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the Pastor's WORD

Welcoming Newcomers



Perhaps you have noticed. An executive decision was made one Sunday morning to put a new sign on the doors through which one enters the narthex on the way to our sanctuary. It says, "Welcome."

The sign was made and posted by our youngest greeter at worship, five-year-old Ethan. Ethan was assisting his dad, Aaron, who had signed up to greet people at a recent 10:30 AM Sunday service. The timing could not be more perfect as we opened our doors to warmer spring weather while saying goodbye to winter and hopefully the pandemic too.

I did not see the sign until after I was closing up the church later that same morning, but when I did, I was so impressed that I added some tape to make sure it would stay up. Welcoming others is central to who we are as Christians.

One of my favorite examples concerning the importance of hospitality more generally comes from the Apostle Paul who mentioned how the Galatians welcomed him in spite of his physical infirmity. "Though my condition put you to the test," he tells them, "you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel, as Christ Jesus" (Gal 4:13-14).

Imagine how it must feel to be welcomed as Christ himself or an angel of God! The author of Hebrews invites us to do as the Galatians did. "Let mutual love continue," he (or she) writes. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb 13:1-2).

There are many ways we can welcome people, especially before and after worship on Sunday mornings. If a greeter (or any of us) sees a newcomer *before* the service, for example, we could make sure that person has access to a hymnal, and even point out a few things to watch for in the service bulletin so they know what to expect. If any of us sees someone new *after* the service, we could introduce ourselves, keeping the conversation light. If the person seems engaged, we might introduce them to someone else.

These practices might seem simple, but they can make a huge difference. As I know from personal experience, it can be painful to be ignored while seeking community at a new place of worship. At the same time, I also know what it feels like to be overwhelmed immediately with invitations to serve. Those invitations are important, but they are best reserved for a later time.

When visitors join us initially, let's take our cue from Ethan: a simple "welcome" is a great place to start. That's our way of saying, "You have a place here." And who knows? Perhaps we entertain angels in the process.

Pastor Dan

FROM THE CANTOR

Happy Easter! It was fantastic to be together in person for Holy Week and Easter—the first time since 2019 and my second “real” Easter with you apart from pre-recorded video services. The joy of Easter Day was evident all around. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A special “thank you” to the choir for their extra rehearsals and participation during Holy Week and Easter. Our singers are faithful, friendly... and fun. I am grateful to each of them for what they add to our community and for the encouragement they bring me through their service to QALC. And, “bravo” to all who rang handbells for our entrance to the nave on Palm Sunday. More than a dozen bells pealed for “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.” Let’s do that again!

Here are a few news items related to my role as your cantor:

First, I strongly encourage you to attend the **organ recital/hymn festival** in memory of Janice Stamey on Sunday, May 15 at 3 PM. The guest artist will be Aaron David Miller, who is well-known nationally as an organist and a published composer of choral and organ music. This will be an inspiring event and I am very much looking forward to it. Especially if you’ve never experienced a hymn festival, I hope you will attend—expect extraordinary creativity that will really make congregational singing come alive, plus top-notch performances of favorite organ works. Please join me in thanking Virginia Stamey-Johnson and her family for hosting this event, which is free and open to the public.

Second, the community choir I direct, **Northwest Repertory Singers**, presents a concert entitled “This Shall Be for Music” on Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, May 22 at 3:30 PM at the University of Puget Sound Kilworth Chapel in Tacoma. This will be the choir’s first full concert since December 2019. The centerpiece of our concert is the stunning Requiem by Gabriel Fauré with organ and chamber orchestra. For more information and a link to purchase tickets, visit nwrs.org.

Finally, QALC is honored to be among the performance venues for the **2022 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists**. With the 2020 convention cancelled due to Covid-19, this is sure to be a memorable convention! The Wech organ will be featured in a concert presented twice that day by Dr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra on Thursday, July 7. New works inspired by a commitment to social justice will be premiered alongside traditional favorites by Bach and other great composers for the organ. Like other conventions, conferences, and the like, this event is for registered convention attendees. However, because conventiongoers choose among different events, there might be special tickets for the public to purchase made available if the nave is not filled to capacity; if so, I’ll get the word out. (I serve on the convention steering committee, assisting with promotion, the website, and the printed convention program book.) To learn more about the convention, visit agoseattle2022.com.

Thank you again for a joyous Easter!

See you in church,



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

P.S. Please consider joining (or returning) to choir! I’d love to welcome you as we round the home stretch of the choir season, concluding at Pentecost (June 5). Questions? Feel welcome to be in touch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid Protocols in Worship and in the Building Are Changing

The Church Council and Worship & Music Committee met this month and made the following changes to our health and safety practices:

- **Sunday Entry:** We will no longer sign in. However, colored nametags, individual communion elements, sanitizer and masks will still be available.
- **Masking,** though still recommended, is now optional both in the building and in worship.
- **Seating:** The pulpit side of the sanctuary will remain every-other-pew seating for those who wish to socially distance. Please mask if you sit on that side. The lectern side will have seating in every pew, with masking recommended but optional on that side.
- **Having food and drink,** including coffee hour, is now allowed. We encourage food to be self-served using tongs, and drinks self-served from urns or pitchers.
(Would you like to host coffee hour? A sign-up sheet is now on the narthex railing.)
- **Small groups** may make a group decision about their masking, sign-in, and food or drink practices.
- **During the week, the main double doors will be open** during office hours; you no longer need to sign in at the chapel.
- **Evening and weekend entry:** The member's keypad code for the McGraw Street door is now available for use for evening and weekend meetings and activities. (Contact the office if you need the code for entry.)

Communion Practice Will Change Soon

We plan to make traditional communion available soon, using the 1-oz individual glass cups in trays. This will begin once we receive a special dishwashing rack (on order) for washing the cups after use. Here is how this will work:

- During worship, Pastor Dan will first commune those who wish to continue using individual "communables" in their pews. Communables will continue to be available in the narthex to pick up as you enter.
- Next, Pastor Dan will commune those who wish to come forward, using the glass cups in trays and bread. He will wear gloves as a precaution.
- Then, he will commune those who raise a hand, by going out to them where they are seated to offer the elements.

Nursery Childcare: Meet Our New Staff:

Our childcare is now being staffed for both services by a group of four Seattle Pacific University students, two of whom are taking Pastor Dan's course at SPU this spring. They will rotate their shifts to enable two caregivers on any given Sunday. Stop by the nursery upstairs to give them a warm welcome!

(L-R) Ariana Black, Vannady Keo, Ylliam Umipig, and (unpictured) Chelsea Sagon



The Blessing of the Quilts and Kits

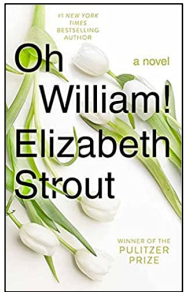
Our spring celebration of the good work of our Lutheran World Relief ministry takes place on Sunday, May 1. Around 70 quilts, 54 school kits, and 168 personal care kits will be sent all over the world to help those in need. If you are able, please stay after church to help us pack everything into boxes. Your offering in a “Quilt Shipping” offering envelope is welcome to help LWR cover shipping costs.

Organ Recital/Hymn Festival May 15 to Honor 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, at 3 PM. 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. Please save the date. We would love to share this celebration with you.

—Virginia Stamey-Johnson

QA Book Group Meets May 23



This month, the Queen Anne Book Group will meet in the narthex on Monday, May 23 at 7 PM to discuss *Oh William!*, a New York Times Bestseller by Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout. The novel explores the mysteries of marriage and the secrets we keep, as a former couple reckons with where they've come from—and what they've left behind. . . . At the heart of this story is the indomitable voice of Lucy Barton, who offers a profound, lasting reflection on the very nature of existence. “This is the way of life,” says Lucy: “the many things we do not know until it is too late.”

Note that this session is a week earlier than normal, due to the Memorial Day holiday on May 30. But you still have time to read the book! All are welcome!

FORUM CALENDAR—APRIL AND MAY

May 4, Noon: First Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to this group. Meet via Zoom at noon each month. Find the link online or in your email inbox. On May 4, Bob Turner and Pastor Dan will co-facilitate a discussion of Revelation chapter 6.

April 24: Lutheran World Relief: “Not Your Mother’s Quilting Group”

Did you miss this session, led by Rich and Candy Mathes? A Zoom recording was made; look for the link soon on the website Forums page or in your Friday email. Links are also available for several LWR videos referenced during the presentation.

May 1: Reconciling in Christ

Our Reconciling in Christ committee is hosting this forum to hear from Pastor Tim Feiertag of Trinity Lutheran Church, Everett, about his congregation’s experience with the RIC designation. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall and hope for a rich discussion. June 2022 is the target for a membership vote to celebrate our support during PRIDE month. More details to follow, and questions/comments happily addressed by Jenny Porter. Thanks, all!

May 8, 15, 22 & 29: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Pastor Dan

This series takes a critical approach to the various accounts of the resurrection in the New Testament, focusing on how what Paul and the Gospels teach reflects an extremely wide range of perspectives among the early followers of Jesus in the first century. Was he a ghost, a reanimated cadaver, or something in between? Join Pastor Dan to find out.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

What is a “Greening Congregation?”

In April, the Church Council authorized the Environmental team to apply for certification as a “Greening Congregation.” The program is operated by Earth Ministries/Washington Interfaith Power and Light and will support the congregation as we envision and maintain an environmentally responsible approach in church operations. Certification allows us to demonstrate our commitment to the environment to our members and to the external community.

The Greening of the Congregation involves taking steps to protect our environment in five areas (“Green Fields”):

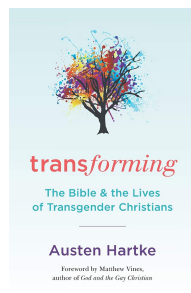
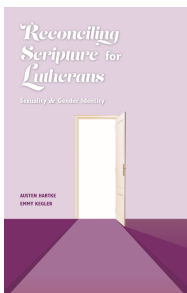
- Worship in ways that inspire appreciation for all of God’s creation
- Involve adults and children in education opportunities that explore connections between faith and caring for the Earth
- Incorporate sustainable, earth-friendly practices into our congregation’s building and grounds
- Provide leadership and model earth-friendly practices to our neighbors, and engage in community outreach
- Take action for environmental justice and speak up for systemic change through faithful advocacy

These five categories—Worship, Education, Building & Grounds, Community Engagement, and Faithful Advocacy—make up the core fields we will address in developing our annual plan for the Greening of the Congregation.

Our next step will be to develop this annual plan and a roster of our Green Team contacts to share with Earth Ministries each year. Activities will be as varied as is our congregation. For example, the book club and movie groups might choose a book or movie with an environmental theme; Sunday school might include a lesson on protecting the environment as a gift to others; etc. We are already taking steps to make the church and grounds more environmentally friendly, and we are working with a church in Columbia City to organize a tree planting event this fall. If YOU would like to be involved in helping to design and/or implement our plan, please contact Lisa Kjaer at lkjaer79@gmail.com or Susan Evans at susan.evans@comcast.net

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

RIC Additions to our Library—Check Them Out!



In the April *Quill*, we noted some new books our Environmental Stewardship and Faith Committee donated to our church library about climate change and environmental activism.

Well, good news: our Reconciling in Christ Committee has also contributed a number of new titles to our library, centered on the issue of the inclusion of marginalized people—including both LGBTQ+ and people of color.

We hope QALC members will check these books out and read them! The three titles highlighted on the next page address issues of sexuality and gender identity. Look for another listing in our June *Quill* for new books tackling issues of racism in our society and churches.

One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins

by Emmy Kegler

Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her--both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out--appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise.

Whenever we are pushed to the edges, our voices silenced, or our stories dismissed, God goes out after us--seeking us until we are found again. And God is seeking out those whose voices we too quickly silence and dismiss, too. Because God's story is a story of welcome and acceptance for everyone--no exceptions.

Kegler shows us that even when we feel like lost and dusty coins--rusted from others' indifference, misspent and misused--God picks up a broom and sweeps every corner of creation to find us.

Reconciling Scripture for Lutherans: On Sexuality & Gender Identity

by RWKS

Over the past several years we, as Christians and as Lutherans, have had many conversations about sexuality. Our denomination offered the Statement on Human Sexuality in 2009, specifically addressing same-gender relationships, and this has moved some of us further towards affirmation of our LGBTQ+ siblings. More recently we've begun having productive conversations about the inclusion of people of diverse gender identities in our churches and in our lives. Still, many of us in the ELCA struggle to apply a Lutheran interpretation of the Scriptures in regards to LGBTQ+ individuals and communities.

In recognition of this continued journey, ReconcilingWorks offers here a short commentary which takes into account biblical integrity and knowledge, key Lutheran interpretative lenses, and the diverse experiences of the LGBTQ+ community. This commentary addresses eight of the so-called "clobber passages" used to exclude LGBTQ+ people from the body of Christ, and finishes with eight Bible passages that offer inclusive and expansive understandings of the nature of God's welcome. Our hope is that these interpretations, based in scripture, tradition, and reason, may lead to a deeper understanding of our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ and continued acts of reconciliation within God's family.

Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians

by Austen Hartke

In 2014, Time magazine announced that America had reached "the transgender tipping point," suggesting that transgender issues would become the next civil rights frontier. Years later, many people—even many LGBTQ allies—still lack understanding of gender identity and the transgender experience. Into this void, Austen Hartke offers a biblically based, educational, and affirming resource to shed light and wisdom on this modern gender landscape.

Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians provides access into an underrepresented and misunderstood community and will change the way readers think about transgender people, faith, and the future of Christianity. By introducing transgender issues and language and providing stories of both biblical characters and real-life narratives from transgender Christians living today, Hartke helps readers visualize a more inclusive Christianity, equipping them with the confidence and tools to change both the church and the world.

—Jennifer Porter
(she/her)

MEN'S MINISTRY

Many thanks to those who boxed 54 School Kits and 1168 Personal Care Kits on April 9th. They will be blessed and boxed Sunday, May 1st.
—Rich Mathes

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



So, how did we do this spring? Quilts—approximately 70! And, how can YOU help? Of course, we always need help paying for shipping. If you would still like to donate, write a check to “QALCWomen,” mark it “LWR Shipping” and place it in the offering plate. Help us collect cotton sheets and men’s lightly used cotton T-shirts.

The quilt and kit makers of Sewing & Service and PDQs would like to thank all who helped tie quilts. (You will notice there are NO baby care kits. We needed baby jackets to complete the kit; see note on page 9.)

"Garage Sale Season" is coming! Please watch your neighborhood garage sales for the following items for our LWR projects:

- Baby Jackets—12–18 month size, sweaters or jackets
 - Cotton Sheets—dark colors
 - Baby clothes—t-shirts, pants, socks, hats, and receiving blankets. Size 6mo. to size 2. Suggested price, less than \$3/item.
- Adult sport-type cotton t-shirts, large or x-large preferred—they make wonderful diapers! Suggested price 25 cents. Fabric of all types—prefer cotton. We love flannel!

Remember in July to start watching for school supplies on sale, too!



Joy Jars, introduced at the Lenten Breakfast—how is yours going? Candy met a young woman from India yesterday. She came from a village in India without running water. She was sold as a 13-year-old by her father. She was feeling blessed that she had made connection with her mother (who had been told she was dead) and was now able to send her money to her mother. Blessings—what more can be said.

Circles are continuing to meet. The Evening Circle is getting the hang of hybrid meetings. It meets every 3rd Tuesday in the Conference Room. All women are welcome. Circles this month will be studying “Across Generations.” Several of *Gather* magazine’s authors have been invited to share their stories of those who’ve reached out across barriers of age, race, and ability to bring people together and share hospitality. You’ll be asked to consider your own story and the places God has led you. Come join us!

The Women’s Committee

Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Candace Mathes and Barb Bach

Women’s Calendar—Come join us!

Wednesdays—Sewing and Service 10 AM to 12:30 PM QALC Lower Level

Monday, May 9—PDQ (Evening Quilt Group) 5 PM to 8 PM (Bring a sack dinner.) QALC Lower Level

Tuesday, May 17—Evening Circle 7 PM Hybrid: QALC Conference Room/Zoom

Monday, May 16—Northern Lights 7 PM (contact Dolly Smith) Zoom

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Baby Jackets! Baby Hats!

Our Lutheran World Relief volunteers need jackets and hats in order to ship out baby kits. They have other baby clothes (“but we can always use more!”)

Baby jacket donations can include cardigan sweaters, sweatshirt or fleece jackets, lined cotton jackets; hooded varieties are ideal. Please select sizes: 6mo to 18mo

Hats for babies can be soft cotton, fleece, crochet or knitted varieties.

—Jennifer Jones



LWR Ingathering

Seattle Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Spring Ingathering will be **May 13-14** (Friday/Saturday) from 8 AM–2 PM Friday, and 8 AM–11:30 AM Saturday in Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church parking lot. The parking lot is west of the church, located at 2400 NW 85th St. If you can donate a couple of hours hefting 10-40 pound boxes or directing traffic, you are invited to help. We load 60,000+ pounds of quilts and various kits, in different-sized cardboard boxes, into shipping containers. Contact Rich Mathes if you are willing and able to volunteer.

Note:

The Blessing of the Quilts & Kits will be on **Sunday, May 1**, and if you can stay after church that week and help box quilts and kits, please do so.

ROTATING NARTHEX ART PROJECT

There Is Always Room for More Art

God generously gives us many gifts, great and small, throughout our lives. Some of us have beautiful expressions of this love hanging on a wall or sitting on a shelf in our homes. Each holds a personal meaning, but perhaps also speaks to the relationship we have with our Creator, and sharing it can be a form of stewardship. It is in this spirit that the Rotating Display of QALC Member Art has continued for six years. The idea is to not just show what is traditionally thought of as “art,” such as a painting or sculpture. What’s important is what the piece means to you, and sharing that with the congregation.

Each piece of member-loaned art is temporarily displayed in the narthex with a short narrative that explains how God shines through the work. If you have something you think you’d like to display, please add your name to the sign-up on the narthex railing or email Myra Dittes at mangolddittes@comcast.net.

Currently in the narthex you can see Patty and John Rose’s *Skagit Sunrise*. Patty wrote:



Swinomish Artist Kevin Paul donated this piece to the “Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland” auction several years ago, and John and I were lucky enough to purchase it there.

To me the Skagit Valley is a precious place, with rich deep soil and expansive crops from tulips to cabbage seeds and wheat. I feel welcomed there by abundant wildlife and rich human history including Indigenous residents, Norwegian farmers and Latino farmworkers.

Kevin Paul’s carving speaks to me of the warmth and beauty of God’s creation and our responsibility to protect it.

—Patty Rose

SPOTLIGHTS & HIGHLIGHTS



Christian Louie, Graduate 2022

We are so thankful for the service our 2021 confirmands have provided in worship as acolytes. One of our acolytes, Christian Louie, is also a 2022 high school grad, and we celebrate that! Here are some things you may not know about Christian:

Christian has been swimming competitively since he was five. He learned to swim at the University of Virginia campus pool as a 3- & 4-year-old, then was invited to swim in a summer league team once he could swim one length across the pool as a 5-year-old. He has been swimming in Seattle for the past 10 years with Seattle Metropolitan Aquatics, a team which values service and inclusion. For the past three years, including winters, Christian has practiced in outdoor pools anytime

between 5:30 AM and 9 PM six days per week, often totaling 16 hours per week. Christian also teaches swim lessons as a volunteer for his club and as an employee of the Evergreen Community Pool.

This past December, Christian placed 30th in his 100-yard breaststroke at the 2021 Speedo Winter Junior National Championships in Texas with a time of 55.85s. He went on to win the 4A Washington high school state championships for Kennedy Catholic High School this spring with a time which also broke his school's record from 2006. With these performances as well as his 3.85 GPA, Christian has earned a position on the University of Wyoming swim and dive team and will be competing at the D1 level in the Mountain West conference next year. Christian will begin his undergraduate studies in Geospatial Information Science & Technology at the University of Wyoming in Laramie this August.

Fun facts: The UWyo swim team had the highest average GPA of the athletic teams last year! The Cowboy colors are brown and gold. Go Cowboys!

—Sarah Louie

An Easter Baptism Tradition Continues

This Easter we were delighted to baptize our newest member Caerwyn, son of Ryan and Alaina and brother of Rowenna. As it happens, Caerwyn was following in the footsteps of his mom—



Alaina was also baptized on Easter when she was nine, at Holy Spirit Lutheran in Kirkland. Here are some photos, from then and now.



EASTER JOY



Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 was a joyous celebration, made especially sweet after two years when we were unable to worship together in person. Pastor Dan offered his pulpit to “Sam Spade, Private Eye,” who, it turns out, looks remarkably like Pastor Dan himself. After worship, we enjoyed coffee and pastries under the breezeway, and some members commemorated the day with a photo by the Floral Cross, to which members contributed flowers. (L-R) The Boysens, Megan Schutte, and Grace and Christian L.



THE HOLDEN DISPATCH

Note: Joel Matter travels fairly regularly to Holden Village, a year-round Lutheran Retreat Center at which many of our members have spent time and for which they have great affection. Joel has written a few pages about his spring trip there to work in the Holden Archives.

My Time at Holden: March 28–April 1, 2022

For the first time in 2022, I went to Holden. Traveling in early spring was surprisingly easy: the weather cooperated and the roads over the mountain passes were bare, mostly dry, with no ice. I stayed overnight at the Holden B&B—I was the only lodger that night—and the next morning got on the *Lady Express* boat at Fields Point for the up-lake journey.

I joined with Larry Howard, Village Archivist, and his wife Nancy Winder to work in the Archives in late March. We were taken up to the Village by bus because Forest Service Road 8301 was clear and dry all the way. On arriving, we saw that Holden still had three feet of snow on the ground. The main road was clear of snow, as were access-ways between the Dining Hall, Koinonia, and the



loading dock. There was some snow to traverse to get to the lodges, and lots of snow to get to Agape and the Laundry buildings as well as to reaching the chalets. We were warned about the potential hazard of “postholing” in the deep snow, and I saw evidence of such occurrences during my time there.

(“Postholing” is where, instead of stepping onto the surface of the snow, the snow does not hold and the foot and perhaps leg quickly sinks into the snow, making things rough and awkward to get out from this difficulty and perhaps risking severe injury.)

It looked like the whole village came out to greet the arrival of the bus. Larry and Nancy received a Welcome sign/poster; I did not ... until a couple days later. Such Welcome signs are made by Holden staff who volunteer to be *hosti* (pronounced “host-eye”) for arriving staff. (We are regarded as staff when we are in the village.) My *hosti* was Steve Tongue, Operations Manager, whom I have known for many years. He is a busy person, so I was grateful when he later presented me a nice sign.



The Dining Hall was configured for the winter community, with a ping pong table and comfortable chairs and couches at the east end. The ceiling was decorated with lots of stars (or were they snowflakes, as some people thought?). Also, there are now several new round wooden tables in use, replacing the old heavy rectangular tables that had been used for many years.

We were housed in Lodge 6. For all the years that Nancy Winder has been coming to Holden, this was the first time that she was assigned there. Years ago, Larry and I were housed in Lodge 6, but

Nancy was not with us that time. Amy Tongue, Steve’s wife, helped me get my over-packed luggage up to the second floor where the lodging rooms are located. (The first floor of Lodge 6 is where some shops—carpentry, electrical, fixtures, and others—are located, as well as the Hike Haus.)



The first order of business after arriving and having lunch was to have our picture taken. This photo is later pinned to the staff board at the east end entrance vestibule of the Dining Hall. These pictures can be simple portraits, or they can be funny, or they can show what work the person does in the Village. Nancy came up with a wonderful pose for our picture. We walked to the east end of the intersection of “Main Street” and the Chalet Hill Road (which was under lots of snow). Grouped together looking at the camera, Larry, Nancy, and I tried to point at the door and faux porch that are high up the eastern façade of the Village Center, behind which is where the Archives are located.

This was a short visit. There were only three full days to complete whatever work was before us. Larry, as always, had prepared a To Do list before coming to Holden and, as it seems to happen each time we come to the Archives to work, Larry crosses off completed tasks and adds new tasks that come to his attention, yielding at the end of our time there a larger list than what he had started with.

There was a pleasant surprise for us when we went to the Archives. When turning on the lights, there was a lot of light in our work area that we had not experienced in the past. A new LED light fixture had been installed, replacing an old fluorescent tube light. This new fixture made our work much easier to accomplish and provided a more pleasant atmosphere in the Archives. Its installation was and is greatly appreciated.

I spent my time inventorying slides. There were carousels of slide programs, as well as notebooks filled with plastic holders of slides, maximum 20 slides per holder—five rows by four columns. I did not note down what was on every slide: that would have taken too much time. I did state how many slides there were, the general subject of the slide collection, whether the majority of the slides were annotated (sadly, most often not), how many were black & white and how many in color, if they were a store-bought set of a presentation, if there was a script associated with the slides, and if a recording—cassette tape—was included. I put into these inventory lists as much information as I thought Larry needed to do a search; Larry will review what I did and let me know if more info is needed. I did not finish all the notebooks; the rest will have to wait until next visit.

Nancy worked on a box that contained dozens and dozens of diary books. These had been placed in rooms around the village at the time of the—40th? 50th? I’m not sure—anniversary of Holden Village. The intent of these books was for visitors to write down their thoughts about Holden, their reminiscences, and what Holden meant for them. These stories would later be memorialized within the anniversary celebrations. For the most part, only 10% of any diary was filled with text; the rest were empty pages. Several of the entries were quite poignant, with people crediting Holden as a positive influence for getting their lives in order. But in many of these diaries there was a rather curious thread. Janet Grant, one of the directors of Holden between 1990 and 2005, wrote entries in several of these books. As Nancy looked at diary after diary, it became a running joke when she found another of Janet’s entries. Each entry Janet

made was unique: she did not repeat herself. Perhaps she was attempting, by writing these many entries, to encourage other people to write their own entries in the diaries.

A second reason Nancy worked on that box was to provide some guidance to the directors about anniversary celebrations. Holden Village is now 60 years old (as a comparison, the mine operated for 20 years). The village is ripe for such a celebration but, as of our visit, there were no plans yet.

An event that villagers did enjoy while I was there was a showing of the promotional b&w film “Holden Is ...”, made in 1971 by Paul Keller. This film had been shown around many parishes in the U.S. at the tenth anniversary of Holden Village. People commented how few trees there were in the village at that time, and that Chalet 2 was only a foundation (it had burned down in the late 1960s). For me, it was wonderful to see images of Carroll Hinderlie (first director of H.V.), Werner Jansson (original business manager), and Wes Prieb (who got Holden from Howe Sound Co. in 1960) as I remember them. There was a shot of tailings dust being picked up by the wind. All during the showing Nancy Winder rattled off name after name of people who were shown in the film—she had been on staff in the summer of 1971 and knew them well. But this promotional film has not aged well: the narration was made up of collections of one or two short sentences broken up by long pregnant pauses; the editing was choppy, flitting from one disconnected image to another; one of the recurring images was of a mule either standing or walking around in the miners’ village (AKA Winston Camp), or rolling around in the dust. (Mules used to be kept west of the village by an independent operator for use by people traveling in the Glacier Peak Wilderness.) There were plenty of unintended amusing moments in the film. The directors may consider having a new promotional video made for the 60th anniversary.

Most evenings after dinner, in Koinonia, there was Sacred Space where, for a half hour, a topic was introduced and sometimes discussed. One evening the topic was the Doctrine of Discovery (which the ELCA repudiated in the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, but has done little since); another night, two of the staff each related personal stories involving family members troubled with addiction. There were no traditional worship services while we were there.

We experienced weather that was all over the place. During the daytime, the temperature would rise above freezing, while during the night the temperature would dip below freezing again. Each morning we would have to watch out for slippery ice. On Tuesday morning, I slipped and fell from some glare ice just outside Lodge 6; after I got up and made sure the only thing injured was my pride, I relocated an orange plastic cone to caution people about that icy spot. Some days were sunny, some were overcast. Some days there would be brief periods of snow flurries: there were little to no accumulations and nothing stuck to the cleared roads. (During April, over 25 inches of additional snow accumulated in the village.)

Nancy was very afraid of falling in the snow and ice. She made sure sawdust was liberally spread on the uncleared access routes to Lodge 6 and the Village Center (to reach the Archives). From outside of the Dining Hall to Agape the path was totally snow. I even saw some potholes along the route. When the time came to get replacement linens from the Laundry



(located in the basement of Agape), she refused to risk the trip up and back. Clay and Debi Gustafson, longtime Holden volunteers, who had their lodging in Agape, very kindly offered to provide the needed fresh linens appropriate to the beds we had been sleeping in and to take back the used linens. Debi was working in Laundry this time. (Actually, Debi had injured her leg months back, and more recently reinjured that leg. She had been out of sight the first couple of days we were there, but emerged the last two days.)

Most of the time there we did not wear masks. In the week prior to our arrival, the village decided to make wearing a mask optional. Not having to wear a mask certainly made dish team an easier chore.

Besides the Tongues and the Gustafsons, another person who was at Holden whom I have known for a few years is Corky Searls. His task was IT. Shortly after we left Holden, the new director of IT arrived. Corky was getting things ready for this new staff person. (As you read this, all these people will have left the village, each having completed their respective service commitments. There is a huge need for volunteers, especially for bus drivers adept with manual transmission, and for loggers; on the Ten Mile Falls trail alone there are 38 downed trees that need to be cleared.)

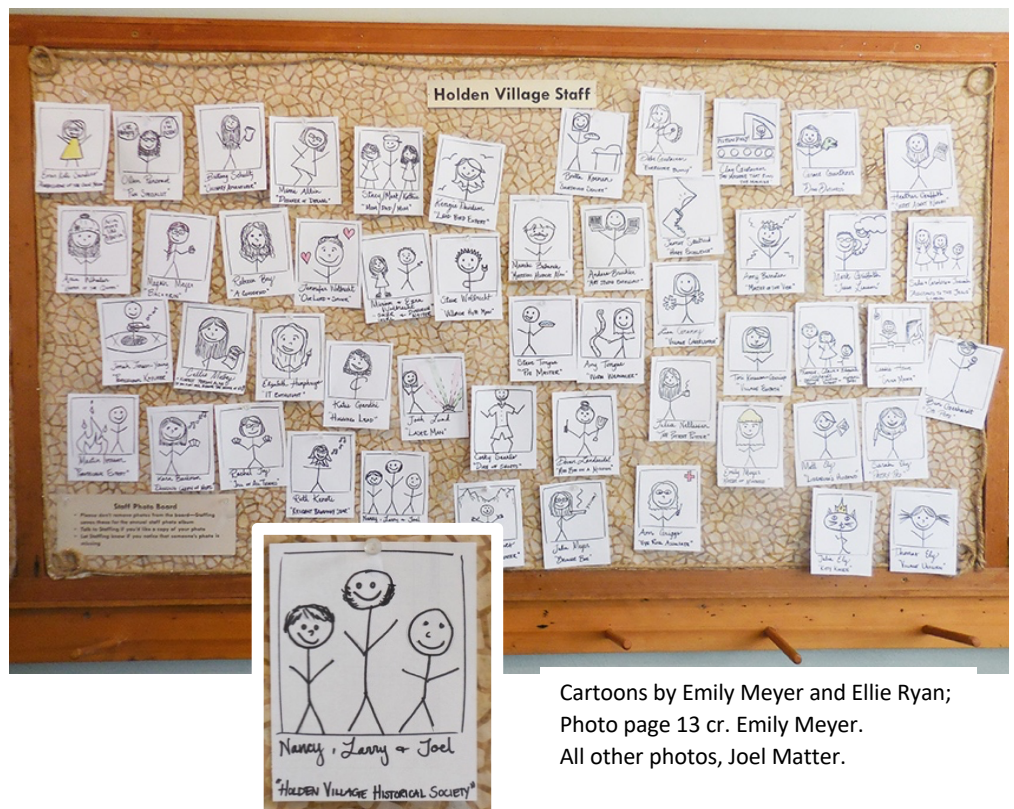


April 1 was our departure day. It being April Fool's Day as well, there was a lot of goofiness in the Dining Hall. First, the Menu of the Day revealed choice delicacies: Breakfast—DIY Chocolate Cake Bar; Lunch—Pickled Snail Shells; Dinner—Pine Sap Sandwiches. (Actually, there was farina for breakfast.) Second, the tables were clumped together in a sort of east-west line; children enjoyed crawling underneath the tables and popping up their heads in the middle of the clump between tables. Third, the staff pictures board was completely replaced with cartoon caricatures of all the staff with humorous captions. Nancy made a short historical presentation: April 1 is an anniversary date for Holden in that two of the three letters Wes Priebe

wrote to Howe Sound Co. requesting the company to donate Holden were written on this date (April 1, 1958 and April 1, 1960). Someone in the crowd yelled, "Way to go, Wes!"

Usually, Larry knows in advance when he will be able to come up to work in the Archives. Not this year. We had to figure out the dates for our next visit. Once Larry, Nancy and I determined those dates, we checked with staffing to see if what we planned would work. We planned for six full working days; staffing gave us only four. We took them, glad to have the opportunity for getting more work done.

—Joel Matter



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I recently watched a documentary series that talked about bodies. In this documentary it was pointed out how in our society certain bodies are acceptable and “beautiful” (usually thin, young, female, white, etc.) and other bodies are not (usually fat, old, disabled, disfigured, etc.) One of the suggestions in this documentary to counteract society’s shaming culture about bodies is to stand in front of a mirror and look at your body. And, as you look at your body, to name, out loud, the positive things that you see in the mirror. For five minutes. Five. Minutes. This is a long time. And, to be honest, I have a much easier time naming my body’s deficits than attributes. Perhaps you can relate to this.

I think that we have the same problem when it comes to “church bodies.” Just as individual bodies are critiqued, church bodies are critiqued in this society, as well. A church body that has 800 bodies in it seems “sexier” than a church body that has 40 bodies in it. A church body that has younger bodies in it seems more attractive than a church body that has older bodies in it. A church body that has X, Y, or Z seems better than a church body that has R, P, or G (you fill in the letters). We have narrowed what it means to be beautiful and viable in the church much like we have with people in society - and if your particular context is different, it is easy to become tired and overwhelmed. It is easy to feel overlooked and shamed. It is easy, quite simply, to be discouraged.

But what if we expanded what it means to be the body of the church? What if – much like beauty standards need to do – we embraced a diversity of sizes and shapes? What if we truly incorporated what God does constantly – create and shape and grow and nurture a multitude of church bodies for the sake of the good news of Jesus?

I mean ... just as God never intended for the evergreen to be the only tree on earth (as beautiful as our state tree is), God never intended for one body to be the perfect body (as beautiful as each body is). The same goes for our church bodies. Think if we truly embraced the young and the old, the small and the large, the variety and multi-faceted ways of being church – including celebrating all that we do and are for the sake of the Gospel.

What if we listed all of the ministries that we participate in and that we partner with others outside of the church? What if we looked at the ministries that last a month or a year as important as those that last for decades? What if we said “yes” to ideas that seem different from what we’ve always done? What if we expanded church beyond worship on Sunday morning to ... what? What would you say? What do you envision? How is your imagination sparked through the Holy Spirit?

I encourage you to do the same exercise that is suggested from that documentary I mentioned above – only hold the mirror to our church body. What are you seeing and experiencing as attributes? What do you love about the church body that you participate in? What is beautiful? What formative experience is deep within you that you hold onto and would like to share with others? What do you see as a possibility beyond what you have been doing? What do you see as an obstacle that perhaps, upon closer inspection, could be a passageway? How has God gifted your community? Where is God’s Spirit nudging you now?

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, enslaved or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

NUTS AND BOLTS

Office Hours

Although we may also be here beyond this schedule, you can reliably find us here at the following times:

The Main Office continues to be open Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM. The main double doors are now open during office hours.

Pastor Dan will be in the church building Tuesdays from 1 to 4 PM and Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM.

Cantor Kyle Haugen will be available Wednesdays from 1 to 5 PM and Thursdays from 2 to 5 PM.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

New Volunteer Needs — Simple Technology Help

Navigating the pandemic to find new ways to worship and connect was challenging. We are grateful for the ability to stay in touch as a faith community using emails, our website, and podcast as well as through traditional methods of phone calls, cards and visits. Now in this “hybrid moment,” offering worship, Christian education and other meetings both in-person and online presents *new* challenges. The church staff needs the help of some volunteers—young or old—who are willing to take on some tech tasks.

1. **Sunday Forum Tech-prep:** It would be very helpful, going forward, to have a few people who know how to set up the technology for Sunday Forum—connecting the laptop to the big screen, opening Zoom, and setting up our new “Meeting Owl” microphone which will capture the voices of those speaking. If you are willing to learn how to do these simple steps, please contact Pastor Dan or the church office. Someone who regularly attends Forum or 8 AM worship would be ideal.
2. **Recording Audio:** Every Sunday, our church service is recorded to audio. Connie Wurm has been a stalwart volunteer doing this. We would like a few others to know how to record the audio. Again, please reach out to Pastor Dan or the church office, or talk to Connie Wurm if interested.
3. **Editing and Uploading Audio:** The audio file is then lightly edited and posted to our website and podcast. Right now this is done from the office and our audio doesn’t get posted until Tuesday or Wednesday. We would like to have a few people learn how to edit and upload the audio, so that this task could be done on Sundays. If you are willing and able, Barb could train you. The uploading could happen after church in the office, or could be done at home. Editing and uploading would take around 20-30 minutes.
4. **Figuring Out Livestreaming:** Several people have expressed the wish that our Sunday worship could be live-streamed for viewing online “as it happens.” If you are interested in pursuing that idea (researching the equipment we already have in place, determining further steps that would be needed, and then implementing the streaming process through hiring or with volunteers), please let Pastor Dan or a Church Council member know of your interest.

Previous Volunteer Needs Are Resurrecting!

As we return to some of our old routines—coffee hour, congregate communion— opportunities to serve the community also return. If you would like to sign up to host coffee hour, the sign-up is on the narthex railing. Lectors, acolytes, greeters and ushers are always needed, and soon communion help in worship will also be a task which can be signed up for in the narthex. Talk to Pastor Dan or to Barb in the church office if you have any questions. Other interests? Here’s who to contact: Counting the Sunday offering (Pat Soback), helping with the Altar Guild (Jennifer Jones), or singing in the choir (Cantor Kyle).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Quilts Blessing						
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship		7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 12:00pm First Wednesdays Bible Study (Zoom) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Janice Stamey Memorial Organ Recital and Hymnfest	7:00pm Northern Lights Circle (Zoom)	7:00pm QALCW Circle (Library/ Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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