

The Quill

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Queen Anne

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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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When I was in sixth grade, my teacher decided that we were going to build chicken skeletons. From real chickens. So, the teacher divided us into groups. A local farmer donated the chickens. Each group had to boil and boil and boil their chicken. When all the flesh and tendons, etc. were boiled off, and the bones were clean, then we had to build the chicken back up so that it formed a complete bird.

When I think back on this project, I wonder what we were learning. Anatomy? Names of bones? I'm not sure. But what I did learn was community, relationship, and collaboration. Without the people in my group – and the different skills and gifts that they had – we would not have been able to put this chicken back together. We had to make sure that the bones were sorted into the right boxes (the feet bones, the leg bones, the wing bones, the beak, etc.) We had to make sure the bones weren't wet and that there wasn't anything left on the bones so it didn't stink. (My mom claimed it did stink. Side note, I was elected to bring home the completed chicken. My mom was not pleased and at some point, it disappeared from the living room bookcase).

Anyway, getting back to community, relationship, and collaboration ... as I think of our synod, and what God is calling us to do and to be together, I think that these three things are key. I know that many of you are already in relationship and collaboration with other ELCA congregations around you. Perhaps you share your building with other ministries. Perhaps you share a food bank or work with a school. Perhaps affordable housing is part of your collaborative work. Many of you have preschools. All of these are wonderful ways to collaborate.

I'm wondering if we can think even bigger and more relationally than that. What if people from geographically close congregations met and talked about who they are. What their hopes are. What their fears are. What they need from others. What they have to offer others. What might come out of these conversations and relationships? Perhaps a way to share staff? Perhaps a way to be more impactful in the community? Perhaps new ways of using property? I'm not sure. It would be interesting and exciting to find out.

As I have mentioned before, study after study indicates that pastors today are lonely and feel isolated and anxious about the future. As my staff and I travel around the synod, we hear that many congregations also feel lonely and isolated and anxious about the future. Hearing stories and knowing some of the difficulties, doesn't it seem that it would be better to build relationship with one another and collaborate rather than every congregation trying to figure it out on their own?

Here are three ways that we are encouraging congregations to be in community, build relationships, and collaborate.

First, we continue to expand the LiVE Project (Living into Vocational Engagement). We are excited about the synod's collaboration and building relationship with the Trinity Education Foundation who is contributing funding this year and partnering with us. I encourage you to visit

www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project and learn more.

Second, in lieu of a Synod Assembly this year, we are hosting two Synod Gatherings in the spring with forums where relationships and collaboration are key. Watch for information in early February on the two Gatherings (May 13 in Mount Vernon and May 20 in Bellevue) via email and on our website here:

www.lutheransnw.org/events/synod-gatherings.

Third, the Grace Grant application this year asks applicants with whom they are collaborating on the proposed project. The application process is open February 1 – May 31. Read about the focus areas and how to apply for this final year of funding here: www.lutheransnw.org/pages/grace-grants

You know, I could never have built that chicken alone. Nor would I have wanted to. Truthfully, even with my group, it was messy and hard. In my memory, we had a few bones left over that we quietly threw in

the garbage. And yet, I am still in relationship with many of the people in my sixth-grade group. And we are bonded from the chicken-building experience.

As the body of Christ, may we build relationship, be in community, and collaborate together. I'd love to hear what you are doing in your congregation towards this. Please email me at bishop@lutheransnw.org.

✦ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For Lent: Chapel Work Party, February 12:

After 10:30 worship next week, all are invited to join a brief work-party in the chapel. As we transform our chapel from the storage area it had become during the pandemic back to a sacred space for worship, we will clear out all the furnishings and random items found there. During the week following the 12th, the carpet and all the purple chairs will be cleaned. We welcome anyone able to help.

Kyle Haugen's Cantor's message (*next page*) gives the details of our Lenten worship season. We hope to see you on Ash Wednesday, and then at our Wednesday worship services in the chapel.

Welcome, New Church Council

Our Annual Meeting on January 29 saw the approval of Council members and of our Guidelines for Expenditure. Our newly-elected Church Council will be led by Brent McCullough, President; Lisa Kjaer, Vice President; Lisa Ondrejcek, Secretary; and Myra Dittes, Treasurer. Council members continuing are Susan Evans, Brian Louie, John Reese, and Cathi Unseth. We welcome new members Mark Dibble, Chloe Jones, Hanne Koppelman, Liz Major, Erich Patten, Sonia Patten, and Tim Porter.

Council records are available to read in three places: posted on the bulletin board in the sacristy hallway; in a three-ring binder in the library; or online in the Member Area of our website. (Contact the church office if you need the Member password.) For those who missed our Annual Meeting, Annual Reports are available in the office and online.

Please Check Your Info in the Church Directory

Two draft copies of our church directory are in the narthex. Please find your entry in either of these Draft Directories and use the red pencil to make any revisions. Please make a red check ✓ if it's all okay, so we know you looked at it. Also, please check the photos in the back to see if you have one you like! (Families, you especially may want to consider an update—your kids are growing!)

You can email a new photo to the church office and Barb will add/replace it. Prints are okay, too, we can scan. Square format works best, but we can crop to fit.

Olga Peterson

A memorial service for Pastor Dan's mother, Olga Peterson, will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, February 11 at First Lutheran Church in Orland, CA. The service will also be live-streamed at orlandlutheran.com. QALC has sent flowers to that service. Olga Peterson's obituary can be found online [at this link](#). Cards may be mailed to the Peterson family at 1155 Almond Vista Court, Chico, CA 95926.

Book Group Update

Queen Anne Book Group moved their next meeting to Monday, February 20 (President's Day). They are reading *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Discussion will be led by Candy Mathes. All are welcome; they meet in the narthex.

Free Tax Help:

This year, the AARP Tax-Aide program has returned to the Seattle libraries. Walk-ins are welcome at the Queen Anne Library every Saturday from 11:30 AM-3:00 PM through April 15. Flyers are in the narthex.

FROM THE CANTOR

Just like last year at this time, I find myself asking, “How can we be preparing for Lent already? Wasn’t it just Christmastime?” But this year, I’m also trying to remember why the Sundays after Epiphany vary in amount from year to year. Time to investigate!

I grew up with *The Lutheran Hymnal*, which included a handy and fascinating list of dates for Easter from the hymnal’s year of publication, 1941, through 2000 (at age ten or so, pages of information like this were good to peruse during sermons, you see). I’ve had a vague recollection for several years that Easter’s date has something to do with astronomy; consulting the all-knowing internet, I confirmed that Easter’s date is calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox (popularly reckoned as March 21). Because the Feast of the Epiphany is fixed on January 6, and full moons don’t occur on fixed dates, Easter can be as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 22 and Easter on April 9.

For Lent 2023 at QALC, we will offer weekly Wednesday in-person worship options for the first time since 2020:

- On Ash Wednesday QALC will offer two worship services: a midday service at noon, held in the chapel, and an evening service at 7:30 p.m., gathering in the nave.
- After Ash Wednesday and prior to Holy Week, two services will be held in the chapel each Wednesday: Morning Prayer will be held at noon, and evening services of Night Prayer (perhaps more commonly known by its historic name, Compline) will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Compline is a brief meditative service incorporating sung and spoken responses, psalms, and scripture. Candlelight and silence complement the order of service.

As is the custom among most Lutheran churches and other liturgical Christians, our music for Sunday worship will be simpler and more subdued during Lent:

- The most celebratory word in worship—“Alleluia”—is retired, as usual, until Easter.
- Similarly, we again forego the Hymn of Praise during Lent until Easter, when “This Is the Feast” will return.
- We will return to Setting Nine of the liturgy in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*—a more contemplative musical setting that we have used in recent years for preparatory seasons, including both Lent and Advent.
- Some of the bolder sounds of the organ, including the trumpet stops, will be used sparingly or not at all until Easter.

Looking ahead to Holy Week: For Palm Sunday (at the 10:30 service), a few years ago we started what we had hoped would be a new tradition (but was interrupted by the pandemic). Back in 2019, after gathering in the courtyard to hear the gospel reading about Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem, kids and adults rang handbells freely as the congregation moved from the courtyard to the nave while singing “All Glory, Laud and Honor.” We re-introduced this again last year successfully, and I am hopeful that we are truly establishing a new annual tradition to anticipate each year.

We still have a few weeks in this “season of light” after Epiphany, as the daylight hours slowly increase toward the spring equinox. I look forward to our observance of Lent together and the Easter celebration beyond!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor • cantor@queenannelutheran.org

Afghan LGBTQ+ update:

QALC members contributed \$3,130 last year to assist young Afghan LGBTQ+ refugees through the New Life Fund, a project coordinated by Seattle-based SCM Medical Missions. For much of last year, 19 such refugees were in legal limbo in Abu Dhabi, at risk of being deported back to Afghanistan, a likely death sentence. With the financial assistance of QALC, a “Reconciling in Christ” organization and other parties, on-site volunteers cut through the red tape enabling visas for permanent resident status in Canada to be issued. All were resettled last October in Toronto and other Canadian cities. The New Life Fund continues to assist LGBTQ+ and female gender rights activists (many of whom are targeted by the Taliban and are currently hiding in remote locations in Afghanistan and Pakistan). for more information, or if you would be interested in contacting any of these immigrants, contact Jim Margard.

LWR Spring 2023 Updates:

We will assemble School Kits and Personal Care Kits in mid-to-late March.

Personal Care Kits— The main item we need is **bath towels**. Each Personal Care Kit needs one bath towel. We need 150 towels in all. The LWR specifications are “ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark colors recommended.” Many of the kits go to people in refugee camps or places without washers (or dryers), so darker colors are preferred. Also, “light-weight” is important because most recipients will air dry their bath towels in sometimes humid locations. The heavy, plush bath-towels sold here in the U.S. are not what is needed in places without washers and dryers. It costs less to ship lighter-weight towels overseas as well. Target has dark gray bath-towels (52" x 27") for \$3.50. They used to stock the 20" x 40" size. I am now looking for other sources of these smaller "hotel size" bath towels. I have found some, and will let you know how they fare after washing. Prices are still around \$3.50/towel.

The other Personal Care Kit items are purchased in bulk, so if you want to contribute funds to offset those costs, please place a check to “QALC Women—LWR kits” in the Sunday offering (or specify, using PayPal).

School Kits— we normally try to purchase items in July-September when Fred Meyer, Walmart, etc. have “back-to-school specials.” We have enough School Kit supplies for spring 2023, thanks to those of you who purchased them last summer. In particular, we thank Dennis Alfson and Don Thomas, who brought in a lot of notebooks, pens, erasers and crayons, as well as pencil sharpeners and rulers.

A special thanks also to Phoebe Porter, who collected donations for LWR this past fall/winter, bought School Kit supplies, sewed 30 school bags, and assembled the 30 bags with all the other items. She also had leftovers for another 20 school kits!

We will publish our needs list in June for additional School Kit supplies. We will again send at least 30 of some school kit items to CORE Tanzania (Twegashe School) in Fall 2023. IF you find something on sale early, you can certainly purchase them. In that case, text me from the store to verify that the prices are good (and that the particular item is suitable—some items sold as school supplies are not okay for LWR. Items *not* suitable include non-metric rulers; plastic rulers so dark (purple, red, black) that you cannot see the markings; hard rubber rulers that curl in hot weather; pre-sharpened pencils; and gel-ink pens.)

—Rich Mathes

Men's Group, Spring 2023

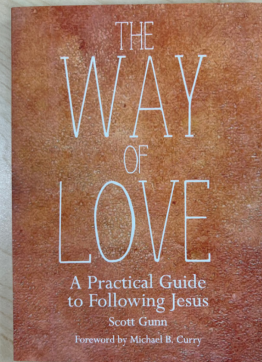
Our first two scheduled service projects are assembling LWR kits on a March Saturday (date not firm yet) and loading LWR boxes at Our Redeemer's Lutheran on May 5 & 6. Stay tuned for details.

COME TO OUR LENTEN BREAKFAST!



The Women of Queen Anne Lutheran invite you to our
Lenten Breakfast on
Saturday, February 25
from 9:30 AM to 11 AM
in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity to share fellowship with the women of the congregation—rekindle relationships and make new friends. It's also an opportunity to invite your friends.



Breakfast will be provided; we will have a short business meeting and Pastor Deb Squires will be leading us in a special program drawing from the book *The Way of Love* by Scott Gunn.

You may also choose to attend remotely via Zoom. Look for the link in your Friday emails, or contact the church office at admin@queenannelutheran.org.

We look forward to celebrating the start of the Lenten season together!

You may RSVP via the Doodle Poll link in your church email, or you can contact Gretchen Richey or Dolly Smith.

If you have special dietary needs, please let Dolly know.

Gretchen Richey: email gretchendr@comcast.net

Dolly Smith: Call 206-729-0117 or email ohanasurf@comcast.net

Women's Calendar—Come join us!

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

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

Tuesday, February 21—**Evening Circle** (contact Barb Bach) Conference Room or Zoom

Monday, Dec. 12—**Northern Lights** 6 PM (contact Dolly Smith for details)

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

THANKSGIVINGS

(at right) A big thank you to all who donated men's clothing to Queen Anne Helpline, from Liz Anderson, Director of Communications and Development (pictured here with our donations), and her colleagues at QAH! Liz emailed: "Thank you both for organizing and participating! We've gotten most of these items out and some have already found new homes today. Your continued support is much appreciated!"



FORUMS

February 12

GRIEFS OBSERVED: My Journey with C.S. Lewis

QALC member Jan Olson will present this forum, drawing on the writings of C.S. Lewis and on his own journey through grief and loss. Join him at 9 in the Conference Room or via Zoom. (Find the Zoom link on our FORUMS web page, or check your all-church emails.)

Rescheduling Forums

Due to tech mishaps and health events, we have had to postpone a few forums. Three sessions will be rescheduled for a future date. These include an update from CORE Tanzania from Jeannette and Michael Banobi; a presentation by Mary Jane Rubenstein, author of the book *Astrotopia*; and a table-talk discussion on “Life after Death” with Pastor Dan. We will keep you posted.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Office Hours—Vacations

Main Office (Barb Bash): The office will be open Tuesdays–Fridays, 9:00–5:30, except for Tuesday, February 20, when it will be closed following Presidents’ Day.

Cantor Kyle will be in the office Wednesdays—Thursdays. He will be on vacation February 15-21. (Guest organist **Dr. Wyatt Smith** will be with us on Sunday, February 19.) Feel free to contact Kyle if you wish to make an appointment; email cantor@queenannelutheran.org

Pastor Dan will be away until February 13, and back in the pulpit February 19 and thereafter. Feel free to contact the office or Pastor Dan if you wish to make an appointment to see him. **For emergency pastoral care** in his absence, pastors are on call from Ballard First Lutheran: Pastor Elise (803-944-7006) and Pastor Erik (206-355-3855), and from Church of Steadfast Love, Pastor Kristy Daniels (206-788-6745) or kdaniels@compasshousingalliance.org

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FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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