

The Quill

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the Pastor's WORD

Sin Boldly or Sing Boldly?

In this edition of *The Quill*, Cantor Kyle invites us to “*sing* boldly...and believe more boldly still.” He does so in the spirit of the Reformation, which was our focus in forums and worship leading up to Reformation Sunday on October 30.

It's clear our cantor knows his audience! Most of us will recognize “sing boldly” as an allusion to the advice Martin Luther famously gave to his friend and colleague, Philip Melancthon.

In 1521, Prince Frederick the Wise of Saxony had Luther “kidnapped” after the emperor banned him for his teachings as an outlaw of the Holy Roman Empire. Luther lived in Frederick's territory, and as one scholar has put it, Frederick did not want his “prized professor” at the university of Wittenberg to meet an untimely death. This meant Melancthon, a professor of ancient languages whose gifts were much more suited for the classroom, was left in charge until Luther could return. Chaos quickly ensued. In response, Melancthon wrote to Luther asking for advice. “What do I do?” he asked. “Sin boldly,” Luther replied, “but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.”

Cantor Kyle's invitation to “*sing* boldly...and believe more boldly still” leads us right up to Luther's doorstep. Some of us may have chuckled with regard to the play on words. But Kyle's version, which appears in his article on the next page, contains two modifications I especially appreciate. Notice first how he italicized “sing,” indicating it was a play on words. Now, in addition to *sinning* boldly, we *sing* boldly—we proclaim the gospel of Christ's victory over sin and death not just in speech but through song!

The second modification shows up in Kyle's substitution of “and” for the word “but” as it occurs in the original quotation. This is important. It reminds us that *singing* can lead us to trust God more deeply. How? Think about how often we hear words of grace, mercy, and consolation in our hymns. “O Comforter of priceless worth,” we sang on Reformation Sunday, “send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.”

Yes, we should “sin boldly” (i.e., trust in God's mercy when we have to make difficult decisions in uncertain circumstances). Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the subject of my message on Reformation Sunday, knew that well. He knew there was “no way out without guilt” by involving himself in a plot to save lives by taking a life. Yet we should also “sing boldly,” trusting in the good news contained in our hymns that no matter what the circumstance, God is with us, accompanying us, loving us, forgiving us, redeeming us.

Let us give thanks this season for the opportunity to praise God through speech and song. Let us sing boldly and—because of what we sing—let us believe more boldly still.

Pastor Dan

Thank you for a fun and lively forum between services on October 23. We looked at several Reformation-era hymns and the histories of their texts and melodies. Here's a recap and some new reflections about the most famous Reformation hymn of all, "A Mighty Fortress."

This beloved hymn sung to two different (but related) tunes—and both tend to have strong followings. Luther's original version had a dance-like quality with uneven rhythms. Two hundred years later, the melody had been smoothed out into an *isorhythmic* version, and by the time it was imported into English and early American hymnals, the original 1530's version was something of a disused relic. Later, in the 19th century, the rhythmic version was recovered among Lutherans who were particularly interested in original sources. Today some Lutherans sing the rhythmic version (see hymn 503 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*) and others the isorhythmic version (ELW 504).

Why did the melody change? Musicologist Joseph Herl, one of the editors of *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*, has researched that question. It seems that in the seventeenth century, unaccompanied congregational singing in live acoustics necessitated slower rhythms to avoid cacophony; by the eighteenth century, hymns had slowed to the point that rhythmic differences were minimized. So, for composers like J. S. Bach, the isorhythmic ("smooth") melody was the version widely in use, and it served as the basis for most organ and choral music (including Bach's Cantata No. 80, *Ein feste Burg*).

Luther had a habit of speaking and writing without understatement, and his paraphrase of Psalm 46 for "A Mighty Fortress" offers bold comfort without a hint of timidity. The hymn came to be known as the "battle hymn of the Reformation," but early publications include the heading, "a hymn of comfort" (which seems at odds with the phrase, "in battle we'll engage," but these words from stanza three are from *Lutheran Book of Worship* carried over into *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, not Luther's original German). The evolution of the melody may also have contributed toward polemic uses of the hymn. The author of the *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Paul Westermeyer, notes that the original melody "dances and gives the text the flexible comfort Luther and his colleagues perceived." On the other hand, the later version "can have grace and stately dignity, [but] when allied to nineteenth-century rhetoric and big musical treatments the temptation is to overstate it. Notes then get lined up in rows like soldiers, and militaristic images are overlaid on this hymn." One need only think of the hymn's frequent use in World War II German radio broadcasts to consider how it can be misappropriated.

"A Mighty Fortress" endures today because it conveys what Christians of all times and places believe, teach, and confess: that God in Christ is the victor over "sin, death, and the power of the devil" for us (from the explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism). If this true, then no adversary stands a chance (see Romans 8:39). We *sing* boldly... and believe more boldly still!

God's blessings and peace to you this time of year as we celebrate the Reformation and All Saints.



Kyle Haugen, Cantor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give Simply

One way you can give to Queen Anne Lutheran is via direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account. We have been using the “Simply Giving” system for several years now and this accounts for 30 percent of our regular donations. Ken Hockman has administered this program for us since it started at Queen Anne. With our thanks for his faithful service, Ken is stepping back and Jacqui Darroch is now the program contact person.



Jacqui Darroch Ken Hockman

The paperwork is quite simple. You set the amount and frequency of withdrawals (once or twice a month) and we handle the rest through the church’s Simply Giving program. There are no fees for this, and you have one more thing to cross off your to-do list. To enroll, please fill in the Enrollment and Authorization Form available on the narthex sign-up railing, or from Jacqui, or online. Return the completed form with a voided check to the church office in a sealed envelope marked “Simply Giving.” For any questions or to make changes in your Simply Giving enrollment, just contact Jacqui, Myra Dittes, our QALC Treasurer, or our Financial Secretary, Sallie Wilson.

Do You Ever Wonder:

How is QALC doing financially?

What was discussed at the last Church Council meeting?

What’s the status of the Triangle Project?

What about our search for a Children’s Ministry Coordinator?

Well, wonder no longer! Each month, the records of the Church Council meetings are posted for all to see—minutes, motions, financials, and the Pastor’s report. *Where, you may ask?* In the sacristy hallway! If you have further questions about the business of the church, talk to any of your Church Council members:

Brent McCullough
Lisa Kjaer

Myra Dittes
Brian Louie

Kirsti Melby
John Reese

Lisa Ondrejcek
Al Shabino

Susan Evans
Cathi Unseth

Another Tree-Planting Opportunity, 11/26

For those of you who missed our God’s Work, Our Hands event at Martha Washington Park, here is another opportunity at Discovery Park. Green Seattle Partnership and Friends of Discovery Park will be planting trees and other native plants, Saturday, Nov 26, from 10:00-2:00. To register and get more details use this link: Volunteer at <https://seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/21392/>

Ruth Ghormley, 1925–2022

We extend our condolences to the family of Ruth Ghormley. Ruth passed away on November 1. A funeral service will be held here Sunday, November 13 at 2 PM, followed by a committal and reception at Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home.

QA Book Group Meets November 28

The Queen Anne Book Group will meet Monday, November 28 at 7 PM in the narthex to discuss the thriller/mystery *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker.

Mark Your Calendar for Christmas Caroling!

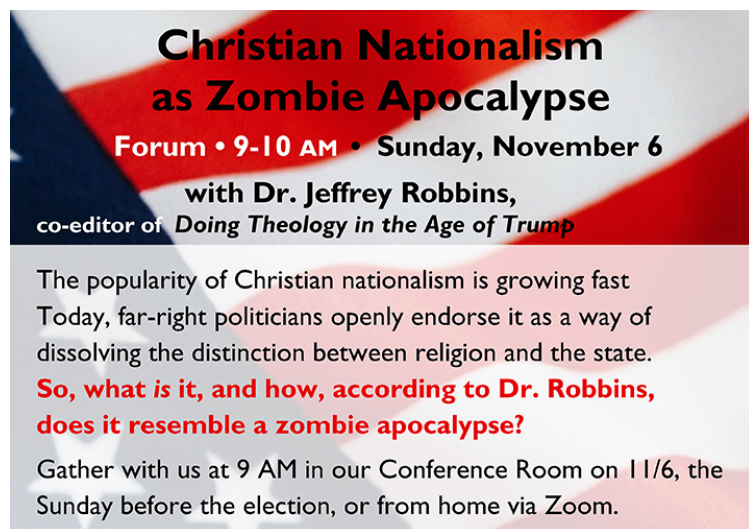
We are planning some Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00. We’ll sing in the narthex and breezeway to bring joy to our neighbors and one another. The church will provide hot cider, and we’ll ask people to bring a snack to share. Hope you can join us, and bring your friends!

NOVEMBER FORUMS

Our Sunday Forums are open to everyone: occasional visitors, curious newcomers, or long-timers. Anyone who wants to connect with others to explore Christian thought and practice and the way they intersect with our lives in the world is welcome to join us. We hope to see you there!

All forums run Sundays from 9 –10 AM. Forums are offered in hybrid format: an in-person meeting in the Conference Room (masks optional but recommended), with an option to attend via Zoom at the same time. The Zoom link goes out in our weekly emails and. Can be found on our website FORUMS page.

November 6: Christian Nationalism as Zombie Apocalypse



Christian Nationalism as Zombie Apocalypse
Forum • 9-10 AM • Sunday, November 6
with Dr. Jeffrey Robbins,
co-editor of *Doing Theology in the Age of Trump*

The popularity of Christian nationalism is growing fast. Today, far-right politicians openly endorse it as a way of dissolving the distinction between religion and the state.
So, what is it, and how, according to Dr. Robbins, does it resemble a zombie apocalypse?

Gather with us at 9 AM in our Conference Room on 11/6, the Sunday before the election, or from home via Zoom.

Jeffrey W. Robbins was identified in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* as “one of the best commentators on religion and post-modernism.” Dr. Robbins is Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Lebanon Valley College, where he teaches in the Honors and the Social Justice and Civic Engagement programs. He is the author or editor of nine books, including most recently “Radical Theology: A Vision for Change” (Indiana University Press, 216), and co-author of “An Insurrectionist Manifesto: Four New Gospels for a Radical Politics” (Columbia University Press, 2016). He is also a Contributing Editor of the *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*

and co-editor of the Columbia University Press book series “Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics, and Culture.” He is chair of the Board of Directors for the Westar Institute and was the original chair of the Westar academic seminar on “God and the Human Future.” He has spoken at conferences in the U.S. and abroad, in Austria, China, and England.

November 13: The Luther We Never Knew”

What did Luther say about the Jews? *Did he start the Reformation just to get married? Why do historians consider him the third most influential person in the West over the last 1,000 years?*

Next Sunday in honor of Luther’s birthday (11/10), and on the other side of a course on Luther which Pastor Dan just taught at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, we explore “The Luther We Never Knew.” Join Pastor Dan for this Q & A forum at 9 on November 13,

SOCIAL ACTION

Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, November Tuesdays

Volunteers are helping to prepare lunch for Community Lunch on Capitol Hill on **all five Tuesdays in November**. This lunch program now operates out of All Pilgrims Church at 509 10th Ave. East. Note: **Enter on 10th Ave. and [contact Jim Margard](#) for the code to get in!** We hope you’ll be able to volunteer—Queen Anne Lutheran has been participating with this ministry for almost 40 years! Here are the shifts that are needed; sign up on the narthex railing or find the link in your Friday emails.

Kitchen	(9:00-11:30)	1 to 2 people	=> hot lunch prep
Hall	(9:30 to 11:30)	2 to 3 people	=> sandwiches, bag desserts & snacks, butter bread, etc.
Serve	(11:30 to 1:00)	2 to 3 people	=> put take-out bags together, take to the serving table.

Buy a Bag of Groceries by November 21:

Take Along Queen Anne Helpline's Thanksgiving Grocery Drive List

Queen Anne Helpline is hoping to bring some Thanksgiving warmth to low-income seniors in our neighborhood. They will be collecting packed bags of groceries by November 21 and delivering them to our senior neighbors in Queen Anne, Magnolia, and South Lake Union. This year the goal is to serve 100 people! Several bags are already on a narthex table—please contribute more if you are able, using this list (You can also pick up a list in the church narthex):

Each grocery bag **MUST** contain all of the following items:

- 2 cans of vegetables (1 corn, 1 green beans)
- Package of mashed potatoes
- Package of stuffing
- Jar of cranberry sauce
- Jar of gravy
- Box of instant oatmeal
- Package of cookies
- Juice (at least 2 individually-sized bottles)

Queen Anne Helpline will also purchase fresh roasted and sliced turkey from a local butcher, as well as slices of pumpkin pie to include in the bags. They will gratefully accept monetary donations to help defray these costs! Donate by writing "QAH" on the memo line of your check to QALC, or directly at their website.

New Horizons Dinner Dates—The Next "Fifth Friday" Is Dec. 30

We have pledged, going forward, to **provide dinner for 35 youth to New Horizons** on all months with "Fifth Fridays," with the next date being **December 30**. Let Jim Margard know if you can contribute a dish for that day—we provide a main dish, a salad, bread, and dessert.

Compass Housing Holiday Giving Plans

Once again this year, we would like to give some holiday cheer to the residents of Compass Housing. This year, we'll collect **gift card** donations, and will also encourage donations of **cookies**. Some details are below; more info can be found at www.compasshousingalliance.org/holiday/

Gift Cards: The primary need this year is gift cards for residents. This way they can get *exactly* what they want for either themselves or their families, which is extremely empowering to them. You have two options to donate gift cards:

Purchase gift cards in \$25 increments from Walmart, Fred Meyer, or Amazon. We can collect these here at church and deliver them to Compass Housing—we'll have a collection box in the narthex soon.

Donate directly online. You can also go to Compass Housing's donate page and select "Holiday gift fund" from the "Designation" drop-down. They will then purchase cards.

Holiday Cookie Extravaganza: Many of the guests and residents love cookies (who doesn't?!), especially during the holiday season. So bake or bring your favorite store-bought holiday cookies and spread some joy! Again, we can collect cookie donations here at church and then deliver them to Compass Housing on December 16 or 19.

Cookies can be homemade or store-bought and should be bundled in sets of 24. You can make/bring cookies, brownies, or bars. All homemade goodies **MUST** have a recipe card with them that lists the full list of ingredients. If your recipe contains nuts of any kind, please make a clear note.

Do It Together: We would like to organize a cookie-baking and decorating afternoon on Sunday, December 4. Several youth and other adults have expressed interest. If you would like to participate, please contact Barb in the church office and we will keep you in the loop as details come together.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND FAITH



Dear Earth Ministry Community,

It is so important to vote our values, values that are consistent with elevating the concerns and following the lead of first impacted communities. These concerns include issues such as halting fossil fuels, advocating for equitable access to green energy sources, recovering salmon and orca, banning toxics, and respecting treaty rights.

Voting is one way we can put our faith and spiritual beliefs into action. By voting your values, you proclaim the kind of world you hope to create, for all of Earth's inhabitants, including yourself, your neighbors, and generations to come.

In these next weeks, we're looking forward to coming together as the Earth Ministry/WAIPL community to cast our votes on behalf of creation and communities.

Here are some tips to ensure that your experience voting goes smoothly:

Interfaith Power and Light has created a [Faithful Voter Reflection Guide](https://faithclimatejusticevoter.org/voter-guide/) (faithclimatejusticevoter.org/voter-guide/) that has reflections on a variety of different issues and discussion questions to spur further dialogue. We encourage you to read it and to use it in conversations with family, friends, and neighbors.

Before voting, check [that you are registered to vote](https://vote411.org) by looking at Vote 411 (vote411.org), a tool that provides all voters across the country with voter registration databases, and answers commonly asked questions about basic voting information.

Ballots must be postmarked by November 8th, election day, or dropped in your county drop boxes by 8 pm on November 8th. [You can look up your county drop boxes here](https://www2.sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/drop%20boxes%2020220802.pdf). (https://www2.sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/drop%20boxes%2020220802.pdf)

In Washington State, the online deadline to register to vote is this coming Monday, October 31, but you can register in person up to and on election day, November 8, 2022.

As people of a variety of religious and spiritual traditions, we have a moral duty to make our voices and values heard at the ballot box. Remind your neighbors, family members, and friends about the importance of voting, and thank you for voting in this election!



Blessings,
Rev. AC Churchill (they/them)
Executive Director,
Earth Ministry/WAIPL



QALC Women's News:

THANKOFFERINGS:

From Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA):

"Have you ever heard of a Thankoffering service? Wonder how it all got started? Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection. Thus was born the Thankoffering service."

You can join the Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service on Saturday, November 5, at 1 PM PDT—search Facebook for "Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service" to [get the link](#).



"How will you say thanks today?"

Last spring during Lent, we talked about counting our blessings. Candy notes, "I have to count a UTI as a blessing, since it led to the discovery of my heart issues. Funny what we have to be thankful for."

At QALC we will have blue Thankoffering envelopes available in the narthex this November. You may place them in the offering plate on any

Sunday in November. The offerings are sent to WELCA to support a wide variety of programs.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Did you wonder how many quilts and kits we assembled?

143 Personal Care Kits • 54 School Kits • 5 Fabric Kits • 81 quilts • 21 Baby Care kits

What will it actually cost to send them? \$693.00! The items for Personal Care Kits and many fill-in items for the other kits come from your monetary donations, as well.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & COOKIES FOR COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE: Please see the announcements on page 5 about providing gift cards and cookies for the people served by Compass Housing Alliance.

THE EVENING CIRCLE/Women's Bible Study this month will meet via Zoom on November 15. Check your Friday emails for more information. If you would like to be on the reminder list for the Study, let Barb Bach know.

Fall 2022: Session 3 Bible study: "Jesus and Nature: Creatures" by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith November 2022, Session 3: "Creatures," offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust. View the [video supplement for Session 3](#)

Your Women's Committee

Pat Sobeck, Sallie Wilson, Barb Bach, and Candy Mathes

Women's Calendar—Come join us!

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

Monday, Nov. 14—**PDQ** (Evening Quilt Group) 5 PM to 8 PM (Bring a sack dinner.) QALC Lower Level

Note: **PDQ** welcomes both men and women, young and old to the quilting tables!

Tuesday, Nov. 15—**Evening Circle** 7 PM (contact Barb Bach) Hybrid: QALC Conference Room/Zoom

Monday, Nov. 21—**Northern Lights** 7 PM (contact Dolly Smith) Zoom

Property Committee Updates— Painting and Roofing:

We finally completed two projects that were bid last spring, and were waiting to be scheduled.

In late September, Phinney Ridge Painting cleaned and painted the outside, west-facing wood holding the stained-glass window. This job included filling flicker holes, putting up another flicker nesting barrier in NW corner, and touch-up on the alley doors. The cost was \$13,991, paid for by the Stewardship of Building Fund. Now the only outside wood that does not have the “Tavern Taupe” color is the north side, which requires scaffolding. The north side’s paint is in fairly good shape, because it gets little weather, no sun, and was partially repainted back around 1980 by Don Sobeck, Will Hall, Mac Smith, Ray Mathis, and a few others—but only the lower portions. That is why that side is two-tone.

On Oct 14, Fields Roof Service performed torch-down repairs on the flat narthex roof, and parts of the second-floor roof. The highest priority was stopping the leak in the narthex ceiling that sometimes occurred during heavy rains.



They did apparently find the actual opening that caused the leak, and of course put a new piece of roofing material over it. In addition, they covered some other small scratches, vent areas, and an area where the sanctuary roof meets the torch-down roof (i.e. the flat roof on educational wing). Long term, there are some non-torch-down materials that can be used to prolong the roof life when we need to cover larger areas. Much of the gravel surface is gone, but the roof will still last for maybe 5-10 years before we need to add another layer. The cost was \$8,603.91, paid for out of the Stewardship of Building Fund.

We have cleared out most of our old paints—the colors are no longer necessary to keep for the building exterior. Fortunately, the City of Seattle built a facility to recycle all paints, including latex. All liquid paints you have leftover can be recycled at many hardware stores. The City then actually reuses the old paints, mixes them, and produces new paint in certain colors. They take varnishes and oil-based paints as well. This is much better than the old method of putting paint hardener in each can (or leaving them out to evaporate until dry) and throwing them in the trash.

—Rich Mathes, Property Committee

Lutheran World Relief— We Are Blessed to Be a Blessing

On Sunday, October 23, we once more blessed our quilts and kits in worship, then worked together to pack and weigh everything to ready them for the LWR Ingathering on November 4 & 5. Each quilt or kit represents generous gifts of time and money—shopping for and donating supplies, sewing quilts and school backpacks, stringing ropes into the backpacks and tying quilts, assembling kits, and loading trucks both here at church and at the Ingathering.

In all, we contributed 143 Personal Care Kits, 54 School Kits, 21 Baby Care kits, 5 Fabric Kits, and 81 quilts!

(Shipping costs will be \$693. Donations are welcome to help us cover those costs.)





CELEBRATIONS



On October 23, we welcomed Callum Dahnert into the faith through baptism, pictured here with his parents Justin Dahnert and Brianna Yelle, sponsors Kristyne and Garret Grev, Rich Mathes and Pastor Dan. Justin also joined our congregation that day. Welcome, all!



(Left) Jean McLauchlan's 90th birthday was celebrated Sunday, October 2 at coffee hour after the 10:30 worship with a lovely cake, flowers and many well-wishers. Thank you, Jean; you are family to us! Many thanks to Jean's sons Tom and Jim (L/R) for organizing this nice surprise for Jean, and to Jennifer Jones for her assistance.

(Below) Queen Anne Lutheran members and guests joined Pastor Dan to celebrate and support the work of New Horizons Ministries in their work for unhoused youth, attending their gala Friday evening, October 21st at the Edgewater Hotel. Thanks to all who help in this mission.





From the Bishop:

I just spoke with one of my friends who attended seminary with me. She is a pastor in the Midwest. And she is a great pastor. She is warm. She is funny. She loves Jesus. She loves the Church. She loves Church so much that she used to attend three different Lutheran churches in a weekend (not counting the church she serves). She feels called by God to be a pastor. But today I had a phone call from her. She was crying. And she said to me (as a friend – not as a bishop), “The thing is I don’t get that much enjoyment out of pastoring for the work involved except God probably wants me to do it. Knowing that is some consolation.”

Recently I heard Pastor Dan White speak about pastor burn-out on a podcast:

“I mean, I’m seeing pastors every week who would never have considered rethinking their call as a pastor, who are doing that every week. And it’s just because things are so broken and hurting and exhausting, and they’re faced with that question now. And they never had to face it before. So I think it’s just kind of flipping over the apple cart, and everything is kind of being questioned.” *The New York Times Podcast First Person, July 21, 2022*

According to Barna Group*, two out of five pastors have thought about leaving ministry in the last year. This is remarkably higher from previous years. What is the difference? According to Barna, the top reasons include stress, loneliness, and political division. While these three reasons are not new, we know that Covid compounded some of the tensions that already existed. We know that the last two and half years have frayed relationships in ways we did not expect. As Bishop, I know that pastors are leaving congregations at a faster pace than I have ever experienced and the three reasons above are often the reason.

Oof! This makes me sad and anxious. This isn’t how pastoring is supposed to be. As I tell people in premarital counseling, “Sometimes life is hard. Sometimes a relationship is hard. But neither life nor marriage should be hard all the time. Most of the time your relationship should make life better.” And the same holds true for being a pastor. Sometimes pastoring is hard. But it shouldn’t be hard all the time.

So how can we help pastors, and other leaders, who are experiencing stress, loneliness, and political division in the congregation?

If we continue to look at Barna research, it appears that pastors who continue to feel called to ministry responded that even though they might be experiencing stress, loneliness, and political division, they also have support through family, community, and other strong relationships.

How can this happen? How can we build mutually caring and loving relationships with one another? How can we rebuild what Covid frayed? How do we best support and encourage our pastors, deacons, and lay ministry professionals? How can we, together, be the body of Christ for one another?

I’d love to hear your suggestions. What are your thoughts? You are welcome to email me at bishop@lutheransnw.org.

May we mutually uphold and support one another as siblings in Christ.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

*Barna Group is a private, non-partisan, for-profit research organization. This particular research comes from the online article, “Pastors Share Top Reasons They’ve Considered Quitting Ministry in the Past Year,” April 27, 2022.

Office Hours — New Policy

Since Pastor Dan and Cantor Kyle are typically present in the office Tuesday—Thursday and Wednesday—Thursday, respectively, as well as on Saturdays, specific office hours will no longer be held. Instead, feel free to stop by the office, or contact Pastor Dan or Kyle directly if you wish to make an appointment.

Main Office (Barb Bash):

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Pastor Dan:

Nov. 7-11 (Monday through Friday) Pastor Dan will be with his parents in California. He will return Saturday morning. Rev. Kristy Daniels will again be on call for emergency pastoral care at 206-788-6745 or pastorkristy@compasshousingalliance.org

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		9:00am CLCH Lunch 7:00pm Executive Committee (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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