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

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the Pastor's WORD

2024: Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary

Last month, the church sent out a stewardship letter I wrote that referred to the gifts of the Spirit. In it, I pointed out how we often miss what Paul considers to be among the most important.

In this month's edition of *The Quill*, I would like to share what I wrote again in the hope that it might reach those of you who, for whatever reason, did not receive my letter. In it, I take on speaking in tongues.

Have you ever seen someone speak in tongues? I have—and it makes me uneasy. For one thing, I am partly Scandinavian, so *any* display of excessive emotion causes me discomfort! But I am also a student of the Bible, and within its pages Jesus and Paul repeatedly observe that focusing on miracles misses the point.

So, what is the point? What *truly matters* in the life of faith? Paul gives us his answer in First Corinthians. “For Jews demand signs,” he writes, “and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks” (1 Cor. 1:22-23).

“Christ crucified” orients us to a different way of experiencing God. Instead of finding God in the fireworks of signs and wonders, a “theologian of the cross,” as Martin Luther says, sees God “hidden in suffering.” The cross compels us to look for God in places we would least expect, in the *subtle* rather than the *spectacular*.

The subtle presence of God appears in many ways: in quiet acts of service, in living for others, in supporting local charities, and in caring for the less fortunate. People often think of speaking in tongues as the primary gift of the Holy Spirit for Paul. In so doing, they miss the extraordinary in the ordinary as evident in “gifts of healing” and “forms of assistance” which Paul names *before* “various kinds of tongues” (see 1 Cor. 12:28).

As we begin a new year, I would like to thank you for all the various ways you reveal the subtle presence of God through the gifts you bring to our ministry. None of this could happen without you.

None of this, of course, can continue without you either. Do you see 2024 like I do as full of possibility for QALC? If so, please give. Your time, talent, and/or treasure enables us to keep finding ways to witness to the power of the extraordinary in the ordinary.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Dan

FROM THE CANTOR

Greetings from your cantor, back to work since January 28!

I am happy to be back at work following my absence due to illness, and the prognosis for a full recovery is excellent (as of this writing I have one more routine follow-up appointment scheduled with my surgeon). Thank you so much for your caring prayers, support, and thoughtfulness throughout my illness—from my sudden hospitalization last November to my planned surgery and time away on leave for recovery in January. Your cards and well wishes have meant so much to me. And, the staff has been incredible! Pastor Dan, Barb, and John have generously helped to “fill in the gaps” all along the way. The council has also been so supportive and easy to work with in sorting out details, and I’m grateful for the help of Myra Dittes and Susan Evans, especially. Thank you!

Queen Anne Fine Arts is back

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to all who helped prepare and present our return to organ recitals and concerts through Queen Anne Fine Arts. Originally planned for spring of 2020 (just as the pandemic swept the globe), on Sunday, January 21, organist Dr. Wyatt Smith presented modern hymn-based organ works composed by Dr. Pamela Ruiters-Feenstra, who performed at QALC during the 2022 American Guild of Organists National Convention. He was joined by local soprano Cassie Willock for a song cycle meditating on the liturgical year in conjunction with original paintings on display. Notably, all of the music, poetry, and artwork was commissioned by Wyatt himself. I had recovered enough from my surgery to make the drive and attend the concert, and I was delighted to hear my friend Wyatt and experience the concert firsthand. This was a wonderful re-launch of arts events at QALC.



Our next Queen Anne Fine Arts event featuring the Wech organ will be a recital presented by yours truly on **Sunday, March 10 at 4 PM**. The suggested donation of \$10-\$15 per attendee (or pay as you can) will support the Queen Anne Fine Arts fund to benefit future inspiring recitals, concerts, and guest musicians to serve the congregation, our neighborhood, and beyond. My recital in March, “Encore and More,” will feature works presented in past weeks and months during worship at QALC as well as additional pieces, plus commentary on the music. *Watch for more details!*



Interested in playing handbells?

With Lent upon us and the fifty days of Easter just around the corner, I would very much like to assemble a small group to ring hand bells for a worship service or two (date to be determined). One possibility is for me (or a volunteer from our midst) to play piano accompaniment while four or five persons ring (usually eight to twelve ringers are needed). We would need two or three rehearsals, perhaps on Saturdays. Please reach out if you are interested—I will also be using other communication channels to try to find ringers, too. Older tweens, teens, and adults are all welcome!

Thank you again

As I make my way to a full recovery, thank you again for your prayers. I am blessed by you! I look forward to sharing the holy seasons of Lent and Easter with you through music ministry.

See you in church!



—Kyle Haugen, Cantor • cantor@queenannelutheran.org

LENTEN WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday Is February 14.

All are invited to our two worship services that day,
at NOON in the chapel
and in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM.

Lenten Wednesdays: Mid-Week Supper, Discussion, And Compline

THE END OF LIFE: A Multi-Faith Conversation

What is your attitude toward the end of life? How do you approach it? How does your faith inform your perspective, and what about the faith of our neighbors?

Mark your calendars for a first-of-its-kind **Wednesday** Lenten series!

Offered jointly with **Ballard First Lutheran (BFL)**, members of both churches are invited to attend, and locations will alternate. Please join us! All are welcome to:

- A light soup supper at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- Presentation and discussion from 6:30 to 7:15 PM
- Evening compline service in the chapel at 7:15 PM

Look for a narthex sign-up soon to help provide soup, salad, or bread for the sessions at QALC.

We expect attendance of around 25.

SCHEDULE:

2/21 - Dr. Beatrice Lawrence, End of Life from a Jewish Perspective (@ QALC)

2/28 - Pastor Erik Wilson-Weiberg, End of Life from a Christian Perspective (@ BFL)

3/06 - Dua Abudiab, End of Life from a Muslim Perspective (@ QALC)

3/13 - End of Life from a Native American Perspective (@ BFL)

3/20 - Roundtable Discussion (QALC)

Lenten Thursdays “Lent w/Baldwin & Bonhoeffer”

Starting on Thursday, February 15,
Pastor Dan co-leads this class
with Rev. Dr. Edward Donaldson III
for the Synod’s LiVE Project series,
six Thursday evenings
in Lent, online at 7:00 PM.

This course on the faith perspectives
of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and James Baldwin
is FREE to the QALC community.

Use the promo code

LIVEBUNDLE2023

when you register at
<https://tithe.ly/eventregistration/#/8122126>

More detailed course info is at:

<https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/lent-with-baldwin-and-bonhoeffer/2024-02-15>

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 7-8:30pm 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?*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY, March 24 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29 • 7:30 PM

EASTER: **Feast of the Resurrection**, Sunday, March 31 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

We hope you can enjoy our **EASTER BREAKFAST, 9-10 AM**: in the Fellowship Hall! Watch for more details and a sign-up in March to volunteer to help set up, provide food, and clean up—and we are grateful to the Men’s Ministry for offering to set up on Saturday, and to host and make pancakes Sunday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. When there are requests, Barb will send a stand-alone email out to the congregation with the subject line “RIDES REQUESTED” listing them, 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

HAPPINESS IS



...singing
in a choir.

Join Cantor Kyle for a “Pick-Up” Choir

Sunday, February 18. Practice is at 9:30 AM in the nave, and we will sing in worship at the 10:30 service. Anyone is welcome! This is a great way to try choir for a day!

Interested In Joining Our Church?

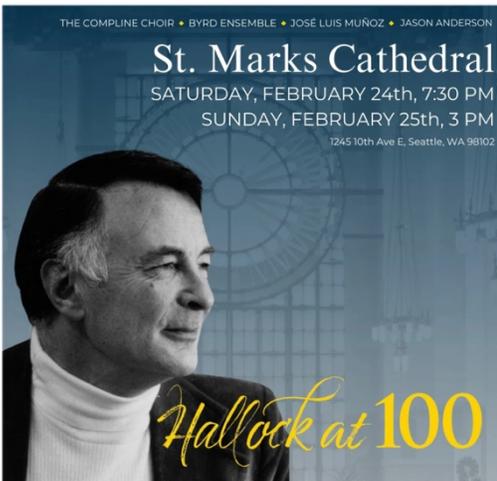
Pastor Dan invites you to a New Member Class, meeting on three Tuesdays at 6 PM: February 20, 27, and March 19.

- Explore what it means to be a member of Queen Anne Lutheran
- Learn about Lutheran theology and tradition
- (If you decide to join)—Acknowledge your membership in worship on Easter

If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Dan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joel Matter Invites You to a Compline Choir Event, Feb. 24 & 25:

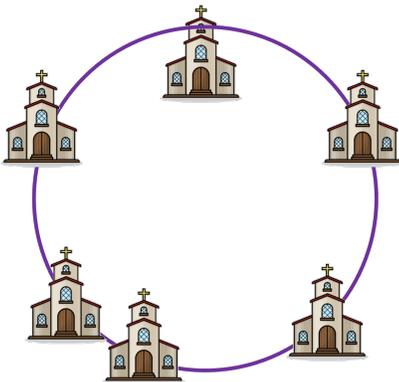


Since 1977, I have sung in The Compline Choir, a group founded in 1956 by mystic, composer, and church musician Peter Hallock. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of Hallock's birth, and I am singing in concerts at Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, on Feb. 24 at 7:30 PM & Feb. 25 at 3 PM that launch the centenary celebration, together with countertenor José Luis-Muñoz and the Byrd Ensemble. Music sung is varied, spanning the Renaissance to the present day, and includes a handful of works composed by Peter Hallock—his setting of the Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah is particularly moving! If you can't attend in person, a virtual concert will be available on March 2.

Having you attend one of the concerts would mean so much to me. Tickets are \$20 for seniors, \$35 for general admission, or \$40 if you want to sit closer to the performers; the virtual concert is just \$20

and you can watch anytime from March 2 to 23. Tickets and details are

at <https://www.byrdensemble.com/hallockat100>. I look forward to seeing you there! —Joel Matter



A Call for Lay Ministry Leaders from Local Churches to Form a Local Ecumenical Queen Anne Hill Group

Our neighbor, Queen Anne United Methodist Church, is seeking to form a group of laity from the various churches on the Hill who are interested in ecumenical partnership & crafting shared ministries. Ideally the group will include 1-2 people from each church. Talk to Pastor Dan if you are interested in helping QALC in this way.

Jan Sorensen Memorial

We lift up the family of Janice (Jan) Sorensen (widow of Rev. Ruben Sorensen, who was pastor here 1973-1992) following Jan's death February 2. The memorial service will be held Saturday, February 24 at 2 PM at University Lutheran Church, Seattle.

Get Free Tax Help at AARP Tax-Aide Locations

Queen Anne Library

400 W Garfield St, Seattle, WA, 98119-3038

Sat, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM, February 3 – April 13

In-Person, Walk-Ins only

A sheet with details for ten locations is posted on our narthex bulletin board, or search online for "AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Site Locator" to find a location near you.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Our New Church Council

At our January 28, 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting, we approved the Guidelines for Expenditure for the upcoming year, and also voted to approve the nominations committee recommendations for Church Council. The new council is meeting for its first time together on Tuesday, February 13, and will meet every second Tuesday at 7 pm. The Executive meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

Missed the meeting? A few copies of the Annual Report and the Guidelines for Expenditure are in the church narthex, and they can also be found online on our website's Member Area. (If you are a member and would like access to that area, contact the church office.)

Welcome, new Council members, and welcome back to those who continue to serve the church!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Position	Name	Term/status, beginning 2/01/2024
President	Brent McCullough	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Vice-President	Susan Evans	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Secretary	Jacqui Darroch	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Treasurer	Myra Dittes	One-year term ending 1/31/25

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Position	Name	Term/status, beginning 2/01/2024
Member	Mark Dibble	2nd year of three-year term ending 1/31/26
Member	Cathi Unseth	1st year of three-year term ending 1/31/27
Member	Tim Porter	2nd year of two-year term, ending 1/31/25
Member	Connie Wurm	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Member	Chloe Jones	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Member	Matt Boysen	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Member	John Reese	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Member	Brian Louie	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Member	Erich Patten	One-year team ending 1/31/2025
Young Adult (Age 18-30)	Magdalena Phillips	One-year term ending 1/31/25
Youth Member (Age <18)	Grace Louie	One-year term ending 1/31/25

Other Positions Filled, with Some Vacancies Outstanding:

We give thanks for the work of our Nominating Committee, Cathi Unseth and Lisa Kjaer-Schade, who did an outstanding job creating a 15-member Council heading into the new year—our maximum possible. They also found members to serve on other committees. Below is a list of positions which are still vacant. Please talk to someone on the Executive Committee if you are interested in filling any of these positions:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (5 vacancies) This committee is to have five members, two from Council and three elected for a one-year term. No member may serve more than two consecutive years. Currently all the positions are vacant.

2024 Members: None

SYNOD GATHERING PARTICIPANTS: (1 to 4 vacancies) This year's Synod Assembly will take place on **Saturday, May 18, 2024** from 9am to 4pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Cost is \$70 / voting member (Fee is covered by the church). Registration will open in March. More details yet to come. Queen Anne Lutheran may send up to 5 Lay Voters to the gathering.

2024 Lay Representative: Carol Ann Davis

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (1 vacancy) The Personnel Committee shall be composed of three members, ideally serving overlapping three-year terms (Currently, both these terms expire in 2025). Council members may not serve.

2024 Members: Jean Oplinger and Carol Abodeely

Property Committee Update:

Some changes, or improvements, were made to lighting at QALC the past six weeks.



1. Outside lights were added to the NW stairway, making it safer at night. One of the 12-step groups uses that entrance at night. They have been using a parking cone to help them navigate the very dark, top step. A motion sensor still needs to be added; for now, the lights turn on at dusk and remain on until morning light. With the addition of a motion sensor, the neighbor's house will not be lit all night.

2. Many of our inside light bulbs are still fluorescent, or compact fluorescent(CFL). They can take a few seconds to warm up to full brightness, and they also get dimmer over their life cycle. All the new light bulbs are LED, which have uniform light, and many more options as far as dimming or controls. Most of the old Fellowship Hall ceiling CFL bulbs, dating from 2009, have now been replaced. The brightness improvement is noticeable. Unfortunately, the old CFLs, which overheat at the base, destroyed a few of the sockets, so sockets are not useable in several of the 20 fixtures. Those fixtures do not cast as much light. Each of the 20 fixtures contains six bulbs.



The ballast for one of the 2009 CFL bulbs in a narthex ceiling light near the couches burned out. After several tries, we found an LED that worked. Now, it instantly turns on to full brightness, and is brighter than all the old CFL lights, which take a few minutes to get to full brightness. Eventually those older ceiling lights will all migrate to LEDs.

3. Several light fixtures dating back to the 2009 remodel were also replaced because of CFL ballast issues, or plastic cover breakage. The two NE hallway lights from 1st to 2nd floor were replaced with smaller LED fixtures—thank you Virginia Stamey-Johnson for finding and obtaining them. The single circular fixture in the narthex ceiling by elevator was also replaced—it has controls for five colors and five levels of brightness.

—Rich Mathes

LWR 2024 Spring Ingathering Kit Supply Needs:

1. We need **70 more bath towels** for our LWR Personal Care Kits. LWR specifications are "ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark colors recommended." Many of the kits go to people in refugee camps or places without washers (or dryers), so darker colors are preferred. Also, "light-weight" is important, because most recipients will air-dry their bath towels outside in sometimes-humid locations. Our heavy, plush bath-towels sold in the US are not what is needed in places without washers and dryers.
 - Target has dark gray bath-towels (52" x 26") for \$3.00 under the name "Room Essentials." If you get them delivered, order 12 and shipping is free. However, you can only order 10 dark gray; I fill in with light gray.
 - Amazon has "spa towels" that are 20" x 40", 100% cotton, but cost \$3.80-\$4.00.
 - Carol Ann has found 30" x 52" bath towels at Big Lots. Price is \$4, but she noted that if you shop at Big Lots often, you may have discounts that bring the towels down below \$3.
2. We also need **150 4 oz (NOT 3.5 or 3.0 oz) bars of Ivory Soap**. They cost from 75 cents to \$1 per bar, in packs of 4 or 10, usually. The kits need to include at least 8 oz, so three 3 oz bars would be needed if we packed the smaller ones.
3. The other Personal Care Kit items are purchased in bulk, so if you want to **contribute funds** to offset those costs, please write check to "QALC Women—LWR kits" in your Sunday offering (or specify "QALC Women —LWR Kits" if you use PayPal).

Re: School Kits—we try to purchase items from July to September when Fred Meyer, Walmart, etc. have their "back to school specials." We should have enough supplies for our spring 2024 School Kits.

—Rich Mathes, 206-384-1183

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 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!

Bring to church by February 28: WOMEN'S FORMAL SHOES & ACCESSORIES

We're taking gently-used formal shoes and purses for reuse in the community. Please contain any hair accessories or jewelry in a plastic bag. We can take women's formal shoes, sandals, and heels; formal evening bags and clutches; hair accessories for formal occasions such as prom, and simple jewelry pieces for occasions such as prom.

NOT included: shoes with worn-out soles or heavy staining inside; clothing; men's formal wear, shoes or accessories; scarves, shawls, or wraps.

Mark Your Calendar:

Our next "Fifth Friday" date to provide dinner to the youth at New Horizons is March 29, the Friday before Easter.

FORUMS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Women of the Reformation — *Dr. Lynn Hofstad* • 2/04 and 2/11

In February, Dr. Lynn Hofstad leads the final sessions of this Forum series; Our NW Washington Synod Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee led the conversation on January 21 to begin it.

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 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.

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.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD?

— A four-part series about evolution, nature, and suffering

Human Evolution and the Creative Work of God

Dr. Cara Wall-Scheffler • 2/25

How do paleoanthropologists think about the evidence for human evolution, and what can Christians take away from the wide range of data used to piece together our past? What is the balance between assumptions and testable hypotheses in the study of our evolutionary lineage, and what can we learn about God's creative mechanisms from studying the fossils and processes of our history?

Cara Wall-Scheffler has her PhD in Biological Anthropology from the University of Cambridge (UK). She is currently professor and co-Chair of the department of Biology at Seattle Pacific University. Her main research interest focuses on evolutionary tradeoffs throughout the human lineage. She is especially interested in the tradeoffs inherent in the mobility strategies of extinct and extant populations, and how populations balance access to resources, thermoregulation and reproduction. She focuses on the role of sexual dimorphism and sex differences in physiology as they relate to differences in male and female resource acquisition strategies and at the moment is known for her work on female hunting strategies published widely last year. She integrates a wide range of data to better understand how humans gain access to resources across diverse environments including biomechanics, locomotor energetics, telemetry physiology, paleontology, archaeozoology and behavioral ecology.

Suffering in Nature, or Why do Bad Things Happen to Good Amoebas?

Dr. Eric Long • 3/03

In Scripture, we read that creation is good and that God loves the world. When we look at the natural world, though, we see not just the beauty of creation but also “nature red in tooth and claw.” Is creaturely suffering and death attributable to sin, or is this violence an inherent part of God's good creation? How are we, as caretakers of the earth, called to respond to creaturely suffering and death? In this forum we'll examine how theologians (and ecologists!) have wrestled with these questions.

Eric Long came to SPU from Pennsylvania, where he was born, raised, and went to graduate school, studying wildlife ecology at Penn State University. At SPU, Dr. Long teaches upper-division courses in ecology and biology, including leading excursions to Belize and the Galapagos Islands. His current research focuses on population ecology of black-tailed deer on Blakely Island, WA. He was elected by the SPU student body as Professor of the Year in 2009.

FORUMS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Suffering and God, or Can God Suffer and to What End?

Pastor Dan Peterson • 3/10

For over 1500 years, “official” church doctrine stipulated that God cannot suffer. Theologians led the way until seeds of a new perspective emerged in Martin Luther’s theology of the cross. Pastor Dan will discuss the implications of affirming that God can suffer, for personal faith as well as planetary crisis.

For God So Loved the World? — Open Discussion with Pastor Dan • 3/17

YOUTH MINISTRY

Bake Sale March 3, and More to Come

In the upcoming month, our youth will participate in the following service projects:

MARCH 3: Bake Sale We’re helping our youth organize and prepare items for a bake sale here at church; members of the congregation will also be encouraged to donate baked goods for the sale. The youth intend to raise funds for donation to a charity which, as we go to press, the group is deciding on. They are considering nonprofits which operate locally as well as some Lutheran Disaster Relief initiatives overseas. Watch your Sunday announcements for more information about the bake sale soon!



APRIL OR MAY: 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.

Project Phoenix Welcomes Maddie Hayden

Maddie Hayden has been hired to serve as the new Youth Activity Coordinator for Project Phoenix. Maddie writes:

“I recently graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, and am currently pursuing a Masters in Teaching. I have been working with youth for the last 6 years as a swim coach and swim instructor at Garfield High School, Excel Swim Club, and Aqua Swim Club.

I also grew up attending youth group and have very fond memories of my time there. I am excited to help plan events for Project Phoenix, and hope to help the students create fond memories of their own.”

—Maddie Hayden (she/her/hers) • maddie@projectphoenixseattle.org

Project Phoenix Fellowship— Dates for Upcoming Youth Events

On February 4, Project Phoenix led a “Minute-To-Win-It Championship Event” held at Ballard First Lutheran. Youth attending played four one-on-one silly games, like digging gummi candies out of whipped cream or shaking ping pong balls out of a tissue box tied to their waist. Prizes were given, and a “grand champion” was celebrated. The fellowship time ended with pizza and a game of Spoons.

Families with middle school and high school youth can mark their calendars for the following Project Phoenix event dates, all Sundays at 4 PM, with details yet to come:

March 17, 4-6 PM • April 28, 4-6 PM • June 02, 4-6 PM

QALC Women's Ministry

QALCW Lenten Brunch

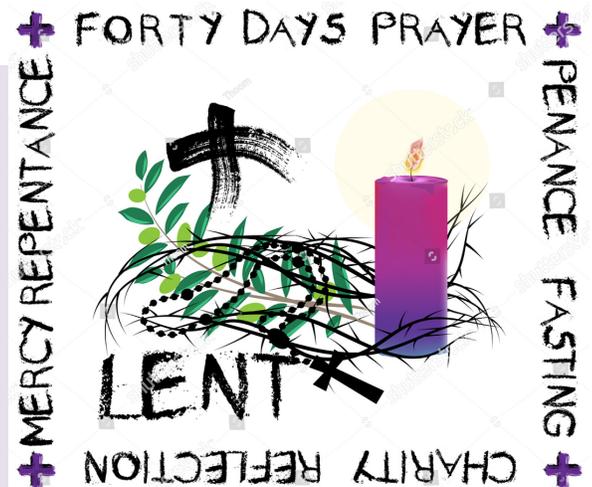
Saturday, February 17 • 9:30 AM • Fellowship Hall

Come Share in Food, Fellowship
and Preparation for the 40 Days of Lent
with Dr. Lynn Hofstad

Why did Jesus die?

Dr. Lynn Hofstad will discuss the crucifixion and atonement
from a modern Lutheran feminist perspective.

There will be a short business meeting to discuss continuing our support of CORE Tanzania.
An offering will be collected to support the ministries of QALCW.



Come join the Evening Circle on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 PM via Zoom:

Our four-part “Scripture and Nature” Bible study began last month 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*—our February Bible Study:

“Creatures: Our siblings in praise and trust.

Jesus invites us to consider the birds, but we’ll get to know Biblical critters beyond the sparrows. We’ll look at Biblical animals (some adorable, some terrifying) from ravens and lions to a big fish, paired creatures on the Ark, and that sneaky serpent in Eden. Stories of human and animal interactions in Scripture help to reorient our relationships with the non-human world, while pulling us into deeper trust in God.”

For more information, Zoom link, and a link to the video, contact Candy Mathes or Barb Bach.

On Wednesdays, **Sewing and Service** continues to meet in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. **PDQ’s** meet on the Second Monday after 5 PM. (Upcoming dates are February 12 and March 11.) Dinner (bring your own) is at 6 PM. Come join us as we make quilts for LWR.

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

Men’s Ministry, Spring 2024

The Men’s Group will host the Easter Breakfast Sunday, March 31 (setup is on Saturday morning, March 30). Please mark your calendars.

We will assemble LWR kits—Personal Care & School Kits—on Saturday, April 20, from 9 AM–11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The northwest doors that lead into the Fellowship Hall will be unlocked.

The LWR Spring Ingathering will be at Our Redeemers’ Lutheran on May 3/4. If you can spare a couple of hours, we are open 8 AM–2 PM Friday, and 8 AM–11:30 AM Saturday. We can always use a few more people to move boxes from the delivery vehicles to the containers, or to work inside the containers.

—*Rich Mathes*

THANKSGIVINGS



Kitchen Magic!



THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean and sort the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Our wonderful team, led by Mark Dibble, Candy Mathes and Dolly Smith, and helped



by Amy Castle, Ingrid Wyson, Jennifer Jones, Jackie Thomsen and Carol Ann Davis, worked for several hours, cleaning shelves that many of us can't reach—ladders required; reading dates on food containers, and sorting paper goods, tablecloths and dishes. Discarded items became the responsibility of Carol Ann to do with as she saw fit. A special thanks to Al Mangold for helping sort and sharpen the kitchen knives.



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 & Staff Hours:

Barb Bash opens the office from 9 AM to 5:30 PM Tuesday through Friday.

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

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Today as I write this, I am acutely aware that I am home.

You see, I was supposed to be on a plane today—traveling to the Holy Land—with thirty people from this synod. We were going to see holy sites: the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem, and so much more.

Besides visiting these holy sites, we were going to be with our Lutheran siblings in Palestine and Israel. We were going to visit with and learn from Bishop Azar, the pastors, and the laypeople of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). We were going to visit our Lutheran schools in Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Ramallah, and Beit Jala. We were going to visit the only liberal arts university in Palestine—Dar Al-Kalima University in Bethlehem. We were going to visit the Lutheran hospital, Augusta Victoria Hospital. And we were going to visit our Jewish siblings who work for justice and peace.

Today as I write this, I am acutely aware that today is the one hundredth day since fighting began in the Holy Land. On October 7, 2023 Hamas killed around 1,200 people and kidnapped over two hundred. It was a horrible and horrendous attack on women, children, and the elderly.

Following this attack, Israel began striking with guns, bombs, and other devices of war. At this moment, the death toll in Gaza is 24,100 dead with 61,000 others wounded. It is estimated that two-thirds of those killed in Gaza so far are women and children—all non-combatants. Almost the entire population of Gaza is now displaced, and starvation and disease are rampant.

By anyone's estimate, these are horrifying statistics, and they cannot, at all, begin to acknowledge the pain and anguish from all sides.

Now, I am not an expert of the Holy Land or the Israel-Palestinian conflict. I cannot begin to parse out all that happens in this area of the world—especially in such a short article as this. But as a baptized child of God, pastor, and your bishop, I know that this war is not God's way. I know that God calls us to advocate for those whose voices have been silenced. I know that God calls not for a pretend cease fire but true dialogue. I know that God calls us to a just peace where all people are recognized as human.

As many of you know, I was part of a group of seventeen ELCA bishops who went to the Holy Land last year. While we were there, we visited the ELCJHL schools in Palestine and Israel. We saw Muslim and Christian children learning together. We saw dancing and singing. We listened to their stories and we rejoiced at the hope we saw there. When we visited Augusta Victoria Hospital during this same visit, we saw Muslim doctors treating Christian patients and vice versa. When we visited with an Israeli non-profit dedicated to justice for the Palestinians, we saw Jews and Muslims, Israelis and Palestinians, working together for peace and justice.

Dear Beloveds in Christ, please take to heart what our brother in Christ, ELCJHL Bishop Sani Ibrahim Azar, said on Reformation Day 2023 while speaking at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem:

"It is very hard to speak about hope here in Jerusalem ... As Palestinian Christians, we have been here for many years, not recognized, but calling for reconciliation. We are serving people's needs and we are working for the future of the whole human family...The priority right now is to end the war, to stop the killing of women and men, children and the elderly ... We hope that our Christian brothers and sisters elsewhere in the world are praying for us, praying for Christians in the Holy Land and for the rights of Palestinians to exist here."

As we are privileged to be in our homes—and as millions have been displaced from their homes—let us pray for true peace, work for justice, and speak out against hatred.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it... The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. [Psalm 34:14, 18]

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee / bishop@lutheransnw.org

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2	3
						10:00am Seattle Seekers (Conf. Rm.) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	10
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8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum (Conf. Rm./Zoom) 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 6:45pm YA Bible Study 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	
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