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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

The Experience of Awe

Do you experience enough awe in your life?

Recently a member of the congregation shared with me a commencement speech he came across called “Finding Awe.” Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl delivered it to the 2023 graduating class at Stanford University. I preached about it on June 23.

In the article, Buchdahl identifies various sources of awe as well as its importance to everyone, whether they subscribe to a specific faith or not.

Obviously, we don't have to be graduates of Stanford to appreciate and experience wonder in our lives. Many Northwesterners know the experience of awe in the context of nature. As Christians, we also encounter it in music (as evident in the hymn, “How Great Thou Art”), in architecture (the high, vaulted ceiling of a sanctuary like ours), and in poetry (as in Psalm 19 which speaks of “the heavens” as God's handiwork).

Buchdahl makes a surprising observation, however. In contrast to the examples I just gave, it “turns out that our greatest source of awe is other people.” Think about that for a moment. What does it mean to experience awe *through* other people? Buchdahl helps us answer the question by noting acts of courage, sacrifice, kindness, and resilience.

Are you confused? If so, consider the example of Martin Luther. Does his story fill you with awe? It does for me! I mean, where did this otherwise insignificant little monk find the courage to oppose the mightiest man in Europe at the time (Charles V), knowing his stance could result in his death? Is not such courage amazing?

So, how about you? Would you like to create more opportunities to experience wonder in your life? If so, **come to church, one of the last places in our society to pause and be filled with wonder.** Cantor Kyle (next page) lists several musical events happening over the summer, including the opportunity to sing the Holden Evening Prayer. Perhaps one of these will spark a sense of awe and wonder within you as evident, say, when we hear through song the message of God's undeserved—and thus amazing—grace.

Whether you experience awe in worship, nature, or through other people, Buchdahl's message could not be clearer: take time to make room for it in your life. It's good for the soul.

Pastor Dan

Happy Summertime!

Looking back on the last couple of months, please join me in a huge “thank you” to all who supported our recent Fine Arts events. With concerts on May 12 and June 2, and a choral Vespers service on May 19 (*photo at right*), we have had wonderful opportunities to gather and hear gorgeous music. And we are thankful to those who sponsored the events and all who contributed to the Fine Arts Fund to ensure that we can continue offering high-caliber events at QALC for 2024–25.



High-carb Sundays? (with or without donuts)

This time of year—the time with green paraments—is a time for marking spiritual growth, just as we see the world growing and greening around us. To that end, the Gospel readings focus more on Jesus’s day-to-day ministry, rather than the major events of his life. We’re now approaching what one church music publisher jokingly refers to as the “high-carb Sundays.” You see, starting July 28, our Gospel readings seem to be all about *bread*—that basic, daily nourishment, known in one form or another in virtually all cultures. Detouring from the Gospel of Mark, which we’ve been following all year, into the Gospel of John, we’ll hear once again that Jesus is the *bread of life that came down from heaven* (see John 6). More than normal, earthly bread, this is bread that meets our daily needs beyond physical hunger. Jesus offers himself for us as bread that nourishes us in the ways we need most—to satisfy the hungry heart itself. Look for our hymns to dig into these themes, too.

Here are some items for your calendar... including some deliciously high-carb root beer floats!

Sunday, July 14 at 9:05 AM (for 10 AM worship)

It’s time for a “Pop-up Choir!” All are welcome to meet at 9:05 AM at the back of the nave. We’ll put together music to present at the 10 AM service. This is a fun way to get involved and sing for a day. Youth and adults are welcome! If you have questions, please feel welcome to email me at cantor@queenannelutheran.org. (*Pop-up Choir* seems more apt than *Pickup Choir*, don’t you think?)

Every Wednesday in August at 7 PM

Holden Evening Prayer returns to the chapel. This annual August tradition offers a relaxed and contemplative break for prayer, song, and fellowship. We hope that our friends from the neighborhood will feel the chapel is an easy entry point to share Holden Evening Prayer with us and learn more about our QALC community.

Wednesdays, August 7 and 21, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM (note the two dates)

It’s Jazz on the Grass and root beer floats... for the second year in a row. After the success of last year’s single event, we are doubling the opportunities for QALC and our neighborhood to hear phenomenal Roosevelt High School jazz musicians... and partake of root beer floats!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summertime.

See you in church,

Kyle Haugen, Cantor • cantor@queenannelutheran.org

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Changes and More Changes

We are anticipating a number of staffing and volunteer changes at QALC in the coming months. Here are some details of what's coming, though some are still in the planning stage

New Staff Position

After long consideration and discussion, Council has created a **new part-time Program Coordinator** position to lead an initiative to complement our musical and liturgical traditions with innovative programming, new forms of outreach and spiritual exploration tailored to resonate with the religiously disaffiliated (“de-churched”), unaffiliated (“nones”), and our current congregation. A job description has been created and approved by Council. Funding for a year's time has been secured and a candidate has been identified. A tentative interview/hiring schedule is being set up. If all goes as planned, the Program Coordinator will begin August 15.

Nursery Staffing Changes

With the graduation of our long-time **nursery attendants**, five new QALC folks will take over in the nursery this summer. These high school students will work with the close proximity and monitoring of Cathi Unseth and Bridget Boysen, as required by QALC's [Safe Haven Policy](#). We are recruiting three SPU students to be nursery attendants starting in the fall. One has been identified and will obtain First Aid certification over the summer.

In Search of Project Phoenix Representatives

We are looking for two people to be QALC representatives to the **Project Phoenix Board** (formerly called LYONS). While this organization, for which QALC was a founding member in 1998, now has a much smaller footprint than in the past, it has the potential and resources to grow and serve youth in new exciting ways. For more information, talk with Pastor Dan or Kirsten Erickson.

In Search of Forum Organizers

After a seven-year stretch **organizing and hosting Adult Forums**, Carol Ann Davis is taking a well-deserved temporary leave of absence, starting August 1. To take her place and to provide more hands for future forums, we're looking for people to help with planning and organizing the forum schedule, hosting forums and setting up and/or taking down the video and audio technology in the conference room. Training is available! For more information and to volunteer, contact Pastor Dan, Carol Ann or Jacqui Darroch.

This Fall's Pastoral Transition

Preparations are underway for the temporary pastoral transition. **Pastor Dan** will be a Visiting Scholar at Princeton Theological Seminary from September through November. While he will be well missed, we look forward to this opportunity to benefit not only his teaching and ministry, but also the overall QALC community. Over the summer, he is working with the Executive Committee and staff to plan for his time away. Thankfully, **Pastor John Michael Barich** has agreed to serve QALC during Pastor Dan's absence. Many of us have begun getting to know him through his times as substitute minister in the last few months. Pastor John is also serving as our guest preacher and presider on July 7.

Save This Date: Sunday, August 18

A special service will be held on August 18 to welcome and introduce Pastor John and other new staff and to wish Pastor Dan farewell (temporarily).

—Jacqui Darroch
Council Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Interested In Caring for God's Creation?

You are invited to join Queen Anne Lutheran's reinvigorated Green Team! Led by Susan Evans, Lisa Kjaer, and Magdalena Phillips, we are excited to strengthen the church's current environmental practices while also envisioning new ways that we can care for the Earth. We are currently working on becoming an official Greening Congregation through Earth Ministry. Want to participate? Have an idea? Email Magdalena (mlpseattle@gmail.com) to join the team!

Calendar Meeting: July 18

A calendar is a living and changing document, and ours is woven from many threads, reflecting the diverse interests and priorities of the congregation. Every summer, our church staff gathers to create a calendar looking ahead to the 2024-2025 year. This draft calendar includes our forum schedule, fine arts events, the festivals and seasons of the church year, social service initiatives and youth activities, community fellowship dates, and regular meetings. If you are involved in (or the chair of) any group which plans events, please send *your* important dates to the church office by July 18 so we can get them on our calendar—even if they enter the record as a sticky note that says "... sometime in October"!

A Sunday to Honor Our Project Phoenix Leader

On Sunday, August 11, we will give thanks in worship for the long service of Kirsten Erickson, who has provided support and leadership for LYONS and Project Phoenix for the past 10 years. We will celebrate her at coffee hour that day as well. We hope to find two new representatives to the Project Phoenix board this fall to carry on the work of supporting the faith life of Lutheran youth.

Ridwell's Special Collections:

- June 30: Prescription bottles
- July 14: Bread tags
- July 28: Denim clothing

Baby T-Shirts? Thread?

Our Sewing & Service group asks that you please be on the lookout for baby T-shirts, size 12 months, for our LWR Baby Kits. White or colors; new or lightly-used (no stains).

Also needed: size 10 crochet thread, any color. Donations may be left in the narthex LWR drawer or given to the quilting group.



What: Jazz on the Grass, featuring a student jazz combo from Roosevelt High School

Where: Queen Anne Lutheran Church, corner of 8th and McGraw

When: Wednesdays, Aug. 7 & 21, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Bring: Sack dinner (optional)

Provided for you: Root beer floats

In the Chapel: Holden Evening Prayer, 7 PM (approx. 20 min.)

Note: This contemplative service of sung prayer is offered every August Wednesday at 7 PM

Queen Anne Book Group

Our quarterly gathering will be held Monday, July 29 at Cathi Unseth's (3225 NW 65th St). We will start at 5:00 PM. Libations/liquid refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring an appetizer. Bring your latest "best" book that you have read to share. See you then!

Your Special Invitation to Worship on August 25

Please plan to attend worship on August 25. Our guest preacher that Sunday has been supported for years by our congregation and comes from far away to visit us. This special guest, who will also be celebrated at coffee hour, would love to have fellowship with you.

Church Of Steadfast Love All-Congregational Gathering—

Join Pastor Kristy and members of COSL and other Lutheran churches at a Seattle Mariners game, Sunday, August 25 at 1:10 pm. Ten free tickets are available for QALC members; sign up in the narthex, first-come, first-served. Free hats, too! Adults only.

Save the Dates for LWR Activities

Men's Group (women welcome, too!) will assemble LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits on a Saturday in early October. The LWR Ingathering will be November 1 & 2.

Rides to Church Available

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. Barb will send an email out to the congregation with the subject line "RIDES REQUESTED," 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.

NW WA Synod Women's Organization Retreat

Some of you may be interested and excited to attend the NW Washington Synod Women's fall retreat on September 20-21, 2024. The overnight retreat will focus on individual wellness and self-care, including Saturday speaker Melanie Cool. "As a life-long Lutheran and 20 years as a counselor with Lutheran Counseling Network, Melanie especially enjoys the opportunity to integrate spirituality into the pursuit of health and happiness. She captivates her audience with her profound insights and practical strategies for living a balanced and fulfilling life. Her presentations are known for their warmth, compassion, and engaging storytelling, which inspire and empower individuals to embark on their own journeys of self-discovery and healing."

The retreat will be held at Camp Huston in Gold Bar (by Wallace Falls State Park). It begins on Friday at 4 PM and continues through Saturday at 4 PM. Friday night includes registration, overnight lodging, a 6:00 pm dinner, and "getting to know you" activities. Saturday breakfast for overnighters will be at 8:00 AM. Our Saturday retreat schedule will include a 9 AM welcome/devotions, speaker presentations (morning and afternoon), lunch, and communion/closing.

Overnight lodging is \$155.00 each for double occupancy or \$185.00 per person for single occupancy. (Bedding is \$20.00 per person extra if you don't bring your own.)

Saturday only, registration cost is \$65.00 per person (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) . This cost includes lunch, materials and facility use. Some partial scholarships are available.

Copies of the *ECHO* and registration forms are on our narthex table.

We Welcome the Girl Scouts!

Did you know a brand-new troop of Girl Scout Daisies (5- to 7-year-old girls, who move up to become Brownies) has been meeting upstairs in our building on first and third Saturdays since April? They even

had their first badge ceremony here June 8. We are pleased to have Girl Scouts gathering here again! Please give them a smile if you happen upon them on a Saturday.

Others using our building include two Alcoholics Anonymous groups on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, a Saturday morning Women's Alanon group, Food Addicts Anonymous on Monday evenings, and an Alzheimer's Association support group for "Adult Children with Parents Living with Young-Onset Alzheimers." If you'd like to reach out to one of these groups, our church office can put you in touch. If you know of a not-for-profit group that needs meeting space, contact the church office.



Lay Ministry Formation

An Invitation from the NW WA Synod

Do you have a desire to discern where God is already at work within your life context/ ministry and to join God there?

Are you hearing a call to grow deeper in ministry that you would like to explore?

Do you long for quality discussion within a nurturing environment of curious learning?

Are you interested in gaining broader perspectives in the areas of theological and biblical reflection within the context of real-life practical concerns?

What Is Lay Ministry Formation?

Lay Ministry Formation (LMF) is a 2-year, cohort-based educational and training program of the Northwest Washington Synod. It is especially designed for lay leaders who wish to deepen their sense of God's call to ministry. Participants will identify their own passionate call to ministry, and will be invited into spiritual reflection of it through four modules within a 2-year curriculum.

Who Might Participate in LMF?

This is a Certificate program that prepares participants to learn, discuss, experiment, and wrestle with what it means to be lay leaders in their church or vocational context. Whether their leadership context is within children/youth ministry, music ministry, social justice, equity and inclusion, small group leadership, care giving, chaplaincy, evangelism, etc...this program will better prepare participants to discern the movement of God in that context, and to join in God's mission.

Details of the LMF Program

Next 2-year Cohort starts: Sept '24; Applications due Mon, Sept 2

Cost is \$750 per person/ year—financial assistance is available

For more details, email Rev. Dr. David Hahn or Rev. Andy Yee at the NW WA Synod.

On Sharing & Receiving Prayer Requests—Help Us Keep Updated

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. But please let us know when prayers are no longer needed for your loved one. 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, and keep apprised of members who have hardships. Want to become part of our Prayer Chain? Contact the church office.

Volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Project!

Queen Anne Lutheran Church is excited to invite members (and friends) who are at least 16 years old to join the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build Project to make a tangible difference in our community. Habitat for Humanity Seattle King & Kittitas Counties is hosting the Interfaith Build Project at its Yarrow Cottages located at 719 S. Director St. in South Park, and needs our help! No experience or tools are required. This will serve as our “God’s Work Our Hands” project, which the greater ELCA is encouraging for that weekend in September.

Project Dates: September 6 & 7, 2024 (either or both is OK)

Location: Yarrow Cottages, South Park

The Interfaith Build is a cherished tradition, started over 20 years ago in memory of September 11th, aiming to bring together faith communities in both love and action. This project celebrates our unity, demonstrating that together we're stronger and can achieve great things, including addressing our regional housing crisis.

Why Volunteer?

Fellowship and Teamwork: Join a diverse team of volunteers from various faith backgrounds in a mission to build affordable homes for all.

Hands-on Impact: Participate in the hands-on work that Habitat for Humanity is known for, contributing directly to building stronger communities.

Interfaith Learning: Share and learn about the different ways faith calls us to action and service through volunteering and possible speaking opportunities.

Community Service: Help provide decent, affordable housing to those in need, while engaging in meaningful interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Build Activities: Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. All tools, safety equipment, and supervision will be provided.

Be a Speaker: Share how your faith inspires action and service in a 5-10 minute talk.

Provide a Meal: Help prepare and serve faith-oriented meals for our volunteers, with vegetarian options included.

Get Involved:

To express your interest or for more information, please call or text Jim Margard at (206) 920-7704, leave your name with Barb at the office, or sign up in the narthex. Details such as specific times will be provided to volunteers as the date approaches.

OR register directly and let us know you have registered. Use the QR code at right, or visit <https://www.habitatskc.org/interfaithbuild/>

Interfaith



Build Habitat for Humanity
BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER



SCAN TO REGISTER
for the 2024 Interfaith Build

LWR Kit Supply Needs for Fall 2024 Ingathering:

Our QALC LWR Kit-making effort depends upon help from many of you. Please read below before you purchase any supplies.

If you would like to buy something for the **Personal Care kits**, we need bath towels and soap.

- **Bath towels** need to be minimum of 20"x40" (hotel size) up to 27"x 52". They should be dark-colored—it is hard to clean white towels in a refugee camp. Thin towels are best since they air dry in hot, humid climates. Target has one towel line called Room Essentials that is \$2.50-\$3 per bath towel (dark gray is best); Fred Meyer can be cheaper IF they have a big sale—they have more color options. I realize most standard American bath towels are plush and thick. Thick towels cost more to ship, they take more space, and they weigh more.
- **Four-ounce bars of soap** are best—each kit must have 8-9 oz, so we send two 4 oz bars. We prefer Ivory. Yes, prices have increased a lot. I am now paying 75 cents per bar.
- Most of the other Personal Care Kit supplies are purchased in bulk online. The combs, fingernail clippers and toothbrushes are then all identical, and toothbrushes are individually wrapped. To **make a cash donation** to help pay for these, please write checks to "QALCW— LWR Kit Supplies."

Many **School Kit supplies** that we need are not available online. We depend upon some of you who visit Target, Kroger, Staples, Walmart etc. during the July–August "back to school" specials.

After packing the backpacks, the remaining school supplies were inventoried. This fall we will need the following to fill 50 backpacks (as well as 50 more next spring):

- **250 #2 Pencils—"Unsharpened."** Sharpened pencils can break in transit—our kits are handled at least three times before being delivered overseas. Each kit contains 5 pencils. Besides the LWR kits, at least 150 pencils are needed for the Twegashe school, via our Banobi shipping company.
- **75—30 cm (12 inch) metal rulers, with metric markings.** We prefer the metal rulers because they do not break, and draw the best straight lines. (*right*) They are usually \$1 on sale at Fred Meyer. Please do not buy wooden or plastic rulers anymore—wood breaks, and some plastic rulers are too dark to read the markings. Twegashe will receive at least 30 metal rulers.
- **150 pencil sharpeners.** A worthwhile innovation in pencil sharpeners is to include two sharpening holes—one for pencils, one larger one for crayons—we ship crayons also. The other good feature is a collection box for shavings that stays connected. Please buy only the two-hole pencil sharpeners with collection box. The Amazon description is: "**8 Pack Double Holes Pencil Sharpener Manual Pencil Sharpeners with Lid Pencil Sharpeners for Kids Plastic Pencil Sharpeners for School Office Home(Blue, Green, Orange, Rose"**
- **100 Blunt scissors.** Some come with sheath—even better. Prices vary for single vs two-pack from \$1 to \$2. Twegashe will receive 30.
- **40 boxes crayons**—the 24-pack. 50¢ on special at Walmart/Fred Meyer. Twegashe will receive 30.
- **180 70-count spiral-bound notebooks**—college- or wide-ruled. 35¢ each at Walmart/ Fred Meyer
- **130 2.5" gray erasers.** Twegashe usually requests 30.
- **300 Blue or black ball point pens**—no gel pens.



The reason that I list fewer of some items "we need" than the 100 or 130 we need in total is that we have some items left over from last year. If you buy too many, we will store some for next year.

If you ever have questions while in a store shopping, text me at 206-384-1183 (or call) or email me at lwrmathes@aol.com. Sometimes stores have variations that I have not seen myself. Thank you all for your support in this continuing effort to help those in need overseas (LWR usually only send materials overseas). If you find a good source, or very good price, please notify me and I'll get the word out. —Rich Mathes



LADIES' LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
12 NOON
IN THE QALC BREEZEWAY

RSVP SALLIE WILSON

Sometimes when you have a *Quill* coming out every two months, plans go into the *Quill* BEFORE all the details are worked out. Two of our women mentioned hosting a summer “tea,” and so we were off and running in the last *Quill* with the idea of a tea—before we discovered that the best dates for one enthusiast would not work for the other. So, we’ve decided to have our tea later this fall, and to have a **Ladies’ Luncheon** this summer. It just felt right. The luncheon is especially meant to create fellowship for our elderly generation. Please let Sallie Wilson know if you would like to attend. Help can be used with the meal and table décor, as well as chauffeuring those who need rides. Please contact Sallie Wilson or Candy Mathes if you can help.

QALCW helps support **CORE Tanzania** and Twegashe School. To do this we need your help! Yes, that means money (as well as school supplies, and handkerchiefs). To donate, make a check out to QALCW, put “CORE Tanzania/Twegashe” in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate. There’s an update from the school on the next page; if you are on Facebook you can follow them under Core Tanzania.



Summer Bible Study: “After Certainty.” Some of us grew up in an era that we thought we lived in a world of predictability and stability— then the pandemic happened, politics got in the way, churches and religion changed, and we realized life was not certain after all. The Women’s Bible Study looked at God’s people in the Bible, and realized that *they* did not face certainty either.

Come join us in person in the library or via Zoom at 7PM for the last two sessions of this 3-part series by Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. (The series began at our June meeting.)

After Certainty: Community (July 16) When certainty in faith becomes the responsibility of the individual, this can isolate us from God and from community.

After Certainty: Compassion (August – date TBA) When certainty becomes judgmentalism, it contributes to divisions between people and within communities. (Watch your Friday emails for the date in August.)

On Wednesdays, **Sewing and Service** continues to meet in the Fireside Room at 10 AM. Even if you don’t join us for quilt making, come join us for coffee and discussion at 11:30.

PDQ quilters meet each 2nd Monday after 5 PM. Dinner (bring your own) at 6 PM. Come join us as we make quilts for LWR. Upcoming dates will be July 8 and August 12.

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

Your Women’s Committee

Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Barb Bach and Candy Mathes

CORE TANZANIA UPDATE



CORE Tanzania's mission statement is,
“We believe that all children no matter how poor are entitled to a quality education. With your help we are turning that belief into action.”



A recent email from Twegashe School included many photos with updates from each grade. Our members Jeannette & Michael Banobi took on the voice of each classroom. From kindergarten, pictured above:

“We’re all feeling at home here at Twegashe School now. We’re able to greet people, introduce ourselves, and ask for basic needs in English. We enjoy practicing fine motor skills, numbers, and spatial perception using all the colorful Montessori materials in our classroom. We love when our teachers ask us to share our ideas – we have lots. And we especially love singing and dancing!”

P.S. We were very excited to receive beautiful new backpacks made by U.S. volunteers. They make us feel like real Twegashe students. Thank you, volunteers!”



Fourth Graders—Not serious?? Who, us??

And from the fourth graders, some pictured at left:
“We grade four students can’t help feeling a little bit like we own this school, since we were the very first class of Twegashe students. It’s great being fourth-graders now, but talk about more serious! We’ll be taking our first national exams at the end of this year, so our teacher, Mr. Phineas, keeps reminding us that we have to be serious and work hard... It’s a big responsibility being the oldest kids at school every year! But we



also feel proud being the big kids – especially those of us who now have little brothers or sisters at Twegashe.”

This June, twelve Twegashe school families hosted visiting high school students from Lakeside School in Seattle—including our own **Jimmy Porter**—who stayed in Bushasha for three weeks as part of Lakeside’s Global Service-Learning program. The students conducted sports, arts, and science camps for Twegashe students while they were there.

Each year, QALCW sews a classroom’s-worth of backpacks for the incoming students at Twegashe School. QALCW also makes a donation pledge to support CORE Tanzania. To help QALCW with this commitment, make a check out to QALCW, put “CORE Tanzania/Twegashe” in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate.

THE HOLDEN DISPATCH

My Time at Holden – May 6 - 10; June 14 - 21, 2024

In previous years, I went to Holden at least three times during the year to assist the board-appointed archivist, Larry Howard. This year, Larry and wife Nancy Winder have several travel plans which limit when they could come to Holden so they decided to schedule just one week in June for archive work.

However, something had to be done beforehand about several file cabinets that needed replacement. The husband of my younger cousin kindly donated two four-drawer cabinets with all drawers working. Now—how to get them up to Holden? I had made all the arrangements to arrive in Holden by myself in April, only to be notified by the village that the kitchen would be closed for renovation, undoing all my plans. When the May dates were decided on and confirmed, I gratefully received help from Larry and his son to transport the two file cabinets from my cousin's home over the mountains to Chelan for barging up-lake. (So many plans were attempted then abandoned, that I decided the final one that worked would be called "Plan P".)

The May dates were very successful, mainly due to lots of coordinating email with the Ops and Maverick people in the Village. In the end, trading out the problem file cabinets with the donated ones worked quickly and smoothly. The rest of my time there was spent on various research tasks. I also showed my "Fundamental Questions" forum presentation to a director, Mark Bach, who made some helpful comments. Sadly, I spent the first afternoon upon arrival sweeping out all the rodential spoor. These tasks did not require Larry to be in the village, and made the Archives ready for his June visit.



I saw the marmot that has been living in the Village for the past year. It was foraging in the lawn between Lodge 1 and Main Street. As far as I can tell, there is only the one animal and not a family. In previous years, I have seen marmots at higher elevations, like at Copper Creek Basin. I don't know if this marmot is a harbinger of additional animals making Holden their home, or merely an outlier.



One donation I received toward the end of the May visit deserves special mention. The current Holden school teacher gave me a letter sent to students who were there back in 2001, from Pulitzer Prize winning author John McPhee. The students wrote to Mr. McPhee after reading his Encounters With the Archdruid, which, in the book's first part, recounted his multi-day hike, with preservationist David Brower (the "Archdruid") and pro-mining geologist Charles Park, from Holden Village through the Glacier Peak Wilderness to Image Lake, done in 1969. Those students in 2001 had also made a similar hike and had sent their questions to him, to which Mr. McPhee responded in his letter. The school teacher's husband, Scott Olson, was the school teacher in 2001. He currently is one of the Dining Hall cooks, and often drives a bus. I asked him for a write-up to provide context and provenance for Mr. McPhee's letter. (More on this later.)

The June visit was very busy. I surprised myself by starting and completing an inventory of a Bankers Box worth of

material; Larry thought it would take me longer to finish. Then we started on the cabinets. Larry was able to finish inventorying the one he selected for himself. I, on the other hand, only barely completed the second drawer of the cabinet Larry selected for me to inventory. The material I documented was very dense. We received visitors during the week, and Larry was happy to take time to explain what we were doing, how what we were doing helped him through the year when he gets requests for information, and how the inventory lists we make will assist the exhibit makers for the museum.

During the week, the Holden Board held its meetings. Five members were rotating off the board, including Jason DeRose, whose duties at National Public Radio as religion reporter were taking up more of his time, requiring him to be out of the country with greater frequency. On Monday evening, the Board treated everyone to a free scoop of ice cream. New officers were selected. Various issues were discussed behind closed doors, including how to make the funding of Holden Village more sustainable. The board also reported to the Village and heard from attendees in small groups.



On Saturday evening of June 15, there was a Pride parade on Main Street that passed by onlookers once and then devolved into a street party / dance party.

The second week of summer's teaching faculty were quite varied. Pamela Adams talked about beavers; Vance Blackfox (Cherokee) and Pastor Manuel Retamoza (A Mexican-American who became a citizen of the Cherokee nation) held sessions titled "Indian 101" teaching indigenous stories and ways; John Marty, 37-year Minnesota state senator and son of theologian Martin Marty, talked about current issues such as Christian Nationalists, health care, LGBTQIA+ issues, and civil discourse in general; Karen Peters taught the Rosen Movement method and Alexander Technique for paying attention to one's body and how to become more connected, aware, leading toward self-discovery; and members of Glocal—people from around the world making music that comes from around the world—sang and played. I was able to listen in on two sessions with John Marty; no one else. I talked with Vance Blackfox one lunch hour. I talked with Pamela Adams during a social gathering hosted by the Holden Board. Pamela was very enthusiastic about the beaver sightings in Seattle at Meadowbrook Pond, and at Longfellow Creek in West Seattle near Camp Long. There was a Faculty Vespers one evening, where all of the faculty contributed.

Regarding church services, or rather, "Sacred Space" as it is now called, some were familiar. Eucharist was held on Tuesday evening, while Prayer Around the Cross was held on Thursday evening. "Bless This Night," the evening prayer service written last year as an update to Marty Haugen's (no relation to Kyle) "Holden Evening Prayer", was sung Monday evening. One big change and addition to most services: the use of two screens, put up in the Village Center during my May visit, for showing hymn lyrics and service texts and congregational responses. The system often got a bit out of synch but with further use, I hope such glitches can be resolved.

Marc and Nancy Rerucha-Borges continue to work during the summer as Forest Service (FS) rangers. They are stationed in the cabin west of the Village, originally built by a Girl Scout troop in the mining days. They do odd jobs for the Village when on off-days from FS work, jobs like driving bus. For such work, they periodically receive a case of fresh vegetables. On one of the three times I saw them during this visit, I told them about the origin of the concept of wilderness areas in the US. (I covered this material in the forums I gave in June, remember?) They did not know about this history. They incorporated the info into their coffee and cookies talk that week, which was well attended (thirty people, who consumed all the coffee and cookies). Their next patrol was supposed to be in the Sawtooth Range on the north shore of Lake Chelan, but the out-of-control Pioneer Creek fire caused a change in plans and gave them an extra day off.



The Pioneer Creek fire was plainly visible from the boat on the up-lake trek. There was a helicopter operating with a bucket slowly dousing flames and hot spots near the lakeshore from the air. The Lakeside Trail was closed, and a Level 3 evacuation notice was in force for the area. Hot shot fire crews were trying to keep



the fire from spreading to buildings found here and there along the lakeshore.

On the down-lake trip a week later, the fire had moved up a few thousand feet into the mountains, into more remote areas and rough terrain. The fire is 0% contained with no opportunity for complete control of it until the snow falls in October.

Scott Olson provided a short, bare writeup on the John McPhee letter. Both Larry and I thought it needed further information and “rounding out.” In the meantime, Larry took the letter with him out of the Village for further investigation.

Construction on the museum continues slowly. The utilities pipe was now in place. Unfortunately, that was after a sewer main was inadvertently broken into, and the finding of evidence of toxic mine tailings in the ground near the school—all of which required clean-up. Kathie Caemerer-Bach, one of the three Holden directors, has stated that work to be done in August, September, and October will result in a building standing by snowfall this year. That is a good goal, and I hope those involved will be able to make it happen.

Unlike previous years, there are rooms available for several weeks this summer. I encourage you to come to Holden Village this year. Make reservations through the website – www.holdenvillage.org/visit - and select the “MAKE A RESERVATION” button. Weeks unavailable for visits will be shown. Travel up and down Lake Chelan needs to be secured separately: via the Lake Chelan Boat Co. www.ladyofthelake.com for up and possibly down lake legs, or the Stehekin Ferry www.stehekinferry.com for an early down-lake trip. (The Village does not meet the later up-lake trip of the Stehekin Ferry.) Be sure to strike up a conversation with me to ask your questions on Holden.

—Joel Matter

THANKSGIVINGS



2024 Church Picnic

On June 2, we had a wonderful and different church picnic. Because of early predictions of bad weather, John Bryant set up tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall and we all stayed dry and out of the gusty wind. The mood was summery and well-suited to a picnic. Matt and Aaron Boysen and Jenna Del Vento grilled burgers and hot dogs, folks provided the traditional potato salad, baked beans, watermelon and much more, and over 50 were in attendance.



Along with a variety of potluck desserts, there was a towering chocolate cake honoring our students. Chelsey Sagon and Ylliam Umipig, who have been our wonderful nursery attendants for the past two years, have graduated from SPU, and Mei Le Smith has graduated from Whitman College. Others have successfully finished the school year and are moving forward in their education. We all enjoyed sharing in their successes—and their cake!



Many thanks to all who helped make the picnic a reality: members of the Church Council, who managed from setup to cleanup and in-between; Candy Mathes who provided advice and helped purchase food; and to whomever set up the cornhole game that the young people had so much fun playing. Summer is now officially here at Queen Anne Lutheran.

—Jacqui Darroch



Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism:

What then does 'daily bread' mean? Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, field, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

(Small Catechism, Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer)

In May, the six bishops of Region One (this includes the synods of Northwest Washington, Southwestern Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Northwest Intermountain, and Montana) were asked by the Region One hunger teams to write a joint letter requesting Congress to re-authorize the federal Farm Bill and to not cut important funding. The six bishops agreed to write this letter. After it was written and signed, the ELCA Advocacy staff in Washington, DC hand-delivered it to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees' leaderships and to the Representatives in each of the synod's respective states.

In June, there was a zoom event for all the Lutherans in the six synods to learn more about the Farm Bill and advocate for its continuation. This event was sponsored by the Region One hunger ministry teams, ELCA Advocacy, and Faith Action Network (FAN). Different speakers shared information, conversation happened, and the opportunity to write letters to legislators occurred.

As you might know, the six synods have over 560 congregations and tens of thousands of Lutherans from the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. These synods and states are not homogenous. The bishops are not homogenous. The congregations within each synod are not homogenous. The members of these congregations are not homogenous. We have differences of opinion at times, we have different priorities, we vote differently, we even shake our heads at things that don't make sense to us about one another.

And yet, in our diversity, we are also joined in the unity of Christ and the promises we have received. Deep in our bones, we know that we are saved by grace through faith. We hold fast to the truth that God loves us no matter what. We know this and trust this and hold this. And, because of this, together we are called out into the world – as followers of Jesus and as civic members of society.

We join together – over and over – to bring about change and protect the vulnerable. We come together beyond political difference because of what we have been promised and what we are called to do and to be. The example I've been using in this article is the Farm Bill. When we advocate for this bi-partisan Farm Bill, we are advocating for farmers, migrants, agricultural workers, Indigenous peoples, hungry children, the inclusion of those who have been historically excluded, and more.

But, of course, we come together far beyond this Farm Bill. We come together because God calls us to love others as God loves us. We work together for a just society. As German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and action, not in the first place by their own sufferings, but by the sufferings of their brothers and sisters, for whose sake Christ suffered." (*A Testament to Freedom*)

I am thankful and proud to be Lutheran because of all of you who feed and clothe, nourish and shelter, love and protect those who are the most vulnerable in this country and this world. It would take pages to list all the ways that you do this individually, in your congregations, in the synod, and in the wider church. Thank you for your advocacy and your care.

There is, of course, more work to be done. And so let us together work towards the day when all may receive "daily bread." (If you would like to read the Bishops' letter you may [click this link](#).)

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JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Office Closed		
	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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10:00am Worship	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Alzheimer's Support (Conf.) 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)		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)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am Pop-Up Choir (Nave) 10:00am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00pm QALCW Circle (Conf./Zm)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 1:00pm Staff Insights Worship (Conf. Rm) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	11:00am Calendaring Meeting (Conf. Rm)		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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10:00am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 12:00pm QALCW Ladies Luncheon 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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10:00am Worship	5:30pm QA Book Group 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						10:00am Seattle Seekers (Conf. Rm.) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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10:00am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 5:30pm Jazz in the Grass 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (chapel) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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Honoring Youth Lead...						
10:00am Worship	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (chapel) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
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Special Guest in Wors...						
10:00am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)		10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (chapel) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)		6:00pm New Horizons Dinner*	10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)