

# The Quill

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## Queen Anne

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Queen Anne Lutheran Church**  
**P.O. Box 17029**  
**Seattle, WA 98127-0729**

## **Thanksgiving Meals for Seniors— A Grocery List for You!**

As we did last year, this November we will be collecting grocery bags full of Thanksgiving items for seniors in need on Queen Anne Hill. The bags will be collected in our narthex through Sunday, November 24, and delivered to Queen Anne Helpline in the days just before Thanksgiving. Take this list with you next time you go grocery shopping!



# **Queen Anne Helpline**

Serving Queen Anne, Magnolia, and South Lake Union

### **Thanksgiving Meals for Seniors**

Lower income seniors can sign up to receive a bag of Thanksgiving groceries delivered to their door the day before Thanksgiving. Recipients must live in our service area (zip codes 98109, 98119, 98199). The bag of groceries contains some traditional Thanksgiving meal ingredients plus extras to make for a comfortable holiday. Queen Anne Helpline will purchase a package of fresh roasted turkey and a slice of pie to include in each bag.

For each bag you signed up to donate, please include the following items and deliver bags to our Resource Center at 311 W. McGraw St on either Monday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- 2 cans of vegetables (1 corn and 1 green beans)
- Box of mashed potatoes
- Box of stuffing
- Jar of cranberry sauce
- Jar of gravy
- Box of instant oatmeal
- Package of cookies
- Juice (at least 2 individually sized bottles per bag)



# the Pastor's WORD

## Call & Response

This article is the second “installment” of the dialogue begun in last month’s *Quill* by Pastor Dan. Here are my reflections on the lectionary readings for August 18, with a focus on the Holy Gospel according to John (6.51–58).

### **Our first question is on the Gospel. What does it mean? What is the Good News for our time?**

For our time, we are painfully aware that in King County where we live and worship, according to Food Lifeline, as of December 2023 food insecurity has grown to a staggering 1.6 million people... so folks gather each week at food banks and community lunches, like All Pilgrims, because they don’t have bread to eat. Nor, in many cases, the things that Luther says go with our daily bread: “clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright workers, upright & faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, & the like.” *Small Catechism*, Lord’s Prayer – Fourth Petition

The Gospel is God’s Word and Action of love to the whole world communicated through Christ Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and teaching. Bread has been the main image used throughout Chapter 6, which began with Feeding the Five Thousand – here, the physical law of scarcity that the disciples know is replaced by the spiritual law of abundance that Jesus knows. It’s this spiritual teaching that all disciples need to learn. The learning exercise is to gather up all that’s left over so that nothing’s lost – they/we must never forget this day because we are to integrate this experience into our lives and into the lives of our communities.

### **Question two is about worship. What is its purpose?**

In worship, we are praying that God use us as instruments of love and compassion to all who are in need. We ask that along with the eucharistic loaf being broken open every Sunday, our hearts and lives, too, might be broken open to be given to the world which needs that service and love so desperately.

### **Finally, what role does gratitude play in your/our faith?**

When we gather on the first day of the week, we acknowledge our spiritual selves as gifts from God. We are not our own, but we are sustained at each moment by the Spirit who is beyond us. So we are filled with gratitude, and gratitude overflows. We distribute from our brimming fullness – overflowing cups – to others. It is in this distributing, in this giving away, that growth occurs.

Peace of Christ be with you always,

Rev. John Michael Barich, Interim Pastor

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## FROM THE CANTOR

As I write this, the QALC Choir and I are gearing up for a fantastic Choral Vespers to celebrate the Reformation. I'm optimistic that we will have a fine turnout! The music is gorgeous, and there is much work behind the scenes, including for an Oktoberfest-themed reception with homemade pretzels and mulled cider (thank you, Sarah Louie and Don Thomas!).

As with any profession, in my role as your cantor the tools at my disposal affect how I can serve. I am blessed with a very fine toolkit for Choral Vespers, including the Wech organ; a dedicated, talented (and fun) QALC Choir; and a Fine Arts Fund to support freelance string players and additional singers from across the Seattle area. The freelancers we welcome into our midst on October 27 (more than a dozen of them!) depend on opportunities like the Choral Vespers to support themselves and their families. Events like Choral Vespers make it possible for these highly trained musicians to keep making music in the community and sharing their gifts while paying the proverbial rent. Thank you for supporting the Fine Arts Fund—as well as our general budget for guest musicians—and, in turn, musicmaking beyond QALC.

More music news for Reformation Sunday and All Saint Sunday: Accurate as of “press time,” I'm really looking forward to working with Neal Patten on trumpet on Reformation Sunday for our 10:30 morning Eucharist, and to welcoming back Whitman College graduate Mei Le Smith on violin for All Saints Sunday, November 3, at both services. If you haven't heard them offer their talents for worship, you are in for a treat! Please plan to attend these Sunday morning services.

Next, it's time to mark your calendars for our Christmas services:

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 5:30 PM (simpler service)

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 11 PM (Eucharist with choir)

Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:30 PM (Eucharist, choir pending availability)

As of this writing I can't quite announce some other guest musicians for Advent and Christmas... stay tuned to the weekly emails and Sunday bulletin announcements!

A final thought:

As we approach Advent, and perhaps especially in this U.S. election year, I think of one of the great Advent hymns of the Lutheran tradition, “Savior of the Nations, Come” (ELW 263). Whatever joys or challenges we may yet face as a nation at the close of this calendar year, we have a Savior of *all* the nations, One through whom God makes us the truest of citizens: “But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” And so we sing:

Savior of the nations, come;  
virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:  
God has chosen such a birth.

Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

See you in church!



Kyle Haugen, Cantor

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## FROM OUR PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR



I have spent the beginning of my time at Queen Anne Lutheran walking the neighborhood, meeting with community members and local business owners, learning the ropes in the church office, and learning about the needs of the congregation and community. Since my background is in academia, I have also researched what different congregations, communities, and organizations have done to encourage community. I have learned a great deal and am starting to implement programs that align with the information I have gathered.

I am excited about the upcoming Silent Sip and Read event on November 6 at 7 PM. QALC is partnering with a local winemaker Mari Womack (Damsel Cellars), Queen Anne Book Company, and local author Lauren Bear to host a “silent book club.” The evening will feature glass pours for purchase from the Damsel Cellars mythology series of wine (non-alcoholic drinks available as well), quiet time to enjoy reading, the world premiere reading of *Mother of Rome* by Lauren Bear, and time to peruse a book selection curated by Queen Anne Book Company. Most importantly, the event enables congregational members and our Queen Anne neighbors to come together in community during the calm between the election and the beginning of the holiday season. Bring your favorite book and join us! Please invite all who might be interested. The more the merrier (or quieter, as it may be).

Other upcoming events, including the inaugural pub theology, will be featured in the service bulletin and weekly email. Keep an eye out for more exciting events.

—Lynn Hofstad

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## FROM THE COUNCIL

### **Update on the Status of Our “Welcome Garden” Project**

The plans to redo our front landscape have been updated once again! Getting a final cost estimate and payment schedule has not been possible, jeopardizing the possibility of moving forward on the current plan in early 2025 as envisioned. And, more important, lack of consensus to move forward with the current plan has been evident in meetings and discussions throughout this year.

Therefore, **Marc Oplinger** and **Mark Dibble**, project leaders, have recommended developing two simpler and less expensive alternatives for the congregation’s consideration. Some others are volunteering to work with them on this and they will be seeking suggestions from QALC members.

More to come! Given the busy schedules for the next few months at QALC, Council is aiming to come to the congregation for a decision in spring of next year. Stay tuned!

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A reminder that a year of Council Minutes, Pastor’s Reports, and Financial Reports from each Council meeting are posted in the Members’ Area of the QALC website. (Contact the church office if you are a member and need the password for access.) Records from the past year are also available in a large white binder in the church library, and each month’s reports are posted on a bulletin board behind the narthex kitchen. To find records prior to a year ago, in paper or digital form, contact the church office. (Some of the documents in the Members Area may be password-protected. To open one, use the same PW as used for the Members’ Area.)

Your Church Council members are: Brent McCullough, Susan Evans, Jacqui Darroch, Myra Dittes, Matt Boysen, Mark Dibble, Chloe Jones, Brian Louie, Grace Louie, Erich Patten, Magdalena Phillips, Tim Porter, John Reese, Cathi Unseth, Connie Wurm, and Pastor Dan Peterson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Seattle LWR Ingathering

The semi-annual Seattle Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will be held at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church (2500 NW 85th St) Friday, November 1, 8 AM -2 PM, and Saturday, November 2, 8 AM -11:30 AM. Volunteers to help load and direct traffic are welcome; contact Rich Mathes.

### Donate To Help Ship Quilts:

We cover the costs of shipping our LWR quilts and kits. Our QALCW article on page 10 notes that this fall we shipped a total of 1,024 pounds for a shipping cost of \$802.75. If you would like to contribute, please mark your offering envelope and the memo line of your check "LWR Shipping."

### All Saints Sunday Is November 3: Christian Communities Remember Their Dead

The names heard in the prayers of intercession during the liturgy on All Saints Day are seen on memorial cards, grave markers, and urns. On Sunday, 3 November, those who have died since last All Saints Day (1 November) will be especially remembered.



**This year we will give a place of honor to a book in which you may print the names of your departed loved ones.** The open blue book on the stand is such a book. A pen is available for your use.

**In addition, you are invited to bring framed photographs (no larger than 9" x 12") of your beloved saint to church on that Sunday - icons are also appropriate.**

The photographs will be arranged so that we, the "saints below," may look at the faces of our community's "saints above" as a visual reminder of two important realities:

First, that all the baptized die into the fellowship of the saints—we affirm this much when we state that we believe in the "communion of saints." Hence in death, we are neither cut off from God nor from the community of faith.

Second, that we celebrate the Eucharist in fellowship with all the saints on earth and in heaven.



BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOOK!

### Silent Sip & Read Author Event

Come enjoy Damsel Wine, hear a reading from *Medusa's Sisters* by author Lauren Bear, and peruse a book selection curated by Queen Anne Book Company, while having a quiet space to enjoy your favorite book.

Queen Anne Lutheran Church  
2400 8th Avenue West  
Nov. 6th from 7-9 pm

### Silent Sip 'N' Read Author Event:

Come to the narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 6 to enjoy Damsel Wine, hear a reading from *Mother of Rome* by author Lauren Bear, and peruse a book selection curated by Queen Anne Book Company, while having a quiet space to enjoy your favorite book. Here's the evening's program:

7:00 - Get a glass of wine\* from the Damsel Cellars Mythology series, peruse the book table, and choose your seat (\*pours, \$12-\$15/glass)

7:30 - 8:15 - Quiet Read & Sip Time

8:15 - 8:30 - Enjoy a reading from author Lauren Bear (*Mother of Rome* and *Medusa's Sisters*)

8:30 - 9:00 - Chat & Sip with Fellow Readers (& maybe pick up a new book for next time)

## **First Saturdays, Nov. 2 & Dec. 7 @10:00 AM: Seattle Seekers**

Join us every month in the Conference Room for meaningful discussion and connection over a light breakfast as we delve into life's big questions and the quest for meaning. Our group offers a unique blend of insights, drawing from both secular perspectives and Christian teachings to cultivate a holistic understanding of spirituality, ethics, and purpose. Whether you're a believer, skeptic, or somewhere in between, all are welcome.

**Our Little Free Library** visitors seem to have an insatiable appetite for young adult and kids' books; early readers are also greatly appreciated! Bring your donations to the bookshelves in the Chapel Conference Room.

## **Rides to Church Available**

**Do you, or someone you know, need a ride to church?** Contact 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.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

### **Advent: Midweek Worship in the Chapel**

Take a moment, mid-week and mid-day, to pivot, pray, and prepare a place in your heart and life for Immanuel's coming. Please join us in the chapel at noon Wednesdays during Advent (December 4, 11, and 18) for a Service of Responsive Prayer.

### **Advent Celebration December 1**



Does anyone want to make Lefse, or maybe Pizzelles, Mexican Wedding Cakes, Julekaka with Gjetost, or Stollen? Plans are underway for an **Advent Celebration** to be held after the 10:30 service December 1 in the narthex. Needed are a variety of baked goods (homemade or store-bought), someone to man (or woman) the coffee pot, and of course someone to make sure the dishes are done. There will be a sign-up in the narthex soon for bakers and other helpers. If you have questions or would like to help, talk to Lynn Hofstad or Sallie Wilson.

Since December 1 marks the first Sunday of Advent, there will be devotionals available for the season, including special materials for families with children. December 1 will also be a special time for us to honor the presence and service of our Interim Pastor John Michael Barich on his last Sunday with us!

### **Christmas Caroling and Poinsettia Deliveries**

Keep your eyes on the Sunday bulletin and e-mail announcements as plans are made for these annual activities; details to come!

### **Christmas Worship Services**

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 5:30 PM (simpler service)

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 11 PM (Eucharist with choir)

Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:30 PM (Eucharist, choir pending availability)

## 11/03: Christian Nationalism: A Threat to the Gospel and Democracy

Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse



All are invited to meet in the Conference Room at 9 AM or attend via Zoom. (Find the link online or in your Friday email.) Led by **Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse**, we will explore the phenomena that is sweeping the country known as **White Christian Nationalism** and discover why it threatens both our democracy and the future of the Christian Witness in the United States. We will also unpack the myth that American was founded as a Christian nation.



**Rev. Dr. Richard W. Rouse** is a Lutheran pastor, professor, author, and popular conference speaker. He has served congregations in Washington, Oregon, California, and Arizona. Rouse was the Executive Director for Church Relations and Continuing Education at Pacific Lutheran University. He served as adjunct faculty at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, TX. Rouse was the Founder and Director of the Missional Leadership Academy for the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA.

A certified Spiritual Director, Rouse is a member of the Advisory Board for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and is also on the Executive Committee of Seattle University's Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement. He is the author of numerous publications, including *The World is About to Turn: Mending a*

*Nation's Broken Faith* (2020) that he co-authored with Paul Ingram, and his new book just released by Chalice Press: *A Journey Called Hope: Today's Immigrant Stories and the American Dream* (2024). He and his wife, Beth Lewis, reside in Mukilteo, WA.



## 11/17: Faith in Action: Stories from My Adventure to Tanzania

*Jimmy Porter*

Over the summer, I was given the opportunity to travel to Tanzania with 11 of my classmates. Through my school's Global Service Learning program, we spent a month living with host families in a community on the western shore of Lake Victoria. Our mission was to serve the community through our work at Twegashe school. Many of you may be familiar, as our friends Michael and Jeanette



Banobi run the school. The service consisted of planning and running an educational summer camp for 90 second through fourth grade students. The days were filled with lots of learning, much of which was really the kids teaching us. The learning that I was lucky enough to do is what I'm here to share. Summer camp may have only been a portion of the time I spent there, but the lessons I took away came at me constantly throughout the trip. My classmates and I wrestled with dozens of questions. Topics such as materialism, happiness, privilege, faith, family, comfort, education, equity, and service. We found answers to some and more questions behind others, but regardless, we brought back new experiences and perspectives worth sharing. I'm excited to share my story with you.

Hello! My name is **Jimmy Porter**. I am currently in my fourth and final year of high school at Lakeside School and my eighteenth year of coming to Queen Anne Lutheran. For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by the outdoors. I'm a skier, a mountain biker, a hiker, a fisherman, and, above all, an adventurer. Just as my connection to adventure has been constant, so has my connection to God, Queen Anne Lutheran, and those I share it with. These constants guided me to an opportunity of a lifetime: to not only venture thousands of miles away, but to serve and connect with the people there. Taking a month-long trip to the other side of the world without your cell phone is not easy. It was uncomfortable at times, but it was a choice I would make a thousand more times because I love to adventure and I'm here to serve.

## 12/08 and 12/15: My Time in Princeton

*A two-part Forum series*

*Rev. Dr. Dan Peterson*

Pastor Dan shares about his experience this fall at Princeton Seminary, including the courses he audited while there as well as the writing and research he's undertaken.

## **LiVE's 2024-25 Courses Are Free!**

**LiVE** (rhymes with "give") is a ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA and offers education opportunities for lay people, with the goal of forming Christian leaders able to make sense of our place in God's world. **FREE!\*** **LiVE's 2024-25 COURSES:** Check out the upcoming courses on the narthex table, or online at [lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project](https://lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project)

**\*Register with Promo: LIVEBUNDLE2024 to attend for free.**

## QALC WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**At QALC we collect Thankoffering during the month of November. Offering envelopes will be in the pews.** Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, including our triennial conventions, the work of your elected churchwide board, the annual conference of synodical presidents, our communications ministries, justice and advocacy work, and so much more. An organized annual service is only one way to take part in this age-old practice among women of faith. Just as we're grateful more than once a year, we can make Thankofferings any time the spirit moves us. Just go to [www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings).

It's been shown time and again that gratitude is good for us—spiritually, mentally, and even physically. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action. The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is grateful to you for taking that action. Thank you.



**Blessed to be a Blessing:** This time of the year is always so exciting! Kits and quilts were made, blessed and boxed with the help of many who attended 10:30 church, including 2 visitors! We were able to send 62 quilts, 120 school kits, 158 personal care kits, 24 baby care kits, and 7 fabric kits - a total of 1,024 pounds for a shipping cost of \$802.75! We thank EVERYONE who helped!

**Autumn Tea:** I hope you were able to come to tea on Saturday, October 19. Thirty of us gathered for a delightful time in the narthex to partake of the wonderful beverages and food. Thanks to Amy Castle, Magdalena Phillips and Cathi Unseth for spearheading this activity.

...Maybe next time we will have to gather for coffee.



**QALCW Circle Bible Study:** In November we finish the third in the series on "Receiving Grace: A Study of Ephesians," Session three: *Living as children of the Light*. What concrete advice can Ephesians give us on how to live a fuller, happier life? What poetic inspiration can it offer us for living as Christians?



December 2024 will bring us: "*In God's Garden: What fig trees teach us about Advent*," by Hannah Hawkinson. Join us to explore what fig trees can teach us about waiting and preparing for God's coming!

Come and join us in person in the library or via Zoom at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. If you need the Zoom link (it has just changed), contact Candy Mathes.

Your Women's Committee,  
Barbara Bach, Candy Mathes, and Sallie Wilson

## CORE TANZANIA UPDATE

In just three years our inaugural class will graduate from Twegashe School. This raises the question, “Where next?” What does the future hold for these children?

We have learned that, unfortunately, the opportunities for our graduating students to attend quality government secondary schools will be very limited, regardless of how well they do on their national exams. At the local community secondary school, Busilikya, where they will almost surely be assigned, the investment we’ve made in them will not yield anywhere close to its full potential value. Classrooms at Busilikya are crowded, teachers are not comfortable with English, and teaching resources are very limited. Add to that the fact that typical entering students are ill-prepared, and it’s not surprising that many drop out or don’t do well enough to go on.

After much thoughtful deliberation, our board has concluded that the best solution is for CORE to fund scholarships for our graduates to attend private secondary school. We’re excited to have found a nearby private school with a strong reputation that has agreed to take any of our graduates who qualify. And their fees are very reasonable – only about \$850 per student per year. We believe this is the best way right now to fulfill our commitment to give Bushasha’s children a chance at a brighter future. We need to start building a scholarship fund now, so we’ll be ready by 2027 when our first students graduate.

—Jeannette Banobi

## PROJECT PHOENIX

### **Our First Youth Outing of the Fall! →**

Lauren Jensen is the new Activity Director for Project Phoenix, and hopes this first activity she has planned for the middle school and high school youth Project Phoenix serves will provide fun and fellowship.

### **Project Phoenix Board Needs—You?**

We would like to find one more representative to join John Reese in serving on the board of **PROJECT PHOENIX** on behalf of Queen Anne Lutheran, as per its guidelines. The next meeting is November 6. Please contact the pastor or the church office if you can help nurture our youth in this way.

## QALC MEN'S MINISTRY

Thanks to all who helped pack LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits on October 12. Thanks to Jenny Porter, who made 80 school back packs, we were able to fill 120 backpacks! Special thanks to Mei Le and Ethan for helping.

The LWR Ingathering will be Nov 1 & 2 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church in Ballard. Congregations from a broad region bring their boxes of quilts and kits to be loaded into shipping containers headed around the world for Lutheran World Relief Efforts. Contact Rich if you would like to participate as a volunteer or have questions about LWR.

—Rich Mathes



Project Phoenix Presents  
**MONSTER GOLF  
& PIZZA IN  
BELLEVUE!**

For middle & high school students  
November 17, 2024

-4:00 P.M. MEET AT THE BALLARD FIRST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT:  
2006 NW 65TH ST,  
SEATTLE, WA 98117

WE WILL TAKE THE CHURCH VAN TO MONSTER  
GOLF IN BELLEVUE!

-5:00 P.M. GOLF! 🏏  
-6:00 P.M. PIZZA & CHAT 🍕  
-7:30 P.M. LOAD IN VAN 🚐  
-8:30 P.M. PICK UP AT BALLARD FIRST LUTHERAN!

Reserve your spot here!



<https://bit.ly/1117monstergolf>



## SOCIAL ACTION



**Community  
LUNCH**  
on Capitol Hill

### **Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, four Tuesdays in November.**

Please help feed those in need of a meal, as we continue a 40-year tradition of helping to prepare and serve lunch at CLCH on the four Tuesdays in November (11/5, 12, 19, & 26).

QALC members and friends are encouraged to volunteer for food preparation in the kitchen (9:00-11:30) and/or to serve and help clean up (11:00-1:15). We're seeking to sign up 6 or more people for each session. **Look for sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact Jim Margard at [jrm952@gmail.com](mailto:jrm952@gmail.com) or 206-920-7704.** (Jim will be at both sessions each Tuesday except 11/19.)

Community Lunch is located at All Pilgrims Church at Broadway and Republican. Parking on Broadway or on 10th Ave. is usually easy to find, and there are a few parking spots at Homestreet Bank nearby at Roy and 10th Ave. that we can use.

### **"Taste Of Queen Anne"**

**Saturday, Nov. 9 • 5:30 PM – 9 PM**  
**St. Anne's Catholic Church, Banchemo Hall**

We have a complimentary table purchased for eight church members at Queen Anne Helpline's annual fundraiser! First come, first served. Renowned local

Chef Maximillian Petty (of Eden Hill and Big Max Burgers) will provide an exceptional multi-option menu, accompanied by a live jazz performance from local artists. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Queen Anne Helpline's work in our community and to visit with friends and neighbors. You are invited to attend at no cost; simply sign up in the narthex. As *the Quill* goes to press, four seats are left!



### **"Fifth Friday" Dinners at New Horizons Continue**

Our next date to provide a meal is **Friday, November 29**, which is the day after Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendar now, and contact Jim Margard if you are able to help; we are in need of a main course and side dish for 35 youth and young adult guests at this amazing youth ministry. (Thank you Jacqui and Myra for bringing bread and dessert). Items can be delivered anytime afternoon or early evening.

### **Ridwell Pickup Information in November**

Please note that there are two options for each of the November pickups!



#### **NOVEMBER 10:**

**Halloween candy.**

**Corks.** Natural cork only, please.

#### **NOVEMBER 24:**

**Political yard signs.**

**Empty prescription pill bottles and lids.** Ridwell only wants the rigid #5 plastic bottles. Check the number inside the triangle on your bottles. If the plastic is flexible and has the number 1, 2, or 4, those bottles can go in your regular City of Seattle recycling.

**A request:** Please make sure the plastic bags you bring for Ridwell are completely empty and clean—no receipts, food scraps, etc. Thank you for your dedication to helping our environment through recycling!

## THANKSGIVINGS



### **God's Work. Our Hands.**

I want to thank everybody who participated in Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build at Yarrow Cottages in South Park last month (at left, Lisa, Scott, myself, and our foreman). It was a wonderful time working to build low-income housing and sharing thoughts and stories with a multi-generational group from all Abrahamic faiths, and Eastern and Native beliefs. I hope to plan for us to do it again next year as part of the ELCA-wide "God's Work, Our Hands" project.

—Jim Margard



### **Autumn Tea**

Thanks to organizers Amy Castle, Magdalena Phillips, Cathi Unseth, and Candy Mathes; thanks to all who came, and to those who picked up attendees who needed a lift; thanks to all who contributed good food and lovely tea sets, and thanks to those who served the tea—and a special thanks to everyone who helped clean up and move the tables and chairs after the event!



# THANKSGIVINGS



## Blessings and Boxing

Many hands make the quilts and assemble the kits; many hands contribute the items needed for both; many hands prepare the nave for worship; many hands help box and weigh the quilts and kits after worship; and many boxes line the chapel, awaiting the Ingathering. Gratitude to all who take part in these efforts.



# THANKSGIVINGS



## Kit Assembly

The Men's Group was delighted to have the participation of some of their children as School Kits and Personal Care Kits were assembled. Sewing and Service prepared the Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits as well.



## THANKSGIVINGS



**Forums:** Pastor Barich led a September forum on “Music Suppressed by the Third Reich (*Entartete Musik*).” Sharon Magnuson of the ELCA led an October forum explaining the different types of global relief work done by Lutheran World Relief, the Lutheran World Federation, and ELCA World Hunger.

## NUTS & BOLTS

### **Regular, Automatic Giving Is a Good Gift!**



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### **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**.<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. 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.



## Office & Staff Hours and Away-Time:

**Main Office:** The office is currently open Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. Contact Pastor Barich if you need access or an appointment. Office phone is 206-284-1960, and voice messages will be received; Barb is working remotely in Minnesota and can be reached by email or by text. She will return to work Nov. 26 and resume her previous schedule of Tuesday–Friday, 9 to 5:30.

**Pastor John Michael Barich** is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.  
Pastor Barich’s last Sunday with us will be December 1, after which Pastor Dan will be back.

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

**Lynn Hofstad** is in her library office on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Pastor Dan** will return to the office on December 3 after his sabbatical at Princeton. His mailing address there is:

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He would love to get your cards and letters. He can also be texted at 253.230.9695.

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Dear Beloveds,

As the election season is here—and for many, your vote has already been cast—I have been doing some reflecting on what it means to vote as a Lutheran Christian. Please know that I am not telling you who to vote for in this election. It is not for me to tell you who to vote for. I mean, after all, God is neither Republican or Democrat, or even American.

But in saying that, I am not abdicating the responsibility that we have as Lutheran Christians who live in a country where voting matters. As children of God, we are called to vote beyond our own self-interest or individuality. As people who follow

Jesus, we are called towards God’s vision of a just and mercy-filled world. As people who have received grace upon grace, we are called to stand against injustice, and to remind everyone that, in God’s eyes, every single person is loved and beloved.

So, here are a few thoughts and questions:

1. Jesus is all about loving one’s neighbor. Even when it is hard. When he is asked, “Who is my neighbor,” Jesus expands his answer beyond imagination. In Jesus’ stories and actions he constantly goes to those who are on the outside, those marginalized, those without status, and shows how they are loved by God – how they are, in fact, his neighbor.

*As you vote: Who is your neighbor?*

2. Throughout scripture, hospitality to the stranger is embraced. In the Old Testament, the command to welcome strangers is repeated 37 times. In Matthew 25:35 Jesus says, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

*As you vote: Who is the stranger?*

3. God’s will and God’s calling is towards equity and justice for those who have been silenced, oppressed, or harmed. As we hear in Isaiah, “Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow.”

*As you vote: Who are the silenced, the oppressed, the harmed?*

4. The eighth commandment declares that we are called to not bear false witness against our neighbor. This, of course, means not lying about another. This means no name-calling or false accusations. But it goes beyond this. As Martin Luther tells us in his Small Catechism, we are to defend our neighbor, speak well of our neighbor, and explain everything in the kindest way.

*As you vote: Who is speaking truth?*

5. God created this beautiful earth and declared that we are both part of the creation and are also called to be stewards. As we read in the ELCA social statement, *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice*, we affirm that it is God’s intention for the healing and wholeness of creation.

*As you vote: Who is caring for creation?*

Dear Beloveds of God, there is so much more that could be written about the state of the country and what voting means.

We could make this all complicated and intricate and difficult. (And to be fair, the United States sometimes feels shaky and unmoored). But truly it comes down to this: God’s love is unconditional and unending. Jesus came to this earth to show, to embody, to be God’s love for us and for all people. And so, knowing this, trusting this, believing this, we are called. We are called, as baptized and sent children of God, to show this love to the world. We are called to vote against hate. We are called to vote for God’s love. As we hear in 1 John, *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear ... We love because God first loved us.*

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee • [bishop@lutheransnw.org](mailto:bishop@lutheransnw.org)

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					8:00am LWR Ingathering (ORLC)	8:00am LWR Ingathering (ORLC) 10:00am Seattle Seekers (Conf. Rm.) 10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 11:30am District Alanon Event (FH) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 5:00pm Recital (private - nave and narthex) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	9:00am Community Lunch on Capitol Hill (offsite) 7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:00pm Silent Sip 'n' Read Author Event (narthex) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	5:30pm PDQ Quilting (Fireside) 7:00pm Alzheimer's Support (Conf.) 7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	9:00am Community Lunch on Capitol Hill (offsite) 7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Monster Golf & Pizza (offsite)	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	9:00am Community Lunch on Capitol Hill (offsite) 7:00pm QALCW Circle (Conf./Zm)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	9:00am Community Lunch on Capitol Hill (offsite)	7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	Thanksgiving	6:00pm New Horizons Dinner*	10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)

# DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Advent Begins</b>						
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 11:30am Advent Celebration (narthex)	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 12:00pm Advent Worship (chapel) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		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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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00am Worship 9:00am Forum 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00pm QALCW Circle (Conf./Zm)	10:00am Sewing & Service (Fireside) 12:00pm Advent Worship (chapel) 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 1:30pm Girl Scouts (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>			
8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	5:30pm Worship 11:00pm Worship	10:30am Worship 7:30pm AA Counterbalance (FH)			10:30am Alanon Women (upstairs) 7:00pm Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)
29	30	31				
10:30am Worship	7:00pm Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)					