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Would Martin Luther Wear a Mask?

Franklin Graham, son of the late Billy Graham, is no stranger to controversy. Over the past decade, he has done everything from praising Vladimir Putin's legislation against "gay propaganda" in Russia to supporting the protection of conversion therapy by law in the United States.

As the pastor of a congregation with the mission of proclaiming God's love in Christ for every person, I reject the bigotry and homophobia Graham espouses toward members of the LGBT+ community. Recently, however, I found myself in an awkward situation: I discovered I agree with Graham—*not* when it comes to his views on homosexuality, but when it comes to his support of people receiving the Covid-19 vaccine.

Graham appeals to the parable of the Good Samaritan to make his case. The Good Samaritan, he points out, did more than bandage the wounds of an injured traveler; he also poured wine and oil on them (Luke 10:34). These were the medicines available during the time when Jesus told the story, Graham observes. Why wouldn't we make use of the ones we have in ours?

Martin Luther asked his contemporaries the same question. In 1527 an outbreak of the plague swept through his native Germany. The great reformer was dumbfounded by the response. There were "some who disdain[ed] the use of medicines," he wrote; others neglected to "avoid places and persons infected by the plague, [and even] lightheartedly [made] sport of it to prove how independent they [were]." Why, Luther wondered, would people avoid using the medicines God created along with the mind He gave them to protect themselves and maintain their health?

Based on his remarks in 1527, I firmly believe Luther would encourage people today to get vaccinated and wear masks. He would be clear, moreover, that we do these things not simply for ourselves—we do them for our neighbor!

What about Jesus? Would he have worn a mask? Would he have been vaccinated? Graham says no, at least concerning the latter. After all, Jesus was God. Why would he *need* to be vaccinated?

Of course, as we confess in the Apostles' Creed, Jesus was also fully human! To argue, therefore, that he would not need to be vaccinated ignores the totality of the incarnation, that he was like us *in every way* except in sin (see 2 Cor 5:21). As such, wearing a mask and getting vaccinated would protect him. It would also keep him from "put[ting] God to the test," as Satan tempts him to do in the wilderness (see Matt 4:7).

The main reason Jesus would get vaccinated and wear a mask, however, would not be to save his own skin. As the quintessential "man for others," it would be done ultimately for the well-being of his neighbor.

I agree with Graham that Jesus would encourage people today to get vaccinated, albeit for reasons beyond the one Graham supplies. Many of his supporters feel otherwise. How about you?

(Special thanks to Rich Mathes for bringing Graham's perspective on this issue to my attention.)

Pastor Dan

From the Cantor

Greetings as we close the fifty days of Easter!

Thank you for the opportunity to present at QALC's forum series during April. I really appreciated the warm welcome and multiple "thumbs ups" on Zoom as we explored the meaning and significance of hymns and liturgy together. (You can find my April 18 and April 25 forum presentations [at our YouTube channel](#).) And, your questions and comments during the forums helped me ponder anew—to borrow a phrase from a beloved hymn. Please know that I consider it a blessing to serve at a congregation where people like to "chew on" ideas!

Thinking back on my presentations, I thought I'd give a summary of what, for me, is the central idea that shapes how I approach leading liturgy and hymns. If you attended (or wish to watch) the presentations, this will be familiar, but I'm giving it a little different framing in this article.

At some point, perhaps around my late teens or early twenties, I was introduced to a Lutheran understanding that the "service" in "worship service" is *God serving us*. Yes, we indeed honor God through worship, and we "pray, praise and give thanks" (as Luther's explanation to the Second Commandment says) during a worship service (as well as in and through our daily lives). But for me, the notion that worship *starts* with God—and not with us—was transformational. In other words, God acts *first* (intervening in human history, and then coming to each of us in water and in bread and wine connected to God's word of promise) and *then* we respond.

More context and nuance for this central idea would come later. I was in graduate school at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota when I first read an ELCA document that describes worship as the use of the "means of grace" (where *means* refers to *tools* or *implements*) through which God creates faith and sustains Christian community. "Jesus Christ is the living and abiding Word of God. By the power of the Spirit, this very Word of God, which is Jesus Christ, is read in the Scriptures, proclaimed in preaching, announced in the forgiveness of sins, eaten and drunk in the Holy Communion, and encountered in the bodily presence of the Christian community. By the power of the Spirit active in Holy Baptism, this Word washes a people to be Christ's own Body in the world. We have called this gift of Word and Sacrament by the name 'the means of grace.'" (*The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament*, p. 6)

Considering all of the above, I've been narrowing in on some useful definitions for my own use. I think of *liturgy* as the scripture-patterned vessel that bears the means of grace for God's real-time service to us. I think of *hymns* as faith-filled responses of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving (and sometimes lament) and/or as the scripture-patterned retelling of God's salvation story. Liturgy, hymns, psalms and more can be thought of, collectively, as *the church's song*—a component of Christian community that is "as important as all the other things to which the church is called and gathers an unusually large number of connections to its living. It deserves... the intentional practice a faithful church is called to embody" (Paul Westermeyer, *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, XXIII).

What do *you* think?

Keep singing in the Spirit while we're apart!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
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From Terry @ForKIDS



A Farewell Letter from Terry Anderson*

Dear QALC Friends,

I plan to end my work as Children and Family Ministry Coordinator at QALC effective June 1 of this year.

My years on staff at QALC have been a time I enjoyed, and collaborating with staff and the church community was and still is a rewarding time of learning and growth in a supportive faith community.

At the beginning of 2020 I spoke with pastor about the changing direction of growth in our Children's Ministry, and noted that the job description of what the ministry started as and what is needed now are different. Evaluating what one is called to do is an ongoing and important process for all those in ministry. When we gather again to worship we're not going back to what was, but moving forward to meet new needs.

In Children's Ministry, dynamics constantly change as children grow older, and this is happening at QALC. I see the confirmation class moving forward to a youth group, intentional support to parents of the growing number of infants/ toddlers, and the ongoing need to provide learning for the ages of children in-between. Change is good, and looking for the best ways to reach out to families with kids and to young adults, both in the church community and extended community, is something to be explored.

Pastor Dan and I have established the ForKIDS Advisory Group (Kirsten Erickson, Chris Roozen, Bridget Boysen, Alaina Lewis, and Paul Tollefson) as a way to guide thoughts in the moving-forward process. As new needs arise in Children's Ministry, the review of resources and ministry focus are needed and helpful. The needs of each congregation are unique, and should drive the allocation of resources and involvement in support of what the congregation requires and cares about.

Although I will miss being at QALC, I see this as part of the blessing and exciting process of moving forward.

Yours in Christ,
Terry Anderson

**The original version of this letter was submitted to our Church Council on February 28, 2021*

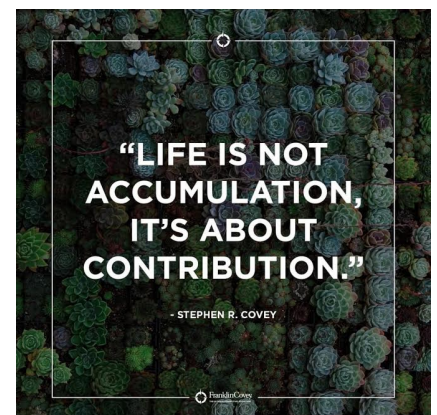
LIFE HAPPENS and we respond

LOSS: together we walked through hard times with God's presence.

Closing down church, not traveling or seeing families and friends, and the passing away of dear people in our church community. Many in our country lost their life, their jobs, or their businesses. Many more are hungry, homeless, or both. Life was challenging.

LEARNING: together we looked at life's blessings in new ways.

Learning the consequences of a pandemic, working from home, and kids with school online. Spending time with the family, or learning to be alone. Learning unpleasant things about politics, racism, hate crimes, and being challenged to sort out truth among rumors and falsehoods.



Cooking and learning to slow down the fast pace of life. Worshiping with WordOut!, and joining Zoom coffee hours, meetings, and webinars. Learning to sing, read lessons, and even do a Christmas program online. Parents teaching kids about God at home, and finding creative ways for baptisms or new members and confirmation classes to happen. Online worship music and sing-alongs uplifting our souls.

REACHING OUT: together we worked to care for each other.

Visiting committee “angels” and phone calls kept people in touch, and the chapel became a gathering place for warm clothing, socks, and Barbara Koziol’s bags of knitted caps to deliver to those in need. Sidewalk connections to our neighbors with Mandalas, Let Your Light Shine, ThanksLiving, a lighted Christmas display, a flower cross and chalk butterfly for Easter, a chalked sidewalk for Earth Day, seasonal signs and weekly updates on our website and Facebook page, all saying that even with a closed building, CHURCH happens. Chris Louie’s Little Library continues to be a joy to neighbors passing by, and donations of books continue to replenish it. College kids were sent care packages and volunteer gardeners cared for the grounds even as necessary renovations happened.

SERVICE: together we walked the talk with gifts of time and money.

Quilters ferried materials back and forth, sewed, blessed, and sent quilts out. Neighbors joined in a New Horizons towel drive, others cooked dinners for the homeless youth and others contributed necessities. Generous support grew the New Horizons computer fund. 100-Mile Challenge Food Bank walkers and donors raised over \$5,500, and a community collection supported Queen Anne Helpline. First graders were “adopted” at the school in Tanzania, and support for our church budget continues. Worship planners readied the sanctuary for videotaping while others found a gift for planning and implementing video. Three Peace Poles took weeks of planning, were created by Sophie Pritchard, and will shortly be dedicated.

LOOKING FORWARD: together we pray.

Facing challenges we pray, “Hallowed be thy name.” Navigating change we pray, “Thy will be done.” Working together as God’s hands, feet and voice for good we pray: “For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory!” AMEN.

—Terry from ForKIDS@HOME



Announcements

Saying Farewell to Terry

The Church Council and staff are actively planning at this time how we will give our amazing Children's Ministry Coordinator, Terry Anderson, a heartfelt send-off. (*See pp 4-5.*) Be assured that we WILL have a time to show Terry our appreciation and love, and look for more information soon in your weekly e-mails and announcements.

SBA PPP Loan Status — FORGIVEN!!

On April 22nd, QALC received the great news that the full amount of our SBA PPP loan—\$57,200—was forgiven. That means the \$57,200 is now extra income. Did you wonder why the loan was for \$57,200? It is because the rules for the loan were “250% of four weeks of salaries” during a specified time period. This was not a loan where QALC determined we need to borrow \$X, and asked the bank to approve.

Before we all mentally allocate the proceeds, I would suggest that we all think a little out of the box. We owe a lot to existing staff for stepping up to Zoom/video etc. during the pandemic. Going forward, even if we return to in-person worship and meetings at QALC, how can we continue some types of video or online presence with existing staff and equipment, and not overwork existing staff? Many of us have now seen the benefits of recorded sessions that can be listened to later because one was unable to make the meeting. Could QALC do more on YouTube? If we knew we had some funds set aside to hire outside help, as necessary, that fact might help us design future programs—i.e. be less limited in our visions. Maybe we look into some professional video/IT help or training for both staff and volunteers. We could look into sharing part-time video/IT help with other churches, both to maybe create processes that we can afford, but also to share ideas, and maybe resources, with other churches. I would guess a lot of churches will want some of their online events to continue, but they may not have staff or funds to go “back to normal” and also maintain an online presence. \$57k does not hire many full-time folks, but could certainly help in limited contracted services—maybe over a period of years.

All of you are welcome to suggest how we might ultimately spend these funds. Contact one of the Council members with your ideas.

Several members helped us through the SBA PPP process.

First, thanks to **Myra Dittes**, who spent a lot of time digging into PPP details before we decided to apply, as well as when revised guidelines appeared. She provided the QALC accounting data necessary to justify our application, and the QALC accounting data that validated that we had used the loaned funds appropriately. Those latter numbers affected how much of the loan was ultimately forgiven. All of our documentation needs to be retained for six years.

Second, thanks to **Susan Evans**, who provided lots of updates, ranging from accounting firm interpretations of the continually changing SBA PPP “guidelines,” to various online articles, and who brainstormed with Myra and myself as we moved through the process.

Third, thanks to **Jan Olson**, who provided the answer to the very important question, “What bank or institution would provide QALC a PPP loan?” His law firm had successfully applied for a PPP loan through Commerce Bank. So we applied at Commerce Bank. Commerce Bank took us on. At that time (May 2020) many smaller PPP applicants found it difficult to find banks that would work with them—and many never were able to apply, and just gave up.

Fourth, thanks to **Council** for a lively discussion in April 2020 on the appropriateness and necessity of an SBA PPP loan for QALC, and for voting to apply for our QALC SBA PPP loan.

—*Rich Mathes*, Finance Committee chair

Church Reopening Task Force

As the COVID-19 pandemic becomes more manageable, QALC's Council and staff are very aware that the congregation is looking forward to gathering at the church again for worship and fellowship. At the April Council meeting, Pastor Dan recommended and Council agreed to form a task force to address the issues around reopening the building and resuming in-person worship. The task force will discuss the current COVID-19 crisis and how it impacts our church, and make recommendations to Council for the steps necessary to begin reopening the church to our congregation and our community partners.

Task force members are Nancy Fulwiler, coordinator as Council President; Pastor Dan; Cantor Kyle; John Reese, representing Council; Rich Mathes, representing the Property/Facilities Committee; and Susan Evans, representing the Worship & Music Committee. The group has met twice, on April 22 and May 6, to review federal and Washington rules, Synod guidelines, and church building considerations. Watch future issues of *the Quill* and Friday emails for reports on the task force's progress.

\$5,890!?! This Was Like the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes! (or maybe more like "love and footwear!")

Our 100-Mile Food Bank Challenge urged everyone to walk 100 miles and raise \$100 for local food banks, between September 2020 and Easter 2021. Here at the end of it all, we've discovered that we raised \$5,890 to feed the hungry! The money raised was distributed in equal portions to four Seattle food banks: Queen Anne Food Bank, Rainier Valley Food Bank, White Center Food Bank, and University District Food Bank. Many thanks to all who participated by walking or running, or by sponsoring those who walked:

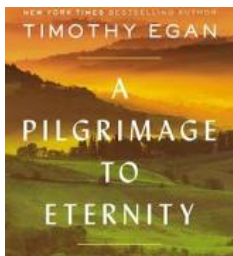
Mark Dibble • Sean Davern • Al Mangold • Susan Evans • Pastor Dan Peterson • Karen Mc Cullough • Terry Anderson • John Reese and Jenna • Ken and Ellen Hockman • Derek Sparado

Providing Lunch Bags and Dinner for New Horizons on June 10

We will be preparing dinner and providing brown bag lunch items to be delivered to New Horizons on Thursday, June 10. If you would like to participate by providing a dish, please contact Jim Margard at jrm952@gmail.com

Can You Help Take Donations to New Horizons or QA Helpline?

Please help us pass on our blessings—the chapel is chock-full of donations! Jim Margard will deliver some of them to QA Helpline, the QA Food Bank, and/or New Horizons on Thursday, May 13. If you are able to help on that day or another day, please contact or [the church office](#) or [Jim Margard](#) to coordinate.



Book Group Postponed

The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will next meet on Monday, June 28 at 7 PM to discuss *The Pilgrimage to Eternity* by Timothy Egan. The group will not meet in May.

"From 'the world's greatest tour guide,' a deeply-researched, captivating journey through the rich history of Christianity and the winding paths of the French and Italian countryside that will feed mind, body, and soul." (NYT)

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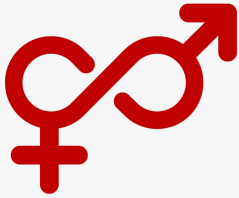
Donate To Help Cover LWR Shipping Costs

If you would like to help Lutheran World Relief efforts to send quilts and kits overseas, please donate to our shipping fund. You may include a check with your offering or [donate online here](#) with PayPal or a credit card. Note "QALCW- LWR" with either method.

Christian Education

Our Sunday Forums begin at 10 AM. [Link here](#) to join on Sunday morning.
Dial in: 1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 891 7301 7795 Passcode: 063447

God Talk #4: God, Jesus, and Gender—May 9



Last spring, Dr. Lynn Hofstad of Seattle University's Department of Theology and Religious Studies explored with us the challenges and limitations that come with using solely male language for God. What do we do, however, with the maleness of Jesus? Dr. Hofstad joins us again for the last of our four "God-Talks" to discuss God, Jesus, and gender, planned (appropriately) for Mother's Day, May 9.

Update on the Earth—May 23, June 6 & 13



Dr. Kristie Ebi, UW Professor of Public Health and author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change latest report, returns on 5/23 and 6/6 to give us an "update on the Earth." How long do we have to avert the impending climate crisis, and what can we be doing individually and collectively to play our part in reversing this terrifying trend? Dr. Ebi's presentations will be followed on 6/13 with a session on "next steps."

Dr. Ebi is a professor of global health and environmental and occupational health sciences at the University of Washington and has been conducting research and practice on the health risks of climate change for over twenty years.

Forum Suggestions for Next Year —June 27

On Sunday, June 27, we will gather one last time to share thoughts, curiosities, provoking questions, and burning issues for our Adult Education committee to explore and consider as they craft the Forum calendar for the year to come.

Did You Miss a Forum?

Recordings of our Forum sessions since last December are all still available to watch on our YouTube channels' [Forum Playlist](#). Check out Cantor Kyle's recent "Singing the Faith" forums on hymns and liturgy, our series on "Demons, Darkness and the Devil," and many more.

Join Us for Our "First Wednesdays" Bible Study

Our tentative plan is that the First Wednesday Bible Study will meet June 2 at noon on Zoom to discuss the Book of Ecclesiastes. Bob Turner will lead the discussion. Participants are encouraged to read all of Ecclesiastes, but if time is short, reading chapters 1, 5 & 9 will give the flavor of the book. Watch your weekly announcements for updates on the group's schedule.

[Link here](#) to join at noon on Wednesdays:

or call in by phone at 1 253 215 8782 with Meeting ID: 840 7482 4857 and Passcode: 622720

Pastor Dan's 2nd Confirmation Challenge: Can You Pass the Test?

Over the last few months, Pastor Dan has taught six young people of our congregation Luther's Small Catechism. Our confirmands did well. Now Pastor Dan would like to invite YOU to take the exam! Curious about how well you know Luther's take on the foundations of our faith? Then [click here](#) to print out and take the exam.

Join Pastor Dan if you wish at 6 PM on Thursday, May 20th to hear the answers and see how you did!

Here's [the Zoom link for that gathering](#).

or Dial in: 1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 893 7463 5774 Passcode: 602130

Ministries

Women of the ELCA QALC Women's News:

One of the things I have enjoyed most at Queen Anne Lutheran Church is getting to know people in many age groups! At one of the first Bible study groups I attended, the women were mostly the age of my mother. I had recently moved from Texas and needed older adults in my life. The Evening Bible Study this month, led by Liz Major, looks at shared blessings that intergenerational relationships bring. Come join a Women's Bible Study this month!



"Criss Jami, a young philosopher, poet and founder of his own line of clothing, said, "We often hear about stepping outside ourselves, but rarely about stepping outside our generation."

In our May 2021 devotional, "Waiting to be unwrapped", we will look at the shared blessings that intergenerational relationships might bring. There will be scripture passages to guide us, stories that might spark your own recollections, and questions for your reflection.

May this devotional be your invitation not only to step outside your generation, but to bring the wonder of who you are to someone not matching you in years."

Monthly Informal Zoom Gatherings

We are moving to a no-host format. Upon further discussion with a few attendees, and wanting to maintain the warm connections we have formed during the past months, we WILL be continuing this monthly informal social chat, but going forward more simply with a "no-host, no agenda" format. Please join us at 7PM on Wednesday May 19 if you like; all are welcome. (link etc.)



Registrations for the Virtual Retreat are supposed to be mailed in by May 10. There may still be time...

We had the pleasure of hearing Stacy Kitahata speak at our 2020 Lenten Breakfast. If you have not had a chance to hear her speak, I highly recommend you joining us at the Visual Retreat. Stacy is one of the Directors at Holden Village. If you would like a copy of the registration form, go here online or email Candy at cbmathes@aol.com

Sewing & Service

"So, we have been vaccinated, so when are we getting back to sewing?" ... Soon. Over the past year a lot of quilt tops have been sewn. We are collecting dark-colored cotton sheets for backs. The 42 quilts in the Blessing of the Quilts and Kits (*see photo, next page bottom right*) were mostly made by Karen McCullough. Evidently each week she would sneak one or two into the storage closet ... (*continued*)

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But guess what! We forgot to collect for shipping! Please donate to “QALCW- LWR.” You may include a check with your offering or [donate online here](#) with PayPal or a credit card.

Your Women’s Committee

Pat Sobeck, Sallie Wilson, Candy Mathes and Barb Bach

Men’s Ministry

Thanks to those who assembled 73 school kits and 124 Personal Care kits—all while socially-distanced in the Fellowship Hall. (*Top right photo in group below.*) Our thanks to Candy Mathes (with the help of her sister, Joy) who sewed the school bags. Remember to buy items for the school bags when school supplies go on sale in July—we’ll need rulers with centimeters, pencil sharpeners, quality blunt-nose scissors, boxes of 24 crayons, and erasers. (NO PENCILS, please!) If you don’t like watching for sales, you can purchase online! Or you can donate funds to QALCW to help us purchase the supplies. —*Rich Mathes*

LWR Ingathering April 29-May 6

For the second time, we held a “modified Covid19 LWR Seattle Ingathering.” Churches brought their boxes to a central, large church for storage. The churches delivered on a staggered schedule, and everyone was socially distanced; masks were worn by drivers and by our workers. The boxes were brought into First Lutheran Church of Bothell (FLCB) April 29–May 1 and taken out to the containers on May 6. There were about 1,600 boxes inside FLCB. The container loaders are hired professionals who work inside the non-ventilated container. Thanks to all those who helped in any way. Twelve men from QALC helped with the loading. —*Rich Mathes*





In the book *Anxious People*, the author, Fredrik Backman, crafts a humorous, poignant, and wise story of a group of people thrown together because of a bank robbery. But the bank robbery is the least interesting part of the book. The characters, who seem flighty and weird and strange or just unlikeable at the beginning of the book, change into complex humans with such rich inner lives that you love each of them by the end of the story. This was one book that I was sad to see end because I wanted to continue with each character in their journey.

I finished this book during Holy Week. And I couldn't help but reflect on the flighty, weird, strange and unlikeable people that surrounded Jesus that we get to know in the Gospels. These men and women who leave everything to follow Jesus – and who end up leaving Jesus after his arrest – only to once again connect with Jesus after his death and resurrection – are (we must admit) flighty, weird, strange and unlikeable.

Thomas who is skeptical throughout the Jesus story and who won't recognize Jesus until seeing his wounds.

Mary Magdalene who can't recognize Jesus until he calls her by her name.

The disciples locked in a room, afraid to go out, and finally just going back to fishing until Jesus shows up once again.

I mean, ask yourself:

Would we really have wanted John the Baptist over for a barbecue?

Would we really have accepted a woman who washed Jesus' feet as being justified when she extravagantly wasted an expensive bottle of perfume?

Would we have embraced the woman who bled for over a decade and invited her to our book club even after she assured us that she was cured and clean?

I finished this book during Holy Week. And I couldn't help but reflect on the flighty, weird, strange and unlikeable people around me – on the news, on social media, in my neighborhood – and how I have judged them based on a very superficial understanding of who they are and what makes up their story. I call them ignorant or lazy, bigoted or uncaring, dirty or smelly or unclean in some way.

But as I continue to reflect on Backman's compelling story of seven "idiots" (as he calls them), and, as I continue to reflect on Holy Week, (even though it is now way past Holy Week), I see Jesus kneeling down and washing feet. I hear Jesus saying, "Peace be with you." I experience Jesus embracing disciples on a beach, offering them fish, and saying, "Feed my sheep." Loving and caring and forgiving – even though these humans are flighty, weird, strange and, at times, unlikeable.

None of us are Jesus. None of us can embrace the other as Jesus did. And yet, we are called, as sinners and as beloved children of God, to hear another's story. To listen. To reflect. To forgive. To ask for forgiveness. To engage. To be silent when needed and speak when necessary.

For my part, I repent. I repent for my judgment, for my verdict that I render without knowing the complexity of another's story, for my blindness to my complicity, for my withholding forgiveness in the name of self-righteousness, for my refusing to acknowledge my need for forgiveness, and for my judgment on who God loves and who God does not love (because, as I have been taught, if God only loves those I love, than I have remade God in my image).

So I ask you, dear Beloveds of NWWA Synod, with all of your stories, how may your stories be joined into the One Story? How may your hearts be open to the flighty, weird, strange, sometimes unlikeable (but

always God's beloved) people that we are called to love? What are your thoughts, feelings, explorations, attempts, experiments? I'd love to hear how you are living into God's Holy Community of love, grace, compassion, justice and peace.

As for you, you are called. By name. Embraced, loved, and cherished – in all your flighty, weird, strange, sometimes unlikeable ways. And always, always, God's beloved.

✝ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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.

Our Mailing Address: Queen Anne Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 17029, Seattle, WA 98127-0729

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Voice mails left at the office number will be picked up on Fridays.

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MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
FAMILY SUNDAY		New Members' Class (Zoom) 5:00 pm	First Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 pm			
VIDEO WORSHIP		Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm				
Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
AUDIO WORSHIP		Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm				
Forum 10:00 am						
Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ascension Sunday	Northern Lights Circle (Zoom) 7:00 pm		Informal Social Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm			
AUDIO WORSHIP						
Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
AUDIO WORSHIP		QALCW Circle Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 pm				
Pentecost						
Forum 10:00 am						
Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am						
30	31					
AUDIO WORSHIP						
Holy Trinity						
Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am						

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:00 pm	2 First Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 pm	3	4	5
6 FAMILY SUNDAY VIDEO WORSHIP Forum 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am	7	8 Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13 AUDIO WORSHIP Forum 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am	14	15	16 Informal Social Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20 AUDIO WORSHIP Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am	21 Northern Lights Circle (Zoom) 7:00 pm	22 QALCW Circle Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 pm	23	24	25	26
27 AUDIO WORSHIP Forum 10:00 am Coffee Hour (Zoom) 11:30 am	28 QA Book Group (Zoom) 7:00 pm	29	30			