

# The Quill

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## Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

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I was listening to the news a few days ago when I heard that Israel had bombed Gaza using artificial intelligence called “The Gospel.” I thought at first that I had misheard. Surely an AI program designed to bomb people is not named “gospel.” But, horrifically, I had heard correctly. As Steve Inskeep from NPR’s Morning Edition reports on December 14, “The system is called The Gospel. And basically, it takes an enormous quantity of surveillance data, crunches it all together and makes recommendations about where the military should strike.”

Pause right here and read the above paragraph again. I mean it. Read it again.

A weapon of war is named The Gospel. Dear Beloveds of Christ, I cannot emphasize enough how bone-chilling and nauseous it makes me feel that a word designed to bring hope and love and peace and joy to this world—Gospel—is being used to kill.

I don’t know who first named this system “gospel.” I don’t know what marketing expert or even what acronym “gospel” might mean in the AI world. I could not find the origin. But what I do know is that this system is now being used for something horrendous. This is so contrary to the first words from the gospel of Mark, “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

As you might be aware, the word gospel is translated into English as “good news.” When Martin Luther was struggling about the laws of God and feeling that he was a sinner beyond redemption, he recounts in many of his writings how his understanding of God changed as he read Paul’s letter to the Romans. He suddenly realized that it was not up to him, but up to God. God was the one who redeemed. God was the one who forgave. Luther suddenly experienced what God through Jesus does for all of us: Through Jesus Christ, God provides comfort for the terrified, forgiveness for the sinner, and faith for the doubting. Martin Luther was overwhelmed with God’s grace and was immersed in the Gospel.

Following this earth-shattering understanding of the Good News of Jesus, Luther taught, preached and wrote about this insight every chance he got. In 1521, Philip Melancthon condensed Luther’s insight to this provocative sentence: “The gospel is a promise.” To this day, Lutherans continue to bear witness to the whole church and world that the gospel is a promise, truly good news of God’s mercy and love in Christ, received by faith alone.

In these days when words are manipulated by those in power, when evil seems to be gaining ground, when neighbor turns against neighbor, may we remember and experience God’s grace. May we be enveloped in God’s love. And, in response, may we, in our words and actions, move against the forces that are contrary to all that Jesus stands for.

For we are called, my dear Beloveds, through God’s grace towards God’s promise of wholeness and true peace. This is the Gospel.

As the prophet Isaiah proclaims of God in chapter 42, “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

May it be so. May it be so. We look towards 2024 in faith, holding God’s promise of Gospel.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee  
 bishop@lutheransnw.org

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, January 28—Save the Date

We will be holding our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, January 28. It will be held in-person after our 10:30 worship.

The purpose of the annual meeting of the congregation is to review and celebrate the previous year's accomplishments; to elect officers and delegates for the coming year; and to hear and vote on next year's guidelines for expenditures and any other proposals requiring the majority approval of the membership. A quorum of members is required to accomplish our tasks, and of course we hope you will be able to attend.

### Visitation Team's New Ride-Share Program Is Up and Running

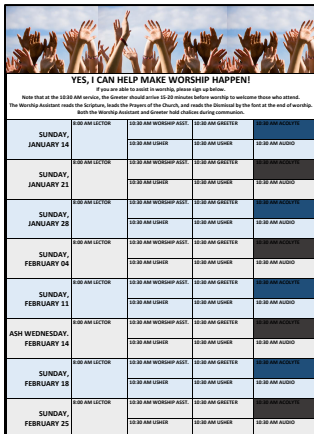
**Do you, or someone you know, need a ride to church?** Call the church office by noon on the Thursday before to make the request. Each week, Barb will send a stand-alone email out to the congregation with the subject line "RIDES REQUESTED" listing any requests and including a link to the riders' contact info in Sign-Up Genius.

**Are you available to give a ride?** This is a volunteer opportunity that **requires no commitment beyond a one-Sunday-at-a-time response**. Volunteer drivers use the emailed link to access the Sign-Up Genius page; sign up, and use the information there to contact the rider directly to make arrangements for that Sunday. If you are planning to be at church anyway and can provide a ride to someone else, please consider fulfilling a ride request.

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 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](mailto:visitation@queenannelutheran.org)

### Martha Freitag Returns as Guest Organist

**Kyle Haugen** is out recovering from surgery and plans to return to work on Sunday, January 28. We are delighted to welcome back **Martha Freitag** as our guest organist through January 21. Martha earned her Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, Appleton, WI, and a Master of Arts in musicology from UNC Chapel Hill, NC, where she studied harpsichord. She grew up in the Lutheran tradition and over the years has served various denominations as a church musician. She keeps a busy schedule as a free-lance organist and choir director in the Seattle area.



	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14				
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21				
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28				
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 04				
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11				
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14				
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18				
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25				

### New Sign-Up To Help In Worship:

On the narthex railing, you will find a new sign-up sheet to replace those that used to be on the narthex table. If you are able and willing to serve in worship, please sign up there! Online sign-ups are still available as well.

### Queen Anne Book Club Meets January 29

The Queen Anne Book Club now gets together quarterly. Instead of picking one title, all are invited to come share—bring along books you've read in the past 3 months, or titles you want other people to know about. We meet in the church narthex. We start around 5:30, with people bringing an appetizer to share. If you have questions, contact Liz Major, Cathi Unseth, or Candy Mathes.

Our meeting dates in 2024—all Mondays—are: January 29, April 29, July 29, and October 28.

## **Fellowship Hall Kitchen-Cleaning Party: Saturday, January 27**

It is time to tidy up our kitchen and its adjoining store-room! We need tall people AND short people—tall people who can wipe off the tops of things, as well as short people who can clean low shelves—and others of all sizes, who can organize drawers and help make decisions! We'll begin at 8 AM, but arriving later is fine. Questions—talk to Mark Dibble, Dolly Smith or Candy Mathes, all of whom will be there.

**Free Furniture:** IKEA desk with shelving; tall bookcase; two office chairs; and TV stand. Photos and measurements of these items available. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Peggy Morgan at [pmorganxyz@comcast.net](mailto:pmorganxyz@comcast.net).

## **SOCIAL ACTION TEAM**

### **Ridwell Updates:**

Although we no longer host a Ridwell bin at the church, we continue to collect Ridwell donations here, (plastic film, batteries, threads and light bulbs). Susan Evans hosts the bin at her house and takes home whatever items are dropped off. Lisa Kjaer collects our Styrofoam and turns that in with her home bin. Ridwell always has a special monthly collection, and here are some that are upcoming:

#### **Bring to church by January 14: PORTABLE DEVICES**

Every year, there is a new upgrade or the next best version of your devices. Sitting around the house are obsolete tablets, e-readers, phones, laptops, music players, and GPSs that just don't get used anymore. These devices can still be used by others or broken down to be recycled over and over again. Don't just let your Walkman collect dust!

#### **Bring to church by January 28: BREAD TAGS**

More little tiny plastic things! Bread tags do help keep our loaves fresh, but they also contaminate beaches and waste streams as they slip through the cracks.

#### **Bring to church by February 11: METAL BOTTLE CAPS**

Once that bottle is popped, there's no going back (at least for the cap)! Metal bottle caps usually appear on glass containers and can't be re-secured to the bottle once it is opened. Why is this an issue? Since the caps are less than 3 inches, they're too small to make it through our single-stream recycling systems on their own and usually end up in landfill. Instead, we've found a better home for them! Artists will create works of art from these caps, which would otherwise go to waste!



### **Warm Clothing Drive:**

Men's jackets, sweaters, socks, gloves and hats are welcome.

A thankful greeting from Cara Lauer (left) and a volunteer from Queen Anne Helpline in response to the large delivery of clothing QALC members generously donated. Originally planned for a January 11 delivery, our narthex gathering box so overflowed, Jim Margard made an early delivery in mid-December. But supplies will wane after the holiday season, so please continue to provide men's clothing (ugly Christmas sweaters, perhaps?) and toiletries; Jim will again make a drop-off on Thursday, January 11.



## QUEEN ANNE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINE ARTS PRESENTS

### DR. WYATT SMITH, organ



with  
**DR. TRACELYN GESTELAND**,  
mezzo-soprano  
and original paintings on  
exhibit by **JON SEALS**

Three art forms converge

to illuminate the church year  
through art song, organ solo, and visual art.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 • 4:00 PM**

**QUEEN ANNE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**suggested donation: \$20 GENERAL/\$15 SENIOR/STUDENT**

*or pay as you can*

Save the date for this unique collaboration across the mediums of music and visual art! Inspired by the Lutheran chorale tradition, concert organist Wyatt Smith explores the liturgical year with two modern masterworks as the centerpiece of the program:

**Liturgy LIVE!** is a collection of six pieces for organ by composer Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra based upon Lutheran chorales that span the church year. Inspired by Ruiter-Feenstra's organ compositions, visual artist Jon Seals created six paintings depicting the human condition in relation to each liturgical season—each painting will be exhibited at the concert, near the organ.

Composer Craig Phillips has set poet Bethany Carlson's meditations on each season of the church year as a song cycle, entitled **Six Seasonal Songs**, which will feature Tracelyn Gesteland, mezzo-soprano.

## FORUMS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

### Women of the Reformation

1/21 Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee

2/04 and 2/11

Dr. Lynn Hofstad

Discussions about the Protestant Reformation often highlight the role of important male figures-- Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. However, the tenets of the Reformation brought changes for women. These sessions will explore the roles of women in the early Protestant Church, as well as highlight the important contributions of specific women, such as Katie Luther (Katharina von Bora) and Katharina Schutz.

This three-part Forum series begins Sunday, January 21 with a presentation from Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee. Two Sunday Forums on February 4 and 11 will be led by Dr. Lynn Hofstad.

**Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee** has served as an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 1993. She is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and obtained a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary (now Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN). She served multiple parishes in Eastern Washington and Montana before becoming Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwest Washington Synod. She was elected as Bishop in 2019.

**Dr. Lynn Hofstad** holds a Ph.D. in Systematic and Philosophical Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. She is an independent scholar whose scholarly interests focus on feminist theology, eco-theology, the doctrine of the atonement, and Lutheran theology.

### Q&A with the Finance Committee—

1/28 QALC Finance Committee

On **Sunday, January 28** during our 9 to 10 AM Forum time, the Finance Committee will answer any questions regarding the financial state of our church, and about the proposed Guidelines for Expenditure for 2024, which we will be voting on later that day at our Annual Meeting. Our *Annual Report* will be made available to members ahead of that day.



## LIVE Project

*Becoming Communities of Belonging:*  
*In God - With one another - Into God's New Creation*

**Lent w/ Baldwin & Bonhoeffer**  
Rev. Dr. Edward Donaldson III  
Rev. Dr. Dan Peterson  
Thurs 6:30-8pm Feb 15, 22, 29,  
Mar 7, 14, 21

*What might German Lutheran Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer and James Baldwin, a Black, 20th century author, together have to prophetically speak to our own time?*



### For More Info & to Register...

[www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project](http://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project)

Individual Registration: \$50 per course/ retreat  
Congregational Bundle: \$500 for unlimited members to attend unlimited courses/ retreats  
(\*No registration fee required for Cohorts & Bible Study)

*Note: QALC did not purchase a "Congregational Bundle" for these LiVE Project offerings.*



## YOUTH MINISTRY



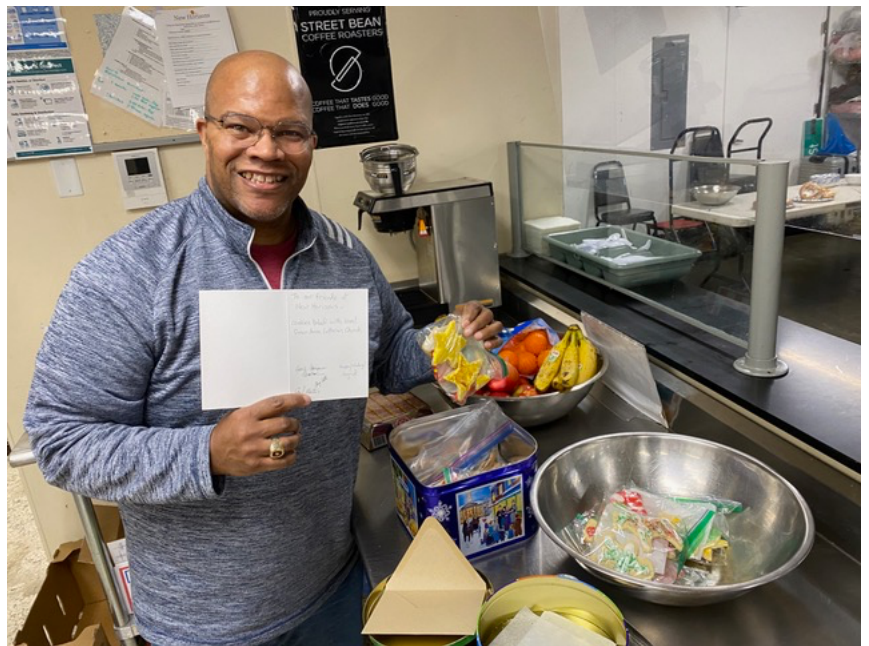
### A Busy December

On Friday, December 8, Pastor Dan, parents, and youth met at Compass Housing to help wrap gifts for the holidays.

On Sunday, December 10, Project Phoenix hosted an event for youth here at QALC called **"EXTREME MAKEOVER: GNOME EDITION."** Nine gnomes were "redesigned" and entered into a competition for Christmas prizes, and a good time was had by all!

On **Saturday, December 16**, Pastor Dan and youth gathered in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to bake and decorate cookies for Compass Housing; cookies were also given to New Horizons to cap off the dinner QALC provided there on the 29th as part of our "fifth Friday" commitment. Many thanks to Amy Castle and Ingrid Wysong for their leadership, help, and for the transportation of cookies.

*Pictured at right is Rodney Scott, director of volunteers at New Horizons Ministries, expressing gratitude to our youth and others who produced cookies for the NH dinner on Friday, December 29. Thank you!*



In 2024, youth will participate in the following service projects:

**FEBRUARY 11: LDR Bake Sale** We'll help our youth organize and prepare items for a bake sale here at church to raise funds for donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Youth will decide to which part of the world they would like to send their donation. Watch your Sunday announcements for more information!

**APRIL: Forest Restoration** We will work with Green Seattle Partnership to find a spring date to pull invasive plants and/or plant native flora to help restore the ecosystems in our parks or other forested areas in Seattle.

**JUNE: Food Lifeline** Food Lifeline gathers and re-packages food donations for delivery to the region's food banks. On a Saturday morning or afternoon, we'll take a trip to there to help them do that work.

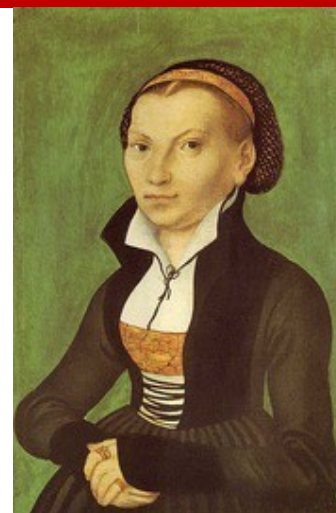


When Katharina von Bora Luther was listed as one of the “Women of Faith” in the upcoming Adult Forum series, I became excited because Women of the ELCA have claimed “Katie.” Katie's Fund is named for Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of Martin Luther. This endowment, and its corresponding “Katie’s Fund: Current,” both support leadership development, living theology, and global connections.

In the beginning, Lutherans knew Katie Luther as the wife of Martin Luther. When Women of the ELCA first established the Katharina von Bora Luther Fund Endowment in 1997, Katie was still a mystery to many.

But over the years, through resources, scholarships, articles, and skits, Women of the ELCA told the story of this bold and brave woman who brewed beer, raised cattle, managed a busy household, and kept a theologian in line. These days, Katie Luther is loved and admired by those who know her. Many women see a bit of themselves in this legend who wore many bonnets.

Women of the ELCA established Katie’s Fund 10 years after the organization was founded in 1987, said Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director since 2002. For 25 years, women have given to Katie’s Fund to support and sustain the ministries of Women of the ELCA. If you, too, would like to support Katie’s Fund, go to the WELCA website and look for “Katie’s Fund.”



Christmas and New Years have come and gone and now it is time for February 14! You say, “Oh, Valentines Day!” No, it’s Ash Wednesday—followed closely by the **Women’s Lenten Brunch** on Saturday, February 17! We are in the initial planning stages for the Brunch. Your ideas and help are needed and would be much appreciated.

“No matter who we are, where we come from, or what work we do, the sun shines on all of us, and on overcast days cold, gray clouds blanket all of us. While what happens to us due to the weather may vary, our shared experience of rain, heat and cold names the truth of our common humanity: We live together in bodies, in a climate, on a shared planet.

Our four-part “Scripture and Nature” Bible study will begin with talk about the weather. This month’s Bible stories carry us into deeper conversations about God, how we love our neighbors, and the ways in which we follow Jesus.”

—From *Gather Magazine*.

Come join the **Evening Circle** on Tuesday, January 16 at 7 PM via Zoom. For more information, contact Candy Mathes or Barb Bach.

On Wednesdays, **Sewing and Service** continues to meet in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. **PDQs** meet on the 2nd Monday after 5 PM with dinner (bring your own) at 6 PM. Come join us as we make quilts for LWR (and some for Compass Housing Alliance). January 8 or February 12 are the next dates for PDQ.

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



## 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**.<sup>\*</sup> 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 Continue as 2 -6 PM, T-F**

**Barb Bash** is in the office from **2 PM to 6 PM Tuesday through Friday**. Barb works from home in the mornings. This schedule continues a few more weeks, pending full recovery from surgery of Barb's eldest.

**Pastor Dan** is available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Feel free to contact him if you wish to make an appointment to see him. If an immediate response is needed, please text (see below).

**Kyle Haugen**, recovering from a surgery, hopes to return to worship on January 28, and to the office Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening thereafter.

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Cantor Kyle Haugen                      cantor@queenannelutheran.org

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# JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:00am Seattle Seekers (Conf. Rm.) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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