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Weekly, we are also mailing bulletins and sermon transcripts to households 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!

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Today I walked my dogs. As I was walking, one person told me how beautiful my dogs were. (I agree!) Another person told me they were so glad to see the sun. (Me too!) Another mock-yelled after me when I didn't greet him, "Hey! Aren't you going to say hello?" (I smiled and waved.) I love my neighborhood in South Everett. I especially love that there are several languages being spoken in the homes surrounding mine: there is a multitude of ethnicities, there are different religious expressions, children's voices are heard at all hours of the day, and there are different food smells wafting out windows at dinner time.

Even as I experience belonging and love for this neighborhood, though, I am also aware of the troubles and heartaches here. A little girl was hit by a car and died here a few years ago. People have been affected by Covid. Rising prices are causing some to not be able to live here. People who are renting are being forced out when landlords decide to sell. And there are people affected by meth, domestic violence, and so much more behind the walls of the homes in my neighborhood.

I think of all of us in the "neighborhood" of the Northwest Washington Synod and how I love our neighborhood. I love the diversity we have in our synod. I love the different geographies, landscapes, languages, ethnicities, cultures, and foods in our synod. As I journey through the 110+ congregations and ministry sites of this synod, I am aware of the deep joys and crushing sorrows, and the connections and the loneliness that surround us. Much like my little neighborhood, there is diversity and there is belonging here. And much like my little neighborhood, there is loss and there is grief and there is difficulty. We cannot ignore that there are thorny and deep-seated social and relational complexities within us as a church and in society as a whole.

Holding the "both/and" of this reality—the true joy and the deep sorrow and frustration—is why the theme for this year's 2022 Synod Assembly is "Abound in Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Now let me say this: While it is true that some may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and assume that we are naively optimistic or positive. Others may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and think that we do not understand the mountain that we must climb. Still others may look at our theme, "Abound in Hope" and wonder how—with the pain Church has caused many or the sins of our ancestors—that we are only living in the present and not acknowledging the past. To those, this is what I say:

We are abounding in hope. And because we are abounding in hope we are invited into complex and difficult conversations through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are able to face the realities of life today—knowing that we are not alone. We do not ignore or downplay or pretend that there are not sad and horrifying realities in our world today. We fiercely hold on to the hope that comes only through Jesus. And, knowing this, together, we are called to be, share in, and live into the good news that comes through our risen Savior Jesus. And so ... we are abounding in hope.

I am thankful to be living in this neighborhood of Northwest Washington Synod with you.

May we abound in hope through God's Spirit living in this world and into God's future.

✠ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

FROM THE CANTOR

Our Wech organ has been in the spotlight recently!

On May 15, Virginia Stamey-Johnson and her family hosted a hymn festival and concert in memory of their mother, Janice Stamey, who served as organist at Trinity Lutheran Church (Lynnwood) for many years. The featured artist was Dr. Aaron David Miller from the Minneapolis area, and he did not disappoint! Playing almost entirely from memory, Dr. Miller enthralled a near-capacity congregation to works by Bach and other great composers, and his masterful interpretation of the afternoon's hymns inspired us to "ponder anew what the Almighty can do" (ELW 858). The singing was joyful, at times poignant, and always hearty! This was a rare and cherished opportunity for me to "switch seats" and experience the organ from the nave with such an accomplished musician at the console. Please join me in thanking Virginia for bringing this event to QALC. (*See photos, page 14.*)

On April 30, the Tacoma Chapter of the American Guild of Organists chose QALC as the first stop of an "organ crawl," visiting several notable instruments in Seattle. (*See photos, next page.*)

Here's some information about our organ, built by Robert Wech of Bavaria (Germany):

- Ours is one of only two full-size instruments built by Wech in the United States. Organ enthusiasts are interested in it!
- The QALC organ has 25 stops. Until pulled out, the *stop* prevents the air from reaching a particular set of pipes; thus, when "pulling out all the stops," all sets of pipes are capable of receiving air and can make a sound when the corresponding key or pedal is depressed.
- The keys and pedals are mechanical (or "tracker") action. A series of wooden rods or *trackers* connects each key (or pedal) to a valve controlling the corresponding individual pipe for each stop. The player thus directly controls the opening of the valve as the key or pedal is depressed. This method of organ construction has been used for hundreds of years; Bach would recognize 75% or more of this organ's materials and design. Later building methods use magnets, electricity, or pneumatic systems to transfer the action from a key or pedal to open a valve.
- Our organ has a "swell box." The player places a foot on a special hinged pedal that partly recesses into the console. This pedal controls louvers inside the organ case. When the louvers are moved from closed to open, the sound "swells" louder as the sound from the pipes within the enclosure becomes less obstructed by the louvers.

I am delighted to have the privilege of making music with this fine instrument every week. I'm looking forward to a nationwide audience "meeting" the Wech organ on July 7 as part of the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Seattle. Visit agoseattle2022.com and learn more!

See you in church,



Kyle Haugen, Cantor

cantor@queenannelutheran.org



Above: David Dahl, former PLU organ professor and consultant for the Wech organ, explains the decision to split the organ into two towers of pipes and construct a raised choir gallery with trackers running beneath (with Nancy Ferree-Clark). Initially disappointed that they could not experience the acoustic environment for which the organ was carefully built, after Cantor Kyle explained the Ingathering, the Tacoma group was duly impressed by the sea of beautiful quilts and QALC's outreach through LWR.

At right: A group from the Tacoma Chapter of the AGO listens as Tim Drewes plays. Tim works as both an organist and technician, and was recently recommended to maintain our instrument for us. (Apologies that someone made it inside the nave with coffee! — Cantor Kyle)



At left: David offers suggestions for the most suitable stops for a piece of Bach (with Satya Jaech).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Sunday, June 5—A Spirit-Filled Day!

Besides welcoming **Rob Stewart of New Horizons** here to preach and lead a forum (*see page 6*), and besides kicking off the **voting on our Reconciling in Christ** designation (*see page 7*), **Annalisa Giust from Ridwell** will be in the narthex after 10:30 worship to share information about their innovative recycling program. If you are interested in using Ridwell collection at your own home, Ridwell has a discount available to our members, too. (*See page 10 for info about new items to recycle.*)

Youth Event Saturday, June 11—Dick's Burger Hop!

On June 11, we will be bringing back the Dick's Burger Hop activity for our North-End Lutheran youth! Meet with Ballard First Lutheran Pastor Elise in the BFL parking lot (2006 NW 65th Street) at 5 pm on Saturday, June 11th and then head to various locations of Dick's Drive-In to try their burgers. We hope your youth can make for what is sure to be a fun night filled with lots of good food!

Baptism and Godspeeds Sunday, June 12

On June 12, we will say farewell and Godspeed to Christian Louie, graduating from high school this year and heading off to the University of Wyoming. Congratulations, Christian!

We will also celebrate the baptism of Kat Gilbert that day, and wish her Godspeed as well as she moves back home to Spokane after graduating from Seattle Pacific University. Blessings, Kat!

Come To Compline, June 12!

Did you know we have a QALC member who sings nearly every week for Compline at Saint Mark's Cathedral? **Joel Matter** has been offering his talents as a bass-baritone of The Compline Choir for many years! Compline (Prayer at the Close of the Day) is a prayerful and meditative sung service featuring music from across the centuries. A Sunday evening tradition since 1956, The Compline Choir is known internationally, both for its musical excellence and for its decades of service to the liturgical life of Seattle. Often popular with youth and college students, prior to the pandemic it was common for seating at the cathedral to be filled or beyond (sometimes families bring blankets and sit on the floor at the sides, even). Join us for a QALC outing to experience Compline on **Sunday, June 12. The service begins at 9:30 PM** and it's recommended to carpool and arrive a bit early (masks are required). —Cantor Kyle

Garden Work Party Saturday, June 18

All are welcome to help spruce up the church grounds Saturday, June 18 from 10 AM to 2 PM. We'll be weeding, pruning, and digging, so if you can, bring gloves and small garden tools such as spading fork, small shovels, trowels, and clippers. Loppers may be useful as well.

Summer Worship Sunday, June 19

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins June 19, when we switch to one service only, at 10 AM.

June Vacations:

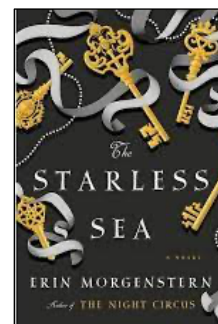
Pastor Dan will be away Wednesday, June 22 through Saturday, 25.

Barb Bash will be away Tuesday, June 28 through Friday, July 1.

QA Book Group Meets June 27

This month, the Queen Anne Book Group will meet in the narthex on Monday, June 27 at 7 PM to discuss *Starless Sea* from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Night Circus*, Erin Morgenstern. All are welcome to attend Book Group.

From GoodReads: "A timeless love story set in a secret underground world—a place of pirates, painters, lovers, liars, and ships that sail upon a starless sea."



JUNE FORUM CALENDAR

June 5: Living the Faith: New Horizons Ministry



Rob Stewart returns to share his experience leading a “Christ-Centric” youth shelter that provides—now in the midst of a pandemic—lodging, meals, a health clinic, employment training, clothing, toiletries and supplies for adolescents and young adults in Belltown. Learn about this incredible Seattle ministry, where 25-30% are LGBT+ and nearly half are people of color. Rob will be preaching at both services well as leading the forum.



Rob Stewart, executive director of New Horizons Ministry, has worked in human services, mainly focusing on the homelessness crisis, for 15 years. Rob has also spent time as a pastor of two congregations. Rob is married to Michelle and has two daughters, Madelynn and Mabel.

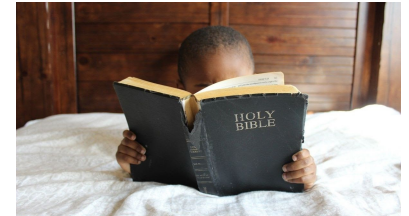
June 12: Living the Faith: CORE Tanzania



Michael and Jeanette Banobi, members of Queen Anne Lutheran, are currently in Busasha, Tanzania building an English-language elementary school. Their daughter Catherine will be here will tell us about CORE Tanzania’s amazing project, its progress and challenges, and the various ways Queen Anne Lutheran has and continues to support it.

June 19, after 10 AM worship: Bible Study Input Session

All those interested in attending Bible study will meet after our 10:00 AM summer worship service in the Conference Room. Gather with Pastor Dan to share your input about Bible Study times and days, format, and topics when it re-starts in September. A Zoom option to attend will also be available.



June 26, after 10 AM worship:

Time to Plan for Another Great Year of Adult Forum Programs!



Thanks to your input last spring and the help of our “Rabbi” Pastor Dan and his many colleagues and contacts, we managed to provide a full schedule of topics this year that covered a wide variety of interests ...and even the Covid epidemic didn’t slow us down for very long.

Now it’s time to plan for our 2022 – 2023 Forum schedule. You have several ways to add your ideas and suggestions:

- Join us in the Conference Room after the 10 AM Service on June 28. (We’ll have Coffee Hour treats available!) A Zoom link is an option, too.
- E-mail me at: cadash@gmail.com
- or Pastor Dan at: pastor@queenannelutheran.org

We would like to get your input on:

- Themes
- Topics
- Particular speakers
- Learning opportunities outside of the usual Sunday School hour
- Even classes that you would prefer to NOT have as part of the coming year’s agenda

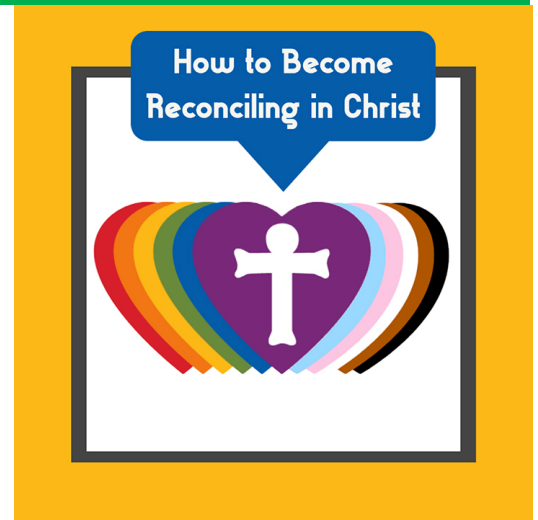
Thank you for your help,
Carol Ann Davis, Adult Forum Coordinator

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

June 5: “Reconciling in Christ” Vote— The start of a two-week voting window!

On Pentecost after both 8 AM and 10:30 AM services we will have the opportunity to vote anonymously on confirming our congregation’s desire for the “Reconciling in Christ” designation that explicitly welcomes our LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC siblings to QALC. Online voting will also be available. Voting will last for two weeks by paper or online until Sunday, June 19.

Jenny Porter will give a brief overview of the Reconciling in Christ program during announcements at the 8 AM service and immediately following the 10:30 AM service. Please reach out to Jenny at 206-604-6465 with any questions or comments. Thanks!



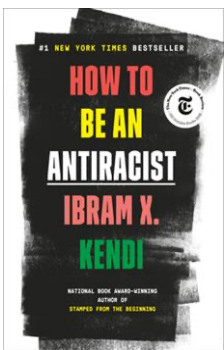
Did You Miss the Ric Discussion Forum?

5/01—On Becoming Reconciling in Christ—*Pastor Tim Feiertag and RIC Committee*

A recording of this forum is now on our YouTube channel. It is posted “unlisted,” so look for the link in your Friday email, or access it through the Member Area on our website.

More 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. And in the May *Quill*, we noted that the Reconciling in Christ Committee has also contributed a number of new titles to our library, and listed those dealing with the issue of the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people. Now, in this June *Quill*, we are listing more titles from the RIC Committee which address another group of people marginalized in our country and world: Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC). We hope QALC members will check these books out and read them! The three titles highlighted below tackle issues of racism in our society and churches.



***How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi**

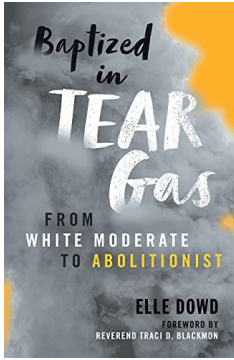
Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism—and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. At its core, racism is a powerful system that creates false hierarchies of human value; its warped logic extends beyond race, from the way we regard people of different ethnicities or skin colors to the way we treat people of different sexes, gender identities, and body types. Racism intersects with class and culture and geography and even changes the way we see and value ourselves.

In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and equitable society.

Baptized in Tear Gas: From White Moderate to Abolitionist

by Elle Dowd



For years Elle Dowd considered herself an advocate for justice, but her well-meaning support always took a back burner to what Martin Luther King Jr. called the tension-free, ordered "negative peace" of white moderates. Then Michael Brown, a Black man, was murdered by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, and the subsequent Uprising changed everything.

In *Baptized in Tear Gas*, minister and activist Elle Dowd tells the gripping story of her transformation into an Assata Shakur-reading, courthouse-occupying abolitionist with an arrest record, hungry for the revolution. Thanks to deep relationships with people in Ferguson and St. Louis, and to experiencing a fraction of the system for herself--

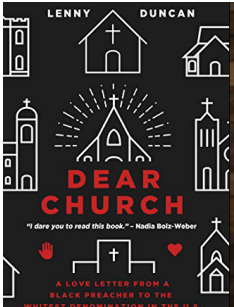
including the fear of rubber bullets, the shock of sound cannons, and running from tear gas--Dowd fully committed to the work of anti-racism and abolition. Now she wants to help other white allies do the same.

Like in baptism, this transformation requires parts of us to die: our lack of power analysis, our commitment to white niceness, our tone policing, our respectability politics--all of those impulses we have been socialized by since birth must die so that something new can be resurrected in our lives and in the world. The uprising in Ferguson changed Dowd, and through it, God made her into something new.

Now it's our turn.

Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US

by Lenny Duncan



Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.

ROTATING DISPLAY OF MEMBER ART

God generously gives us many gifts; some of us have beautiful expressions of this love on a wall or 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.

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.

Soon in the narthex you can see "Sky," a painting by Patti Christie, on loan from Lisa Kjaer-Schade and Scott Schade. It will be up until mid-July; come take a look.

New Horizons: June Donation Drive



Early summer is a high-need period for hygiene products and basic clothing at NH. **We are looking to collect** the items listed at right. Please leave them in the narthex bin marked “NH” by Sunday, June 19; they will be delivered on June 21.

DONATIONS, PLEASE:

- new underwear
- new socks
- water bottles
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- deodorant
- sunscreen
- small sanitizer bottles
- hand lotion
- fem. hygiene items

New Horizons: June Tour

Please join Pastor Dan and Jim Margard for a tour of New Horizons Ministries at 4:00 on Tuesday, June 21! We will meet with Executive Director Rob Stewart and colleagues at their Belltown coffee house storefront, Street Bean (2709 3rd Ave, between Clay and Cedar) to learn more about NHs’ operation, get a look at NHs’ renovation project, and tour the premises. Please contact Jim Margard if you plan to come on the tour.

New Support Action for Refugees:



Please consider supporting a project to help **Afghan LGBTQ+** individuals who are in limbo in the UAE and Pakistan and are at high risk of being deported back to Afghanistan—a potential death sentence. This project, called the **New Life Fund**, is sponsored by Seattle-based 501-C3 non-profit SCM Medical Missions (Its Executive Director Rita Zaweideh presented here at forum a few years ago.) Please refer to the SCM website (scmmmedicalmissions.org) and your June *Quill* for details. Time is critical and we hope to forward funds for this project in late June.

Jim notes: “This project’s genesis came from discussions with Jenny Porter about being Reconciling in Christ. At issue was how to pursue ways we could tangibly take action to support LGBTQ+ people and BIPOC, rather than follow the gravitational pull of inertia and just paying lip service to the designation. This project meets at the intersection of Social Action, BIPOC support, and being Reconciling in Christ.

In addition, time is of the essence. I am aware that things often take time to get moving. But this one requires action soon, or it may be too late to make any difference.” —Jim Margard, Social Action Committee

Contributions may also be made directly online or checks may be made to “Queen Anne Lutheran” with memo lines as noted below:

SCM Medical Missions: “New Life Fund”

Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine: “LWR/Ukraine”

ELCA Disaster Relief—Ukraine: “Lutheran Disaster Response”

Lutheran Community Services for Afghan Refugees— “LCSNW—Afghan Refugees”

New Horizons: Providing Dinner in July

We plan to **provide dinner for 35 youth on July 29th**. Contact Jim Margard if you can prepare a dish. If needed, Jim can pick up and deliver the food. Covid permitting, we may also serve the dinner.

God’s Work, Our Hands: Planting Trees in September

We are also looking to do a **tree planting project for “God’s Work, Our Hands” on September 11th**, hopefully in a low-income neighborhood. Let Jim Margard or Lisa Kjaer-Schade know if you’re interested.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & FAITH

Ridwell News: Start saving these 3 plastic “regulars”!



Starting this summer and throughout the year, we'll be collecting **prescription pill bottles**, **loose plastic bottle caps**, and **bread tags** pop up as free, consistent featured categories. These little guys add up, so start saving now!

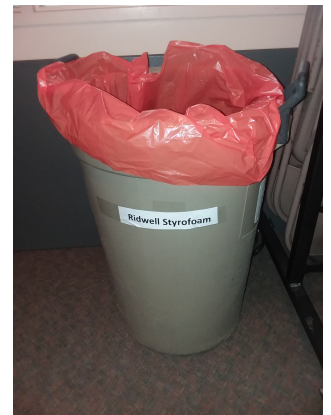
- **Prescription pill bottles:** Rx bottles only, please! Ridwell asks that we remove labels for privacy and processing and recycling. This will be collected twice a year so be on the lookout for a notice that it's time.

- **Loose plastic bottle caps:** So many loose bottle caps floating around the house, on the car floor, and buried in purses and bags. When the cap can't be recycled with the bottle, toss it in the Ridwell bin.

- **Bread tags:** Save bread tags in a jar and we will let you know when it is time to turn them in.

In addition, due to the successful **Styrofoam** collection last month, we are going to try collecting on an ongoing basis. Drop your Styrofoam off in the large bin with a bright orange bag—now in our chapel hallway.

—Lisa Kjaer



QALC WOMEN'S MINISTRY



New Quilt Makers Welcome!

At Left: Amy (L) and Pastor Kristi hold up the first quilt that Amy helped finish. Thanks, Amy, for joining us at PDQ's, which meets every second Monday beginning around 5:30. We would love people to come help us make quilts!

At Right: Margaret is teaching Elizabeth (L) how to tie quilts.



“Garage Sale Season” is Here!

Needed: 12 - 18 months sweaters or jackets.

You may have noticed that at our last “Blessing of the Quilts and Kits,” there were no Baby Care Kits. So, what happened to the Baby Care Kits?

Each Baby Care Kit needs to include a Jacket or Sweater, size 12 to 18 months! If you like to knit, any 12-18-month sweater pattern will do! (LWR prefers no fleece. The fibers end up in the groundwater.)

Besides baby sweaters or jackets, please watch your neighborhood garage sales for the following items for our LWR projects:

- **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!



CORE Tanzania:

Along with school items for LWR, we collect items for CORE Tanzania. Jeanette Banobi will give us a more definitive list, but for now: **erasers, scissors and metric rulers** always seem to be in demand for the 30 backpacks we prepare.



Quilt Update:

The ladies at Sewing and Service wanted to make sure that we let people know that along with the 70 quilts for LWR, 10 quilts made with children's prints were donated to Mary's Place.

Gather Bible Study:

Readers are enjoying a three-session Bible study that uses the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal, and Christian community. It's the summer study offered through *Gather* magazine. The study is offered free online, so it's a wonderful way to test out a *Gather* Bible study.

June 2022, Session 1: “A summer of rest and renewal,” focuses on choosing patterns and re-assessing the shape of our lives. We find life-giving patterns in worship, sabbath, and service.

The Evening Circle will continue to meet this summer—via Zoom and in person (in the library). Evening Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7 PM. All women are welcome. Check your weekly email calendar for the Zoom password.

Northern Lights Circle also meets on the 3rd Monday via Zoom; all women are welcome. Contact Dolly Smith for the Zoom link.

—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, June 13—PDQ (Evening Quilt Group) 5 PM to 8 PM (Bring a sack dinner.) QALC Lower Level

Monday, June 20—Northern Lights 7 PM (contact Dolly Smith) Zoom

Tuesday, June 21—Evening Circle 7 PM Hybrid: QALC Conference Room/Zoom

Seattle LWR Spring Ingathering Update

Here are the contribution numbers from our latest Ingathering, May 13-14, 2022. May 2019 figures—our last pre-Covid Spring Ingathering—are shown for comparison:

YEAR:	# of Churches Bringing Items	ITEMS RECEIVED:				
		Quilts	School Kits	Personal Care Kits	Fabric Kits	Baby Care Kits
May 2022	82	5,338	444	3,249	105	609
May 2019	104	6,324	482	3,379	116	1,210

Thanks to all the many contributors. Many factors affect the overall amounts: Some churches have not resumed all their kit-making or quilt-making activities. A few churches have stopped entirely. Several churches have started again. Some older members are no longer participating.

Hub Group only supplied one container—maybe because of container shortage, or driver shortage.

That container's 1,100 boxes is being delivered to the Baltimore, MD warehouse on May 26. The remaining 500 boxes are "temporarily" stored in Ballard First Lutheran Church's basement. (Thanks very very much to BFLC for allowing this at the last minute!) They also supplied some unloading helpers.

Thanks also to Janel Johnson Momanyi from LWR Headquarters, who happened to be at our spring Ingathering to show her new assistant how a well-run Ingathering works. She arranged for a 20-foot U-Haul to carry many of the 500 boxes to BFLC. We are attempting to ship those 500 boxes—plus a few more stored at several churches that did not deliver once we knew there would only be one container—in a separate shipment before the November 4/5 Ingathering at Our Redeemers' LC.

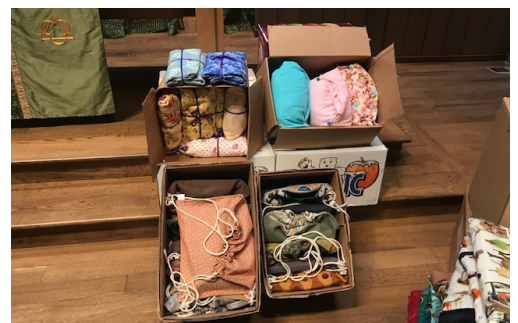
Thanks of course to Our Redeemers' LC for providing the parking lot, and space for our QALCWomen to give away fabric samples. Thanks to all the loaders, some of whom wound up working at BFLC, unloading and storing boxes. We were thankful that the weather was great, mostly sunny and clear, particularly given that the prior Tuesday & Thursday had downpours.

LWR School Supplies

Please go shopping during summer "back to school sales." Some stores only put one or two items on sale. (*Previous sale prices are listed below.*)

- 75 Sets of five ballpoint pens—black or blue ink. No gel pens. You can buy larger sets—we'll re-package them in fives.
- We need 75 each of:
 - Rulers—must be metric. *50 cents.*
Wood, metal, hard plastic, not rubber.
 - Pencil sharpeners. *50 cents*
 - Scissors—non-sharpened points *50-80 cents*
 - 24-pack crayons *80 cents*
 - Erasers—2.5" *30-40 cents*
- We need 300 of the 70-page spiral bound notebooks—college or wide ruled. *20-25 cents* Note: Staples' notebooks use heavier metal in spirals, so that's better.
- *No pencils needed this time.*

—Rich Mathes



SPOTLIGHTS & HIGHLIGHTS—LWR INGATHERING



Above: Many thanks to our colorful traffic directors, Janice Stepp and Dikka Ballantine.

At Right: Janel Johnson-Momanyi from Lutheran World Relief was in town to show her new assistant, Martha Piedrasanta, how a well-run Ingathering works.

Left to right: Martha, Audrey Fisher of First Lutheran Bothell, Janel, and Roger Steinke.



Left: The fellow with the Model T Truck said his Ford F150 was stolen TWICE this year, so he used his only truck to bring boxes. (Apparently Model T's don't get stolen—especially if they backfire and barely start!)

Below: The single container, with Rich Mathes, Steve Burdick, and



Adam Greenwood. After it was filled and sealed, the container was picked up on Monday. The 500 boxes left over are being stored at Ballard First Lutheran for the time being. We hope to be able to ship them out before the next Ingathering event in November.

SPOTLIGHTS & HIGHLIGHTS—JANICE STAMEY MEMORIAL HYMNFEST



It was wonderful to experience such a full sanctuary for the Organ Concert and Hymn Festival with Dr. Aaron David Miller; a great way to honor Janice Stamey's life and influence.

Jan Sorensen, wife of our former Pastor Ruben Sorensen, attended. (With Aslaug Haraldsdottir, at left, and in back, Jan's daughter, Joan Sorensen Rice.) Janice Stamey's famous Swedish Coffee Bread was offered at the reception, along with 350(!) krumkake.



NUTS AND BOLTS

Covid Protocols in Worship and in the Building

The Church Council and Worship & Music Committee have set our current health and safety practices, and details are posted online and in print in the church narthex. In brief, while we still recommend masking and distancing, masks are now optional in the building, and having food and drink is allowed.

Communion Practice

- Communables will continue to be available in the narthex to pick up as you enter. During worship, Pastor Dan will first commune those who wish to continue using individual "communables" in their pews.
- Next, Pastor Dan will commune those who wish to come forward. At this time, we are using wafers with intinction (dipping) in a chalice of wine or juice. We ask that you sanitize your hands as you come forward; Pastor Dan will wear gloves as a precaution. We will not gather in groups at the rail but will approach the front individually down the center aisle.
- We plan to make traditional communion available soon, using the individual glass cups and bread. This will begin once we receive a special dishwashing rack (on order) for washing the cups after use.
- After people have come forward for communion, Pastor Dan will commune any who raise a hand in the pew, by going out to them where they are seated to offer the elements.

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 3 PM and Saturdays from 1 to 3 PM.

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

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Previous Volunteer Needs Are Resurrecting!

As we return to some of our old routines—coffee hour, congregational 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 Sobek), helping with the Altar Guild (Jennifer Jones), or singing in the choir (Cantor Kyle).

New Volunteer Needs Are Arising—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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost						
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:00pm Memorial Service for Patty Lewis 5:00pm Youth: Burger Hop @BFL 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship 9:30pm Come to Compline @St. Marks	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:00am Garden Work Party 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00am Worship 11:15am Bible Study Input Session	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm Northern Lights Circle (Zoom)	7:00pm QALCW Circle (Library/ Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
26	27	28	29	30		
10:00am Worship 11:15am Forum Feedback Session	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm Queen Anne Book Group (Narthex)		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			