

The Quill

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There is a cave in Kentucky called Mammoth Cave. When you first enter, it appears quite empty of life. Dark, quiet, dank, barren.

And yet ... and yet ...

Like many caves, first impressions can be deceiving. You see, over 200 animals live in Mammoth Cave. Animals that range from raccoons and other small creatures who accidentally venture into the cave and cannot figure out how to return to the outside, to animals who deliberately live both inside and outside of the cave, to

forty-two species of troglobites - animals adapted exclusively to life in the darkness. ***Amid seeming emptiness, life is abundant.***

If one were to drive by most of our church buildings, parking lots would be empty and the doors would be locked. A casual observer might say, "That church is empty. Nothing is happening there."

And yet ... and yet ...

First impressions can be deceiving. There is a lot of life happening in congregations and ministry sites. There are people who have joined communities of faith in our synod that, for various reasons, would never have entered the doors of a church building. They have become part of the community through online worship – even if they live thousands of miles away. There are people who were a part of the church community for years – but because of work schedules or health issues or mobility concerns – they had faded away. Now they are coming each week as they re-connect. And there are people who have never left. They continue to foster relationships, enjoy serving in the community of the church, and who are faithful to the tasks that are required to keep churches functioning.

We have groups in many churches that are working with other organizations to help feed, clothe, teach, and be with people in the neighborhoods. We have those who are having sometimes uncomfortable (but always fruitful) conversations about what it means to be faithful in this time and place. We have many who are visiting and calling the sick and the dispirited.

Fundamentally, together we are living into the good news of Jesus and journeying together in the Spirit as we are Church in the world. ***Amid seeming emptiness, life is abundant.***

Listen to these words from the first Easter, "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!'" (John 20:1-2)

Mary looked into that tomb and saw only lifelessness and she despaired. She peered into the shadows and felt, deep in her bones, the darkness of sorrow, abandonment, disappointment, grief, heartache, and pain. She had gone searching for something, someone, and she came away with nothing.

And yet ... and yet ...

Jesus had risen. Jesus, scars and all, was going to meet her in the garden. In a few hours Jesus would call Mary's name and assure her of his love. Jesus would come to the disciples and breathe on them – giving them peace and asking them to, "Feed his sheep." And they would. ***Amid seeming emptiness, life is abundant.***

Dear Beloveds, this last year has felt somewhat like we were living in a cave. We have been confined, somewhat lost, weary, and wondering where the new life is. We have stumbled on rocks and fallen in despair.

And yet ... and yet ...

We trust that soon we will be gathering in-person together. Soon we will be beyond this pandemic. Soon life will not “return to normal” but instead will move forward as we live God’s calling of loving God and loving neighbor.

We know this because we are a resurrection people. Out of death comes life. We place our trust in our risen Savior who died and is raised again. ***Amid seeming emptiness, life is abundant in Christ Jesus our risen Savior.***

And we all proclaim: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

✝ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From Terry @ForKIDS

Moving ForKIDS Forward



Both teaching and learning are challenging processes that take place in many areas of life: in families, schools, religions, the media, even at gyms. It’s also true that for learners, the actions of those teaching often speak louder than words.

The norms/rules in my classes when I was teaching and ones I continue to use as an adult are: be kind, we all work together to get the job done, we all make mistakes and we learn from them.

In classrooms from preschool on up, kids learned the phrases by heart because when constantly referring to them for problem solving or giving praise. We discussed and even debated what being kind looks like since behavior following the norms was encouraged and praised, and behavior not following the norms needed to be changed. The goal was to internalize the norms, asking oneself: Is this kind? Can I be of help? Do I need to make a change? Do I ask for forgiveness? And yes, using the norms made working together all day in one room fun!

The class norms were Jesus’ norm of loving our neighbor as ourselves, attempting to act with kindness in thought, word, and deed, and asking for forgiveness when falling short. Jesus’ norms are lived out in different ways by different people, but they make living and working together enjoyable.

Jesus’ norms are used in the work of the ForKIDS Advisory Group. Alaina Lewis, Bridget Bryson, Chris Roozen, Kirsten Erickson, Paul Tollefson, and Pastor Dan will guide ForKIDS plans in how to effectively pass on values and lessons of God’s Word to kids and youth in our new normal. Learning family needs also a consideration in working together to begin the work of planning our gradual church reopening. The norms encourage honest opinions and unique ideas in looking for effective ways to get the job done.

After the Advisory Group planning, the focus and efforts of everyone in our church community is needed in moving forward. Being kind, working together, and learning from mistakes leads focus on the intended goal: that kids and young people feel the church community is one where they participate in activities meeting their needs in life with opportunities to actively listen and be listened to, to see words acted out in deeds, and to know that forgiveness abounds.

—Terry from ForKIDS@HOME

From the Cantor

Easter greetings!

One of the things I miss about our music at Sunday in-person worship services is “This Is the Feast.” The words fit any celebration of the Eucharist, but the canticle is especially meaningful as we begin the fifty days of Easter. When we sing it on a Sunday morning, it reminds me we are there to celebrate the feast of Christ’s victory *that very day in space and time* and also to participate in *a foretaste of that feast to come at the end of time* when we are gathered at the marriage feast of the Lamb that has no end (see Revelation 19).

When we can be together again, I’m really looking forward to letting the pipe organ “sing out” along with your voices:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

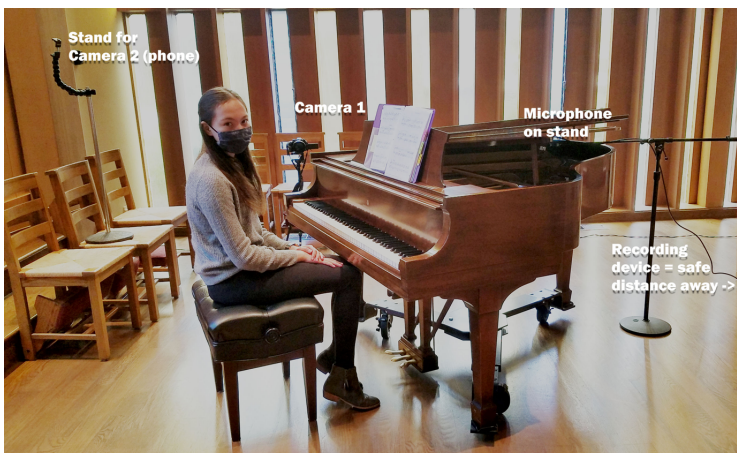
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

In my upcoming forum presentations, we’ll have a chance to go deeper into the music of the Sunday liturgy and the hymnal itself. (Per our forum course catalog, we’ll focus more on “what” and “why” than on the “how,” since we can’t gather together in person and try out some different approaches to singing together.) I hope you can join me at 10 a.m. on Zoom on Sunday, April 18 (focus on songs, hymns, and the hymnal), and Sunday, April 25 (focus on liturgy/worship).

Keep singing in the Spirit while we’re apart!

Kyle Haugen, Cantor
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P.S. Here are a couple of “behind the scenes” photos from preparing for Easter Sunday’s video service. Sonia Patten shared her talents (and hard work!) with a piano solo, and Erich contributed his talents to the “choir” assembled virtually thanks to the magic of audio editing software!



Worship during Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 1 *(no QALC worship)*

If you would like to attend a service this day, our neighbors at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church will have worship available at **6 PM** on their YouTube channel, [here](#).

Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 PM on YouTube



This video Tenebrae service adapts an ancient custom of extinguishing candles as Pastor Dan Peterson offers scripture readings that recount Jesus's final days, crucifixion, dereliction, and entombment. Worshipers at home are invited to light seven candles and extinguish one with each reading, leaving the final light remaining—a symbol of Christ as the Light of the World no darkness can overcome (John 1:5).

This video service is available at 7:30 PM Friday [on our YouTube channel](#) and on our WordOut! page.

Our website also has a link to view or download the transcript of our Good Friday service, including all the readings, prayers and beautiful graphics from the Good Friday video.

Floral Cross and Chalk Butterfly: Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 AM, outside church

All are invited to bring a flower to add to our Floral Cross any time after 10 on Saturday. Children are invited to come to QALC Saturday from 10-11 to help make a huge chalk butterfly on the sidewalk; Terry will be there with supplies, direction, and Easter treats!

Holy Saturday Vigil *(no QALC worship)*

The Northwest Washington Synod passes on this Local Invite, **Saturday, April 3 at 7 PM on Zoom:**

A collection of faith communities (including Emmaus Table, University Lutheran, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Echoes, and Living Stones Prison Ministry) will lead an immersive, imaginative experience of remembrance, hope, longing, and new creation, as we celebrate Holy Communion together. [Join the zoom event here.](#) Or dial by phone: **1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 832 9396 4628 Passcode: 279358**



Join Us for Easter Sunday Worship, April 4 on YouTube

Easter worship will also be a video service which can be viewed [on our YouTube channel](#) or on our WordOut! page any time after midnight, Easter Sunday morning. The service will include Holy Communion.

Our Floral Cross will be available for decorating outside the church on Easter, too. Bring a flower to contribute to the cross, and enjoy the freshly-chalked butterfly on the sidewalk!

Announcements

Embarking on the Reconciling in Christ Process

Greetings,

In its March 2021 meeting, Council approved a motion of support to embark on a Reconciling in Christ discernment process.

Reconciling in Christ is a program developed by Reconciling Works (www.reconcilingworks.org) that since 1974 has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

At QALC we actively and explicitly invite all through our welcome statement: Our faith community is a diverse and inclusive community welcoming people of all cultures, races, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

And as active, engaged Christians and citizens we can do more to welcome our LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC neighbors. The Reconciling in Christ program will help us learn how to do this authentically.

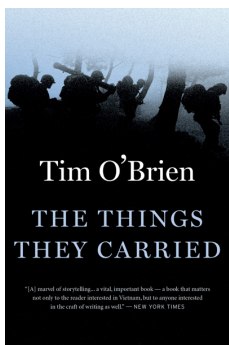
The Reconciling in Christ journey is an extensive discerning process involving the entire congregation and culminating in a congregation vote on adopting the program requirements that we will share with all members through our Core Team work.

If you would like to participate in the Core Team's work, please reach out to me, Jenny Porter, by phone at 206-604-6465 or email at jennifer@satsumadesigns.com.

Thank you for considering joining us in this heart-centered journey!

—Jenny Porter

April Book Group — *The Things They Carried*



The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will meet on Monday, April 26 at 7 PM to discuss *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Discussion will be led by Jackie Thomsen.

A collection of linked short stories about a platoon of American soldiers fighting on the ground in the Vietnam War, this is O'Brien's third book about the war, based upon his experiences as a soldier in the 23rd Infantry Division. A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling.

Grace Grants—Accepting Applications until May 1!

The NW WA Synod is delighted to offer another round of Grace Grants from \$2,000 to \$20,000; proposals for new ministry initiatives are due May 1. Bold ideas encouraged! Contact Barb at the church office if you have ideas for proposals, and she'll connect you with more info and/or others in our congregation. The focus areas this time are:

- Equity & Justice for Marginalized Communities
- Community and Inclusion
- Post-COVID Ministry Innovation
- Youth & Young Adult Ministries

[Learn more here.](#) Find a list of last year's awarded grants, grant application forms and deadlines.

Advocacy

The Social Action Committee wants you to know about the ELCA's legislative priorities for 2021.

[Go online here](#) for more information about how you can work with the church and your community to advocate for change through legislation at the national level.



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

Singing the Faith, April 18 & 25

What's in a hymn—and what's in a hymnal? And what's the Sunday liturgy all about? **Cantor Kyle Haugen** leads this fun two-part series on the ABC's of congregational song: *what* we sing, and *why* we sing. Revised for our Zoom forums, part one will focus on the anatomy of a hymn and the content of the hymnal, and part two will focus on the liturgy. (We'll save tips on *how* to sing for an in-person forum!)

First Wednesday Bible Study, April 7

In March and April, the First Wednesdays group is discussing Martin Luther's "On the Freedom of the Christian" at noon on Zoom. In March we discussed the first part, wherein Luther talks about the "inner person" before God, along with the three benefits of faith. Catch up with the group on April 7 as we discuss the second half of the document on "the 'outer person'" (pp. 22-36). You can find this treatise online [at this link](#). I hope you can join us. —Pastor Dan

New Members Class Begins April 13

Join Pastor Dan for a brief, three-part series on the fundamentals of Lutheran Christianity, taught in a way you have never encountered before. We will meet for three weeks starting **Tuesday, April 13 at 5 PM** to cover the fundamentals of Lutheran Christianity, using an acronym you can put on your refrigerator! An optional class will be held on a fourth week to make sure we've covered all your questions. **Curious current members are also welcome to attend.** Anyone interested (either as a prospective new member or those who are already members) should [contact Pastor Dan](#). We hope to see you there!

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

The fourth and final "Ignite the Church" webinar, scheduled from 11 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific time on Thursday April 15, is titled "**The Future Is Now: Creative Expressions of Church.**" Looking for inspiration? Here's what they are offering:

Crises like we are now facing often create opportunities for new things to emerge. In the spirit of Ephesians 3:20, as we move forward we believe that by the power at work within us, God, who works good in and through all things, will accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine! The presenters look forward to sharing their creative ideas and engaging in a time for Q&A together.

Phil Hirsch Executive Director, ELCA Domestic Mission Unit

Ken Carter United Methodist Bishop, Florida, has been a key voice in the Fresh Expressions movement.

Emily Scott Founding pastor of St. Lydia's Dinner Church, Brooklyn, and Dreams and Visions, Baltimore

Here's the link to find out more and to register: [ignitethechurch.net](https://www.ignitethechurch.net) Attendance is free. If you're unable to view the webinar in real time, those registered can also view the recorded sessions once they are over.

Social Action Committee

New Horizons Donors Step Up

We recently learned that several anonymous members of QALC have decided to support a New Horizons Ministry project directly, referring to themselves as “anonymous members of Queen Anne Lutheran Church”. They donated directly to NH more than half of the needed \$27,000 to upgrade NH's outdated computer network, and to create a computer lab of 4 computers for their guests, at their facility in north Belltown. The lab will help youth to be able to participate in education, seek employment, train for jobs and communicate socially. Hats off to our generous members, who donated close to \$15,000!

If this is something that you or anyone you know would like to support, there is still a need to fund the gap. You may do so in one of two ways. First, make a donation directly to New Horizons, to the “Computer Upgrade Project”. If you choose, indicate that you are a member of Queen Anne Lutheran Church. Second, donate through church via donor designated funds, “New Horizons computer project”.

NH is ecstatic and very appreciative about our members' support, and have indicated it will make a big difference in their ability to operate, and to help their guests move forward.

In the Spirit,
Jim Margard

Help Transport Donations to New Horizons and QA Helpline

If you would be able to help deliver items to QA Helpline and/or New Horizons in the next few weeks, please contact Barb at [the church office](#), or [Terry Anderson](#).



The QALC Women's Group will continue to meet via Zoom. All women's groups are not meeting in person until Church Council gives that an okay. Everyone is welcome to attend our small groups remotely!

Informal Zoom Get-together, Wednesday, April 14 at 7 PM: Let's meet for an after-Easter discussion and share poems about spring! *Led by Nancy Fulwiler*

[Join Zoom Meeting here](#), or dial 1 253 215 8782 with Meeting ID: 928 8834 5880 and Passcode: 136971

Zoom Northern Lights Circle Bible Study, Monday, April 17 at 7 PM: *Contact Dolly Smith for info*

Zoom QALCW Circle Bible Study, Tuesday, April 27 at 7 PM: “Journeys with Angels”...including Feasting, Funny, and Alleluia Angels! *Led by Liz Major*

[Join Zoom Meeting here](#), Or Dial 1 253 215 8782 with Meeting ID: 994 9637 0422 and Passcode: 909391

Please read the article on the next page about CORE Tanzania's efforts. With QALCW having been an ongoing supporter of CORE Tanzania, we encourage all QALC women to look into building a pen-pal relationship with a first-grader at Twegashe School, with or without financial sponsorship. Children or youth at QALC may enjoy doing this, too. What an opportunity!

Your Women's Committee: *Candy Mathes, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck and Barbara Bach*



CORE Tanzania News

There are lots of fun and exciting things happening these days at Twegashe School. Last year's kindergartners are now in first grade, and we've got a whole batch of new kindergartners. During spring break our teachers will be heading to Arusha for a week-long training on student-centered teaching methods. The solar power system funded by Rotary has been installed, and the first phase of construction is complete except for finishing touches on the third teacher duplex.

Building Support, Building Relationships

Another exciting development is that we've started a sponsorship program. So far, we have sponsors for 14 of Twegashe's first grade students. You can learn more about sponsorship on our website: (<https://coretanzania.org/sponsor-a-child/>)

Raymond is one of the first-graders who has been sponsored. He's very excited to be drawing a picture and writing a letter to his sponsor.

We need your help so that all Twegashe's first graders can experience this kind of excitement. Even if you can't sponsor, we would love for you to sign up as a "pen pal" to exchange communication with one of the students who doesn't yet have a sponsor. It's not a big commitment – just a short letter every three months or so will be plenty to make a child smile! Letters can be sent by email – we'll pass them on and translate as necessary. Photos are great, too! We can also carry physical letters on our trips back and forth to Bushasha. If you're interested, please let us know:

206-398-9014 or 206-383-7844 • jbanobi@yahoo.com

Speaking of trips back and forth, Michael and I just arrived in Seattle from Tanzania on Thursday. We'll be here until the end of April, and are hoping to see many of you, at least virtually, while we're here.

Thank you so much to our friends at Queen Anne for all your encouragement and support!

—Jeannette and Michael Banobi

P.S. We'd love to deliver a letter for you if you decide to be a "friend in America" for one of Twegashe's students!



Thanks-Givings

Gardeners



Thanks go to **Connie Wurm, Rich Mathes, Terry Anderson, Katherine Knorr, Myra Dittes and Al Mangold**,—with apologies if names were missed—for all the weeding, pruning, planting and mulching on our grounds this spring. Want to help? Contact Connie Wurm to get looped in on the next date.

Lily Givers and Deliverers

Thanks to all who donated lily plants this Easter; some adorned the sanctuary during the recording of our Easter service, and lilies were delivered to 27 different households in our congregation. Many thanks to the volunteers who delivered these gifts: **Liz Major, Cathi Unseth, Jackie Thomsen, Barb Bach, Sallie Wilson, Susan Evans, and Pastor Dan**.

Care for Our College Kids

It has been such a difficult year to be a student, particularly a college student who has been away from home—or studying at home when being away had been the plan! Single-handedly, **Lisa Kjaer** put together amazing care packages for those in our congregation who are in college this year, mailing them out with a warm greeting from Pastor Dan. Thank you, Lisa!



Donations of All Sorts

Many of you responded during Lent to the needs on the New Horizon's Wish List, found online at nhmin.org/current-needs/ to help homeless youth with some essentials. Others, including a few neighbors passing by who saw our flyers, contributed to Queen Anne Helpline's grocery drive. We want to give a shout-out to **Dennis Alfson**, who arrived at church in March with ten bags of donations for both New Horizons and Queen Anne Helpline's grocery drive. Thank you all for your generous hearts!

Thank-You's from Elsewhere

The **University District Food Bank** thanks QALC for our donation of \$337.50.

New Horizons thanks QALC for a gift of \$2,000.

Important Updates about Staffing during April:

Pastor Dan will be in California with family from April 7 through May 4. He will still be working and accessible to all via email or text, and will be remotely attending Council and other committee meetings, leading New Members classes and First Wednesday Bible Study, and staying in touch with members.

Barb Bash will be on vacation from April 17 through 28 and will be unavailable to respond to emails during that time; expect some minor disruptions to our all-church communications and mailings.



Steadfast Support

Your offerings are still very much needed and welcome. Even as we aren't able to meet "live," staff is working hard to provide you with worship and music, ways for children and adults to grow in faith, connections and support within our faith community, and avenues to reach out in love to the wider world. Your regular support of our ministries, our staff, and our property expenses is what sustains us. Please mail your offerings to our P.O. Box: **Queen Anne Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 17029, Seattle, WA 98127-0729**

To donate with a credit card or PayPal online, go [here](#). Learn how to set up regular automatic giving, too.

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.

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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Easter Sunday FAMILY SUNDAY VIDEO WORSHIP		Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm	First Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 pm		Word Out!	
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VIDEO WORSHIP		New Members' Class (Zoom) 5:00 pm Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	Informal Social Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm		Word Out!	
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