

The Quill

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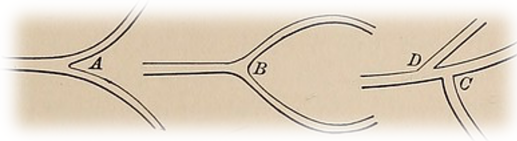
Weekly, we are also mailing bulletins and sermon transcripts to households that are unable to attend church. If you would like to receive such a mailing, please let us know. And if you do **not** need to get the bulletin by mail, give us a call as well!

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

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Finding God on Every Path



On the last Sunday of August, I preached a sermon on the anguish we sometimes feel when making difficult decisions. How, I wondered, might our faith help reduce the burden of choice all of us experience at some point in our lives?

I wanted a practical yet compelling answer to this problem, something I could believe.

Popular (evangelical) Christianity offers one solution: God has a plan for you. Whatever you decide or have decided in the past ultimately reflects God's purpose in your life.

Believing that God has already determined the course of your life can certainly be comforting. It helps alleviate the burden of making difficult decisions or the regret we feel when we have made the wrong one. If, for example, Elizabeth marries John only to discover he has a drinking problem, she can attribute her decision to the Lord. "God must have had a purpose for me in this situation," she might say to herself. Indeed, the Bible *ostensibly* confirms it (cf. Ps. 139:16, Gen. 50:20).

But consider the cost.

Attributing whatever happens in life to God robs Elizabeth of her freedom and responsibility. It reduces her to a puppet who merely plays out what God has already orchestrated. Beyond all that, it ultimately makes *God* responsible for the bad things that now occur in her marriage. She may not understand it, but as a faithful Christian she must accept it.

The Bible says otherwise. It affirms our freedom (cf. Deut. 30:19; Gal. 5:1), and it attributes the appearance of evil and suffering in this world not to God but to human beings (cf. Rom. 5:12). The only choice we are incapable of making concerns our salvation, which thankfully lies in God's hands, freeing us to love others instead of worrying about our eternal destiny (cf. Gal. 4:9; Rom. 12:3; Jn. 6:29; Rom. 5:5, 11:5).

How, then, do we bring together our faith in God with the freedom God has given us? Assuming the options before us are "morally legitimate alternatives" (see Dean Brackley, [*The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times*](#), p. 126), we trust that God will be present to us no matter which one we choose. Why? Because God promises **never to leave us** or forsake us (cf. Josh 1:5, Heb. 13:5, Ps. 23:4, Josh. 1:9). God will always be with us.

Now imagine how this can reduce the anguish that comes with making difficult decisions, whether it concerns our own lives (choosing a career, a partner, etc.) or our community of faith (deciding to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation, moving forward with our triangle renovation, etc.). No path will be free of its challenges, but God promises to be on each no matter what.

God, I firmly believe, is on every path.

Pastor Dan

FROM THE CANTOR

Fall is upon us, and that means it's time for **choir**! And, I'm also on the lookout for anyone interested in ringing **hand bells** or playing **instruments**. Read on for more info.

Here are a couple of ways you can get involved as a singer:

- If you'd like to give choir a try but aren't sure about singing every week, join us on **Welcome Sunday, September 18 from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM** for a "pick up" choir. **Everyone 12 and up is welcome for this special pick-up choir**. We will learn a song together and sing it at our 10:30 service.
- **Weekly choir rehearsals resume Thursday, September 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** All returning and new singers (high school and older) are welcome. We will preview the piece for Welcome Sunday and start looking toward the rest of the fall and beyond! Across the season (usually until early June) we will sing pieces related to the themes of the Sunday or season, help lead the psalm, return to singing the introit (a portion of the psalm at the beginning of the service) and more. Reformation Sunday (October 30), Advent, and Christmas are special times for music and I'm looking forward to choir resuming!

At this time (barring any new developments), I am planning on returning to our prior Thursday evening choir rehearsal format. Rehearsals begin in the Music Room (lower level of the church building) for warmups, working on pitches and rhythms, and developing vocal concepts. Then, for the last 15-30 minutes, we'll go upstairs to experience upcoming pieces in the nave (and add organ, as applicable). As is now the case in most settings, masks will be optional for anyone who wishes to wear one, but not required. Based on polling by the Greater Seattle Choral Consortium, this is also the case with most area choirs.

We'll also feature **hand bells** from time to time. If you're interested in ringing bells but not singing in choir, please don't hesitate to be in touch. With enough interest we could work out separate bell choir rehearsals for a week or two leading up to a specific worship service.

Are you interested in sharing your talent with a **musical instrument** for worship? Please let me know—especially given our long hiatus during the pandemic (and good caution for months following, especially for the use of wind instruments) I may not be aware of your talent and interest. Let me know!

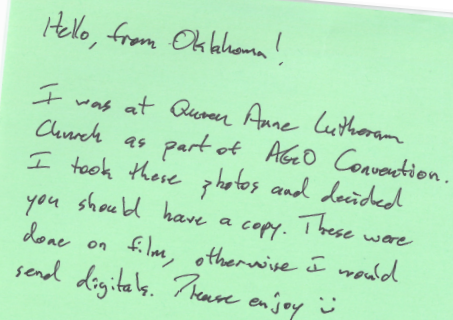
If you have questions or would like more information about participating in music for worship at QALC, please feel welcome to email me at cantor@queenannelutheran.org, or stop by during my office hours (Wednesdays, 1–5 p.m., Thursdays, 2–5 p.m., or by appointment).

Let's make music together, to the glory of God!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

P.S. I was delighted to receive a kind note (right) and photos (next page) sent from Oscar Ho, a member of the Tulsa, OK chapter of the American Guild of Organists, who attended the concert at QALC during the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Seattle this past July. Enjoy!



Hello, from Oklahoma!

I was at Queen Anne Lutheran Church as part of AGO Convention. I took those photos and decided you should have a copy. These were done on film, otherwise I would send digitals. Please enjoy it!

- Oscar Ho
AGO Tulsa Chapter

The organ is amazing! I loved it!



Above: Photos sent to us by Oscar Ho, Tulsa OK chapter of the American Guild of Organists

WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome Sunday Is September 18!

Our worship opportunities expand to 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM as we return to our “fall to spring” schedule. Come worship with us, and plan to be here BETWEEN the services, from 9:30 to 10:30, as well! Some highlights of the day:

NARTHEX MINISTRY FAIR: Browse the tables to find out more about

- God’s Work Our Hands
- Our Forum Catalog, Bible Study and other educational offerings from the Synod
- Social Action events with New Horizons and Community Lunch on Capitol Hill
- Lutheran World Relief
- Reconciling in Christ
- Environmental Stewardship
- Women’s and Men’s Ministries
- Altar Guild

BRAVE THE NAVE from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM to jump into a “pick up” choir. **Everyone 12 and up is welcome to come sing.** We will learn a simple song together and sing it at our 10:30 service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register for Our NW WA Synod Women's Retreat—

The registration deadline has been extended to September 9.

Join your sisters in Christ for the one-day retreat Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville. The theme is "Woven Together in Love," exploring how God's love weaves us together in our daily challenges, hope, and healing for our families, our communities, and our world.

Registration forms are on the narthex table by the fireplace, or find the link in your Friday email. Late registrations will be accepted until September 16 at a cost of \$40 (rather than \$30). Lunch is included.

2023 Guidelines for Expenditures

It is almost that time of year again!! All committee heads—or anyone who needs to, or wants to provide input for potential 2023 expenditures, or income—please provide your proposal at the **Finance Committee meeting, Tuesday, October 25** from 6-8 PM.

The October meeting will be a "hybrid" meeting—in person in the Conference Room, but also via Zoom for those who need that option. If possible, please let the committee know when you expect to join the meeting, so you can be scheduled. If we are meeting with others, you will not be admitted until they finish, whether in person or Zoom.

Please submit your proposals in writing, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Draft numbers need to be available by the Council's Nov. 8 meeting; Council finalizes the guidelines on Dec.13.

If you have suggestions, even if not for an existing budget line item, or even if you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also. What changes should we consider as we return from Covid? Should "Growing Our Ministry" funds be spent for particular items? Great ideas not presented may not get into the 2023 guidelines.

The Finance Committee members are *Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Sallie Wilson, Cathi Unseth, and Rich Mathes*. You can provide input to any of us, or place a proposal or idea in our office mailbox—in the lower left section of mailboxes. Or email finance@queenannelutheran.org

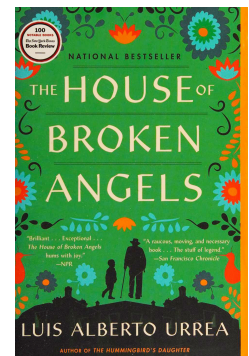
QA Book Group Meets September 26

The Queen Anne Book Group will meet Monday, September 26 at 7 PM in the narthex to discuss the "2022 Seattle Reads" selection, *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea. (Copies are now available at all Seattle Library locations for informal borrowing book groups and individuals.) We hope you can join our QA book group discussion, once, twice, or always—all are welcome to participate.

From the "Seattle Reads" website: In his final days, beloved and ailing patriarch Miguel Angel de La Cruz, affectionately called Big Angel, has summoned his entire clan for one last legendary birthday party. But as the party approaches, his mother, nearly one hundred, dies, transforming the weekend into a farewell doubleheader.

Among the guests is Big Angel's half brother, known as Little Angel, who must reckon with the truth that although he shares a father with his siblings, he has not, as a half gringo, shared a life. . .

Teeming with brilliance and humor, authentic at every turn, *The House of Broken Angels* is Luis Alberto Urrea at his best, and cements his reputation as a storyteller of the first rank.



Triangle Project is Underway!

A survey team has been selected, and you may see their flags and markings in the triangle and front lawn area soon. Kim Rooney Landscape Architecture has been hired to come up with some design ideas, and once those are completed, we will invite the church community to provide thoughts and feedback. Thank you to the early contributors who have helped get this project off the ground, and everyone who provided input for the vision board. Kim plans to help us bring those ideas to fruition, to make the space inviting and welcoming (to humans and the natural world), and to help make our church more accessible to the community. Stay tuned to see her drawings in the coming months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendar for Queen Anne Men's Ministry (For men of all ages):

Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall: Gather with us to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) personal care kits & school kits. We will be socially distanced; you may wear a mask if you want. Enter using the NW Fellowship Hall doors (i.e. walk down the outside steps to the basement.)

Fall 2022 LWR Ingathering is Nov 4/5 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church, located at 2500 NW 85th St. If you can load boxes or just direct cars and trucks, please let Rich know at lwrmathes@aol.com.

—Rich Mathes

SOCIAL ACTION

God's Work, Our Hands:

This annual day of service for ELCA congregations takes many forms. This month, we will serve together on Saturday, September 24. For some hands-on service, come help **restore Martha Washington Park** by pulling invasive weeds and planting bulbs. **See details below.**

On the same day, Pastor Dan would love to have a group of members **attend a workshop on "Sacred Spaces."** Exploring different ways/places/times to gather in faith, this Synod workshop may have some relevancy to the development and use of our Triangle space, and in thinking in general about new ways to connect with the community around us. Please consider attending; then, bring your ideas back to church! **See details below.**

Green Space Restoration

Due to the late summer, our tree-planting project has morphed into a bulb-planting and invasive removal project. It will still take place **on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Martha Washington Park** (6612 57th Ave. S., Seattle, south of Seward Park). **Please sign up at the narthex railing!** For those wishing to carpool, we will meet at the church at 8:30 AM. If you prefer to meet at the park, meet us there at 9:00 AM. Tools and gloves will be provided. Questions? Contact Lisa Kjaer-Schade.



Sacred Spaces:

Opening the Holy Invitation Even Wider

September 24, 9:30 AM-2:30 AM

at St. Andrews Lutheran Church (2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue)

Sponsor: NW Washington Synod

Join Facilitators and Practitioners of unique gatherings and organic forms of church, for a day of stories, experiences, and workshops to explore together how we can open God's holy invitation even wider.

There are so many ways to gather as faithful communities, whether it's outdoors, creating art, at the pub, or just eating around one big table. Why shouldn't our gatherings reflect our uniqueness?

Let's imagine how we can foster organic sacred spaces right in our own backyards. How can we create more inclusive gatherings for people to encounter God? How can we experiment with the gifts we have to meet the needs of those seeking the spirit in our own neighborhoods? What is sprouting up within you that is ready for germination?

Come with ideas, come with questions, come to dream about what sacred spaces can be!

[Please register HERE](#) or contact Pastor Dan or the church office if you want to attend.

New Horizons Fall Gala, October 21

Queen Anne Lutheran Church will host a table at New Horizons Ministries' fall gala "Hope on the Horizon," to be held on Friday, **October 21** at 6:00 PM at the Edgewater Hotel. Details will be provided on the NHM website in early August. You can register, pay (\$125), and make a dinner selection starting in August. Select "Queen Anne Lutheran" as table captain. Alternately, you can indicate attendance and selections to Barb or Jim Margard and pay at the door.

New Horizons Dinner Dates—Fifth Fridays

We have pledged, going forward, to **provide dinner for 35 youth to New Horizons** on all months with "Fifth Fridays," with the next dates scheduled being **September 30** and **December 30**. Let Jim Margard know if you can help provide a dish for those dates.

Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, Back to November Tuesdays

We will be volunteering to help prepare lunch on site at **Community Lunch on Capitol Hill** on all **five Tuesdays in November**. Stay tuned for details and sign-ups.

LWR School Supplies—Needed Donations

Please go shopping during summer "back to school sales," which help us create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief and for CORE Tanzania's school. Our kit assembly will happen on **October 15**, in preparation for the **November 4-5 Ingathering**.

Our goal is 75 School Kits. Each kit needs:

- Five ballpoint pens—black or blue ink.
No gel pens. You can buy larger sets—we'll re-package them in fives.
- Ruler—must be metric. Wood-with metal edge; metal, or hard plastic—not rubber. *If you buy plastic rulers, please only buy light colors that allow you to see the tic marks. The dark purple, red, and black are almost impossible to use.*
- Pencil Sharpener
- Blunt Scissors
- Crayons—24-pack
- 2.5" Eraser
- Four 70-page spiral bound notebooks—college or wide ruled
(So, for 75 kits, we need 300 notebooks.)
- *No pencils are needed at this time.*



Donations are also welcome for the LWR Baby Layettes assembled by Sewing and Service.

Watch for **12- to 18-months-sized jackets** for the Baby Layettes. That was the item most needed when items were last counted! Other items collected include T-shirts, knit pants, layette gowns, socks, diapers/pins and blankets. Most useful sizes are 9-18 months. Questions? Ask Jennifer Jones.

SEPTEMBER 2022

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OCTOBER 2022

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NOVEMBER 2022

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We Are Seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator

(Please spread the word!)

Queen Anne Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA, is seeking an enthusiastic, grace-centered individual to lead our Sunday School program and assist in the Teen programming. The position requires coordinating with the Pastor and Sunday School Committee to identify and schedule an appropriate curriculum (preschool-sixth grade). The successful candidate will also work with the Worship and Music Committee as it seeks to involve children in the worship life of our church. The ideal candidate will have prior experience working with children and families in a ministry context, though experience in other areas may be applicable. Completion of college education in religion or education is desired, but not required. This is a part-time position (10-15 hours a week). Compensation will be based on prior experience and time commitment. To apply, please send cover letter and resume to personnel@queenannelutheran.org by September 9. Contact the same email with any questions you have about the position.



WHAT IS LiVE?

living into vocational engagement

The LiVE Project is:
**a networked lay
learning community
discerning God's call**

The LiVE Project is:
**theologically
thoughtful, culturally
responsive, and
communally engaged.**

The LiVE Project is:
**connecting churches
and forming Christian
public leaders.**

The LiVE Project is:
**flexible, hybrid model
of learning: zoom and
face to face.**

Re-Building Our Children and Youth Ministry

We are hopeful that we will be able to create a vibrant ministry here for children, youth, and families. Whomever we hire for this staff position will need the support and vision of other members of our congregation. If you would like to examine what shape that ministry might take, please consider attending this LiVE Project Mini-Course offered by the Synod over five Monday evenings. It can be attended in person or via Zoom. We would love to have a small group of members who could attend together. Please contact Pastor Dan or the church office if you would like to participate.

ENGAGING YOUNGER GENERATIONS

Becky Cole
*Director of Children's Ministry;
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church,
Kirkland*

Deacon Ingelaurie Lisher
*Director of Children, Youth, &
Family Faith Formation; St.
Mark's by the Narrows, Tacoma*

Pastor Chelsea Globe
*Pastor; Lutheran Campus Ministry
at the University of Washington, Seattle*



Mini-Course Offering | Mondays 6:30-8pm | Sept 26, Oct. 3, 17, 24, Nov. 5

Using the research of Fuller Youth Institute's "Growing Young" study, we will learn key concepts and behaviors that are found in congregations who actively engage youth and young people. We will explore the "6 Core Commitments" that these types of congregations display and learn how to implement them in our own contexts. Any congregation can be successful in ministry with young people, no matter what size, age, demographics, and location. Who should attend? Any and all leaders who are interested in welcoming young people more fully into their congregations! You can be a council member, lay, clergy, youth worker, youth, young adult, grandparent, anyone who cares about young people.

BUILDING THE BELL BACK BETTER...

A Stronger Bell to Ring in the Coming Years

The 200-pound bell hanging in the wooden stand to the west of the QALC front entrance was hung in 1993. It has been used—struck and sounds emanating—at various worship services over many years. I remember Roger Anderson, Pastor Wayne, Richard Crummett and others added its ringing to our worship.

However, the wood supports and pins were slowly rotting. The photo looking at its side shows that the wood posts were leaning, even though the bell hung straight. One reason for the weathering was that the original bell was mounted too high—it swung enough in the wind to put strain on the vertical wood beams.



This was not known when Steve Sobeck built and installed the bell. The new frame has the bell hanging much lower to reduce torque on the frame.

The new frame with bell is shown at left. We hope you take time to admire it when you come to worship! Many thanks to Steve Sobeck, who spent months planning the new frame and bell-hanging issues. He pre-cut all the pieces in his shop, so installation was very smooth. Thanks to both Steve Sobeck and Pat's nephew, Rob Rowan, who jointly removed the old wood frame and installed the new frame. They donated all their time. QALC paid \$450 for the new wood, pegs and lag bolts. The bell was originally installed in 1993 to honor Pat and Don Sobeck's 45th wedding anniversary.

—Rich Mathes, Property Committee

The Environmental impact of Fast Fashion



I love to shop. Maybe you do, too. But this year I'm rethinking my strategy after learning a few things about the impact of clothing on the environment. For example, did you know that 70% of the clothing in an average American's closet goes unworn? Maybe you have calculated the impact of the manufacture and shipping of your clothing on the environment, but what about the impact when those clothes eventually leave your closet?

By volume, clothing is the fastest-growing waste in landfills. Across the US, 23.8 billion pounds of clothes and shoes are thrown into the garbage each year. That's about 73 pounds per person! Natural fibers decompose and release methane, while synthetics don't decompose but can release hazardous chemicals.

There's no way I throw away 73 pounds of clothes and shoes a year (I thought!), but this calculation likely includes trash you didn't even know you created. It turns out that only about 50% of the clothing ordered online goes back into store inventory. Sometimes it is just too labor intensive to restock, with return centers states away from the distribution centers. Sometimes it's out of season or out of fashion by the time it would get back into circulation. And some stores are just not willing to resell something they cannot be sure is still "clean" or "new." Most of the remainder is incinerated, sent to landfills, or sold to bulk resellers. Online shopping is the worst, with 32% of orders returned. Sometimes this is due to "bracketing" where customers will order a size up and a size down, just to make sure one size fits, fully intending to return the other sizes.

What if you donate your clothes? Well, it turns out that charities only sell 20-25% of what we donate. Rag traders buy the rest, mostly to export overseas. Of these, 70% end up in sub-Saharan Africa. When the clothes arriving in Africa were high quality, resellers could sell quality, lasting clothes to their communities at a profit. But with the arrival of fast fashion, poor quality and even dirty(!) donations, these clothes are often simply tossed in an African landfill instead of an American one. In Ghana, for example, 40% goes straight to their landfill.

So, what to do?

If you do order online, **selecting standard delivery** instead of next-day can cut carbon emissions by about 30%.

Consider **buying less**, and focusing on a few quality pieces (which will last longer and have a higher resale value when you do decide to dispose of them). **Shop at consignment stores** or even in your own closet. **Repair what you have** and make it last just a little bit longer.

When you donate, make sure your items are clean, and any minor rips or missing buttons have been repaired. It turns out the time required to fix these is too costly and they are thrown away instead of sold. If you are donating shoes, tie or bag the pair together. Single shoes have a very small market. And purge your clothes in season. Most thrift stores don't want to pay to store off-season clothing. Donate to a reputable organization, such as Queen Anne Helpline or Dress for Success, if items are in good condition—and to Ridwell for items that are beyond repair.

Finally, consign your good-quality clothes to a local consignment shop. This keeps them in the system, reduces transportation costs, and puts a little money in your pocket.

—Lisa Kjaer



The Sunshine Circle and other senior women were invited to a luncheon in Cathi Unseth's yard on August 16. The lunch was in memory of Cathi's mother, Lois. For many years, Lois invited the ladies for lunch (and gave them the chance to admire all of the beautiful flowers). It was lovely to gather together on a beautiful day.

Bible study/Circle: Our Evening Circle normally meets in a hybrid version. This allows those that are not comfortable with using the Internet a chance to participate in person, as well as giving an option for the people who are not able to make the drive to QALC because of time. One of our newest members, for example, lives in North Dakota; she joined us during the long months of COVID. We welcome Lucille and the insights that she adds to the discussion each month. So, if distance or concerns about COVID-19 keep you from gathering in person, you can still gather from home for faith, comfort and hope.

This fall, the author of the Fall 2022 Bible study is Rev. Sara Olsen-Smith, pastor at Christ the King Lutheran in Kendall Park, NJ. The 3-month series is titled "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith." Should be a great series! In September, Sarah Louie will facilitate our Bible Study, and **in September we will only be meeting online**. Watch your Friday emails or contact the church office for the Zoom link.

CORE Tanzania backpacks and supplies are once again going to the school in Bushasha. Shirley Flory has been busy putting the cording into the packs. Thanks are due to Pat Sobeck for cutting the cords, and to the Louie family for sealing the ends. We also want to thank Al Mangold and Andy Jones for cutting and sealing the cords for LWR. Sallie Wilson wants everyone to know that we are still accepting financial contributions to support CORE Tanzania. QALCW pledged a financial contribution of \$1,000 per year.

QALC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

PDQ and Sewing and Service continue to meet. We are busy making quilts for the Fall Ingathering (November 4 & 5). People who are willing to help layer the quilts and tie knots are always welcome! Recently the S&S ladies have been working to the glorious sounds of the Choir Room piano played by Barb Gayotin. Quilts and kits will be blessed in worship on Sunday, October 23.

Advent is coming. If you would like to celebrate it with QALCW, let one of us know your suggestions for how to do so.

Your Women's Committee

Candy Mathes, Barb Bach, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck

Women's Calendar—Come join us!

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

Monday, Sept. 12—**PDQ** (Evening Quilt Group) 5 PM to 8 PM (Bring a sack dinner.) QALC Lower Level

Monday, Sept. 19—**Northern Lights** 7 PM (contact Dolly Smith) Zoom

Tuesday, Sept. 20—**Evening Circle** 7 PM Hybrid: QALC Conference Room/Zoom

FROM THE BISHOP

From the September 2022 Edition of *The Spirit*

This month, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee and Synod Vice President Kay Edgerton wrote a joint article regarding the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, held August 8-12 in Ohio. Because of its length and the many online links it contains, we are not printing it here. If you would like to read the full article and be able to follow its many links, search online for "Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA The Spirit September" to find the article.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Office Hours

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.

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

Pastor Dan is in the church building Tuesdays from 1 to 3 PM and Saturdays from 1 to 3 PM.

Tuesday, September 6 and Friday, September 9, the office will be closed due to staff absences.

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.



Northwest Washington Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear Partner People*

With hearts full of both tears and thanksgiving, we write to let you know that Rev. Daniel Erlander died quietly and peacefully early Sunday, August 28, 2022.

Last night his wife, Karen, read the last chapter of Dan's book "Pointless People" to him where he tells the story of being with his mother in her final days at Knollwood Convalescent Hospital, renaming it the "Knollwood School of Theology." In his mother's room Dan learned once again of the richness of the baptismal waters where "God whispers: It is not what you gain. It is whose you are. You don't need points. You don't need points." ([Pointless People](#), page 28)

One of Dan's favorite names for God's Partner People is the Pointless People—the people who do not keep score, but frolic in God's grace. Today's gospel from Luke 14 is so perfect . . . Jesus' parable about seating arrangements at the banquet table.



We lift up in prayer Karen, their extended family - and all who mourn. We give thanks to God for the creative, poignant, and delightful ways that Dan so generously shared the Gospel.

* **"Partner People"** is one of Dan's favorite names for God's people, as used in [Manna and Mercy](#).

Thank you to Revs. Susan & Red Burchfield for their writing assistance as we share this news.

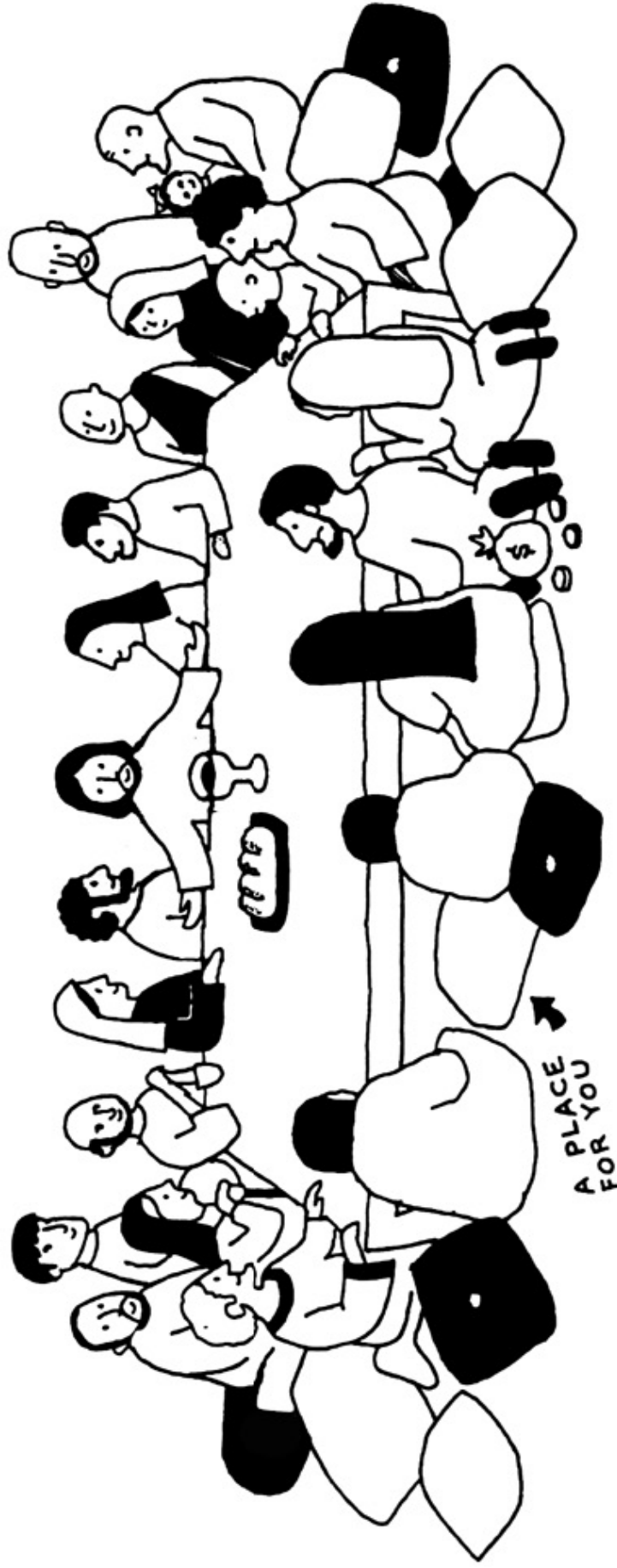
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IN THE ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY (1 COR 12)

From Daniel Erlander's "A Place for You" Coloring Pages

For the child in you, or for a child you know—in the spirit of God's abundant hospitality:



Jesus said to his friends, "Whenever you
share this bread and cup, I will be with you,
feeding you, loving you, forgiving you."

SEPTEMBER 2022

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							10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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	OFFICE CLOSED			OFFICE CLOSED			
10:00am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	5:30pm Worship and Music Committee		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
10:00am Worship	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	11:00am SPU Church and Ministry Fair 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
WELCOME SUNDAY							
8:00am Worship 9:30am "Pick-up" Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Ministries Fair	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)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		8:30am God's Work, Our Hands 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	
10:30am Worship 11:30am AfterWord							
25	26	27	28	29	30		
					New Horizons Dinner		
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 11:30am Newcomers' Coffee/Conversation	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm Queen Anne Book Group (Narthex)		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 8:00pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			