacts,” said LCS Northwest CEO and President David Duea. “We live in a time when

people are struggling economically, and our dual focus on the most vulnerable people could not be more important. I believe that working side by side, we can deliver health, justice and hope as well as stability, growth and community.”

Christian Education

UPCOMING FORUMS:

Sunday Forums begin at 10 AM. [Link here](#) to join on Sunday morning:

or call in by phone at: +1 253 215 8782 with Meeting ID: 891 7301 7795 and Passcode: 063447



God-Talk #3: Providence of God

With *Dr. Michael Zbaraschuk* 1/10/21 at 10 AM

Michael Zbaraschuk returns to us to lead a discussion about the idea of Providence from a Christian process theological perspective. He will first talk about some Christian understandings of Providence that have been constructed in the past, and then outline one informed by a process theological worldview.

Dr. Zbaraschuk wrote his dissertation on a process-liberation theological understanding of providence at the Claremont Graduate University. He is now an Associate Professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University, where he teaches constructive theology (historical, liberation, green, and feminist). He is the author of *The Purposes of God* (Pickwick), and the editor of *The Emerging Church, Millennials and Religions* and (with Daniel J. Peterson, our pastor) of *Resurrecting the Death of God* (SUNY Press).



Living the Faith: New Horizons Ministry

Rob Stewart, New Horizons Ministry

1/24/21 at 10 AM

Rob Stewart, executive director of New Horizons Ministry, returns to share his experience leading a “Christ-Centric” youth shelter that provides, now in the midst of a pandemic, lodging, meals, a health clinic, clothing, toiletries and supplies for adolescents and young adults in Belltown. Learn about this incredible Seattle ministry, where 25-30% are LGBT+ and nearly half are people of color.

Join Us via Zoom for Our “First Wednesdays” Bible Study

All are invited as we continue with our online “First Wednesdays” Bible study on January 6 and February 3, when we will discuss Galatians chapters 3&4, then 5& 6. 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

(Almost) Banned from the Bible: Introducing Esther

Did you miss this series of three Forums led by Pastor Dan? Recordings of all three sessions are now available on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Faith and Film: Watch “Tenet” on Saturday, January 16

Bring your own snacks to the screen and join us on Zoom Saturday, January 16 at 4 PM to watch “Tenet.” Collin Brown leads the discussion.



Faith & Film: *Tenet* (2020), dir. Christopher Nolan

-The Protagonist (John David Washington) is thrust into a twilight world of deception, intrigue, and a threat to our existence from the future. Come check out Christopher Nolan’s time-bending action flick, with (potentially mind-bending) discussion to follow!

Ministries

Social Action Committee Updates:

New Horizons Ministry: On Friday, January 8, we are providing dinner for 65 youth at this shelter. Jim Margard will deliver a chicken entree (thank you Carol Ann Davis for providing this!), bread (thank you Nancy Fulwiler), apple crisp (thank you Jacqui Derroch), and a southwestern cheese, bean and brown rice dish (thank you Jim), along with some toiletries, and supplies for a couple of sack lunches. New Horizons is in the middle of a major remodel that will permit a few more beds for youth, while keeping the increased social distancing they have maintained. They have been doing well and have been resilient, with increased service during the past year.



Q A H L

Queen Anne Helpline Warm Clothing Drive: On January 14, Jim will pick up our donations from the chapel and deliver winter wear (coats, socks, gloves, hats) to Queen Anne Helpline. If you have any additional donations to give at this time, please arrange with Barb to drop off at church (or Jim could probably pick up from you).

Community Lunch on Capitol Hill: Thank you to anyone who has been helping at CLCH. (a special shout out to Carol Ann’s husband Steven Burdick who helped out many days, and has continued to serve beyond our November schedule). The number of people served per day has dropped to 80-100, but they have extended lunch services to 5 days a week from two a year ago.

Peace Pole Project: I delivered three recycled mahogany poles to Sophie Pritchard to be made into peace poles, one with a social action theme. She has artistic discretion on this project, and should be completed within a few months. They will be placed at a suitable place on church grounds.

—Jim Margard

Happy New Year from the Women of Queen Anne Lutheran Church! We did not get a chance to tell people that this year, so instead the Ladies of Sewing and Service (and PDQ's) shared the Glad Tidings of Jesus's birth by participating in the QALC Christmas pageant!



The QALC Women's Committee would like to thank all of those who participated in our programs this year. We know that it is hard to do when we do not meet in person. A big thank-you to Nancy Fulwiler for pushing us to learn how to use Zoom. Circles, Nancy's Social, and the Women's Committee are meeting via Zoom. Activities happen —the Sewing and Service group met in October and answered Terry Anderson's call for participation in the Christmas pageant. Along with poinsettias, the Sewing and Service seniors received cookie boxes to help brighten their December days.

Another big thank-you goes to those of you who help financially to continue the Women's Ministry—LWR Kit and Shipping Fund, Core Tanzania, Thankoffering. Be sure to look at our Financial Report in The Annual Report.



*Rev. Deborah Squires,
former QALC member*

Looking at our January/February *Gather* magazine, we find articles on Lent! Did you realize Lent is right around the corner? For many years the Women of QALC have begun their Lenten Journey with a Lenten Brunch. Once again plans are being made for this year's brunch, on Saturday, February 20 at 9:30 AM. It will be via Zoom - the internet link and dial-in number will be available in February.

Our guest speaker will be Associate Pastor **Deb Squires** from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Everett. Registration is suggested this year so you will know how to participate in the brunch and communion portion of the activity.

Dates to remember:

January 26 - Evening Circle, 7 PM

January 11 - Northern Lights, 7 PM (*note change to second week this month*)

February 20 - Lenten Breakfast, 9:30 AM

Your Women's Committee,

Candy Mathes, Barb Bach, Sallie Wilson and Pat Sobeck

Environmental Stewardship and Faith

New Year's Resolutions—for the Planet

Every year, I make those same New Year's resolutions – lose weight, exercise more, read more, watch less TV. Almost always, they are aspirations for self improvement. But, as the New York Times newsletter, "Climate Fwd" recently pointed out, perhaps 2021 is the year to make a New Year's resolution to help the planet.

In past articles for this column we've talked about changes we can do personally, within our church, and in the community. But let's be honest, those are tiny drops in the bucket compared to the urgent changes needed nation-wide to slow (let alone reverse) the rapid onslaught of climate change. Covid19 taught us the phrase "flatten the curve". Now we need to apply this to global warming. And as with Covid19, drastic action is required.

This year, my New Year's resolution will be to "THINK BIG".

We can start by supporting some of the flagship efforts of our Governor to be an example for the rest of the country. His goals include the following:

- Establish a Clean Fuel Standard, which reduces transportation pollution through electrification of cleaner fuels for ferries, transit, and passenger vehicles.
- Pass the Climate Commitment Act, which caps statewide greenhouse gas emissions and invests in clean energy, transportation, and climate resilience projects, and funds part of the Working Families Tax Credit.
- Pass the Healthy Homes and Clean Buildings Act, which requires new buildings to use carbon-free space and water heating by 2030, and puts the state on a pathway to fully decarbonize existing buildings by 2050.
- Require an environmental justice assessment for all climate-related investments, and create an Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Panel to analyze how climate investments impact those most vulnerable to climate change.
- Invest \$428 million in clean transportation, clean buildings, and clean energy projects.

We can write letters, email, and call our government representatives to make sure they know what legislation and policies we think are important. We can check our 401(k)'s and eliminate any investments in fossil fuels (and ask our employers to do the same). We can write to Target and other big box stores and urge them to reduce plastic packaging. We can pray for the earth, for guidance on how best to use our own talents and resources to help, and for the energy to carry out our intentions. What will your New Year's resolution be?

When the earth is sick and dying,
There will come a tribe of people
From all races
Who will put their faith in deeds,
Not words, and make the planet
Green again.

—Cree Prophecy
From *Praying for the Earth* by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee

Thanks!

This December we were treated to our first-ever Christmas Program compiled over many months by many people! While not “polished,” it was done with dedication and love to tell the story of Christmas.

- THANKS to the people who took pictures during the summer in preparation for Christmas. We also used pictures from past years where needed.
- THANKS to Jenny Porter for arranging pictures, and to Kyle Haugen for taping the narration and singing (individually with each child!) and then editing the audio—no small feats.
- THANKS to those who volunteered to sing and to read the narration.

QALC shared Christmas with the neighborhood this year with cheery lights and an outdoor Nativity scene. This happened with efforts from many hands. THANKS go out to:

- Rich Mathes for making outdoor lighting available and putting up wreaths
- John Bryant for putting up lights and bringing out animals for the manger.
- Connie Wurm for donating wreaths.
- Susan Evans and the worship committee for the Advent sign.
- Barb Bash for taking care of the details to make everything come together, and helping on her day off!

Poinsettias, cards, and communion elements were delivered to 30 households this December, and the recipients were happy for the connection and the visits.

- THANKS to those who donated poinsettias this year; the plants brought lots of holiday cheer.
- THANKS much to our delivery volunteers: Barb Bash, Betty Blount, Candy Mathes, John Feldmann, Liz Major, Pastor Dan, Sallie Wilson, and Susan Evans.

Thanks for Donations:

- THANKS for the yarn donated so that Barbare Koziol can knit even more caps! She has another 100 completed for the warm clothing drive.
- THANKS to Sophie Pritchard, Barb Bach and Jim Margard for delivering caps and yarn.
- THANKS to those donating warm clothing to Queen Anne Helpline.
- THANKS to those donating to the Giving Tree to benefit families at Compass Housing Alliance.
- THANKS to those doing the 100-Mile Food Bank Challenge; So far \$921 has been collected from sponsors of those participating, and the challenge continues until Easter to benefit Food Banks.

A Thank-You from Rob Stewart at New Horizons:

“I just got a check in the mail from the Queen Anne Lutheran Children’s Bake Sale. That is really thoughtful and powerful. It is such an amazing way for the young people of QALC to contribute and be a part of this work. I was really moved by that. Please let the congregations, and especially the children of QALC, know that I am beyond grateful for your ongoing support and love.”

Queen Anne Helpline also sent thanks to us for a donation of \$500.

From Candy and Rich Mathes:

We really appreciate all of the support—prayers, calls, emails, cards and flowers—after the death of our grandson, Jeremiah. Please know that we feel the love and support from all of you.

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!** 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.

Many thanks to recent volunteers Joel Matter for help with video recording, Lisa Kjaer, working on care for our college kids and monthly help for Terry, and Kat Gilbert, who will be posting items to our brand-new Instagram account. Lisa would welcome someone else to work with on the college outreach.

Task	Description	Contact
Worship Recording Assistant (1-2 more) Joel Matter (another volunteer would be great!)	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 cantor@queenannelutheran.org
Video Editor (1-2 more)	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 cantor@queenannelutheran.org
ForKIDS Monthly Packet Mailing Help (1-3 people) Lisa Kjaer	A monthly packet for families needs collating, stapling, filling envelopes, and prep for mailing. Time commitment of a couple of hours working in the Chapel, or for pick up at the Chapel to take home.	Terry Anderson forkids@queenannelutheran.org
ForKIDS Monthly Activities Help (2-3 people)	Help Terry plan and stage monthly projects at church (outside for now), for families, children, and neighbors. Terry needs others to brainstorm ideas with over phone or email, and then to help make the plans happen! Looking for a few creative doers, communicators, brainstormers, and enthusiasts with a vision for QALC's involvement in the community. Time involvement varies depending on the activity, with work done at home and outside at church.	Terry Anderson forkids@queenannelutheran.org
Social Media Analytics Person (1) to help us build a more robust and engaged online community	Help us analyze how and when our YouTube / Facebook / Podcast posts are viewed. Anyone who has particular expertise would be great. But if you have no experience and want to learn, that can work. A small group involved in posting will probably meet occasionally via Zoom or email to discuss what we are finding.	Pastor Dan pastor@queenannelutheran.org
FaceBook Post Coordinator (1)	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 admin@queenannelutheran.org

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Instagram Poster (1) Kat Gilbert	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 admin@queenannelutheran.org
Gratitude Bearers (1-2) Kirsti Melby	Write and mail thank-you cards to forum speakers, etc.	Pastor Dan pastor@queenannelutheran.org
Repair Door of the Little Library The Louie Family	The door to our little library came off and needs to be re-fastened in a stronger way.	Barb Bash admin@queenannelutheran.org
Care of the Little Library (1-3) The Louie Family	One hour time commitment to weekly monitor books in the Little Library.	Terry Anderson forkids@queenannelutheran.org
TLC-for-the-Grounds Group (2-4)	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 forkids@queenannelutheran.org
College Kid Care Packages (1-3) Lisa Kjaer (another volunteer would be great!)	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 admin@queenannelutheran.org
Worship Readers/Lectors (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 cantor@queenannelutheran.org
Worship Musicians (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 cantor@queenannelutheran.org

Dear Beloveds,

For this new year, the synod staff has adopted a working statement. We are excited to share it with you and we hope that you may use it and adapt it in your context and community:

“Trusting in the Spirit, we are walking together as God’s people so that all may discover and participate in what God is doing among us through Jesus.”

“Trusting in the Spirit...”

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism regarding the third article of the Apostles’ Creed,

“I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel ...” As people of God, we know that doubts, concerns, worry, frustration and so many other things get in the way of following Jesus. But even when we do not have the strength or even the faith to carry on, God still calls us through the Spirit. As we hear and live into the good news that God comes to us – daily – hourly – every minute of every day, we are carried through the Spirit.

...we are walking together as God’s people ...

As I have said before, the word “synod” comes from two Greek words: sun- ‘together’ + hodos ‘way’. I love the image of walking together – of helping someone up when they stumble, of holding hands when it is difficult to see the way forward, of cheering on those who are in the front and encouraging those who are in the back – one huge Jesus-following gathering. This, of course, does not mean that we always agree. And it does not mean that we won’t have hard conversations. All of this is part of being in relationship (if you don’t have conversation anymore, you don’t have much of a relationship). But together, we, as the people of God, walk

together, knowing that we are on a journey with Christ, knowing that we are Holy Community together.

...so that all may discover and participate in what God is doing among us through Jesus.”

Have you ever seen a baby discover their hands for the first time? Suddenly they are moving them around and laughing, curling their fingers, inspecting their palms, sticking them in their mouths. The gift of hands was something they never even comprehended before and suddenly – there they are. Right in front of their eyes.

Have you ever heard someone who recently heard the good news of Jesus express their wonder and amazement at who God is and who they are in God’s eyes? They suddenly see the world, themselves, each other, and God in a totally new way.

Sometimes those of us who have been around for a while, we forget. We forget the wonder, the beauty, the sheer joy of experiencing and participating in what God through Jesus is doing in this world of ours. As people of God, we are called to open our hearts, open our very beings, to see and hear and feel and experience and participate in what God is doing among us through Jesus. We are called to laugh, to inspect, to taste what God is doing in this amazing world we have been given. And we are called to share the good news of what we see God is up to among us and the communities that surround us so that all may discover and participate.

Dear Beloveds, all of us on the synod staff are thankful for you as we live and dance in the Spirit, walk with you, and continue to live into the amazing grace of God through Jesus Christ our Savior.

In the Amazement of Epiphany,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



Offering Envelopes

Please stop by the church in the next four weeks to pick up your offering envelopes for 2021, now on a table in the chapel. The new packets have our P.O. Box address printed on them. Our chapel door will be open Thursdays from 2 PM–5:30 PM, and Fridays from 10 AM–4:00 PM. If you are able to stop by, it will save us postage costs.

Staying Safe

When you enter the building through the chapel door, there is a small table with a form to sign in (and out). This form is for contact tracing, to protect our visitors should anyone report a Covid-19 exposure or infection. Please wear a mask, and make use of the hand sanitizer on the table.

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. Barb Bash is however, generally in the office on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-5:30 and Fridays 10-4. When she is in the office, the chapel door is open for picking up items (such as offering envelope packets) or dropping off donations. It's best to contact the office before you stop by. Messages left 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.

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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**

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Word Out!	2
3 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE FAMILY SUNDAY	4	5 Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm	6	7 Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	8 Word Out!	9 Recording Session 11:00 am
10 VIDEO WORSHIP Forum (Zoom) "God Talk" 10:00 am	11 Northern Lights Circle (Zoom) 7:00 pm	12 Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	13 Informal Social Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	14	15 Word Out!	16 Faith & Film (Zoom – TBD) 4:00 pm
17 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE	18	19	20	21	22 Word Out!	23 Recording Session 10:00 am
24 AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Forum (Zoom) 10:00 am	25 QA Book Group (Zoom) 7:00 pm	26 QALCW Circle Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 pm	27	28	29 Word Out!	30
31 Annual Congregation Meeting AUDIO WORSHIP AND KIDS ACTIVITIES ONLINE Q&A Session 10:00 am						