

The Quill

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Weekly, we are also mailing bulletins and sermon transcripts to household that are unable to attend church. If you would like to receive such a mailing, please let us know. And if you do not need to get the bulletin by mail, give us a call as well!

Please Note: All mail to the church must be sent to this address:

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Jesus or Jefferson?

I have been thinking a lot about freedom lately. What does it mean? Is there a difference between what Martin Luther called the freedom of a Christian versus the dominant conception people have of freedom in America today?

Now when I say “people,” I have a particular subset of the population in mind. I am thinking of those who refuse to wear face masks or receive vaccinations in the name of “freedom.” They condemn the “sheeple” who blindly follow the dictates of governmental mandates put in place for our safety. This is the first step toward tyranny, they say.

Anti-maskers often convey their position (ironically) on the masks they wear! “When the government fears the people,” says one such mask, “there is liberty. When the people fear government, there is tyranny.” The quotation comes from Thomas Jefferson. He wrote a lot about freedom. His definition was simple: freedom is the opposite of tyranny. Free yourselves from oppressive rule so that you can live as you please.

The Apostle Paul offers a vastly different perspective on freedom, even though his point of departure roughly coincides with Jefferson’s. He would agree that human beings must break the grip of oppressive power, but that power goes far beyond the scope of politics. It subjugates the entire cosmos. Paul identifies it as the power of sin, which entered “the world” due to Adam’s transgression in paradise (Rom 5:12). This power turns us inward, causing us to live entirely for ourselves instead of others. It holds us hostage to our self-serving (and often, self-destructive) desires.

Thankfully, God has done something to free us from our selfishness. He sent Christ into the world to show us another way, to liberate us from excessive self-regard, and to turn our gaze from the fulfillment of our “needs” to the needs and well-being of our neighbor. Live for others as Christ did, he says, trusting in the power of His death and resurrection to break the grip of sin and free you to live for others as God intended (see Phil 2:4).

Obviously none of us want tyranny. On that we can agree! Yet as followers of the Way, we ultimately take our cue from Jesus, not Jefferson. We wear masks as **an expression of the freedom He has given us**, the freedom to be “responsible selves,” as the theologian H. Richard Niebuhr once put it. We want what’s best for our neighbor, and we “work for the good of all” (Gal 6:10), doing our part by wearing masks and getting vaccinated to prevent the spread of a virus that preys especially on the weak and vulnerable.

What incredible freedom we have in Christ! May we live according to it and proclaim it boldly, making service to our neighbor the priority instead of ourselves.

Pastor Dan

From the Cantor

How good it is to be back together in worship. Even with masks and distancing, I sense relief, joy, and camaraderie—I see it in the eyes peeking out above the masks!

Many of us are also experiencing bittersweetness—and grief, too—as we now witness the absence of cherished friends and family members we lost while we were apart. *Yet we sing. No matter what, we sing.* How is this possible?

I think it's possible because we know “the rest of the story” (Pastor Dan’s recent sermon reminded me of broadcaster Paul Harvey’s catchphrase). That “rest of the story” is the resurrection victory of Christ—given to you and to me, given freely, as a gift. This enables a faith that *sings* in all of life’s circumstances because by faith we know “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” within us (Philippians 4:7), a peace promised from Christ that is “not as the world gives” (John 14:27).

At our first Sunday morning service together since the pandemic, we sang one of the most famous Christian hymns of thanksgiving, “Now Thank We All Our God” (ELW 840). This hymn was written amid war, disease, and famine, by a pastor who officiated at burials for as many as 4,500 persons in a single year. (That this thankful hymn can be written in such a time certainly “surpasses all understanding” for me.) Here’s the second stanza:

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in all grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next.

May our voices in song continue to uplift, inspire, and yes, *carry* one another in worship together. Even if you’re a self-proclaimed non-singer, from my point of view as cantor, *everyone’s a singer*. I encourage you to sing out (even if you think you’re not in tune). If that’s a little ambitious, join in as you hum, sing softly, or sing in your heart with us. You are part of this community and that means you are part of our song.

I’m so glad we’re back!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

Let’s make music together for worship (kids, too!) through choir, bells, and more. Find me at our QALC activities fair between services on Welcome Sunday, September 19. *For any rehearsal or music gathering, we will take safety measures and monitor guidelines closely.*

Would you like a copy of one of our older hymnals, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, *Hymnal Supplement 91*, and/or *With One Voice*? We might even have a well-loved copy or two of *Service Book and Hymnal* for you. Surplus hymnals will be available for you to take home on Welcome Sunday, September 19 (or email me at cantor@queenannelutheran.org by October 1). First come, first served! We will eventually donate or recycle the surplus, retaining approximately 20 copies of each book at QALC.

Welcome to Worship!



September 19 Marks Another New Beginning!

It has been wonderful to worship together in the sanctuary again. Though masked and distanced, we still feel the sense of community and the presence of God in this space! Now, as of September 19, we have returned to our “normal” fall schedule, with services at both 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

We hope you had a chance to visit our Welcome Fair out in the breezeway between our worship services:

- Consider singing in the choir (*see page 3*) or helping in worship (*see next page*)
- Learn about Social Action plans (*see page 13*)
- Find out what our QALC Women are up to—and try your hand at tying a quilt (*see page 11*)
- Pick up a fresh Forum Calendar (*forums will begin October 3; see page 8*)
- Children got their backpacks individually blessed by Pastor Dan!
- Take home a surplus hymnal (*see page 3*)
- At 10:10, we enjoyed a Prelude Hymn-Sing – Cantor Kyle took our requests for favorites to sing

Note: Online fellowship is still available, as our Zoom Coffee Hours will move to Wednesdays at 6 PM starting September 22. Watch your Friday emails for the Zoom link.

Can You Help Us Worship? 3 Ways to Be of Assistance



We are finding that we need more help than before to conduct our Sunday worship safely and to show care and welcome for visitors, for one another and even for those yet unable to attend. Please consider if you would be able to help in these ways:

Greeters and Ushers

Each week we are counting on FOUR helpers at 10:30 services: two greeters in the narthex, and two ushers inside the sanctuary to help with seating and dismissal. Can you help? We have openings for all Sundays going forward. (Note: The 8 AM service will use one usher and one greeter.) Ideally we would develop a team of people who could rotate, so that we aren't worrying each week as to whether we are covered. Sign up in the narthex, or go to your Friday email for a link to an online sign-up sheet.

Lectors and Intercessors

Another way to help in worship is to volunteer to read scripture and prayers of intercession. If you would be able and willing to do so, please mention it to Pastor Dan or Cantor Kyle Haugen, or contact Barb in the church office, and we'll get you on the schedule.

Help Getting Audio Worship Online:

We know it is still difficult for many to return to live worship. Posting our services online is one small way we can care for those we are not yet able to see at church.

We are also looking for additional help recording the worship service audio (this requires pushing a few buttons, and we would train you) and/or helping to transfer the file to the internet after the service (also not difficult, and we would show you how). It would be very helpful to have a few more people who know how to do this. Again, if you would be able and willing to do so, please mention it to Pastor Dan or Cantor Kyle Haugen, or contact Barb in the church office, and we'll get you on the schedule.



Announcements

2022 Guidelines for Expenditures

It is almost that time of year again!!

Anyone who needs to, or wants to, provide input for potential 2022 expenditures or income, please provide your proposal to the late-October Finance Committee meeting. (Date, time and format (in-person or Zoom) will be announced by early October). Please submit written documentation, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Our draft numbers need to be available by early November for Council review; Council finalizes the budget guidelines in December, and the congregation votes on them at our annual meeting in January. So, it is time to begin the conversation.

Committee chairs are asked to weigh in, but *any* member with an idea is welcome. If you have suggestions, even if not for an existing budget line item, or even if you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also. *Should we consider changing any programming options as we return from our Covid hiatus? Should any PPP funds be spent for particular items?* We are open to all suggestions—after all, great ideas that are not presented may not get into the 2022 guidelines.

The Finance Committee members are Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Sallie Wilson, Cathi Unseth, and Rich Mathes. You can provide input to any of us, or place suggestions in our office mailbox in the lower left section of mailboxes, and you may come to our meeting if you like. The church's current financial information is posted in the hallway behind the narthex kitchen and is also available in the Members Area of our website. Ask the church office for the password if you need the way in.

QA Book Group Meets Monday, September 27

The Book Group will meet in person in the narthex of the church at 7 PM on the last Monday of the month, September 27. We will discuss *Should We Stay or Should We Go* by Lionel Shriver. Discussion will be led by Cathi Unseth, and all are welcome.

"First Wednesdays" Bible Study Will Continue October 6

First Wednesday Bible Study will meet via Zoom at noon on Wednesday, October 6. We will continue a series of discussions on the Epistle of James, focusing this time on chapters 3-5. Look for the link in your Friday emails, or contact the office. Questions? Email Pastor Dan at pastor@queenannelutheran.org.

A video of our Sept. 1 discussion of the Epistle of James can be found on Queen Anne Lutheran's YouTube channel: Forums Playlist.

Confirmation Update

Since November of 2020, we have had six students undergo the confirmation process. Led by Pastor Dan, the class has covered three areas: Old Testament, New Testament, and Luther's Small Catechism (the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, and 10 Commandments). We are now covering the fourth and final unit on the sacraments and worship. Cantor Kyle will lead the class on worship, and then Jennifer Jones, chair of Altar Guild, will show the students what happens behind the scenes in preparing for a service. We will then have a couple of review sessions followed by our confirmation ceremony on Reformation Sunday (10/31) where the students will present a children's sermon and several reflections on what it means to be justified by God's grace. Please join us on Reformation Sunday (10:30 service) to celebrate the completion of this process by six amazing young people in our congregation!

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program

Invitation to an Open Meeting to Discuss RIC

The following letter was mailed to our membership this month.

In case we missed a household or two, we thought it might be useful to share it here as well. We hope you will join us for a robust discussion at 9 AM on Sunday, September 26.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As people of God and members of Queen Anne Lutheran Church, we actively seek to live by the values of inclusivity articulated in our website's welcome statement:

Our faith community is a diverse and inclusive community welcoming people of all cultures, races, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

As we strive to become more of who we are as a congregation to live out Christ's teachings, guideposts such as Reconciling Works' Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program may be inspiring and instructional to help enact our mission.

Since 1974, RIC has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church.

RIC builds community for worship, education and support; fosters welcome and acceptance in all Lutheran settings; and advocates for the ecclesial changes necessary to ensure full participation in all sacraments, inclusive liturgical resources, and ministries of the Church.

Inspired by RIC's model and mission, how might we commit ourselves more fully to the mission we already have of proclaiming Christ's love to "every person" by deliberately and intentionally working to ensure people who have been historically marginalized feel welcomed and affirmed in our community of faith?

The actions outlined by RIC's model support our welcome, but challenge us as Christians to proclaim our commitment to the following:

Willingness to call an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader

Making our sanctuary available to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings and support of our rostered leadership to officiate these unions

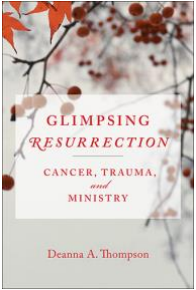
Active work to live out a commitment to racial equity and welcome all cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions

Support of the national Reconciling in Christ program with an annual financial contribution

We invite you to share your thoughts on this new way in which we can communicate our values to the greater community. An open meeting of the RIC Team will take place on Sunday, September 26 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

To address your questions and to have a discussion about this welcome statement, please reach out to RIC Team members: Jenny Porter at (206) 604-6465 or jennifer@satsumadesigns.com, Kirsti Melby at kirsti.melby@gmail.com, or Collin Brown at festerburg87@gmail.com.

Forums and Study Opportunities



Glimpsing Resurrection: Our First Forum

Sunday, October 3 at 9 AM is the opening event of Pacific Lutheran University's annual Lutheran Studies Conference, "Living with Mortality: Illness, Trauma, Joy and Hope," which will focus on finding love and hope in the wake of the pandemic and will address the various forms of trauma and loss we continue to face. This online event will also be our own Queen Anne Lutheran kick-off to a three-week forum series, "Loss, Despair, and Hope." The following weeks will include conversations with ELCA chaplains.

This first forum will focus on Dr. Deanna Thompson's book, [Glimpsing Resurrection: Cancer, Trauma and Ministry](#). We invite you to read *Glimpsing Resurrection* (a copy will be available in the church library) and join us for a virtual adult forum on October 3 at 9 AM. **Registration is free at this webpage** and will enable you to receive the link to join online.

"The tendency for Christians to move almost immediately from death to proclamations of new life risks alienating those for whom healing and new life seem out of reach," says Thompson. *Glimpsing Resurrection* focuses less on the "why" to help readers instead come to terms with the "how" of living with a serious disease. In particular, Thompson provides a framework and concrete suggestions for how to be a church where those who are undone by illness can be undone, as well as a place that can love and support them to hope.

Finding space within the psalms, the story of Job, Jesus' cry of God-forsakenness on the cross, and even Christ's descent into hell helps us imagine how Christian communities can be spacious enough to acknowledge and hold those who are undone by illness," Thompson says. "Only then does it become possible to identify the hope that can emerge from our not-yet-resurrection reality to imagine more in life today as well as in the life to come."

Paths to Understanding Worship: Are You an Authentic Ally?

Pastor Terry Kylo filled our pulpit this past July as well as many times in the past. His organization, Paths to Understanding, is offering a new live course presented via Zoom: **An Introduction to the Practice of Authentic Allyship**.

When human rights are at risk, people need to stand together. But how do we stand with each other in a way that truly puts the needs of those who are vulnerable first? Authentic allies do more than just claim they are an ally. Being an ally is not something we can claim for ourselves, but rather a recognition by groups that we are consistently and effectively supporting in their work for human and civil rights.

In this course, you will:

- be introduced to key concepts of our signature training, The Practice of Authentic Allyship
- be inspired by powerful stories from experienced allies, from BIPOC clergy and activists leading their communities' struggles towards justice—and learn how to share your own story
- learn how you can stand for and with each other right now and tomorrow
- learn what authentic allyship is and what it is not
- receive resources for further study
- get connected to like-minded people in your area
- receive support in planning your next steps

Take the first step on your path to Authentic Allyship and join Terry Kylo and Carla Penderock on **October 26, November 2, and November 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** live on Zoom. Fee is \$29.95; Sliding scale options are available. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Reopening and Covid19

Please Note: Masks Are Required Now For All Inside The Church.

Anyone inside our building is to wear a mask. This includes those worshiping, visiting or working in the church, our QALC small groups, and outside groups who meet here. Note: Worship leaders may remove their masks during the service when speaking, per synodical and state guidelines.

Small Groups Are Coming Back

Small groups may begin meeting in person again if they so desire, and we are glad we are able to welcome them back. Several of our pre-pandemic groups have returned to regular meetings: AA Counterbalance meets every Wednesday evening at 8 PM, and AA Shanty Trudgers meets Saturdays at 7 PM. Both groups are meeting for now in the Fellowship Hall to allow for greater distancing. Some of our other outside groups such as Food Addicts Anonymous, Alanon, and our Alzheimers' Support Group are holding off meeting in person at this time, but have expressed a desire to return in the future. Our own quilting groups, Sewing and Service and PDQs, are re-emerging as well. Contact the church office to get your group on our calendar.

On Ventilation & Sanitation: Covid19 questions from our members

In our congregational survey in the spring, several members had concerns questions about whether the ventilation inside the sanctuary was “adequate” to remove Covid19.



Some of us are more familiar with new buildings, which are sealed very well, insulated well, and recirculate air continuously to keep heating and cooling costs down. Covid19 might just be recirculated for a long time in such a process, depending upon whether the filters actually filter out Covid19 particles.

However, our 60-year-old QALC building has very different air circulation.

Our building is *not* sealed tightly, nor is it insulated, and our air is not simply recirculated. Our HVAC system (“heating, ventilating and air conditioning”) is heating and ventilating only—we do not have air conditioning. Our furnace relies on outside air coming in through a 27-square-foot vent located in the window well by the elevator. That is a 6,000 cubic feet per minute intake. When the furnace is heating (until the room control gets to temperature) you will feel hot/warm air coming up through the floor ducts. After the room comes to temperature, outside air flows into the system. In a space like the sanctuary, the outside, cooler air mixes with the already warmed air. (That is why some have felt cold in the sanctuary in the winter, depending on how long the cooler return air has been flowing into the sanctuary, and if that cooler air is blowing directly on you.)

The sanctuary air exits through cold air return ducts back down to the furnace. If the air returning to the furnace is warm, some percentage of it goes up and out the chimney vents. Then more air comes in from outside to replace the exited air. Some percentage also escapes through gaps in our outside doors and other unsealed areas.

Our sanctuary airflow, for Covid19 purposes, is far more effective if left alone, rather than opening the windows. Opening the sanctuary windows is counterproductive, as then the designed airflows, which happen to provide a lot of outside air to dilute any Covid19 virus, as well as expel it, are circumvented; actually, less outside air would be moved through the sanctuary if we just opened the windows.

When heat is *not* being used—in late spring, summer, and early fall—then the system brings in only the outside air to the sanctuary, without heating it. We currently have the outside air on continuously (setting “on”). As I walk through the sanctuary each week, the airflow with the outside air “on” is noticeable—it feels like having fans at floor level. We do have a dial in the furnace room that allows us to change the outside airflow pumped in. We lower the outside fresh air intake in winter, when outside air is much cooler.

At this time, then, we will not attempt any changes to our HVAC system, because our sanctuary airflow is very much “outside air.”

There were also some concerns or comments about sanitization or disinfecting.



We are still learning about Covid19 spread, but now it seems very unlikely that Covid19 has ever been transmitted from surfaces to people, based upon what professionals in various capacities have published (although most caveat their conclusions with statements that “we still do not know for sure”).

Routine or non-professional disinfecting of surfaces can be detrimental to wood surfaces—pews, wooden door handles— as well as to fabric, such as on our padded chairs. Our custodian, Almaz, does disinfect bathroom hard surfaces— paper towel dispenser, metal door push-plates, and other high-touch surfaces. That will continue, two days a week. Her disinfecting also includes the traditional bacterial disinfecting.

Most hard (metal, plastic) surfaces do not allow the Covid19 virus to escape after, at most, a couple of days. Paper, fabric, and wood are fine after one day or maybe much less time.

Even when we return to two services, we will not be cleaning the sanctuary for the second service.

The most effective Covid19 “cleaning procedure” may just be hand washing or hand sanitizers. We will have hand sanitizers available at various places.

Thank you for your questions and comments. Please contact me if you have additional concerns. I am not an expert in this field; everyone has been quickly learning over the past 18 months. I hope to have more detailed engineering numbers from our HVAC company, Johansen Mechanical, in a later report

Rich Mathes, Property Committee

The Reopening Task Force

includes Chris Roozen, Susan Evans, Rich Mathes, Kyle Haugen, John Reese, and Pastor Dan. Please contact any of them with any concerns or suggestions. The entire task force can be reached by emailing reopening@queenannelutheran.org

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Needs:

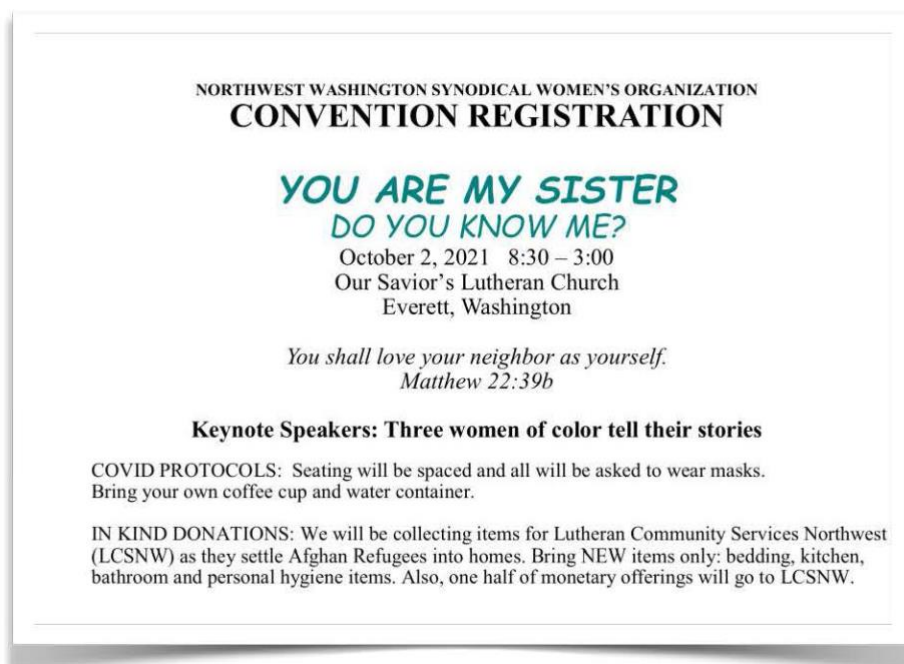
Thanks to the tremendous response providing School Kit Supplies – some of you did a lot of shopping!! We do not need any more school supplies for fall. IF you still have some items at home that you have not brought in, we will be able to use them either next Spring, when there are no school supply sales, or for CORE Tanzania this fall. Cash donations are still appreciated to buy Personal Care Kit supplies, or to help pay the freight costs to the Baltimore warehouse and then overseas. Make checks payable to QALC, with memo line to “QALCW freight” or “QALCW kit supplies.”

LWR Men’s Group Kit Assembly: Men’s group will assemble Personal Care Kits and School Kits in the Fellowship Hall Oct 9th from 9am-11am.

LWR Fall Ingathering – we will be back at Our Redeemers’ Lutheran Church Nov 5/6 (Friday/Saturday). We load 8 am-2 pm on Friday, 8 am-11:30 am Saturday. If anyone can spare two hours loading boxes, please let Rich know. I assume that we will be wearing masks, as will the delivery car & truck drivers.

Rich Mathes

Women of the ELCA QALC Women's News:



The NW WA Women's Synodical BIENNIAL CONVENTION is October 2, 2021 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Everett. The church has a large room for us to be safely spaced, as well as masked. We're certain you will enjoy the speakers who will highlight our theme, "You Are My Sister . . . Do You Know Me?" The very short business session, including elections of the Board, begins at 8:30 AM. The Convention registration form is on page 6 of *The Echo* newsletter [online here](#), or pick it up in the narthex. The cost is \$35.00. (After September 20th, \$40.00.)

On the national level, WELCA's 12th TRIENNIAL GATHERING will be September 18-24, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ.

Start planning to attend the Gathering! — **"JUST LOVE"** — Sept. 22-24, 2023.

The Gathering portion is festive and about 3,000 strong.

Lots of information will be coming out this next year!

Our synod will send two voting members to the convention's business meeting: Sept. 18-21. We need to elect those representatives this year. Women who have attended Triennials before clamor for this opportunity. Churchwide WELCA pays for travel to and from Phoenix, as well as room and board for the business portion. Since Synod representatives will already be there, their Gathering registration cost will also be paid. Each Triennial Voting Member must be a voting member of an ELCA congregation but not necessarily a member of a Unit. Churchwide WELCA encourages us to send a woman of color and/or a person whose primary language is other than English. Each Unit or group can nominate ONE woman. The nominee form (on page 8 of *The Echo* [online here](#)), needs to be sent in with name and contact information no later than October 1.

The Evening Circle Bible Study continues to meet on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM. (Next meeting Sept. 28.) Our new meeting location will be in the Conference Room. New this year will be the option of linking in by Zoom, for those who prefer to continue attending remotely.

From *Gather Magazine*:

Gather's fall 2021 study, "The Gift of the Spirit" by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith encourages us to uncover where the bold, truth-telling Spirit is active in our lives. We are also excited to have the September session video available on *Gather's* resource page, [online here](#).



Sewing and Service (Wednesdays 10 AM-12 PM) and **PDQ's** (Second Mondays, beginning sometime after 5 PM to around 8 PM) are once again meeting to make quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. We work masked and socially distanced, of course. Thanks to all of you who have so generously contributed funds for making kits and quilts.

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

Your Women's Committee,
Candace Mathes, Pat Sobeck, Sallie Wilson and Barb Bach

Help for Afghan Refugee Resettlement

Our Turn To Help Welcome Refugees

Many of us watched the recent air evacuation from Afghanistan of American citizens and many of those who helped us in the last 20 years of conflict. My son and his family in Germany helped gather supplies to care for those flown to that country en route to their new homes. Now, many of these families are taking the next step to new lives in the United States and it's our turn to help.



You may have seen the *Seattle Times* article providing information and contacts for area organizations. One of them is Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS).

For 80 years, LIRS has offered a welcome to our country, hope, and support to more than half a million refugees. They've pulled together support and goodwill from thousands of people to do this and they need our help now. For information about their efforts and how you can help, see

https://lirsconnect.org/get_involved/action_center/siv

Close to home, LIRS is a part of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. They have already started receiving Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders and their families. Their first priority is the safety and well-being of the new arrivals. Staff are working quickly to surround each arriving family with basic needs like housing, food, clothing, transportation and monetary assistance. They very much need our help in terms of donations and hands-on help welcoming and settling the new arrivals. Check out "Stay Up To Date" on their homepage <https://lcsnw.org/>

Right now, the best way to extend a welcome is with a donation. Your gift will help address the most immediate and basic needs of our new neighbors. For online donations, select DONATE on their homepage at <https://lcsnw.org/> By mail, direct them to:

LCSNW – Donations Lockbox #1034

PO Box 35146

Seattle, WA 98124-5146

Please write "Refugee Services" in the memo line.

After having to cut way back on their program in recent years, they are now ramping up to help the large numbers of refugees coming to Washington and Oregon. To find out about volunteer opportunities, and to volunteer, contact siv@lcsnw.org. They also have a list of items for putting together Refugee Starter Kits, like shower gifts for folks' new homes. Check it out at "How You Can Help" on their homepage <https://lcsnw.org/>. Right now, plans for where to deliver these kits are still being formed, so you can contact siv@lcsnw.org or me, Jacqui Darroch, at jedarroch@yahoo.com for updates and questions.

Support "Running for Afghan Refugees in the Northwest"

Jim Margard plans to attempt the 26.2 mile NYC Marathon on November 7th, and has pledged \$40 per mile (\$1,040) to support the **Lutheran Community Service Northwest Afghan refugee resettlement program**, whether or not he completes the event. He is asking fellow church members to join in pledging any amount, starting at \$1 per mile. He has agreed that if he is unable to finish the distance, whether due to event cancellation, injury, sleeping past his alarm, whatever, he will make payment on every individual pledge made through QALC, up to \$20 per mile (\$520) per person, with those pledging having the discretion to make any additional contribution.

Please join Jim and the Social Action Committee in supporting Afghan refugees in our area! Please send any pledges to Myra Dittes (treasurer@queenannelutheran.org), Jim Margard (jrm952@gmail.com) or Barbara Bash (admin@queenannelutheran.org). Myra will aggregate donations and forward them to LCSNW after the event.

CORE Tanzania

We're happy to report that Twegashe School is going strong! We've got two classes of eager and energetic children, three wonderful and loving teachers, and several other dedicated employees helping to keep things clean and running smoothly. Construction of phase 1 (four classrooms, offices, kitchen, cafeteria, toilets, and three teacher duplexes) is finished, and we're gearing up to start phase 2 construction in January. Students are happy to be at school, and are making good progress learning to read and to communicate in English! It's heartening to watch these village children grow not only academically, but also to mature and to grow in confidence. The



steps are small and take time – learning not to look at the floor when they talk, learning that words can be a better tool than a slap or a punch in negotiations with classmates, learning that it's not so important to always be first in line. And in the classroom, discovering that many answers can come from within if they take the time and energy to look for them. This is not the emphasis at most schools in Tanzania, but this is what Twegashe School is about. As the school motto puts it: "Be Nice. Be Safe. Work hard!"



We're still looking for sponsors for a few of our first grade students. If you're interested in making a difference and getting to know

an individual child, you can find out more on our website at <https://coretanzania.org/sponsor-a-child/>. We're in Seattle right now, so you can also grab one of us after worship or give us a call at 206-398-9014. We'll be happy to share more details.

We are so grateful to you, our friends at Queen Anne Lutheran, for helping to make a meaningful education possible for the children of Bushasha Village through your prayers, your interest and encouragement, and your financial support.

Asante sana! Thank you!

Michael and Jeannette Banobi

P.S. For a more detailed update, you can read our latest newsletter here:

<https://coretanzania.org/august-2021-update/>

Thanksgivings

Thank-You's:

- New Horizons sent us thanks for a gift of \$200
- Ken & Ellen Hockman wish to extend their thanks, after the sudden loss of their daughter, Carolyn, for the church's warm comfort, for members' presence at the graveside service, and for the many supportive messages they have received.

Counters' Reunion Picnic

With the recent re-opening of the church we rejoice at the signs of things starting to return to normal. And now that we are again receiving your offerings envelopes on Sunday mornings (*we also continue to receive your envelopes via the mail*) our full complement of Counters has once again been called back to service. On a Saturday in late August the Counters gathered for a backyard picnic that included time for a meeting to review our processes and procedures. We were also very pleased to welcome Jacqui Darroch as the newest member of our team!

Queen Anne is fortunate to have processes in place for offerings that are designed around strong, internal controls, such as segregation of duties, confidentiality, and multiple checks and balances. And these financial processes all begin with the Counters who are responsible for collecting, counting and then depositing the Sunday offerings. This takes place every Sunday, immediately after church, so that no

money is left in the church.

We have eight Counters who work in teams of two in a weekly rotation. The counting process involves recording the donations for individual members so that the Financial Secretary can issue giving statements. The Counters also prepare a summary report of the various kinds of donations. In addition to General Fund donations



Front row: Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Jacqui Darroch;

Second row: Ken Hockman, Cathi Unseth, Barbara Bach, Rich Mathes;

Back row: Myra Dittes, John Reese, Joel Matter.



this often includes specially designated donations. This summary report is for the Treasurer and the information is reported in the church's financial statements. This can sometimes be a challenging job for the Counters, but we are grateful that they exercise exceptional care in recording all this information.

So, this picnic was a time to say thank you to all of the individuals who work together to ensure that our church offering monies are properly accounted for:

Counters:

Barbara Bach

Rich Mathes

Pat Sobeck – Head Counter

Bridget Boysen

Joel Matter

Sallie Wilson – Financial Secretary

Jacqui Darroch

John Reese

Ken Hockman – Administrator of the "Simply Giving"

Jennifer Jones

Cathi Unseth

Direct Deposit program

We also say thank you to **Al Mangold** for his splendid picnic dinner and to **Jenna Del Vento** for her help in serving!

—Myra Dittes, Treasurer

Prayer Notes

On Sharing and Receiving Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Write your request on a blue pew card during worship, and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. You may also contact Pastor Dan or the church office to leave a prayer request. When we receive a prayer request, it is helpful to know if you would like this prayer to be included during Sunday worship in the weeks following, and/or if you would like the request sent out to the church e-mail Prayer Chain. Pastor Dan can reach out to you when he sees your request, and we will not make a request public unless you ask to do so.

Please help us keep prayer requests up to date. We realize some hardships are ongoing, and renewing a request for prayer in such a case is supported. You can renew or discontinue requests by contacting Pastor Dan or the office.

Please obtain permission from the person concerned before publishing his or her name.

What Is the Prayer Chain? It is simply an e-mail group of members who have asked to receive prayer requests, so that they may each include them in their personal prayers at home, and keep apprised of members who have hardships. If you are a member of QALC who would like to become part of our Prayer Chain, simply call or email the church office.

Property Notes

Painting Update

On September 17, Phinney Ridge Painting will wash the west side of the church building. Sometime in the following two weeks they will start painting. Note that the windows may be covered during the actual painting. That project will complete the exterior painting job, which began during the pandemic.



Cypher locks at QALC:

Many of you who were members before Covid19 remember that the McGraw Street entrance had a cypher lock. Some of you used the QALC member code to enter the building through that door, especially when the front doors were locked. QALC members' code is still disabled. All the 12-step groups had their own codes; they entered through McGraw Street door, whether they met in the Fellowship Hall or upstairs in the Luther (now *Mary Magdalene*!) Lounge.

When our QALC building shut down in March of 2020, we pulled the power on the cypher lock so no one could enter using McGraw Street door. As we reopen, we will need to be able to use it again. Unfortunately, the 20-year-old cypher lock seemed to have choked on CovidCypher19, so it did not open when we turned the power back on. We found a great Cypher lock service – Bulger Safe & Lock – to figure out our problems. They determined our old cypher lock was a Cypher 19 casualty (19 years old); they installed a new cypher lock, which even has a luminescent keypad. All the old cypher codes could be used again. However, because we are still controlling Sunday morning access, and we need all QALC members to sign in just in case we will need to follow up for contact tracing, we have not activated your old member cypher code. During the week, entry will be through the chapel door with sign-in there. Sundays' entry will be the main front doors with sign-in there.

There were several logistical issues with the groups in the Fellowship Hall (FH) using the McGraw Street door. The 12-step groups meeting in the FH are not allowed to give out their code to everyone who attends. So, they had to station someone outside McGraw Street door until their meeting started to let people in; after their meeting started, anyone locked out was required to call someone's cell phone in the FH to be let in. We all know that reception in FH can be non-existent. Sometimes the McGraw St door was propped open out of frustration with our requirements.

A different security issue has been the FH Kitchen door leading to the dumpsters. It is an old wood door that did not have a door closer, so whoever used it had to pull it shut tightly *and* they had to make sure they had turned the manual lock in the door handle, which was difficult to check from the inside. The door was also susceptible to being pried open from the outside; someone had tried that in the past.



So, we spent time with Bulger Safe & Lock learning how to improve our FH access and security, without installing new electrical circuits. Bulger wound up installing two new battery powered cypher locks – one for each FH door. (*see photos, left*) They also installed a metal latch guard and automatic door closer on the FH Kitchen door. Now the 12-step groups can directly access the Fellowship Hall without needing to prop McGraw Street door open; any late arrivals can knock on the metal FH doors. They have the same code for

McGraw when they need to use McGraw door (for example, for handicapped access to the elevator, or when we ask them to meet elsewhere due to QALC events in the FH.) The Kitchen door is also far more secure now. Very few will need an access code for that door. We can give out codes when we need to for receptions or meal events, whenever those start up again.

Rich Mathes, Property Committee

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From the Bishop:

On August 1, 2021 I began my third year in the office of bishop for the Northwest Washington Synod. It is my pleasure and joy to serve God and to journey with you through this office. I am thankful for your partnership, your understanding, your forgiveness, your passion, and your faithfulness.

We are living in a time of great turmoil and great opportunity. We are living in (to use a much-overused word) unprecedented times. What does this mean for us as individuals? The Northwest Washington Synod? The ELCA? The Body of Christ?

Many of us feel **grief**. Grief at what once was but is no longer. Grief that the world keeps changing around us and we cannot figure out our place or our sense of call in the middle of so much shifting. It is difficult when the world feels rocky and unsteady. It is hard to understand that what we often took for granted is no longer. Recently I visited my hometown in eastern Washington. The town is half the size it was when I was growing up. As I walked through the downtown, businesses that have been there for decades are gone. Boarded up. Abandoned. My world felt rocked. And I grieved. What do you grieve?

Many of us feel **anger or resentment**. We divide ourselves into camps. We use the words, “us” and “them” and act as though “our” camp is always right and holy and just. We throw words around like weapons and we refuse to truly listen to the other – because we are “right” and they are “wrong.” And nothing will persuade us otherwise. In John 8 we hear Jesus tell the men who wanted to throw rocks at a woman accused of adultery, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” When the men leave, Jesus says to the woman, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.” What would it mean for us to live into these words of Jesus?

Many of us feel **exhausted**. We are tired. We are weary. For a brief moment it felt as though we were moving beyond COVID-19 and then suddenly, with the Delta variant, we were pushed back into worry and concern (I am writing this in the middle of August – perhaps the numbers will be better before you read this in September!). Quite frankly, I am tired of changing things on the calendar – wondering if something should be in-person or online, wondering if I am doing something risky or if I am not taking the variables into enough consideration. It is wearisome. What makes you exhausted?

Many of us feel there is **something more that we are missing**. We ache for connection with God and with others. We feel lonely when we are alone, and we feel even more isolated when we are in a group. We long for meaning. We yearn to truly live, move, and have our being in the Spirit (Acts 17). How does the community of Christ answer the loneliness so many are feeling? What have we missed in the life of the church and participants? How do we sink even more deeply into the waters of life that God has called us to and given us in our baptisms?

Many of us are **hopeful**. Yes, I fully am living in the reality of all that I said above. I am not a Pollyanna. And yet, I trust that God is here, God is present, God is active – in this beautiful, flawed world of ours. Right now, in our congregations and in our neighborhoods, there are grief-stricken, angry, exhausted, aching-for-connection people. And right now, God has given us the opportunity to not only reach out to these people, but to listen and reflect, grow and learn together. What a calling! What an opportunity!

I encourage you to check out the **LiVE Project** where you can connect, learn, and grow deeper in faith together and with others. <https://lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>

You might also be interested in **Living Legacy** where congregations are encouraged to have deep conversations about their values, their dreams, and what God is calling them to do and to be into the future. <https://lutheransnw.org/programs/living-legacy>

The synod staff and I are here to journey, listen, and reflect with you. Thank you for these last two years. I look forward to this new year together in Christ.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

As you can see, we hope more volunteers will step up to help in worship. Watch your email for links to sign-up sheets. Paper sign-ups are in the narthex for greeting, ushering, and providing flowers. Contact the office or Pastor Dan if you would like to assist in worship.

Offering Counters

September

19 Sallie Wilson & Barb Bach

26 Sallie Wilson & Barb Bach

October

03 Rich Mathes /Joel Matter

10 Jennifer Jones/Cathi Unseth

17 Barb Bach/Jacqui Darroch

24 Bridget Boysen/John Reese

31 Rich Mathes /Joel Matter

Assisting Minister (8:00 AM)

September

19 Jacqui Darroch

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Ushers/Greeters: (8:00 AM)

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19 John Reese

26 Susan Evans

October

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10 Meg Shaw

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Ushers/Greeters: (10:30 AM)

September

19 Liz Major, Meg Shaw, Jim Margard

26 Meg Shaw

October

03 John Reese

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Flowers for the Altar

September

19 Virginia Stamey-Johnson

26 Liz Major

October

03 Meg Shaw

10 Joan & Bill Kavanaugh

17

24 Rich & Candy Mathes

31 Susan Evans

Altar Guild:

Jennifer Jones

Queen Anne Lutheran Office Hours

Our church office is again open four days a week, from 9 AM to 5:30 PM Tuesdays through Fridays. During the week, please enter the building through the chapel door so you can sign our contact-tracing sheet. Please wear a mask inside the building.

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Worship (in person) 8:00 am Welcome Fair 9:00 am Hymn-Sing 10:10 am Worship (in person) 10:30 am Confirmation Class 1:00 pm	20 Northern Lights Circle (Zoom) 7:00 pm	21	22 Sewing & Service (Fireside) 10:00 am Mid-week Coffee Hour (Zoom) 6:00 pm AA Counterbalance (FH) 8:00 pm	23	24	25 Shanty Trudgers (FH) 7:00 pm
26 Worship (in person) 8:00 am Reconciling in Christ Meeting (FH) 9:00 am Worship (in person) 10:30 am Confirmation Class 1:00 pm	27 Queen Anne Book Group (Narthex) 7:00 pm	28 QALCW Circle Bible Study (Conf. Rm./ Zoom) 7:00 pm	29 Sewing & Service (Fireside) 10:00 am Mid-week Coffee Hour (Zoom) 6:00 pm AA Counterbalance (FH) 8:00 pm	30		

OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Shanty Trudgers (FH) 7:00 pm
3 Worship (in person) 8:00 am Forum 9:00 am Worship (in person) 10:30 am Confirmation Class 1:00 pm	4	5 Executive Committee (Zoom) 6:30 pm	6 Sewing & Service (Fireside) 10:00 am Mid-week Coffee Hour (Zoom) 6:00 pm AA Counterbalance (FH) 8:00 pm	7	8	9 Men's Ministry—Kit Assembly (FH) 9:00 am Shanty Trudgers (FH) 7:00 pm
10 Worship (in person) 8:00 am Forum 9:00 am Worship (in person) 10:30 am Confirmation Class 1:00 pm	11 PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 5:30 pm	12 Church Council (Zoom) 6:30 pm	13 Sewing & Service (Fireside) 10:00 am Mid-week Coffee Hour (Zoom) 6:00 pm AA Counterbalance (FH) 8:00 pm	14	15	16 Shanty Trudgers (FH) 7:00 pm
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31 Reformation Sunday Worship (in person) 8:00 am Worship with Confirmation 10:30 am						