

The Quill

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I went to the musical 1776 a few nights ago where I learned some new things about how the Declaration of Independence came to be written. As I watched, I felt proud to be an American—to be part of a group of people who wanted freedom from tyranny, freedom to vote, freedom from an empire far away.

There were also moments in this play when I was horrified at some decisions made. At the last minute, the clause to abolish slavery was removed so that all of the representatives would sign the document. The most powerful song in the musical, “Molasses to Rum,” reminds the audience how all the colonies were complicit in the selling of humans—not just the South.

(<https://genius.com/John-cullum-molasses-to-rum-lyrics>)

As an American, I hold two realities. First, I rejoice in the wonder and aspiration of the United States of America. I am grateful for this country, and I love what it is striving to be. At its best, it is a country where freedom and liberty are supreme. It is a place where care is given to those arriving on its shores. It is a place where people can freely go to church and other places of worship (or not go at all). In short, the United States is a promise of what can be.

At the same time, I hold the truth of this country’s sins. Enslaved men built the White House, the U.S. Capitol building, and others. Homes of former presidents, including George Washington’s Mount Vernon and James Madison’s Montpelier, were built by men “owned” by them. The land that we in the Northwest Washington Synod are living on was once land that belonged to Samish and Duwamish, Lummi, and Muckleshoot and many others. Japanese people were unjustly imprisoned during World War II. Sundown laws and redlining laws were written throughout this country. As a white woman, I know that I could not vote until 1919. For women of color, the right to vote did not come until later. People who are part of the LGBTQIA+ communities have been harassed and discriminated against, beaten up and killed in this country. And discriminatory practices and violence continue to this day. In short, the systems in this country have violated and harmed people since its inception.

This is what it means to be an American: to vote, to engage in civic society, to appreciate this country, to grieve past and present sins, and to truthfully stand up and speak when it falls short of its ideals.

But what about those of us who are American and also Christian? Unequivocally it means that as much as one might love this country, this is not where our ultimate allegiance lies. For we are part of the body of Christ that extends beyond the borders of any country. As Lutheran Christians, we know that we are named, chosen, and called by God through Jesus. We hold deeply the joy that we are freed from sin, and, because of this, we are called into radical love, acceptance, and welcome—far beyond being a citizen of any country. We are freed to live beyond racism, injustice, and bigotry. Martin Luther wrote that freedom is a gift from God, not just for our sake, or our country’s sake, but for the sake of the world.

Tragically, there are those who want to distort this freedom. To somehow merge Christian and American identities. Rather than freedom, conflating religious authority with political authority leads to tyranny and marginalization—especially of minority groups. Christian Nationalism is neither patriotic nor is it faithful. You do not have to be Christian to be a “true” American. And you do not have to be American to be Christian. At its heart, it is idolatrous. As the First Commandment states, “You shall have no other gods.”

Together, as faithful Christians, let us live into Jesus' words—into radical love, acceptance and welcome. Let us speak truth to power and stand with those without power. Let us follow Jesus, who commands us to love everyone as our brothers and sisters and siblings, including our fellow citizens, those of other belief systems, and those of other nations. Together, as faithful Christians, let us stand up and speak out against Christian Nationalism and any system that marginalizes, harms, and subjugates another. As Jesus announces in the gospel of Luke, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

For freedom Christ has set us free. May we live and dance and revel in the freedom of Christ.

✠ *Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee*
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Vannady Keo

August 30, 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

I have unfortunate news. Two weeks ago, Vannady Keo, our Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator, informed me that he needed to resign. He brought great enthusiasm to our ministry and spoke of how positive his experience has been with us. He realized, however, that he could not balance his responsibilities as a student with his employment at Queen Anne Lutheran, and that his education needs to be his priority.

In moments like these, it is easy and understandable to feel disheartened. This is why I turn to the Apostle Paul, who recognized that God can turn obstacles like imprisonment and even death into new opportunities. Drawing on the resources we already have, Barb and I have accordingly taken over Vannady's work by identifying service projects/fellowship opportunities for middle and high school-aged youth over the coming year. Church council, moreover, has affirmed our participation in Project Phoenix (formerly LYONS), which will yield even more opportunities for fellowship/service with Lutheran youth at neighboring congregations.

After solidifying opportunities for older youth at our church, I will temporarily take over the work Vannady started of establishing a young adult Bible study fellowship, given our proximity to SPU. I will also regularly be offering children's sermons during worship beginning on Welcome Sunday, 9/17.

There is, in short, much more to come. But we need your help. Please pray for our ministry, and if the Spirit is nudging you to volunteer (or nudging you to nudge someone else), we would absolutely welcome your/their participation. Please contact me at pastor@queenannelutheran.org or speak with me in person if you are interested.

We will miss Vannady as a partner in our ministry, but there are new possibilities ahead and they will be our focus now.



Pastor Dan

FROM THE CANTOR

Happy September! Music ministry at QALC is gearing up this month. Here are some opportunities, and please do feel heartily welcomed to reach out to me if you have interest or if you have questions—I may not know about your interest unless you yourself get in touch by email, phone, or in conversation at church. Let me know!

QALC Choir

Starting September 14, we rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the music room (and usually also go upstairs to the nave). We like to keep things lighthearted, even as we dig into learning the music and concepts of good vocal production (at our rehearsals, running jokes are always appreciated). We sing most Sundays from September through Pentecost, but it's always fine to come sing with us for a shorter span—there are always extra choir folders prepared.

Pickup Choir

We'll have a couple of "pickup choir" opportunities between now and Pentecost as well. Just like our summertime pickup choirs, you can simply pop in, rehearse, and sing the same day's Sunday service. These pickup choirs will take place when there is no forum scheduled; the next pickup choir will be Sunday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:30 service.

Hand Bells

Let's try to expand the use of our beautiful hand bells! Want to ring for the introit at the beginning of the service? It's as easy as 1-2-3 (three bells, all numbered, with one or two bells per person). One barrier to wider use of hand bells is that typically a bare minimum of eight ringers is required. However, I recently found a collection of music for four ringers (two bells each) and piano. With just a few rehearsals we could offer one or more selections at one of our 10:30 services later in the fall, or during Advent. Older kids could have fun with this, too! Interested? Please let me know—I'll be asking around, but it's really helpful if you reach out to me.

Instrumentalists, Pianists, and...?

Do you play an instrument? Would you be willing to lend your talents for a piano prelude or to accompany the choir? (Or is there an organist in the congregation I don't know about?) What about your kids? Let me know! Congregational hymns, parts of the liturgy, and choral pieces are all possible opportunities. Again, don't be shy—let me know!

Thank You: Jazz on the Grass and Holden Evening Prayer

On Wednesday, August 9, we enjoyed a fun and successful return of "Jazz on the Grass" with more than sixty attendees from QALC and the neighborhood. Many thanks to all who helped prepare, set up, serve root beer floats, clean up, and more. That same evening—along with three other August Wednesdays—Holden Evening Prayer offered devotion and fellowship as we gathered at the back of the nave around the font. Please join me in thanking our Holden leaders who sang so beautifully: Karen McCullough, Joel Matter, Dan Mahraun, and Jeannette Banobi. Thank you for ministering to us through music.

God's blessings to you this fall! See you in church!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor
cantor@queenannelutheran.org

God's work. Our hands. September 9.

We are joining other ELCA churches around the country again this year for a dedicated day of "God's work. Our hands" community service on **Saturday, September 9.**

Groups are serving in two ways; and there is still time to sign up for either team:

1 For those inclined toward **environmental stewardship**, there is a Golden Gardens Park Work Party from 9 AM to noon to remove invasive vegetation and plant trees and bushes. This is organized through the Green Seattle Partnership. Register at the Green Seattle Partnership website, and sign up in the narthex, too, so we know you will be there with us. Questions? Contact Lisa Kjaerschade at lkjaer79@gmail.com.

2 The other service option is to **volunteer** to help two seniors on QA Hill. Both have mobility issues and need help with storing boxes, securing rugs for safety, rearranging furniture and generally providing a clearer space for them to move about safely along with some light housekeeping. We'll start at 10 AM and work at least until noon—feel free to stay longer if you are able. Members interested in joining a small team can sign up in the narthex or contact Jim Margard at jrm952@gmail.com.

Our Fall Schedule Begins September 10

Starting September 10, we will offer 8 AM and 10:30 AM services. Our first fall Forum begins the same day at 9 AM (*see next page*) We hope to see you at church!

The Worship and Music Committee is testing a new seating arrangement for our 8 AM service. (Many thanks to the volunteers who helped move the pews!) During August as worshipers gathered on Wednesdays for Holden Evening Prayer, a more intimate gathering space was arranged at the back of the nave around the baptismal font. Inspired by the positive reaction to that seating arrangement, we will test a similar setup for our 8 AM Sunday services.



Several pews at the back are now angled toward the font. When we resume 8 AM services, the readings, sermon, and prayers will be led near the base of the rear gallery platform—facing the angled pews, with the Holy Spirit window as a beautiful backdrop.

We are very much in need of volunteers to assist in worship at both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services. If you would like to try reading scripture or leading the prayers, greeting those who attend, or being an acolyte, please talk to Kyle or Pastor Dan. We have training sessions on Saturday, September 16 (*see page 8*)—join us if you are curious!

Welcome Sunday is 9/17

On Welcome Sunday we will extend our greetings to all who come! We hope to have coffee ready after the 8 AM service, and the second forum of our AI series will be at 9 AM in the Conference Room, led by Todd Bishop. 10:30 worship will include a children's message, and the choir will sing in worship.

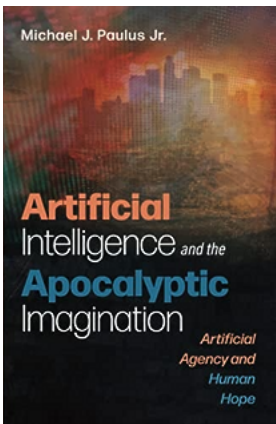
After 10:30 worship, we will all enjoy an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, with treats contributed by the youth who baked cookies and churned ice cream together the day before. Pastor Dan will have his dairy-free homemade almond milk ice cream available, too! Church leaders will wear "Ask Me About" nametags—so if you are curious about any part of our community life, you'll see whom to talk with as we socialize. Our Forum catalog for the upcoming year will also be available that Sunday—see next page for our first Forum series, which begins September 10.

Artificial Intelligence & Faith—Our First Forum Series

How do people of faith navigate the burgeoning world of AI? Is it a threat, or something we might approach with hope, or both? Join us for this exciting three-part series as we explore **AI & Faith**.

Forum meets in the Conference Room Sundays at 9 AM. Remote attendance is also available—look for the Zoom link in your Friday email or on our website's FORUMS page.

9/10 Artificial Intelligence and the Apocalyptic Imagination



Dr. Michael Paulus

Michael Paulus opens our series by discussing his latest book, *Artificial Intelligence and the Apocalyptic Imagination: Artificial Agency and Human Hope* which explores historical and theological resources that may help us imagine and create a better world with AI.

Dr. Paulus is dean of the library, assistant provost for educational technology, and associate professor of information studies at Seattle Pacific University. He is the co-editor of *AI, Faith, and the Future: An Interdisciplinary Approach* (Pickwick Publications, 2022).

9/17 AI is in the Details: Faith and Technology, a Practical Guide

Todd Bishop

GeekWire co-founder and friend of QALC **Todd Bishop** provides a hands-on look at what's possible in the emerging era of generative artificial intelligence, and explains the pitfalls, with an eye toward how these new tools can be used in our practice of faith.

9/24 Justification by Digital Grace: Will AI Make the Sacraments, Communal Confession, and Your Pastor Unnecessary?

Pastor Dan

How do we receive or know God's love? Can a sinner experience God's grace or truly know the power of acceptance through a non-human mediator, or is authentic human interaction a necessary precondition for such an experience? Join us for this forum as we discuss the role AI may or may not play in what Martin Luther and his successors identified as the central experience of Christian faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Quilt-Tying Party Friday, 9/15

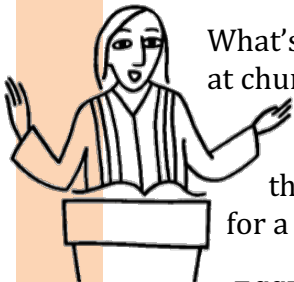
On Friday, September 15 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM, Sewing and Service have invited Church of Steadfast Love to tie quilts. Others who would like to participate are also invited! Lunch will be served.

Saturday 9/16 Is a Chock-full Day!

LWR KIT ASSEMBLY is being planned for the morning of Saturday, September 16, from 9 AM until 11:30 AM. School Kits and Personal Care Kits will be assembled. Contact Rich Mathes for more information.



INTERESTED IN HELPING IN WORSHIP IN THE COMING YEAR?



What's involved to help in worship? New to this, or need a refresher? Please join us at church Saturday, September 16 at one of the times below:

ACOLYTE TRAINING at 11:00 AM, for anyone interested in assisting in this simple yet meaningful way. Attendees will each receive a special gift card for a treat at the second-holiest place on QA Hill (QALC being the first).

ASSISTING MINISTER TRAINING at 11:30 AM for anyone interested in reading scripture, leading prayers, and helping to serve communion.

YOUTH MAKE FOOD: That same day at NOON, meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to **make homemade ice cream and bake cookies** for Welcome Sunday the following day! All youth are invited, and helpful adults are welcome, too! Contact Susan Evans with questions. (If you come to Acolyte Training at 11, pack a sandwich and stay for the kitchen fun!)



Learn About the Visitation Team Sunday, 9/24

The Visitation Team reaches out and stays connected with homebound members of the congregation (and any member who might appreciate the outreach) via phone calls, emails, postal mail, and in-person visits (which can include bringing communion). **If you'd like to learn more, and perhaps join the team, come to a brief meeting after the 10:30 service on Sunday, Sept. 24.** And if you or someone you know would appreciate outreach from the Visitation Team, please email us at visitation@queenannelutheran.org

—Peggy Morgan

A Memorial Service for Janet Bush will be held here at Queen Anne Lutheran Saturday, September 30 at 1:00 PM. Reception to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Queen Anne Book Club

The Queen Anne Book Club will now get together quarterly. Instead of picking one title, all are invited to come share their favorite books! Our meeting dates are all Mondays:

- October 30, 2023
- January 29, 2024
- April 29, 2024
- July 29, 2024
- October 28, 2024

We meet in the church narthex. Plans are to start around 5:30, with people bringing an appetizer to share. If you have questions, contact Liz Major, Cathi Unseth, or Candy Mathes.

Books discussed in July included:

The Sunday Philosophy Club

Dinners with Ruth

A Tale for the Time of Being

Lessons in Chemistry

Penelope Lively: Making it Up

This I Believe

Hello, Beautiful

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and

Wit

The Covenant of Water

Tomorrow

“Monk by the Sea”

Our thanks to Pastor Dan for sharing the evocative painting “Monk by the Sea” by the German Romantic artist Caspar David Friedrich, now hanging above the fireplace in the narthex. Pastor writes:

Early in his career, the Lutheran pastor and theologian Paul Tillich spoke of developing what he called “proto-theology.” This term draws from the experience Tillich had as a child, standing before (*proto*) the vastness of the Baltic Sea bordering Germany, where the line of the horizon symbolized to him the meeting of infinite with the finite.

As a child growing up on a farm in the Sacramento Valley of Northern California, I too encountered wide-open skies that inspired within me a sense of tremendous awe. This is what I love about valleys along with large bodies of water: they can inspire a sense of “God’s grandeur” (to borrow a phrase from the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins) among those who “stand before” them, overwhelmed by their majesty.

Caspar David Friedrich’s painting, “Monk by the Sea,” captures the experience beautifully. Notice how the horizon dwarfs the lone figure, a contrast many of us know that lies at the heart of the experience of the divine in and through nature. The Psalmist names it perfectly when he says that “[t]he heavens are telling the glory of God . . . how the firmament proclaims his handwork” (19:1). How do you respond to this painting? Are you the monk by the sea?



The Narthex Rotating Art program is a way we share with one another those things that enrich our faith and/or bring us joy. Be it a photograph, a painting, or a family treasure, if it brings you joy and you are willing to share its story, we would very much enjoy displaying it above the fireplace.

Please know that there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Feel free to sign up for one of the open slots. Questions? Please speak to Barbara in the office or Myra Dittes.

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM

There's a lot happening, but the Social Action Team is also open to new ideas! If you wish to sponsor or be involved in a QALC social action or environmental stewardship activity, please reach out to Jim Margard or Lisa Kjaer-Schade.

New Horizons Ministries



Fifth Fridays Dinner: Thank you to all who are volunteering to provide a dinner for the youth at New Horizons Ministries in Belltown on Friday, September 29th! The Pattens will provide the main course, the Abodeely's bread, Ingrid Wysong a fresh fruit option, Liz Major a dessert and Jackie Munguia a hot vegetable dish, perhaps. What a feast! We will be preparing another meal on Friday, December 29th.

Breakfast, too: Can't help out with a dinner? There is also an opportunity for 2-5 members to prepare and serve breakfast on Thursday and Friday, October 5th and 6th from 8:15-10:15. No need to bring anything - just show up and help prepare and serve. Let Jim Margard know at jrm952@gmail.com if you can make it.

Tour: For those who are interested in New Horizon's mission, activities and recent remodeling project, Executive Director Rob Stewart and associates will give a tour for QALC members on Friday, September 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Jim Margard at jrm952@gmail.com if you plan to go.



Gala Table: an anonymous QALC member has purchased a table for 10 at the "Hope on the Horizon Gala" dinner gala on **Friday, October 6 at the Seattle Aquarium**. Free seats, first come, first served—no charge to attendees. Sign up in the narthex.

Queen Anne Helpline Gala Table

For those interested in supporting Queen Anne Helpline and sampling some of the best cuisine Queen Anne chefs have to offer, we also host a dinner table for **the Queen Anne Helpline "Taste of Queen Anne"** at St. Anne's Banchero Hall on Saturday, October 14th. One seat is still available. If our table fills up, please consider supporting QA Helpline by purchasing a ticket independently.



Community Lunch on Capitol Hill—Save Your November Tuesdays

November is around the corner, and QALC will again be helping to prepare and serve lunches to anyone in need at **Community Lunch on Capitol Hill** on all four Tuesdays in November. Signups and information will be posted in the narthex in late September or early October, or you can contact Jim Margard directly to Volunteer.

Lutheran Disaster Response — Maui Wildfire

Checks to QALC with memo line "LDR—Wildfires" will be passed on to the ELCA efforts to help the recovery on Maui. Yellow flyers with more information are available on the welcome table.

Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls: “Through this WELCA initiative begun in 2005, WELCA is committed to raising up healthy women and girls by:

- Educating women to care for themselves physically, spiritually, and emotionally.
- Sharing knowledge and experience in order to prevent women and girls from continuing today's health risks tomorrow.
- Advocating for more research, particularly to hasten the elimination of heart disease and stroke in our lifetime.

The bottom line is that heart health issues include physical, emotional and spiritual disease that are killing women and setting girls on the same path. And the growing reality is that we are all directly affected by these killers; women suffer in silence through the other health issues and complications that result from not attending holistically to heart health. The good news is that we can do something about it! We are making a difference one woman, one girl at a time.”

From WELCA: “The ‘Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls 5K Run, Walk ‘n’ Roll’ at the Triennial Convention in Phoenix will not only give us the opportunity to support the WELCA health initiative, it will be our public witness to the Phoenix downtown community and city.” Candy Mathes has been walking 2+ miles most days and makes a point of walking 3.1 miles (5K) about once a week to try to be ready for this event. With the heat in Phoenix (the average temperature at the 6 AM 5K start is expected to be about 85° and close to 90° by 8 AM), She cannot promise to walk the walk, but hopes that you will join her anyway in supporting the Women of the ELCA in raising money for the WELCA “Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls” Program. Your contribution will help in making a difference in the lives of thousands of women and girls. We hope that many of you will support Candy in this endeavor. (checks may be made to “WELCA” and will be delivered by Candy to the WELCA at the convention in Phoenix. A pledge sheet will be in the narthex soon.

PDQ and Sewing and Service continue to meet. We are busy making quilts for the Fall Ingathering. One special opportunity is Friday, September 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM, when the women from Sewing and Service will be joined by Pastor Kristi and members of the Church of Steadfast Love to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We have a goal of tying 30 additional quilts that day. A light lunch will be served. We would welcome anyone else who would like to help layer quilts or tie knots.

The Fall 2023 Gather Bible Study is “Holy Places,” a three-session Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. For our September Bible Study—Session One:

Holy places: Home – Home can be the place we lay our head and the people we call family. Home can be our community or homeland. Home is also found wherever we truly and fully belong. This month, we consider the complexity and the promise of “home” through the stories of Israel’s exile, the ministry of Jesus, and the promises of Revelation.

You can access the September lesson here: <https://www.gathermagazine.org/> as well as watch the introductory video. The Evening Circle meets Tuesday, September 19 at 7 PM via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, contact Barb Bach or Candy Mathes. Northern Lights continues to meet via Zoom as well. Check with Dolly Smith for the meeting date.

Calling all cookie makers: If you would like to bake cookies for Janet Bush’s Memorial Service on September 30, please contact Candy Mathes or Susan Evans.

Your Women’s Committee,
Candy Mathes, Barb Bach, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck

QALCW—SPOTLIGHT ON CORE TANZANIA

The QALC Women have a commitment to support CORE Tanzania through donations to the cause. Our goal each year is to raise at least \$1,000. If you would like to contribute to our fund, please make your checks out to “QALCW” with “CORE Tanzania” in the memo line. Here’s a vignette from Twegashe School:



A First-Grader’s Day at School



Going from kindergarten to first grade is a big step for Twegashe’s first class of students—being in school from 8 am to 4 pm, sitting at tables instead of on mats on the floor as they are accustomed to doing at home, eating lunch at school, learning to get along with twenty-nine classmates instead of fourteen, helping new kindergartners learn the ropes. It’s fun to see how comfortable and confident these first-graders are now. They walk with a bounce in their step – a big contrast to the timid and hesitant new kindergartners. But we know it’s only a matter of time before the kindergartners will have that bounce, too!

MEN’S MINISTRY

Queen Anne Men’s Ministry (For men of all ages):

Kit Assembly: Join us to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits & School Kits for the Fall 2022 LWR Ingathering, **Saturday, September 16 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

If you do not have the building access code or key, just enter using the NW Fellowship Hall doors—i.e. walk down the outside steps to the basement. Please let me know if you will attend; that helps me set up the various assembly lines efficiently. You do not need experience; we will show the LWR videos that explain best ways to pack the kits.

Fall 2022 LWR Ingathering: Mark you calendar for November 3rd/4th at Our Redeemers’ Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 2500 NW 85th. We will load 80-100 churches’ quilts and kits into two 53’ containers. If you can load boxes or direct cars and trucks, please let Rich know.

—Rich Mathes, lwrmathes@aol.com.

LWR Update

First, many, many thanks to all of you who purchased and brought in the many school kit and personal care kit items! We should have enough school supplies to get us through this fall, as well as next spring—when there are no school supply sales—and for Twegashe school. We also have enough personal care kit supplies for this fall. Some of you found materials different than what I normally find at my "go-to stores"—which was great. It is refreshing to see other designs and materials that function well.

If you want to have a hands-on experience seeing/assembling all of these diverse items, the Men's Group is sponsoring the School Kit and Personal Care Kit Assembly on Saturday, Sept 16th from 9-11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. After being boxed that morning, they will sit on the stage until our Blessing of the Quilts & Kits Sunday, October 22.

The Fall LWR Ingathering will be November 3 & 4 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church (2500 NW 85th). If you can help loading boxes into 53' containers, let Rich know. Eighty to 100 churches from Western Washington (and Alaska) bring boxes of items to load. Volunteers are also needed for directing traffic.

Please check the Men's Group article for more details on assembling school & personal care kits and LWR loading, and the QALCW articles for more details on quilts and baby care kits. Donations are needed to ship all these items—it costs about \$.75 per pound to cover costs to ship to wherever the goods will ultimately end up. For QALC, that is approximately \$700 needed each Ingathering. QALCW gratefully accepts contributions to help pay for kit supplies and shipping.

Questions? Contact Rich at 206-384-1183 or lwrmathes@aol.com

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GATHERINGS, & THANKS

Chapel Renovation Complete

It all started in January when Pastor Dan, Cantor Kyle, and Barb Bash asked the Worship & Music Committee to get the Queen Anne Lutheran chapel ready to use for Lenten worship. During the pandemic, it was used for storage and as the main entrance to the church, and it was badly in need of a facelift. As one thing led to another, it was cleaned up to use for Lent, and then more work was done over the summer. After several months of effort, the chapel is clean, bright, and ready to be used again as a place for worship and contemplation. Here's what happened during the project:



The old carpet was cleaned for Lent, and then carpet tiles that were purchased several years ago were installed in the chapel, chapel hallway, and chapel conference room (aka the counters' room).

The piano was tuned.

New carpet was installed on the chapel altar platform.

All the purple upholstered chairs throughout the church were cleaned, and four of the chairs were reupholstered.

The chapel altar, lectern, baptismal font, and wood trim were refinished to match the furnishings in the sanctuary. These furnishings were used in the first permanent church building, which was constructed in 1921. You can see pictures of the church building and sanctuary in the Historical Documents section of the Members' Area on the QALC website. (See Barb Bash if you need the password to the Members' Area.)

Oak rail trim for pictures and/or votive lights was installed along the east chapel wall.

This project couldn't have happened without the help and support of the Queen Anne Lutheran congregation! At the risk of forgetting someone, here's a huge thank you to the following people:

- Pastor Dan, Cantor Kyle, and Barb Bash for getting the ball rolling on the project and helping with all the logistics.
- Virginia Stamey-Johnson for her professional expertise in designing and coordinating the project.
- The Memorial Committee (Virginia Stamey-Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Jean Oplinger, Sallie Wilson, and Mark Dibble) for allocating memorial funds to the project.
- The Worship & Music Committee (Jennifer Jones, Mark Dibble, Meg Shaw, and Susan Evans) for overseeing the project.
- John Bryant for moving furniture throughout the project.
- Rich Mathes for arranging for carpet cleaning and supervising work parties.
- Many congregation members and friends who helped with the three work parties to clean up the chapel, move everything out for laying the new carpet, and then move it all back again.

Here's a nice postscript to the project:

While the workers from Holowchuk Wood Services were delivering the refinished chapel furnishings, Barb Bash was assembling a stroller that a congregational member had donated to help out a mom in need. Barb managed to put the stroller together but then discovered it needed its tires pumped up like a bicycle. Peggy Morgan, who lives nearby, came through with a bicycle pump, but the two of them tried in vain to get it to work. Barb finally asked the chapel woodworkers, Jonathon and Cody, to help—and they did. While all this was going on, the mom and her two sweet kids played in the nursery and enjoyed leftover Oreos. With the three wheels inflated, the happy family thanked everyone and headed home to their first permanent housing in four years. Thank you, Jonathon and Cody!

If you haven't seen the refurbished chapel yet, please take a few minutes to check it out. We're excited to have this worship area available again.

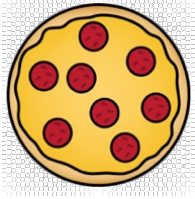
...and the Chapel Door Is Adjusted

After the new carpet was installed in the chapel suite, Kyle and several others noticed that the chapel door would not close without a hard push. If you have ever needed to work on a door that no longer functions well, you know that, over time, small changes in hinges, sagging, adding carpet under threshold, painting the frame, and wood shrinking can all compound to affect how well a door closes (or whether it closes). The carpet installation was probably the final "nail in the coffin" that caused the chapel door to not close well, maybe because of slightly different new carpet thickness, or maybe because of several small issues compounded.

To get the door to close properly again Al Mangold tried several ideas, including scraping away some paint on the frame, sanding the door-bottom, grinding the metal threshold so it became thinner, and drilling out and replacing two of the three screws holding the metal threshold tight—including a screw apparently broken during the carpet installation. I think the chapel door closes better now than before the new carpeting. Thank you very much, Al !!!

—*Rich Mathes*, Property Committee

Newbies Gathered at Zeek's Pizza



Pastor Dan gathered a group of folks new to membership, and some who have recently become active visitors, at Zeek's Pizza on Queen Anne Avenue on the last Tuesday evening in August. We hope to schedule other casual newcomers' gatherings going forward, and may have a lunchtime option next time. Let Pastor Dan know if you would like to attend.

NUTS AND BOLTS

On Sharing and Receiving Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Write your request on a blue pew card during worship, and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. You may also contact Pastor Dan or the church office to leave a prayer request. When we receive a prayer request, it is helpful to know if you would like this prayer to be included during Sunday worship in the weeks following, and/or if you would like the request sent out to the church e-mail **Prayer Chain**.^{*} Pastor Dan can reach out to you when he sees your request, and we will not make a request public unless you ask to do so.

Please help us keep prayer requests up to date. We realize some hardships are ongoing, and renewing a request for prayer in such a case is supported. You can renew or discontinue requests by contacting Pastor Dan or the office.

Please obtain permission from the person concerned before publishing his or her name.

***What Is the Prayer Chain?** It is simply an e-mail group of members who have asked to receive prayer requests, so that they may each include them in their personal prayers at home, and keep apprised of members who have hardships. If you are a member of QALC who would like to become part of our Prayer Chain, simply call or email the church office.

Regular, Automatic Giving Is a Good Gift!

Please consider enrolling in QALC's "Simply Giving" EFT program. This provides a simple, hassle-free and secure way for you to make automatic donations to QALC from your checking or savings account. Giving in this way helps the church by ensuring that your offering is received even when you cannot make your donation in person. Giving in this way also helps ensure a steady income for the church over the course of the year. Enrollment forms are available on a clipboard on the railing in the narthex. For further details about the Simply Giving options, please speak with Jacqui Darroch, who administers the program for us, or Sallie Wilson, our Financial Secretary.

Office Hours:

Main Office (Barb Bash): The office is normally open Tuesday–Friday, 9:00–5:30.

Cantor Kyle is in the office on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening.

Pastor Dan is available Tuesday through Thursday and Saturdays. Feel free to contact him by email if you wish to make an appointment at pastor@queenannelutheran.org. If an immediate response is needed, text Pastor Dan at 253.230.9695.

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Our Covid Protocols

Our news feeds and papers continue to cover the prevalence of Covid here and elsewhere. We look forward to new, targeted vaccines arriving in October, but also note news of the rise of yet another variant which may have the ability to evade our immunities. The exposures that occur occasionally from worship or other events are a good reminder that Covid has not gone away, there *are* still risks involved, and individuals need to be mindful of that. What follows are the procedures we have in place to respond to exposures.

How do I notify the church if I was at an event and then tested positive for Covid?

As soon as you know there was an exposure, please **text Pastor Dan on his cell, 253-230-9695**. Leaving a message at the church office at 206-284-1960 and emailing both the office (admin@queenannelutheran.org) and Pastor Dan (pastor@queenannelutheran.org) are also useful, but the voice mail and emails are not monitored 24/7. Texting Pastor Dan will be most timely and effective.

How does the church notify those exposed, if someone has tested positive for Covid?

Barb Bash has trained Pastor Dan and Cantor Kyle in how to send out an All-Church email notification, so that word can get out quickly to our faith community, even on a weekend. **One of these staff members will send word out.** When we can, we will work with event organizers to make sure we have notified all attendees. Members involved in the event who do not use the Internet will be informed by phone. The email will include a link to the Washington State Department of Health guidelines.

What do I need to know if I am hosting an event?

Because Covid has not gone away, we must still be mindful of the possibility that we will have to notify attendees after an event. For committees, it is often easy to remember who was present, but for other events, particularly when attendees may come from outside the congregation, **it is best practice to keep a list of attendees with their preferred contact information**, be it email or phone.

How do I decide whether to attend an event or worship?

For some, Covid symptoms can be mild. They may include headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, muscle pain, fatigue, fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, or loss of taste or smell. Other less-common symptoms include nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. If you are experiencing *any* symptoms, however mild they may seem, and you have not tested yet for Covid, choosing to stay home from worship or an event is a caring response for yourself and others.

Our church still encourages, but does not require masking, as we follow the state of Washington Department of Health guidelines and there is currently no masking mandate. It is now up to attendees at an event to decide whether they do so; you need to determine your own level of risk and your comfort with those risks. Deciding to attend a meal at church, where masks will be off, is similar to deciding whether to eat at a restaurant.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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		Office closed				
10:00am Worship 11:00am Small Group (Conf.)	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			9:00am God's Work. Our Hands. Day of Service (offsite) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	11:00am SPU Ministry Fair 7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10:30am Quilt-Tying Event (downstairs)	9:00am LWR Kit Assembly (FH) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 11:00am Acolyte Training 11:30am Assisting Minister Training 12:00pm Youth! Cookies/Ice Cream (FH Kitchen) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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Welcome Sunday!						
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship 11:30am Ice Cream Social	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm Northern Lights	7:00pm QALCW Circle (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	5:30pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm New Horizons Tour (offsite)	10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship 11:45am Visitation Team Meeting (Conf.)	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm New Horizons Dinner*	9:00am Great Books 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:00pm Janet Bush Memorial Service 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)