

# The Quill

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## Queen Anne

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## Welcoming People Back to Worship

Worshipping together again has posed its challenges over the past few months. From our set-up in the narthex to our seating in the nave, we have found creative ways to address these challenges. Obstacles have become opportunities.

I admire the work our congregation (its staff and its volunteers) has done to make worshipping in person possible again. I am grateful for the fact that we are of the “same mind” in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:5) when it comes to making safety our highest priority with regard to worship. I delight, now that we have our safety protocols in place, singing hymns again in the fellowship of others. It’s great.

One of the biggest opportunities we have before us these days involves welcoming others to worship with us. Pastor Paul Hoffman, a member of QALC and the author of *Welcome One Another: A Handbook for Hospitality Ministers*, offers some great tips for being a welcoming and hospitable congregation. Here are a few that struck me:

1. **Keep an eye out for newcomers.** “Sometimes the conviviality of visiting with [others] or familiar friends and neighbors distracts [us] from the sort of welcome and duty [we] are called on to provide for everyone who enters into worship.” (p. 30).
2. **Be sensitive to the desire of some for anonymity.** “Many people who come to explore the possibility of Christian worship, or even the deeper possibility of discipleship, prefer an anonymous entrance into the worship experience” (p. 18). Finding the right balance of welcoming people without overdoing it is key!
3. **Know your purpose.** The Apostle Paul sees us as “ambassadors for Christ” (p. 15). Imagine if we could welcome others the way the church in Galatia welcomed him. “You welcomed me as if I were an angel of God,” he tells them, “as if I were Christ Jesus himself” (4:14). How amazing!

Restarting worship gives us a wonderful opportunity to be who God calls us to be, a “place of grace,” as Pastor Wayne Bacus said several years ago at our centennial as well as a congregation that opens its arms to newcomers as well as long-time members who are joining us again.

What ideas do you have for welcoming others into our fellowship? Whatever they are, may the Spirit of God inspire us to be the church God calls us to be!

Pastor Dan

# From the Cantor

*The choir is back!*

It's so good to once again have the voices, the fellowship, and the community of the QALC choir. Singers new and returning made their first in-person worship appearance for worship on October 24, (see photo below) and as I write this, we are very much looking forward to the 10:30 AM Reformation and Confirmation Day service on October 31.

Recently, someone shared a post on Facebook about what it means to join a choir. I shared it with my Facebook friends, many of whom are musicians, and received quite a few "likes." Here's an abridged version of the original post. (It was shared by a gentleman who is Facebook "friends" with a choir director and organist at a prominent Boston church, so perhaps that indicates the origin.)

You should join the choir. It really is the answer.

If you don't have time, if your life is too hectic and busy, choir will teach you how to breathe deeply and focus your heart and mind like nothing else will.

Even if you don't know how to sing, your choir needs your voice. Your fellow choristers will teach you to sing, and they'll sing with you. They will keep singing with you until you belong and when you feel like you belong, then you will know how to sing.

When you sing in choir, you will hear things you've never heard before, things you won't hear anywhere else. Choir will teach you to listen. It will put you in tune with yourself and the world around you like nothing else will.

Choir will renew your faith. In God. In other people. In yourself. It will heal your hurts. It will help you to love and serve God and others even when your heart is broken. When all seems fearful and hopeless and wrong, and some courageous soul starts to sing, you will know to join in. And you will find such joy and harmony.

You should join choir. Seriously.

The QALC choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7 PM to 8:30 PM in the nave (temporarily, rather than the music room, and we are masked and distanced). We warm up on Sundays at 10 AM. We help lead the psalm, we prepare and help lead music for the liturgy, we often sing an anthem, and the choir frequently has special participation for one or more Sunday hymns. Sometimes I write something new—a liturgical response, a psalm refrain, or even a new choral piece. We have some laughs along the way, too. It's a wonderful group.

Advent begins November 28. This marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, a new year worshipping *in person*. Interested in singing with the choir? Reach out if you have any questions.

*I'm so glad the choir is back!*



Kyle Haugen, Cantor  
cantor@queenannelutheran.org



## Announcements

### **LWR Ingathering November 5 & 6**

The semiannual regional Lutheran World Relief ingathering happens Friday, November 5 from 8 AM to 2 PM, and Saturday, November 6 from 8 AM to 11:30 AM at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Ballard.

Would you like to volunteer to help load the shipping containers or direct traffic? Just show up and look for Rich Mathes—contact Rich ahead of time if you have any questions.

Shipping costs for our donations will be \$822.25 for quilts and kits produced here at QALC. Donations to help cover those costs are always appreciated. Simply indicate "LWR Shipping" on your check.

### **Save the Date: Invitation to a Spring Memorial for Janice Stamey**

The family of Janice Stamey would like to invite you to an Organ Recital/Hymn Festival in memory of our mother, Janice Stamey. It will be at Queen Anne Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 15, 2022—time yet to be determined. The guest organist will be Aaron David Miller, who as a very young child sat on the organ bench as my mother played. She greatly influenced his interest in becoming an organist. He has become a renowned organ improviser and composer having won numerous international awards and given concerts across the country. His orchestra works have been performed by such ensembles as the Seattle Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Zurich Symphony, and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Please save the date. We would love to share this celebration with you.

—Virginia Stamey-Johnson

### **QA Book Group Meets Monday, November 29**

The Book Group will meet in person in the narthex of the church at 7 PM on the last Monday of the month, November 29. We will discuss *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Discussion will be led by Candy Mathes, and all are welcome.

### **Jodi Coney, November 16, 1932–September 19, 2021**

Jodi Coney, a long-time member of QALC, passed away in the company of her sons. She was residing in Spokane and services were held at Central Lutheran Church there. Her memorial website can be found at [tributearchive.com](http://tributearchive.com). If you wish to get in touch with her sons Johh, Roald or Bruce Simonson, contact the church office.

## Forums and Study Opportunities

### **"First Wednesdays" Bible Study Will Continue November 3**

Led once again by Bob Turner, we will be discussing chapters 1–2 of 1 Peter. Find the Zoom link in your Friday email. Bible Study is open to everyone.

Questions? Contact Pastor Dan at [pastor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org).

### **November Forum: Theology 101**

**FORUM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14:** Are human beings in need of redemption? If so, what problem(s) do we need to be liberated from and what kind of life are we liberated for? Join **Pastor Dan** as he uses this question to (re)introduce you to theology—what it is, and how we go about doing it. Forum meets at 9 AM in person in the Conference Room; a Zoom option is also available.

**FORUM POSTPONED:** Pastor Dan's 11/07 Forum "Lutheranism 101" will be rescheduled to a later date.



# Notes from the Social Action Committee

## A Marathon

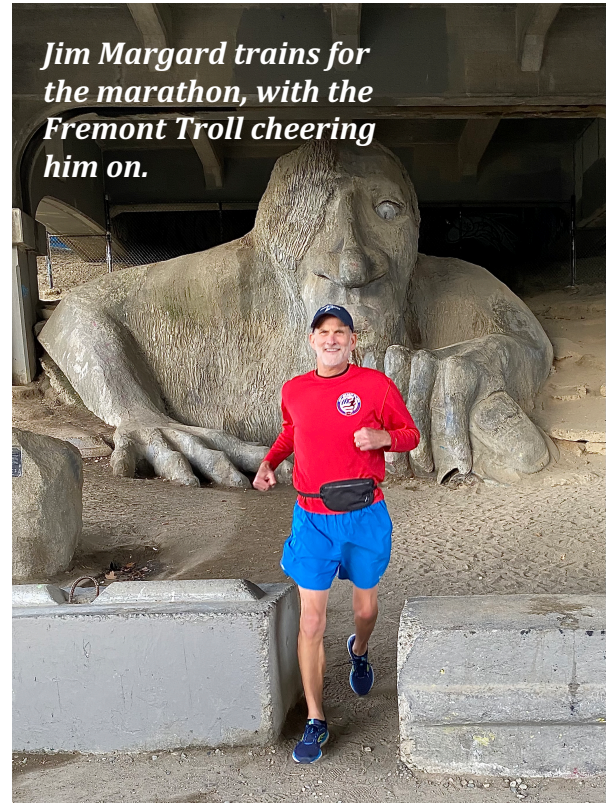
For refugees coming out of Afghanistan, settlement in the United States is a marathon: getting here, finding a home, work, schools and community. Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) is in the midst of welcoming these new friends and helping them integrate into communities. This will take weeks, months, even years to fully settle those coming to the Pacific Northwest. It is not a sprint, but a marathon.

The immediate need is for funds—for staffing, for meeting refugees' immediate needs and for walking with them over time. A marathon—like the upcoming 50th New York City Marathon. On Sunday, November 7, our own Jim Margard will be running. Not only will he have our moral support from afar, but he will run knowing that, through this event, we'll be supporting LCSNW's refugee program.

There is still time to pledge, any amount, from \$1 to \$???! You may pledge per mile Jim runs, or a lump sum. You can pledge your support for Jim and the refugee program on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or by contacting Jacqui

Darroch ([jedarroch@yahoo.com](mailto:jedarroch@yahoo.com) 206-352-5857). Actual donations should then be made to Queen Anne Lutheran Church, noting "Refugee Marathon" in the memo.

Not a sprint, but a marathon. A chance to share our moral and financial support, to cheer on Jim, and to help our new refugee neighbors.



*Jim Margard trains for the marathon, with the Fremont Troll cheering him on.*



## Peace Poles Installed

Three peace poles, the creations of Sophie Pritchard, were installed on the West lawn in late September. The peace poles celebrate "God's Work, our Hands", "Caring for God's Creation", and "Faith, Hope, Love and Charity". Come and see these beautiful works for yourself! Stay tuned for details about an official blessing dedication.





# Notes from the Social Action Committee

## New Horizons Ministries Dinners—Opportunities to Help

We will provide dinners for about 35 youth at New Horizons on November 19th and December 3rd. Jim Margard has the 11/19 meal covered. For the 12/3 meal, Jacqui Darroch has offered to provide dessert, and Carol and Paul Abodeely have volunteered a vegetable dish. We are still in need of a main course, and delivery coordination to NHM in Belltown. NH is also seeking volunteers to assist in serving. Please contact Jim Margard at [jrm952@gmail.com](mailto:jrm952@gmail.com) if you can help with these needs.

## Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, Fridays in November



Queen Anne Lutheran is continuing a tradition of nearly 40 years in serving lunches to those in need at CLCH, for the four Fridays in November. CLCH has temporarily moved to All Pilgrims Church at Broadway and Republican, which has a better layout for covid-safety, ventilation and food preparation. All vaccinated individuals are encouraged to volunteer to assist in food preparation in the kitchen (8:30-1:00) or to assemble and hand out lunches outside of the building (9:30-1:00). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you may contact Jim Margard at [jrm952@gmail.com](mailto:jrm952@gmail.com). There are a few

parking spots at Homestreet Bank nearby at Roy and 10th Ave. that can be utilized. Below are some photos from the CLCH website to give you an idea of the set-up at All-Pilgrims. We hope all who are able will help in November!



*This is Pat cutting carrots. We could not give up our Cuisinart!! All the volunteers and staff have been masked since CDC recommended face coverings.*



*This is our packaging station #1. Pat, Brian, and John are packing food in a lunch box, then putting it in a plastic bag with napkin, a fork, and a knife.*

*A second packaging station adds sides and dessert, and delivers the bags to the table outside.*

# QALC Women's Ministry



It is November - time for the **Women of the Lutheran Church Thankoffering**. "A word of caution. Giving thanks is not a magical formula. We do not make anything happen. What we do is offer ourselves (that's what the offertory is really about), and then we give thanks for what we know God is doing. We might pray to notice more clearly that we are offering ourselves to be blessed, broken and shared, even as the bread is blessed, broken and shared. It's quite incomprehensible; each person and community being fed, then blessed

and broken to share with others. The potential is remarkable." The Thankoffering is one way we can support WELCA and all it does. To be listed on QALC giving statements, checks should be made to QALC with "QALCWomen Thankoffering" in the memo line. Join us as we make a difference in the world. Give to the WELCA Thankoffering today! (Money goes to support the National programs.)

**The kits and quilts** are made, then they are blessed and boxed, and THEN people want to know—how much? How many? So, this fall we are sending 85 quilts, 53 school kits, 154 Personal Care kits, 9 Fabric Kits, and 16 Baby Care kits. Total weight is 839 pounds. To send the quilts to wherever they are needed (839 x \$.75) costs \$822.25. Thanks to ALL of you who have made this happen! You may still contribute by contributing a check made out to QALC/ LWR Quilts and kits.

November is always that month when you suddenly realize that Quilts and Kits have a wonderful place at QALC, but that is "*so October!*" November says "Christmas is coming" and those less fortunate need our help! We continue to support **Compass Housing Alliance** as they work hard making a brighter Christmas for all of their residents. (*See next page for information about CHA's Holiday needs.*) Many of us have enjoyed shopping for little ones over the years, trying to make sure they received the exact gift they have asked for. The 1,200 gift cards (you may donate as many \$25.00 cards as you want) are for the families at Compass. For some of the other residents, slippers, pajamas and dishware are needed. If you would like "someone" at QALC to deliver the items, **please bring gifts to church by Sunday, December 5.**

Also needed are socks, white athletic socks, for the men at Compass Mission. (You ask, "Why white?" According to Pastor Kristy of Church of Steadfast Love, for the people who spend their lives on the street, that makes it easier to visually see if sores on their feet need care.)

**Our Circles** continue to meet. The Evening Circle (meeting November 16 at 7 PM) will meet only by Zoom this month. Watch for your WordOut email on Friday for the Zoom link. Northern Lights Circle meets November 15.

**Sewing and Service** meets every Wednesday at 10:00. Anyone who would like to help make quilts for LWR is welcome. **PDQ's** meet on the second Monday each month (November 8), gathering sometime after 5. Check with Sallie Wilson for details. Rich Mathes learned how to tie quilts last month! We would be glad to teach you, too!

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

## 2021 Holiday Gift Guide



### Holiday Gift List

- 25 gift cards; We need to collect **1200**
  - Amazon
  - Fred Meyer
  - Walmart
- Purchase items from our Amazon Wish List
- Shop with our gift guide in your favorite stores – deliver items unwrapped
- Participate in our Holiday Cookie Extravaganza for our 24-hour enhanced shelters
- Provide and serve a holiday meal or sponsor a holiday party at one of our sites\*
- Participate in one of our family friendly gift wrapping sessions!\*

*\*These spots fill up quickly, please connect with Jennifer before November 17<sup>th</sup> if interested*

**Please aim to have \*unwrapped\* gifts delivered by Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

### Gift Wrapping Parties

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

### Holiday Cookie Extravaganza

- Cookies can be store bought or homemade, but must come with clear ingredient labels.
- Bundle cookies in sets of 50
- If you wish to give cookies to all of the shelters please make 6 bundles (300 total cookies)
- Cookies must be dropped off on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

### MVP Dates

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Priority sign up for meals & gift wrapping volunteer shifts

December 10<sup>th</sup> – *Unwrapped* gift donations dropped off at Dexter office

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Cookie drop off

### Drop off items by appointment

contact Jennifer at 206-719-9137

756 John Street  
Seattle WA 98109

### Mail items to:

Compass Housing Alliance  
c/o J. Marquette  
77 S Washington Street  
Seattle WA 98104

**Questions?** Reach out to our Community Engagement Manager!

Jennifer Marquette  
jmarquette@compasshousingalliance.org  
206-719-9137



**If you would like someone at QALC to deliver your gifts for you, please bring them to church by Sunday, December 5.**

### Program-Specific Gifts:

These gifts are for our 24-hour enhanced shelters. Please connect with Jennifer for sizing information. Value of each item should be approximately \$25.

- 107 pairs of men's slippers large sizes (9+)
- 31 pairs of women's PJ sets  
(Sets include pants & a T-shirt or long sleeve top) sizes L – 3X
- 39 thermoses, at least 12 oz. for hot/cold
- 25 sets of dishware

### Gift Wrapping Supplies

These supplies must be dropped off before December 10<sup>th</sup>

- Bows
- Tissue Paper
- Large Gift bags
- Medium gift bags
- Tape

All needed items can also be viewed on our Amazon wish list



# Thanksgivings

- Mary's Place sent us thanks for a gift of \$375.
- Many thanks to those contributing treats, lights, and volunteer time to create our Halloween "Let Your Light Shine" event for our neighbors; to Terry Anderson for stepping in to organize it all, to our sexton John Bryant for hanging the lights, to Susan Evans for making the luminaria, and to Cantor Kyle for providing music.
- Despite the pandemic, our Men's Ministry and Women's Sewing and Service and PDQs produced a large number of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief this fall. (See the numbers on page 7.) On October 24, we blessed them all, and many hands helped ready them for the regional Ingathering—gathering, folding, packing and weighing. Thanks to all who donated supplies, time, skill and labor to the efforts to help those in need.





### From the Bishop: What is Our Purpose?

The ELCA's Statement of Purpose is found in every congregation constitution, every synod constitution and in the ELCA Constitution. In the ELCA Constitution (4.01) we read: "The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." This same Statement of Purpose is found in the NWWA Synod Constitution S6.01 and in the Model Constitution for Congregations C4.01. I encourage you to read ELCA's entire Statement of Purpose. It is beautiful and energizing. (Find the constitutions here: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/resources/constitutions>)

When I read the Statement of Purpose, it helps me remember who and whose I am and what I am called to do and to be. You see, sometimes we forget. Sometimes we forget what it means to be children of God, redeemed by Christ, and sent into the world. Sometimes we get caught up in finances or building maintenance, we get lost in petty disagreements and who should do what and so many other things, that we forget that we are created, empowered, called, and sent by God – by *GOD* – to live into and to share what God is already doing in the world – in God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying work in and for the world.

How do we live into this Statement of Purpose?

Below I propose three ways that we can (there are many more but I only have so much space).

**Relationship:** There are so many people in this world who are lonely, who are discouraged, who are anxious, who are tired. There are so many who feel unloved, unwelcomed, unwanted. They are living in your neighborhood, they are shopping at your grocery store, they have kids in school with your kids or grandkids, they are walking by your church every day. They are looking for relationship and for friendship. In a 2019 survey by CIGNA, 61% of working people identified as lonely. Did you catch that? Over half of people who are working are lonely. And this survey was taken before the pandemic. I can only surmise that the number is higher after 18 months of COVID life. Other studies I have read state that loneliness and isolation lead to physical and emotional difficulties as well as societal polarization. This is obviously a problem in this country. So, how do we have deep meaningful conversations so that people feel welcome and heard? Have connection and deep friendship? How does this fit with our Statement of Purpose?

**Impact:** There are so many people in this world who are looking to do something meaningful, to change the world for the better. There are so many people who wonder how they can make a difference, how they can positively influence their communities locally, nationally, and globally. These people are living in your neighborhood, they are shopping at your grocery store, they have kids in school with your kids or grandkids, they are walking by your church every day. They are looking for impact in this world. How can they be our partners in the ministries we are already doing and in the ministries they are doing? How can we listen to them to hear what other ideas might come through the Holy Spirit working in them and through their innovation? What partners do we need to multiply the impact of your ministry site in your neighborhood? How does this fit with our Statement of Purpose?

**Transformation:** There are so many people in this world who are looking for transformation, for new life, for a new path. There are so many people who have lost hope in institutions, in the church, in their lives. These people are living in your neighborhood, they are shopping at your grocery store, they have kids in school with your kids or grandkids, they are walking by your church every day. They are looking for resurrection. How is your ministry site set up to not only welcome those searching, but honoring who they are? How do they know that their story is welcome? How is the good news shared with those who have never heard it and are desperate to hear? How does this fit with our Statement of Purpose?

I invite you to look at ELCA's Statement of Purpose – or your own congregation Statement of Purpose and discuss in your councils, Adult Forums, small groups, and elsewhere. What other questions or thoughts come out of what you read?

Together may we live drenched in God's love and sent out to share the Good News. For we are created, redeemed, called, and sent to live into and share in God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee / [bishop@lutheransnw.org](mailto:bishop@lutheransnw.org)



## SERVING IN NOVEMBER

*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.*

### **Greeter: (8:00 AM)**

#### **November**

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### **Usher: (8:00 AM)**

#### **November**

07  
14  
21  
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### **Greeters (2): (10:30 AM)**

#### **November**

07 Sarah Louie,  
14 Sarah Louie,  
21  
28

### **Ushers (2): (10:30 AM)**

#### **November**

07 Denny Alfson, Don Thomas  
14 Denny Alfson, Don Thomas  
21  
28

### **Assisting Minister (8:00 AM)**

#### **November**

07 Jan Olson  
14 Jacqui Darroch  
21  
28 Jan Olson

### **Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)**

#### **November**

07 Tim Porter, Susan Evans  
14 John Reese  
21 Joan Kavanaugh  
28 Rich Mathes

### **Flowers for the Altar**

#### **November**

07 Pat Sobeck  
14 Shirley Flory  
21 Virginia Stamey-Johnson  
28 Altar Guild (Advent begins)

### **Altar Guild:**

Jennifer Jones

### **Offering Counters**

#### **November**

07 Jennifer Jones/Cathi Unseth  
14 Barb Bach/Jacqui Darroch  
21 Jacqui Darroch/John Reese  
28 Joel Matter/Rich Mathes

## **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. Because staffing is minimal, please call before you come by, in case we are away at lunch or on an errand.

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