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The Call to Be Creative

I love to be creative. When I immerse myself in a creative project, hours can go by without my awareness. Perhaps you know this feeling. It can be exhilarating.

I wonder where the desire artistically to create something originates. Cave paintings show us the creative impulse at work among our ancestors. The stories of creation in Genesis 1-3 take us back even further, to the ultimate beginning, revealing an impulse to create at the source of creation itself.

The first account of creation in the Bible (Gen 1:1-2:3) pictures the creation of the world beautifully. There the spirit of God sweeps across waters of primeval chaos, drawing order out of a formless void. God creates a bit more haphazardly according to the second account (Gen 2:4-3:24). Nevertheless, *both* accounts depict God as a creator, the potter who fashions His clay, an artist of cosmic proportions who “stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads [its inhabitants] like a tent in which to live” (Is 40:22).

Now consider this question: what if engaging in creative activities reflects something of what it means to be made in the image of God? When we create something out of the “formless void”—a painting, a woodcarving, a quilt, a software program, a musical composition—do we not bear the image of the One who created *us*?

My outlet for creative expression as a pastor has been through preaching. Originally it came out in stories I would write regarding characters in the Bible who never had a voice like Onesimus, the slave Paul mentions repeatedly in his Letter to Philemon. It surfaced again in the sermon series I delivered last month on the Song of Songs. I loved it. Not only did I get to be a detective and uncover some of the poem’s secrets through research; I also got to learn from others and how they received it in the process.

Collaborating with Kyle, our cantor, has opened another channel for creative expression. He and I put together all our services with the intention of creatively finding ways to make the music match the message. We do this in the hope of more effectively communicating the gospel. You can read about it from the present issue of *The Quill*.

Do you have a creative spirit? Listen to it! In bringing something out of nothing, at least according to the implication of Genesis 1-3, you imitate the very God who made you and me in His image.

Pastor Dan

From the Cantor

My favorite aspect of the cantor's role is leading the congregation's song. I enjoy working with Pastor Dan to make hymn selections, serving together in the "proclamation of the Good News, spoken and sung" for QALC. And, when we are in person, group singing is a powerful and poignant means to build community while nurturing the faith.

The ELCA's worship planning resource, *Sundays and Seasons*, is a good starting point when choosing hymns for worship services based on the three-year lectionary of appointed scripture readings. Still, I usually find myself considering other options before bringing hymn recommendations to Pastor Dan, especially for the Hymn of the Day. I often pore through the hymnal to see if there might be a selection that more directly ties into the sermon. Sometimes a hymn emerges with an unexpected (or even surprising) angle. That's part of the joy—and the fun—of planning worship.

Last month Pastor Dan preached a special sermon series on Song of Songs, which, as he reminded us, is a book of the Bible tantalizingly absent from the lectionary. When searching for hymn recommendations to complement Pastor Dan's series, a hymn that particularly caught my eye was "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue" (ELW 644). The hymn's text was written in the 1990s by Canadian church musician Andrew Donaldson for the folk melody O WALY WALY. This tune seems to have roots in the British Isles, and it first appeared in print in 1906 with the folk song "The Water Is Wide." The words to the folk song date to the 1700s or earlier, evolving from Scottish ballads on the topic of fleeting romance. "The Water Is Wide" became fairly well-known through recordings made during the folk revival of the 1950s, and perhaps especially by Pete Seeger.

Thinking about Song of Songs, I find it noteworthy that "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue" repurposes an old folk melody associated with *fickle, human-centered love*, joining it to a new text about *stable, Christ-centered love*. This new marriage of text and tune subverts the melody's old connotations and subsumes all human experiences of love within its message. Although it's not the only Christian hymn that has been paired with this tune, this specific instance strikes me as a "baptism" of the tune (so to speak), accomplished through the hymnwriter's use of I Corinthians. Below is a side-by-side comparison of a stanza of "The Water Is Wide" with a stanza of "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue."

"The Water Is Wide," st. 5

Oh love be handsome and love be kind,
Gay as a jewel when first it is new;
But love grows old and waxes cold
And fades away like the morning dew.

"Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue," st. 2

For love is patient, love is kind,
and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love will abide.

What a contrast! The final stanza of "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue" is a coda to the hymn, reminding us where Christian love—and its constancy—is sourced:

The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

I'm looking forward to joining in song with you "as one" in person before long. In the meantime, keep singing in the Spirit while we're apart!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor • cantor@queenannelutheran.org

From Terry @ForKIDS



Many Thanks from Terry Anderson

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the fellowship at the goodbye coffee hour last Sunday. It was so good to see and hear both adults and kids reflect on ministry, but your thanks was somewhat uncomfortable because I felt already thanked by being a part of the QALC community.

My goal in teaching, all my work, is to do my imperfect best to a degree of my satisfaction. Maybe not usual, but to me a satisfied life is more important than a successful life, and success measured by others seems secondary to the satisfaction measured by my soul, mind and heart. I call it "Living in Grace" because I can't do more than my imperfect best.

What I'm trying to say is that I did my job, learned in getting to know the kids and many of you adults, and found satisfaction when things worked to a degree that we could build on.

You've been thanking me all along by helping and supporting my ministry, and by both kids and adults being open to share thoughts and wisdom. We did this together, so everyone shares in success! Thanks be to God for giving us confidence to move forward in figuring out how to live and grow as a community, and meaningful ways to do His will.

So thank **YOU!** I've so enjoyed the ups and downs, challenges and joys of working with all of you amazing people at QALC. God's blessings and peace be with you as you keep on learning to live out what you believe. Let's keep in touch!

—Terry



Note: Besides the bouquet of flowers pictured—a gift from families and the Church Council—Terry received a generous check, the combined donations of our membership. The staff met for a farewell dinner out, and Terry also received a framed copy of the photo montage shown on the next page. Thanks to all who contributed to our efforts to honor Terry's ministry here, and to all who supported her with their service and participation in our programming for families and children. Terry hopes to be back to visit when we dedicate our Peace Pole installation in the months to come.

Thank you for showing us God's love!



~ your QALC kids ~

Announcements

Queen Anne Lutheran Staffing in July

Pastor Dan, as noted on page 5, will be on sabbatical for the month of July. **Pastor Terry Kylo** will deliver sermons for us at all our July services. If you need emergency pastoral care during July, the following pastors are on call for us:

July 1-22 **Pastor Thom Wert**
206-696-0921 (*leave message; Pr. Wert will call you back*)

July 24–Aug. 4 **Pastor Mark Griffith**
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bellevue at 425-922-7384 or pastor@slukes.org

If Prs. Wert and Griffith are unavailable for pastoral care, please call or text Pastor Dan at 253-230-9695.

Starting July 7, our parish administrator **Barb Bash** will be working in the church office from 1:00-5:30 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; she will work from home those mornings. On Fridays, she will be at church from 10 AM until 5:30 PM. When she is in the office, the chapel door is open. We prefer you to use the chapel entrance to sign our contact-tracing sheet. Feel free to stop in and visit!

Cantor Kyle Haugen will be on vacation June 28 through July 11, and will also be away for continuing education August 2 through August 8, returning to work on August 10.

E-mailing is best to contact any staff member, and Barb will also pick up voicemail each day she is there. Please send any mail to **Queen Anne Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 17029, Seattle, WA 98127-0729**. Mail will still be picked up each Friday, and offerings counted on that day by our faithful counters, Sallie Wilson and Barb Bach.

Pastor Dan's Sabbatical Plan

In 2019, Pastor Dan requested council give him permission to break up the three-month sabbatical he would normally be taking at the end of his seventh year into three parts so that he could begin a research project that would benefit the congregation along the way. Council approved, and so Pastor Dan took the first month of his sabbatical in July of 2019, using the research he conducted to create a special forum series on Esther last December as well as the three-part sermon series on the Song of Songs now underway. The next installment of his sabbatical was slated for this summer (the third in 2023), and so—at the recommendation of council—he will be taking it in July. The council felt this decision would be most advantageous for the congregation. It is the slowest month of the year for the church: there are no executive or council meetings, many of us are away on vacation, there are no forums, etc. Pastor Dan will have two of his colleagues on call in his absence for pastoral emergencies, and Pastor Terry Kylo has agreed to be our supply preacher for the month. Upon returning, Pastor Dan looks forward to resuming in-person worship as soon as safely possible, and he continues to work with council, committees, and staff to that end.

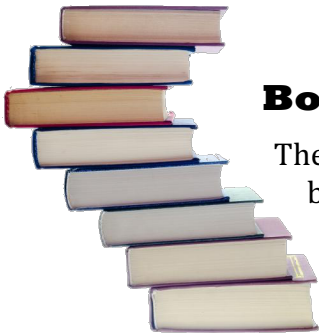
Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team Seeks Members



Reconciling in Christ is a program that since 1974 has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of LGBTQIA+ Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community. In March our QALC Council approved a motion of support to embark on a Reconciling in Christ discernment process, which will eventually involve the entire congregation and culminate in a vote on adopting the program. If you would like to participate with Jenny Porter and Kirsti Melby in the Core Team's work on this heart-centered journey or have questions about what that might entail, please reach out to Jenny Porter at jennifer@satsumadesigns.com. Thank you for considering joining this team!

Please Send Us Your Photo This July!

Will we recognize one another when we worship together again? We especially long to see how our children and youth have grown. Has your household submitted a photo yet? Please send in a new photo if you are able. Casual snapshots are okay—Barb will crop and adjust as needed. Mail it to our P.O. Box address or [email the office](#) with a digital photo. While you can submit a fresh photo to the church office at any time, our goal is to have a refreshed directory with updated photos by August.



Book Group Backyard Brainstorm July 26

The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will meet on Monday, July 26 at 7 PM to brainstorm their list of reading for the 2021-2022 cycle. The gathering will take place in the Unseth's backyard in Ballard. Contact Cathi at cunseth@comcast.net for the address or more information.



Congratulations to Anni Carew, Our High School Graduate!

Anni graduated in June from Ballard High School and the congregation congratulates her! Plans are in the works to give her a Sewing & Service quilt, as is our tradition. Anni sent us the following note:

I want to start by thanking the church for being an important part of my growing up. I have so many memories of singing with Arletta and the Shalom choir, going to the choir day-long festivals, and participating in fun events like the pancake-flipping race for Mardi Gras, in addition to attending worship.

My high school career was a little bit different than most people's. I spent most of my time doing Running Start at Shoreline and North Seattle Community Colleges. My most rewarding experience these last few years has been to volunteer at the Seattle Aquarium. I got to do that in person for a couple of years before the pandemic. During the pandemic I was able to take some continuing education courses they offered.

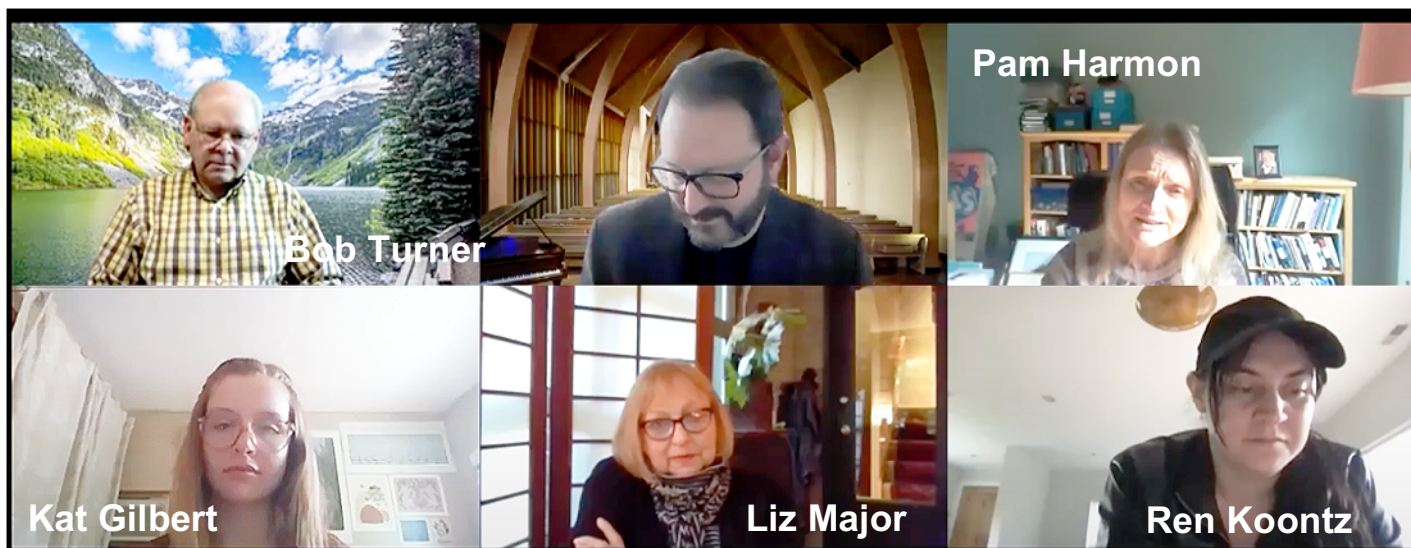
I am looking forward to attending Western Washington University in the fall. I hope to get into their relatively new Marine and Coastal Science program. I am interested in marine biology and environmental science. In the meantime, I am spending my summer at the Shilshole Marina working for a boat club.

—Anni Carew

“First Wednesdays” Bible Study Is Open to Your Ideas

In June, First Wednesday Bible Study met to discuss the Book of Ecclesiastes, led by Bob Turner (one of our new members). A recording of that session is posted on our YouTube channel. The Bible study group will resume meeting Wednesday, August 4 or September 1—we'll keep you posted.

Pastor Dan would welcome your suggestions for a short book to read and discuss from the Hebrew Bible or the New Testament; [email him](#) with your ideas at pastor@queenannelutheran.org.



Our Newest Members



In June we received **seven** new members into our church community! All seven participated in Pastor Dan's six-point introductory class to the faith and heritage of the Lutheran tradition. They introduced themselves during our June 6 video worship, after participating in the liturgy via Zoom. (Megan Frye has also joined our congregation although she was unable to attend the Zoom session.) We also welcomed them at coffee hour on June 13, and of course look forward to meeting everyone soon.

One more reason to add your photo to our church directory will be to help our newest members get to know our community!

Welcome, Caerwyn!

Alaina and Ryley Lewis welcomed their new daughter Caerwyn Cassidy Lewis in mid-June, joining her older sister Rowenna. "We're doing great and enjoying time together as a family of four," they wrote. Congratulations!

Do You Listen to Podcasts?

Did you know that our worship services can be accessed on our podcast? You can listen to worship during your morning run or whenever you listen on the go. Simply search for "Queen Anne Lutheran Church" wherever you go for your podcasts. Many thanks to Todd Bishop, who uploads our worship services every week to this podcast.



We Helped Feed the Hungry at New Horizons on June 10

Thanks to his persistent work and the motivation of others in our membership, Jim Margard, chair of our Social Action committee, once again organized the delivery of dinner and brown bag lunch items to the youth at New Horizons on June 10. At left, Jim stands with cookies given by Paul and Carol Abodeely. Thanks to all who helped with this meal!

Reopening Task Force Survey Results—Thank You !

The Reopening Task Force thanks all 64 persons who filled out the Reopening Survey, a very robust response. Below are the tallies for all responses. (Numbers are fewer than 64 for several questions, because some left one or more items blank.) The many wonderful and insightful comments are not listed here—that would fill a book. Those comments will be considered, and are of great help as we plan how to reopen.

Next steps for our Task Force are drafting reopening guidelines. Although Council is not meeting in July, we are working on a proposal to Council for their e-mail discussion and approval in the coming month. Our plan will then be communicated to all.

—Reopening Task Force:

Susan Evans, Nancy Fulwiler, Kyle Haugen, Rich Mathes, Pastor Dan Peterson, John Reese, Chris Roozen

Questions? Contact the Task Force at reopening@queenannelutheran.org

Section A: Worship

#1. Which best describes your attitude toward returning to an in-person worship service at QALC?

(63 answers)

- A. 39 I will return first opportunity
- B. 15 I will return first opportunity, but with some precautions.
- C. 3 I will wait several weeks upon opening before I attend
- D. 2 Unsure due to external factors (still awaiting vaccine, unsure how long it is effective)
- E. 0 I am not comfortable with coming back yet
- F. 4 Other (*Several listed required precautions that matched their response to #2 next.*)

#2. What precautions would make you comfortable to attend worship? Mark all that apply.

- A. 24 Social distancing enforced.
- B. 28 Replace offering plates with stationary offering boxes
- C. 24 Masks required.
- D. 10 Worship folders not handled by others.
- E. 18 Sanctuary cleaned after prior usage.
- F. 8 Monitored worship check in or pre-worship signup required,
- G. 27 Knowing others in room were vaccinated.
- H. 12 Outdoor worship option - either "tune in" from outside or worship outside.
- I. 14 Other

#3. What would keep you from attending worship?

Mark all that apply. (*Those without any answer are labeled "none of the above"*)

- A. 2 Social distancing enforced
- B. 5 Masks required.
- C. 8 No singing.
- D. 10 No communion.
- E. 1 Temperature checks.
- F. 6 Sign-up required for worship.
- G. 12 Knowing others in room not vaccinated.
- H. 26 Health organization/government guidance
- I. 5 Worship held outdoors.
- J. 5 Worship not held in sanctuary.
- K. 6 Other
- 16 None of above

#4. When our church begins offering in-person services again, which ONE of the following would you prefer?
(63 answers)

- A. 24 Resume in-person worship services.
- B. 0 Continue with online worship only
- C. 35 Services need to be available on-line as well as in person
- D. 1 Meet in smaller groups in homes for some weeks before returning to church
- E. 1 Not sure.
- F. 2 Other

- #5. **Which best describes your attitude towards livestreaming attitude?** (62 answers)
(Note: this question was poorly worded. We meant to ask whether "you are comfortable with our live service being filmed with you in the pews."
Not whether you are able to later view the video.
Many answers concerned how easily you can view live-streamed services.)

A. 40 I am comfortable with live-streaming
 B. 11 Comfortable if only chancel shown
 C. 8 I am not comfortable with live-streaming
 D. 3 If not, why not?

- #6. **Would you object to being asked whether you and your family members have been vaccinated?**
 (63 answers)

Yes 4
 No 59

- #7. **If vaccinated, would knowing vaccination status of others and potentially having a vaccinated-only section in the church service make a difference to your attendance?** (60 answers)
- A. 15 Yes more likely to attend knowing there is a vaccinated-only section.
 B. 6 I would be less likely to attend if there is separation by vaccination status.
 C. 36 No difference; I would attend either case
 D. 3 No difference - I would not attend in either case.

Section B: Small Group Participation:

- #1 **Did you participate in small groups?** (63 answers)
 Yes 42
 No 21

- #2 **What are/were your small groups?**
 (Answers varied)

- #3. **What are your concerns about attending small group meetings? Mark all that apply**
- A. 8 Getting exposed to Covid19
 B. 6 Potentially exposing Covid19 to others
(I think we meant exposing others to Covid)
 C. 4 Unable to personally attend - vulnerable
 D. 0 I have not been vaccinated
 E. 8 I have been vaccinated, not sure how long it is effective
 F. 13 Other
 27 None of above

- #4 **What would make you comfortable to attend small group meetings? Mark all that apply**
- A. 15 Social distancing enforced
 B. 15 Masks worn
 C. 19 Hand sanitizer available
 D. 13 Monitored check-in -- temperature check, sign-in sheet for contact tracing
 E. 15 Room cleaned since prior use
 F. 23 Knowing others in room were vaccinated
 G. 29 Health organization/govt says ok
 H. 6 Nothing
 I. 4 Other
 9 None of above

- #5. **What would keep you from meeting with small groups? Mark all that apply.**
- A. 1 Social distancing enforced
 B. 3 Masks worn
 C. 1 Temperature checks
 D. 0 Required sign-in
 E. 15 Knowing others in room were not vaccinated
 F. 20 Health authority or govt guidance
 G. 24 Nothing: I am willing to attend any/all
 H. 5 Other
 10 None of above

- #6 **When we allow small group meetings at church, which one of the following would you prefer?**
 (63 answers)
- A. 22 Resume in-person small groups at church
 B. 0 Continue with online (Zoom) small groups only
 C. 24 Group meetings need to be available online, as well as in-person.
 D. 0 Meet in smaller groups in homes for some weeks before resuming in-person small groups.
 E. 10 Not sure
 F. 4 Other
 3 None of above

Section C: Online Service & Programming

- #1. **Have you been utilizing the online audio & video services?** (62 answers)
- A. 40 Both video and audio
 B. 9 Audio only
 C. 5 Video only
 D. 8 If neither, why not?

#2. About how often do you utilize the online services?

(62 answers)

- A. 37 Weekly
- B. 8 About once per month
- C. 12 Less than once per month
- D. 5 N/A - I have not listened/watched

#3. How important is it that QALC continue online worship services even after we resume in-person worship? (63 answers)

- A. 22 Very important
- B. 26 Somewhat important
- C. 9 Not important
- D. 6 I'm not sure

#4. How important is it that QALC continues to offer online programming (forums, Bible studies...) after we resume? (62 answers)

- A. 21 Very important
- B. 28 Somewhat important
- C. 8 Not important
- D. 5 I'm not sure

#5. To what degree would recording in-person church programming (forums) or services and posting them online influence your attendance? (62 answers)

- A. 1 I would not attend
- B. 3 I would attend programming but not services
- C. 12 I would attend services but not programming
- D. 46 I would attend either

Section D: Your information

#1. How long have you attended QALC? (62 answers)

- A. 1 I am new in 2021
- B. 16 Fewer than 5 years
- C. 11 5-15 years
- D. 35 15+years

#2. What is your age group? (64 answers)

- A. 0 Under 18
- B. 3 18-29
- C. 9 30-49
- D. 22 50-69
- E. 28 70+
- F. 2 I prefer not to answer

For Youth: Adventure Wednesdays Start July 7!

Adventure Wednesdays for youth of several local congregations start Wednesday, July 7. All students in the 6th to 12th grade are welcome to attend and bring friends! Each Wednesday, we will meet in the Ballard First Lutheran Church parking lot (2006 NW 65th Street, Seattle, WA 98107) at 2:30 PM to begin our adventures. This summer's Adventure Wednesday schedule is as follows:

July 07	Gas Works Park
July 14	Pike Place Market (Photo Scavenger Hunt)
July 21	Discovery Park
July 28	Paddle Boats at Greenlake
August 04	Miniature Golf at Interbay
August 11	TBD
August 18	Golden Gardens

Additionally, a hike and picnic lunch is planned to Golden Creek Pond on Friday, July 16 and a bicycle ride along the Elliot Bay Trail is planned for Sunday, August 22.

We hope to see your youth at these events! If you have any questions or would like to help chaperone these events, please contact Pastor Elise at either (803) 944-7006 or pastorelise@bflcs.org.

Ministries

Women of the ELCA QALC Women's News:

I feel like we are in the season of Advent. A time of waiting, hope, preparation of what is to come. As we wait, we decided to look back at activities in previous summers. Summers at Queen Anne Lutheran are a time for taking it easy, a time for attending Gatherings and Conventions, a time for “no-work events.” No-work events included times in the sun at Jean McLauchlan’s summer cabin, lunch at the Hearthstone with Pat Sobeck, and coffee and dessert in the yard of Lois Unseth. This year, we are looking back as we anticipate getting to move forward in the coming months.



LWR: School Kits, Health Care Kits, and Quilts—we see them on the pews, we pack them into boxes, we load them onto trucks and then we wait, wondering “where did they go?” I looked up records for 2020 and 2021 and this is what I found:

Where Did Our Quilts and Kits Go?

From: 1/1/2020

Item	Date Shipped	Notes
Quilts	6/25/2020	Lebanon
Personal Care Kit	6/18/2020	Georgia
Baby Care Kit	6/25/2020	Lebanon
New School Kit	2/28/2020	Honduras
New School Kit	3/26/2020	Rwanda
Fabric Kit	9/1/2020	Zambia

We need dark-colored cotton sheets for quilt-backs (lots of tops have been made this past year) and size LARGE men’s cotton t-shirts for making diapers! Baby kits include sweaters (size 12 - 24 months), Baby T-shirts, and pants (no feet in pants). And we ALWAYS need bars of Ivory soap for the kits.

The QALCW Evening Circle continues to meet via Zoom for the second in our summer series “Just L.I.F.E.” (*Liberation Is For Everyone!*). In this session “Just Truth,” we’ll listen to Jesus’s words about sharing truths that are difficult to receive. Come explore this Bible Study with us! The Evening Circle meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7 PM via Zoom. Our next meeting will be July 27.

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



For freedom Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

What does freedom mean to you? In this month that we in the United States celebrate Independence Day with fireworks and barbecues (yay for vaccines – we can have barbecues again!), what is freedom?

Well ... first let's consider what freedom is NOT. Freedom is NOT enormous sums of money, power, privilege, assets, stocks and bonds, cars, clothes, or degrees. Freedom is NOT being able to do anything you want without worrying how your actions might affect another. Freedom is NOT hedonism or casual cruelty. Freedom is NOT the ability to yell at someone either in person or online. Freedom is NOT to be taken lightly.

Unfortunately, we have conflated freedom with selfishness. We have decided freedom means we don't have to worry about our behavior or words. We have decided that we no longer need to be civil or caring or understanding of another's viewpoint or worldview or interest. In this synod, I am concerned at the rancor I am hearing, the level of uncivil discourse, and the inability to listen to people from different sides of different issues.

So ... what IS freedom?

Martin Luther writes in *The Freedom of a Christian* that through Christ, we are set free from sin into new life. He writes:

From faith flow forth love and joy in the Lord, and from love a cheerful, willing, free spirit, disposed to serve our neighbor voluntarily, without taking any account of gratitude or ingratitude, praise or blame, gain or loss. Its object is not to lay [others] under obligations, nor does it distinguish between friends and enemies, or look to gratitude or ingratitude, but most freely and willingly spends itself and its goods, whether it loses them through ingratitude, or gains good will.

Freedom described in this way sounds amazing. But we know that it isn't that simple. We all know that even as baptized children of God, even as people assured that we are saved through Jesus Christ, even as people who revel in freedom – we know that we are not always cheerful and willing, disposed to serve our neighbor voluntarily. We know that the freedom we have been given through Jesus is sometimes squandered because of greed, racism, homophobia, sexism, nationalism, individualism, pride, and so much more. Quite simply, sin. We think that we are free and yet we are choosing death over abundant life.

And yet ... what a gift we have been given! For when we live fully into our baptisms, we are called into community with God and with one another. We are called into caring for one another. We are called to listen, love, and serve others – even those we might not particularly like. God calls us away from selfish behavior and into freedom to commit ourselves fully to each other. As Paul writes in Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." As baptized children of God and as the body of Christ in this world, we are called to the freedom of Christ. And this means we are called to a life not only for ourselves, but to die to ourselves and live truly in the freedom of bearing one another's burdens.

As a proud American, I love the Fourth of July. As a person following Jesus, I know that freedom means more than waving a flag or wearing the colors of red, white, and blue. As Martin Luther writes in his treatise *On Christian Freedom*, "A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone."

May freedom in Christ reign. May the love of Christ be with you and all that you encounter.

✝ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee / bishop@lutheransnw.org

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 all three sessions of "[Update on the Earth](#)." Other offerings include "God, Jesus, and Gender," with Dr. Lynn Hofstad; Cantor Kyle's "Singing the Faith" forums on hymns and liturgy; our series on "Demons, Darkness and the Devil," and many more.

Thank-You:

- Compass Housing Alliance sent us thanks for a gift of \$500
- White Center Food Bank sent thanks for a gift of \$151.58
- Queen Anne Food Bank sent thanks for a gift of \$57.00
- University District Food Bank sent thanks for a gift of \$124.65

(These last three donations were a portion of the giving enabled by our 100-Mile Food Bank Challenge.)



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

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Staying Safe

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

Staying Connected

Every week, we post an audio worship service on our website, and we hope you worship with us there. Each Friday, we also email our announcements, including links to 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? Contact the church office by phone or email and we'll add you to our mailing list.

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