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the Pastor's WORD

An Experiment Gone *Right*

September was an exciting month. The choir returned to sing at worship. We had our first-ever ice cream social, and we kicked off our fall forum programming with a three-part series on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and faith.

The series began with a presentation by Michael Paulus, dean of the library and assistant provost for educational technology at SPU. He shared biblical perspectives that might help us as people of faith to imagine and shape a better world with AI.

The following week, our own Todd Bishop, co-founder of the national technology news site *GeekWire*, provided a hands-on look at what's possible in the emerging era of generative AI, that is, the kind of AI that can produce different types of content based upon the information it has at its disposal.

I finished the series with a forum on whether AI can mediate the experience of grace the way a human being can. Can you, for example, receive and feel absolution for something you did wrong from a robot the way you would another person?

That same Sunday, I conducted an experiment during worship, one that could have easily gone wrong. I invited the congregation to listen closely to the sermon I preached and see if they noticed anything unusual. People *gaped* when I told them by way of conclusion that it was produced by AI. Generative AI, it would seem, has incredible potential for doing just about anything, including the work of a pastor.

Thankfully, the feedback I received after worship suggested otherwise. Most people knew that something seemed "off." The sermon was too short, they observed. It lacked depth, and it failed to *challenge* them in their faith the way (they said) I do.

Paul Tillich once said that a "minister who simply preaches in traditional ways, without risking error or controversy, should not have become a minister." This observation highlights the fundamentally *human* component of preaching, the kind informed not by a machine or an algorithm but by the work of the Spirit.

AI may be useful as a tool, but it cannot challenge or comfort us at the depth of our being.

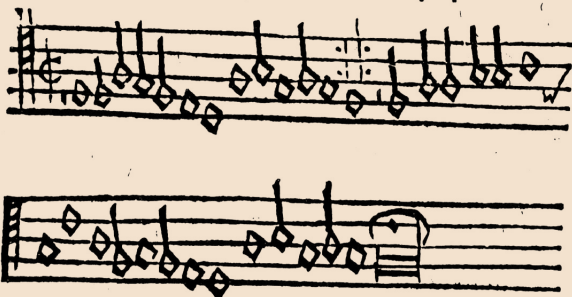
September was an exciting month. For me, it was also a meaningful one. I was called to Queen Anne Lutheran to preach what the transition team back in 2016 identified as "substantive" sermons, the kind that reveal their truly *human* character.

There is no substitute for that.

Pastor Dan

This month marks the 506th anniversary of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses* and the start of the Reformation. After the first of the year, QALC hosts a 3-part forum series on "Women of the Reformation." Looking ahead toward that, I thought it would be fitting to take another look at Elisabeth Cruciger and her early Lutheran hymn, "The Only Son from Heaven" (ELW 509). What follows builds upon part of a forum presentation I offered in 2022 on Reformation-era hymnody. The ingredients of the story include the early days of the Reformation, a pinch of guilt by association (or perhaps not?), and even some apocalyptic theology fads...

Czyn Lobsanck von Christo



**Herr Christ der cynig Gotts son vaters yn ewig
kery. Aus seym hertzen entsprossen/ gleich wie ge-
schryben steht. Er ist d morgen sterne/ seyn glentze
streckt er ferne/ fur andern sternen klar.
fur vns ein mesch geboze/ ym letzte teil der zeit/
Der mutter vnuerloze/ yhr yugfrewlich keusche yr.
Den tod fur vns zu broche/ de hymel auffgeschlos-
sen/ das leben wider bracht.
Lass vns yn deiner liebe/ vnd kentnis nemē zu/
Das wir am glauben bleibe/ vnd dienen ym geyst
so. Das wir hie mugen schmecken/ deyn sufficereyt
ym hertzen/ vnd dursten stet nach dir.
Du Schepffer aller dinge/ du vetterliche krafft.
Regirft von end zu ende/ krefftig aus eigen macht
Das hertz vns zu dir wende/ vnd ker ab vnser syn-
ne/ das sye nicht yrm von dir.
Ertodt vns durch deyn gute/ erweck vns durch
deyn gnadt. Den alten menschen krencke/ das der
new leben mag. Wol hie auff dyser erden/ den syfi
vnd all begerden/ vnd dancken han zu dir.**

The hymn "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn" by Elisabeth Cruciger, from Martin Luther's Erfurt Enchiridion, 1524

"The Only Son from Heaven"

"The Only Son from Heaven" is a hymn especially well-suited for Epiphany. It was first published in the Erfurt *Enchiridion* (1524), the second Lutheran hymnal. It gained widespread popularity and has consistently been included in Lutheran hymnals ever since. The author, Elisabeth Cruciger (c. 1500–1535), was a former nun of a noble Polish family and friend of Luther's wife, Katharina von Bora. Although regarded as the first Lutheran female hymn writer, little else is known of Cruciger besides this hymn—and that she died at the age of 35.

Initially, "The Only Son from Heaven" was consistently attributed to Cruciger. But for roughly 250 years, Elisabeth was often not solely credited—or not credited at all. Why did this happen? Back in 2001, for an issue of *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Reformation historian Mary Jane Haemig follows the clues in her article, "Elisabeth Cruciger (1500?-1535): The Case of the Disappearing Hymn Writer." The paragraphs below draw mostly from Haemig's work.

Wandering Authorship Claims

Fifty years after Cruciger's death, Elisabeth was still consistently credited with "The Only Son from Heaven." She herself was even lauded, as in a lengthy sermon preached in 1588 on Cruciger and the hymn. In that era, it seems that some post-Reformation Lutherans expected the End Times to commence. Cruciger's status as a female author was sometimes framed within the prophecy of Joel 2:28–29, "And it

shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit." As the years unfolded (and apocalyptic theology fads faded) proper attribution of the hymn also faded. There are some twists and turns along the way as writers and preachers cover Cruciger and her hymn; Haemig believes that contextualizing

Cruciger's authorship within accepted gender norms is indeed part of the story of Elisabeth's decreasing prominence when pastors and historians write about the hymn in the 1600s and beyond. But there is also more going on behind the scenes—including a family name that may have been problematic.

Cruciger's husband, Caspar the Elder, was a protégé of Luther, but his works were used by both sides in intra-Lutheran debates after Luther's death, clouding his reputation in theological circles. More seriously, Elisabeth and Caspar's son, Caspar the Younger, espoused views that were deemed crypto-Calvinist; he was imprisoned in Wittenberg in 1576 and then exiled. By 1599 a groundbreaking history of Saxony was written by David Chytraeus, who was also a signatory to the *Formula of Concord* and thus would not have been a fan of the younger Cruciger (and perhaps not the elder, either). Chytraeus credited Cruciger's hymn to Andreas Knoepken (c. 1468–1539), a Latvian pastor, reformer, and hymn writer. Chytraeus's plausible (but unprovable) disdain for "all things Cruciger" may have been a factor—not borne of malice, but a predisposition to the notion that another source must exist. Because Chytraeus's overall scholarship carried weight, a sort of feedback loop was created among later scholars in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Thus, the hymn was credited to Knoepken and Cruciger or, even more problematically, to Knoepken alone—despite earliest crediting to Cruciger when the hymn was initially published.

The Return of Elisabeth Cruciger

It would not be until about 1870 that Cruciger was again consistently credited as the author of the hymn. With "The Only Son from Heaven" consistently misattributed to a Latvian pastor—but with Cruciger's connection still in the ether—German Lutheran pastor and author Johannes Geffcken sleuthed the sequence of Latvian hymnals and church orders from the 1500s. It turns out that Andreas Knoepken was directly involved (perhaps solely responsible, even) for the publication of a 1537 church order that attributes "The Only Son from Heaven" to Elisabeth Cruciger. Geffcken had now found proof from Knoepken's own works to corroborate the attribution of the hymn to Cruciger. So, if Knoepken knew that Cruciger wrote "The Only Son from Heaven," how did Knoepken end up credited with the hymn?

Knoepken himself was a prolific hymn writer. It seems that around 1548, a copy error in Latvian hymnals or church orders was introduced, crediting Knoepken. This error was carried forward in later publications. It's possible that Chytraeus, the influential author of Saxon history, consulted these later publications. As a result, from about the year 1600 onward, scholars (including hymnal compilers) would usually take one of three paths: suggest co-authorship with Cruciger; or mention Cruciger while crediting Knoepken; or, in many cases, only credit Knoepken.



As a result, for nearly 250 years, this beautiful hymn of the Reformation was thus disconnected from the remarkable woman of the Reformation, who is the hymn's true author. Thanks to Geffcken's work in the 1800s, plus the modern-day sleuthing and painstaking research in recent years by Mary Jane Haemig, we know "the rest of the story." Elisabeth Cruciger's rightful place as the author of "The Only Son from Heaven" is restored, and her talents are rightly celebrated.

God's blessings to you as we look forward to celebrating the heritage of the Reformation. See you in church!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle".

Kyle Haugen, Cantor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Saturday Morning Seekers” Begins 10/7;

Young Adults Bible Fellowship Begins, Too:

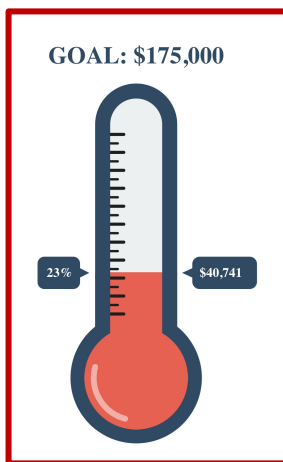
Chelsey Sagon and Yllium Umipig, who presently work as nursery care providers on Sunday mornings, have now expanded their role. They will now, working with Pastor Dan, coordinate and advertise for our new Young Adult Bible Fellowship ministry.

We invite **young adults and students** to join Pastor Dan Wednesday, October 4 and 18 in the Conference Room for YABF. A light supper will be provided at 6 PM, followed by an hour of Bible study. This group will meet first and third Wednesdays through December 6. Please invite any young adults or college students you know who might be interested. And if you would enjoy providing a light supper for this group in a rotation with others, please talk to Pastor Dan!

Triangle Project Appeal

The Triangle Task Force is working with Kim Rooney Landscape Design to create a more welcoming, accessible and sustainable entry experience to our Church. As presented to the congregation earlier this year, the proposed plan includes a series of rounded benches surrounding a bird bath in the triangle area, a new walkway arrangement, the relocation of our beautiful bell, and landscaping that includes more native plants.

We urgently need a volunteer to lead the Funding Appeal. We are targeting \$175,000 to be raised by next



spring. The later this happens, the more risk there is for price escalation. Anyone with interest in leading our Appeal should contact **Marc Oplinger** (marcoplinger@comcast.net; 253.439.8269)

Design: the Landscape Architect team is preparing documents suitable for permit applications and construction based on the designs approved by the congregation earlier this year, and targeting October for permit applications.

Plant selection: The Triangle Task Force (TTF) will host a process for review and comment on final plant selection. The planting plan will be prepared by the landscape architect based on feedback and discussion with the congregation earlier this year, plants acceptable by the jurisdictions governing the right-of-way, and the designer’s recommendations.

Construction: Once fundraising is kicked off, the Church will engage a contractor to do the work. Two contractors have prepared estimates; the TTF has a recommendation for selection prepared. We are targeting November this year to complete the engagement, and targeting next spring for construction.

—Triangle Task Force: Lisa Kjaer-Schade, Marc Oplinger, Connie Wurm, Susan Evans, and Megan Schutte

Our Visitation Team

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). The Visitation Team is currently exploring possible ways to facilitate rides to church on Sundays for those who need them. Watch for more information on this in future issues of the Quill and Sunday bulletins. If you would like to become part of our Visitation Team, or if you or someone you know would appreciate outreach from us, please email us at visitation@queenannelutheran.org

—Peggy Morgan

got questions?

Spiritual but not Religious?

Curious but Cautious?

Join Us:

Saturday Morning Seekers

First Saturday of each month

QALC Conference Room

Light Breakfast Provided
9:30-10 AM

Discussion 10-11 AM

All are welcome.

No faith required.

2024 Guidelines for Expenditures

It is that time of year again!!

All committee heads—or anyone who needs to, or wants to, provide input for potential 2024 expenditures or income—please provide your proposal at the Tuesday, October 24 Finance Committee meeting from 6 to 9 PM. Submit written documentation, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Our draft numbers need to be available by early November for Council review; Council finalizes our 2024 guidelines in December, in preparation for a congregational vote at our January annual meeting.



If you have suggestions for any budgeted line item, even if you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also. *Great ideas that are not presented may not get into the 2024 guidelines!*

You can attend all of the meeting, or just drop in briefly to present your ideas. 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. If we are meeting with someone, you will not be admitted until they are finished.

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 your suggestions in the Finance Committee mailbox, in the lower left section of mailboxes in the office.

Donations Needed:

Sewing and Service is looking for **LARGE/XLARGE MEN'S COTTON T-SHIRTS** to be "up-cycled" into diapers for LWR baby kits. We cannot use any military, flag or religious screen-prints. Please leave donations in the narthex.

Queen Anne Book Club Meets October 30 with New Format

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

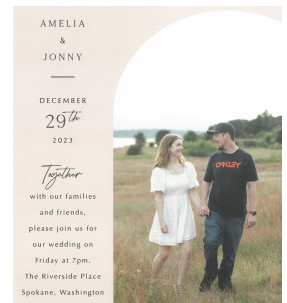
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The Covenant of Water

Tomorrow

Wedding Joy!

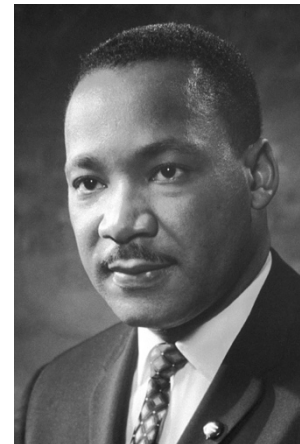
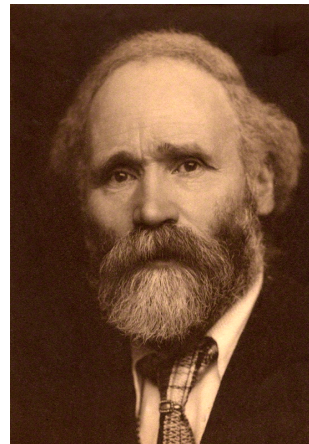
We were delighted to receive a wedding invitation recently from Amelia (Kat) Gilbert, who will wed Jonny Chestnutt on Friday, December 29, 2023 in Spokane, Washington. The congregation is invited to share their joy, and if you would like the details, address, or their web-link, please stop by the office to view the invitation. Kat was baptized here and attended while she studied at SPU, and we wish the couple all the best in their upcoming marriage!



10/15: A Brief History of Christian Socialism

What do St. Basil the Great (Father of the Church), Keir Hardie (founder of the UK Labour Party), and Martin Luther King, Jr. have in common? All are important figures in the theological and political tradition of Christian

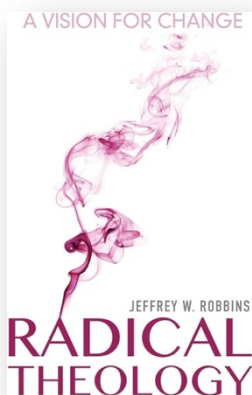
socialism. In this forum, we will explore the history of this tradition and consider the lessons that Christian socialists of the past can teach us about faith and politics today.



Dr. Matt Bellinger is an Assistant Professor of Communication at Seattle Pacific University. He studies the history and rhetoric of 20th and 21st century religious socialists.

10/22: Fascism, Christian Nationalism, and the Death of God

In this forum, Dr. Jeff Robbins returns to put death of God talk to the test with respect to the gods of fascism and Christian nationalism that need to be killed. Might the demise of God, understood in terms of what author Mary-Jane Rubenstein calls “the Great White Guy in the Sky,” offer a practical way for Christians to confront the threat of theocracy and fundamentalism to democracy and freedom?



Jeffrey W. 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 and serves as the Faculty Mentor for the Allwein Scholars Program. He is the author or editor of nine books, including most recently *Radical Theology: A Vision for Change* (Indiana University Press, 2016), and co-author of *An Insurrectionist Manifesto: Four New Gospels for a Radical Politics* (Columbia University Press, 2016), which was named as a Choice Outstanding Academic Title in 2016. He was identified in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* as “one of the best commentators on religion and postmodernism.”

Our Forums meet at 9 AM Sundays in the Conference Room.

A Zoom link is also available for those attending remotely; look in your Friday email or contact the office for the link.

The complete 2023/2024 *Forum Catalog* is available in the narthex, or view it online.



New Horizons Ministries



GALA: Join other members for a memorable night at the “Hope on the Horizon” dinner gala at the aquarium on Friday October 6th, beginning at 6:30. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex, or you may contact Jim Margard at jrm952@gmail.com. After signing up, **please register** at nhmin.org and indicate your dinner option preference. If you have a problem registering, please contact Jim or New Horizons directly. Tickets for admission have already been paid. Eight seats are left!

BREAKFAST, TOO: Take the opportunity to meet New Horizons’ guests by preparing and serving breakfasts on Thursday and/or Friday, October 5th and 6th, from 8:30 to 10:30, or for whatever time you can spare. No need to bring anything—just yourself! Please let Jim know if you plan to attend.

Community Lunch on Capitol Hill—Save Your November Tuesdays

Queen Anne Lutheran is continuing a tradition of nearly 40 years in serving lunches to those in need at CLCH, for the four Tuesdays in November. Community Lunch serves at All Pilgrims Church at Broadway and Republican. QALC members and friends are encouraged to volunteer to assist in food preparation in the kitchen (8:30-12:30) or serve lunch and help in other ways (10:00-1:00). Look for a sign up sheet in the narthex, or contact Jim Margard. Parking on Broadway is usually easy to find and there are a few parking spots at Homestreet Bank nearby at Roy and 10th Ave. that can be used.

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 Banchemo Hall on Saturday, October 14th. One seat is still available.



Ridwell Note:

Because of a fire made in our Ridwell bin recently, we have decided hosting a bin at the church is unwise. We will continue to collect Ridwell donations at the church, (plastic film, batteries, threads and light bulbs) and Susan Evans will host the bin at her house and take home whatever items are dropped off. Lisa Kjaer will collect our Styrofoam and turn that in with her home bin. We will keep the congregation apprised of Ridwell’s special monthly collections.

QALC MEN’S MINISTRY (for men of all ages)

Thanks to all who showed up to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief on September 16. We boxed 80 school care kits and 160 personal care kits!

LWR Ingathering will be November 3 and 4 at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church. Call Rich if you are able to move 30-pound boxes from delivery vehicles to 53-foot containers. We still need a few more loaders.

—Rich Mathes

QALC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

PDQ and Sewing and Service continue to meet. We are busy making quilts for the Fall Ingathering November 3/4. We are continuing to get quilts ready for the **Blessing of the Quilts & Kits on Sunday, October 22**. We invite everyone to help box them for shipping after the late service that day, as well as to contribute to the cost of kit supplies and shipping. This year we will not be using bar codes, but labels with the church name and the number of items in each box.

Sewing and Service meets most Wednesdays starting at 10 AM in the Fireside Room.

PDQ's meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM (bring your own supper).

Feel free to come visit even if you are just curious! There are many ways to help beyond sewing.

The Fall 2023 Gather Bible Study: "Holy places," a three-session Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. This October 2023 our study is "Holy places: Sanctuary."



For thousands of years, physical spaces have been set apart for individual prayer and community worship. "Sanctuary" is one word for such spaces. Throughout history, "sanctuary" has also referred to spaces of safety and refuge. If God is everywhere, what is the importance of sanctuary? What can Jesus' teachings and Paul's correspondence with the early church teach us about what sanctuary looks like today?

Watch the video for Session Two, "Holy Places: Sanctuary." Go [HERE](https://gathermagazine.org), to gathermagazine.org for the lesson and to watch the introductory video. For new subscribers, *Gather* magazine is only \$10.00 for the first year.

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 Circle** continues to meet via Zoom as well. Check with Dolly Smith for the meeting date.

Notes from the WELCA Gathering in Phoenix:

"Educating women to care for themselves physically, spiritually, and emotionally."

Candy Mathes made it out in time to walk in the 5k Run, Walk and Roll. She only walked 2.8 miles of it so she would still have energy for a day of challenging and inspirational speakers. Rich graciously got up at sunrise to walk it, too. Thanks to everyone who supported her on this challenging event.

WELCA Gathering sound bites:

"It shouldn't have to happen to you for it to matter to you." —Rev. Angela T. !Khabeb

Rev. !Khabeb went on to say that Covid made churches think about how to reach out to those who could not make it to church by taking church to everyone via online church. (It seems at Queen Anne we understand how to get meetings to those who cannot attend, but not Sunday morning worship. I know that after my heart operation, I desperately wanted to be part of worship at QALC—the whole thing—the music, the people, the announcements, the sermon... What do *you* think about online options?)

"QTIP: Quit Taking It Personally" —from noted author Dr. Jacqueline Bussie.

Dr. Bussie went on to say how often do we know just one story about a person, but they are made of many stories. She quoted from the book *Little Bee*, "We must see all scars as beauty. Okay? This will be our secret. Because take it from me, a scar does not form on the dying. A scar means, 'I survived'."

Dr. Bussie talked about emotional scars, not just physical scars, and how we really don't know what-all is the rest of another's story.

Your Women's Committee,

Sallie Wilson, Barb Bach, Pat Sobeck and Candy Mathes



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.

There is currently a narthex display giving a tour of the Twegashe School campus. Here’s a small excerpt: As you approach the school itself, the first thing you encounter is the administration block (on the right in the photo), part of the Phase 2 building. This new building is now complete except for painting and doors. Beyond the administration block is the library, and then a long corridor with five classrooms. Across the courtyard are the four classrooms of the Phase 1 building, all full now with students from grades K-3. The new building will be ready just in time for us to receive a new batch of kindergartners in January!



This week Twegashe’s maintenance man, driver, and jack-of-all-trades, Uncle Mwombe, is busy building cement platforms to serve as stairs from the corridor to the courtyard, so student traffic doesn’t all have to pass through the corridor and past classroom windows. Along the corridor you can see the flowers the third-graders planted as part of their Civic and Moral Education class to help promote pride in their school at the

beginning of the year. This flower garden has definitely had the desired effect!

—Michael and Jeannette Banobi



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.

Thanks to the Men's group for assembling 80 School Kits and 160 Personal Care Kits on Sept 16th

The Fall LWR Ingathering will be Nov 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 QALCW articles for more details on quilts and baby care kits. Donations to ship all these items - it costs about \$.75 per pound to cover costs ship to where ever the goods will ultimately end up. For QALC that is approximately \$700 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

THE HOLDEN DISPATCH

My Times at Holden— June 17-23; August 19-25; & September 2-8, 2023

Illness and timing precluded me from writing an article for each of the visits I have had at Holden Village this summer. So, this one will lightly cover what I experienced in each of the three weeks in the Village.



There were plenty of identical contours with these visits, as well as “new normal” procedures. Each time I arrived at the Holden Bed & Breakfast it was before 6 PM, which was new this year—in previous visits, in previous years, my arrival was closer to 9 PM. Roberta, the B & B host, served excellent egg dishes for breakfast. I tested myself for COVID for all visits: each time I received a negative result. The boat rides were uneventful, with no wayward luggage like what I’d experienced in April; by June, color-coded ribbons were supplied in the village for designating which luggage would go on which transportation (Stehekin Ferry, Lady— “slow boat”, Lady Express, etc.) to which destination (Stehekin, Field’s Point, Chelan); and by August, green tags with “Holden Village” printed on them were supplied at Field’s Point for up-lake luggage identification. People arrived / left the village on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only. Buses left the village in the morning only around 10:10 AM; Monday departure at 9:30 AM. In the Village, the handwashing and hand-sanitizer ritual before taking a bowl or plate in the food line continued to reign in the Dining Hall; taking additional helpings of food required another handwashing, hand sanitizing, and taking another clean bowl and / or plate each time; all this was to help reduce the spread of disease, germs, and pathogens. No Matins or First Word were given with breakfast. Worship in the evening continues to be called Sacred Space, and attendance at worship is no longer mandatory. No morning chimes of hymns or songs, though some of the rainbird sprinklers were running, keeping the lawns green, and were loud enough to wake people from slumber. Janice Haakon and the gardening volunteers kept the grounds and gardens beautiful. The cost of Snack Bar ice cream went up: regular

scoop (tennis ball size) - \$1; Holden scoop (softball size) - \$2; hot fudge topping or fruit topping - \$1; nuts topping - \$0.50; Sprinkles – free. Popcorn from the pool hall was still only \$1.

How I Went Up to Holden and Came Down With COVID

This June visit, Larry Howard, Nancy Winder, and I were housed in Lodge 2. This is unusual, as the normal place to house short-term staff is in Lodge 1. What we later found out was that there was someone quarantined in Lodge 1 with COVID. Lodge 2 has the disadvantage of a set of stairs needed to reach the first-floor patio; Lodge 1, Lodge 3, and Lodge 4 have wheelchair accessibility to their first floors. This staircase was rough for both Larry and Nancy, as both have knee problems. Of the three of us, I had the “youngest legs.” My legs were utilized often during the week to assist in tasks for both Larry and Nancy.

Work in the Archives was very productive. I inventoried one complex box and one easy box.

Each day during the week, Stacy Kitahata, one of the directors, gave a report on cases of COVID in the village. It seemed each day there was another person who tested positive and was quarantined. The people affected seemed to be staff people. Little did we know that the virus was continuing to spread ...

A new evening worship service, called “Vespers ’23,” was written by Steve Wobrecht and others. It was premiered on Monday evening worship, and later used each Monday evening throughout the summer. The language is more modern, and the music by Steve is accessible, if a little jumpy when compared with Marty Haugen’s venerable setting.

Two separate weddings were held in the village on Tuesday. The village was crowded with separate sets of families and friends, and wedding parties. One of the families underwrote an evening of free ice cream at the Snack Bar.

On Tuesday morning after breakfast, I saw something I had never seen before: a ground squirrel nibbling on pieces of ice. The kitchen staff dumps trays of used ice in a culvert behind the Dining Hall after each meal. As the ice was melting, there was this one ground squirrel consuming piece after piece. Though the sun was shining, it was not very warm, so I could not understand why this critter liked the ice.



Something I always do on the day I arrive for a work week is check the staff board in the west foyer for the Dish Team and Garbology schedules to see if our names are on them. They were not, and I reported that to Larry and Nancy. Not having dish team duty gives us more time to work in the Archives. However, during a conversation on Thursday with Janice Haakon, who was a dish team leader, told me that I was scheduled for her Friday noon dish team. I was appalled that I had missed this change in the dish team schedule, and chagrined to have to inform Janice that Friday was my departure day and that I would not be in the village to fulfill the task. Due to the number of staff people coming down with COVID, Larry’s, Nancy’s, and my names were added to a revised schedule, which all of us missed and consequently did not fulfill our village-assigned tasks. I immediately told Larry and Nancy so that they could make their apologies to their respective dish team leaders. The lesson I learned: check the schedule board for changes and updates throughout the week.

The Holden Board held its meeting in the village this same week. On one of the afternoons, a couple sessions were offered to a handful of board members to visit the Archives. Fruitful conversations were had: fruitful to the board members as well as the archivist. The Archives workers were invited to the Board’s closing social gathering on Thursday evening. (Some people think the COVID virus was spread during this event.)

I felt fine on departure day, Friday, with all the travel back to Seattle and shopping at Costco before reaching home. I didn’t feel well on Saturday, and felt the full brunt of COVID on Sunday. My summer was spent in illness and recovery. Once I had recovered from COVID, it was time to return to Holden.

Paying For the Privilege

Larry and I went as paying guests. Nancy was supposed to be with us as well, but had contracted COVID while she was in England and was recuperating at home. I now understand how expensive it is to be a guest at Holden. One surprising benefit was that the cost for parking at Field's Point, usually a separate charge, was included in the guest fee; I don't know if this benefit will continue. Larry and I were part of Cohort #11, and stayed in Lodge 3 during this visit.

The main reason we came as guests this time was to hear two people who were on the teaching staff. Paul Hinderlie, a son of the first executive director of the village, and wife Carol Lund Hinderlie, both of whom were executive directors of Holden during the 2005-2010 years, have a long-time association with and memories of Holden. Paul had sessions on Holden history, for which Larry took copious notes. Carol had sessions on the Feldenkrais method, which is a technique for improving one's health by paying attention to what happens to one's body when undertaking several simple movements.

Despite being a paying guest, Larry continued to do Archive work, spending several hours up in the Archives area in the Village Center (VC). I took Larry to task on a couple of occasions about how he was setting a bad precedent. Normally, when we are in the village doing Archives work, our room and board are *gratis* or free. Doing work while paying to be there might put ideas into people's minds to start charging us any time we are in the village. Larry continued to do his thing despite my arguments.

Part of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) was closed due to forest fire, and hikers were diverted to Holden Village to avoid that danger. Lessons learned back in 2017, when a similar PCT closure occurred, were used again. Some days were so smoky that it became a health hazard, and some of the mountains could not be seen at all.

Throughout this visit, I renewed friendships with people I have known for years, and made new friends. Wednesday morning, I took in a short talk by the local reps of the U. S. Forest Service, Marc and Nancy Rerucha-Borges, held at the cabin near Winston Camp that originally had been built as a Girl Scout project in the mining days. Very informative presentation. They provided coffee and homemade cookies.



One of the ongoing tasks around the village is to replace the woodwork of the patios of the 85-year-old lodges and chalets. There were two crews operating: one on Chalet 3, the other on Lodge 1, first floor.



I spent some time observing the Lodge 1 crew. One of the crew was Chuck Shilling, son in-law of a former long-time member of The Complaine Choir. I also helped the crew by making sure the batteries were fully charged for those tools that were battery-operated. The completed Lodge 1 patio floor, which I tested on my fourth visit (see below), was solid and a fine job. The crews called themselves the Holden Porch Pirates. They had a black flag with a white skull wearing a hard hat and, instead of crossed bones, a couple carpentry tools.

On Thursday, it was announced that the Porch Pirates would help scoop ice cream at the Snack Bar that afternoon. They made people "walk the plank" as they entered. I anonymously underwrote the cost of ice cream served and consumed, so it was free to the village and any PCT hikers who came through.

A few days after returning home, I received an email from the Snack Bar lead for the summer, Val Canard. She said that I had been overcharged on the cost of the ice cream served: what did I want to do with the residual? I said to have the cash ready for me when I return the following week.

Going Solo

During the third visit, Larry received an email that alerted him that a family event was scheduled for the Wednesday during the week we would be up working in the Archives. He and Nancy decided to stay home to attend this function. He wrote a set of notes for what he wanted accomplished in September and sent it to me. I was to do a job by myself that originally would have occupied all three of us.

The task was to sort through file cabinet drawers to co-locate items of like or similar topics in them: a kind of musical chairs, except with file cabinet drawers and without the music. The file folders had been put into the drawers helter-skelter, so the idea was to put them into some kind of order. Doing an inventory of the file cabinets would come at another visit in another year. An additional problem was that some of the file cabinets had drawers that did not work smoothly or properly on its tracks.

I spent Sunday afternoon and Monday morning just pondering what steps I should take. I wanted to keep the number of steps and any rework to a minimum. Larry left a lot of the decision-making process to me. (He said, "There were no wrong answers." I say, "Wait until you see what I actually did. You may think otherwise.") I started by emptying all the drawers that were bad and sorting the materials found by making piles on the work table. I looked through the remaining drawers to see what was in them. If there were lots of items that matched, they were added to the piles on the table. If the pile was small and there were lots of similar items in a good file drawer, the pile would be merged into the drawer.

I asked the Ops manager, Ben Gerhardt, known as "Big Ben" as he is quite tall, if there were any file cabinets available. He said there were some in the west garage on the second level. On Tuesday, I made a field trip to the west garage, and was disappointed to find, next to Rudy's Roost (a faux outhouse that originally was located close to the old museum; Rudy refers to Dr. Rudolf Edmund, who spearheaded and curated the original museum), a seven-drawer cabinet that was not made to store files of paper materials. So, I poked around the garage to see what I could find. I went up some stairs to a balcony level and, to my surprise and delight, I found a used four-drawer file cabinet which had four working drawers. I was able to confirm that no one else had dibs on it. Success!

The next day, Wednesday, I attended the Ops meeting to arrange for a maverick or two to collect the file cabinet from the garage and have it delivered up to the Archives in the VC. Complications arose due to several vehicles not working, and people busy getting things done before STOP DAY (see below). After I nixed a suggestion to hold off the task until Friday, as that was my departure day, the garbologist and his vehicle was employed to bring over the file cabinet. Getting the file cabinet up into the Archives, and taking the old one with three bad drawers down, took four of us to accomplish. It was worth the effort.

Thursday was STOP DAY, where nothing happened: no sessions, no Beanies and lattes, no Snack Bar or pool hall, no gardening, no Mavericks, no worship services, and especially, no meals or kitchen staff. On the plus side—no dish team. It was truly a day of rest for the staff who had worked all summer long. Staff who lived in chalets and staff lodges had access to stoves and ovens. I, who was housed in the Hotel (for the very first time in all my years of coming to Holden), had access to only a refrigerator in the west foyer of the Dining Hall. I made a couple sandwiches for myself, and stored them plus some fruit, bread, and hardboiled eggs in a plastic container that I labelled and put in the refrigerator. In addition to that food, Val Canard and her husband Nick took pity on me and invited me to dinner at the chalet in which they were housed. I worked that day in the Archives and finished the task, clearing off and storing in sorted order all that had been on the table. The dinner was wonderful— Shepherd's Pie made with turkey, cut fresh fruit, and cookies, and there were card games afterward. A very pleasant evening.

Larry was happy with the report of what was accomplished, especially the "new" file cabinet. Per his direction, I labelled "DANGER" some drawers that had potential for becoming unmanageable and spilling.

I suggested to Larry the possibility of he and I being on teaching staff next year, offering a week's worth of sessions on "Stories from the Archives." He sounded interested. The two Adult Forum sessions in June 2024 that I am offering—on "Fundamental Questions on Holden Village" and "Whither Howe Sound? Why Rio Tinto?"— will be initial runs of what I plan to present in the village. —Joel Matter

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 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.



“Sometimes it’s boring. Sometimes it’s thrilling. Sometimes it makes me cry.”

(Quote from “The Wonderful Ordinarity of Congregational Life” by Cheryl Fullerton, *Christian Century*, March 2022)

Recently I was thinking about church. (Full disclosure ... I think about church quite a bit.) But, in particular, I was thinking about the rhythm of church life. And I think the above quote from Cheryl Fullerton sums it up pretty nicely.

Sometimes it’s boring.

I admit, sometimes there is something that is uninteresting about church. Perhaps it is the repetitive nature of it. Perhaps it is the cyclical nature of things. Perhaps it is seeing the same people in the same pew week after week and year after year.

We know that Fred will sing the hymns out of tune ... every time. We know that Mary will cluck her tongue at someone’s tattoo peeking out from their sundress. We know that Mike will fall asleep during the sermon and we know that Dan will try to share the peace with every single person. We know that the children will fidget. We know that the baby might cry. We know that we have rituals and sacraments and prayers that we say each week. We know that sometimes we won’t hear the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us – that sometimes this message sails over our heads because we’re too busy looking at the bulletin.

And yet ...

Sometimes it’s thrilling.

I always get goosebumps when I hear the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” I rejoice each Easter when we all shout, “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” Candles lit in darkness bring hope and light on Christmas Eve. When I am privileged to place bread in people’s hands and I see young, old, wrinkled, black, white, brown hands reaching out for Jesus, it is truly miraculous.

We know that Fred cares for his wife with Alzheimer’s. We know that Mary still grieves her daughter. We know that Mike works the late shift and we know that Dan only leaves his group home for church. We know that the children will hear of Jesus. We know that the baby will grow up in the community of elders. We know that sometimes we will hear and understand, if even for a moment, the utter preposterousness and absurdity and utterly amazing news that Jesus loves each of us and all of us.

And so...

Sometimes it makes me cry.

Church is not for the faint-hearted. Church is not for people who only want to be with their own kind. Church is for the young, the middle-aged and the old. The healthy and the sick. The spiritually depleted and the spiritually full. Those who are seeking, those who are exhausted, and those who are filled with fire for justice. We all come together. The Freds and Marys and Mikes and Dans. And we sing and we pray and we receive Jesus, in community, together.

Church is wonderfully boring and thrilling. We catch glimpses of the divine amongst the coffee pot and petty disagreements. We see Mary hug the tattooed young girl after she is baptized. We see Mike exchange high fives with Dan. We see Fred with tears singing at the top of his lungs, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives.”

There is nothing like church.

“Sometimes it’s boring. Sometimes it’s thrilling. Sometimes it makes me cry.”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00am Worship 9:30am Pick-up Choir 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Fellowship (Conf. Rm) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	8:15am New Horizons Breakfast (offsite) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8:15am New Horizons Breakfast (offsite)	9:30am Saturday Morning Seekers (Conf. Rm.) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery 7:00pm Northern Lights	7:00pm QALCW Circle (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Fellowship (Conf. Rm) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	6:00pm New Horizons Dinner* 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Blessing of the Quilts						
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship 11:45am Quilt Packing Party	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	6:00pm Guidelines Meeting (Conf. Room)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
29	30	31				
Reformation Sunday						
8:00am Worship 9:00am Church Council Mtg. (Conf. Rm) 10:30am Worship	5:30pm QA Book Group 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery					