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Reflections with Pastor Scott

We Create Exclusion or Belonging



Last Months article was written by Terry Kylo focused on bringing people together from different walks of life. This connected to an earlier sermon where I Mentioned how important it is to learn other people's stories.

If we are not willing to learn other people's stories, the easy thing to do is exclude and we see too much of that today and we have seen too much of it in the Christian church over the years. This month I am sharing an article from Richard Rohr on how exclusion can happen and what it does to us. I hope it inspires some thought, repentance and hope.

Continuing the journey of faith with you,

Pastor Scott

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 from The Center for Action and Contemplation

We Create Exclusion or Belonging

Richard Rohr describes how exclusion works. Everything does not belong when people and systems project their evil elsewhere:

If our egos are still in charge, we will find a "disposable" person or group on which to project our problems. People who haven't come to at least a minimal awareness of their own shadow side will always find someone else to hate, fear, and exclude. Hatred holds a group together much more quickly and easily than love and inclusivity, I am sorry to say. [1]

Sadly, the history of violence and the history of religion are almost the same history. When religion remains at an immature level, it tends to create very violent people who ensconce themselves on the side of the good, the worthy, the pure, the saved. They project all their evil somewhere else and attack it over there. [2]

Something has to be sacrificed. Blood has to be shed. Someone has to be blamed, attacked, tortured, imprisoned, or killed. Sacrificial systems create religions and governments of exclusion and violence. Yet Jesus taught and modeled inclusivity and forgiveness!

As long as we try to deal with evil by some other means than forgiveness, we will never experience the real meaning of evil and sin. We will keep projecting, fearing, and attacking it over there, instead of "gazing" on it within ourselves and weeping over it.

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The longer we gaze, the more we will see our own complicity *in* and profitability *from* the sin of others, even if it's the satisfaction of feeling we are on higher moral ground. Forgiveness demands three new simultaneous "seeings": I must see God in the other, I must access God in myself, and I must experience God in a new way that is larger than an "Enforcer." [3]



Author Cole Arthur Riley, creator of Black Liturgies, considers the toll that exclusion takes:

Exclusion operates by the same rule of mutuality as welcome, for it harms both the excluded and the excluder. If you are the hands of exclusion for long enough, you learn acceptance only at the hands of someone else's exile. You learn belonging as competition, not restoration. It is also a kind of restlessness, for the energy you expend forbidding others to walk through the door of community is only matched by the energy you expend competing to stay inside yourself. This is maybe more dangerous; no one ever perceives the doorkeeper as needing an invitation themselves....

I wonder if God feels as alienated from us as we do from [God]. Sometimes, it cracks me up to think of the stories that describe Christ just boldly inviting himself over to people's houses for dinner. Roaming around telling people to stop everything and follow him. Multiplying food, but making everyone sit down in groups to eat it. He knew how to make his own belonging. Do we? [4]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *CONSPIRE 2016* (Albuquerque, NM: Center for Action and Contemplation, 2016), conference talk.

[2] Richard Rohr, *A Spring within Us: A Book of Daily Meditations* (Albuquerque, NM: CAC Publishing, 2016), 125.

[3] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality* (Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2008, 2022), 210, 211.

[4] Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us* (New York: Convergent Books, 2022), 74–75.

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Everything belongs: our messes and dreams, our hues of green and yellow, our curves and lines.



BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH

August 2023

Doctors Without Borders

Who Are They?

In May 1968, a group of young doctors decided to go and help victims of wars and major disasters. They were to become Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), known internationally in English as Doctors Without Borders. The organization was created on the belief that all people have the right to medical care regardless of gender, race, religion, creed, or political affiliation, and that the needs of these people outweigh respect for national boundaries.

What Do They Do?

Doctors Without Borders was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999. The judges chose them “in recognition of the organization’s pioneering humanitarian work on several continents” and to honor their medical staff, who had worked in more than 80 countries and treated tens of millions of people.

Doctors Without Borders has developed and produced pre-packaged disaster kits ready for transport within hours, including a complete surgical theatre the size of a small conference table and an obstetrics kit the size of a two-drawer file. The pre-packaged disaster kits are already custom-cleared and ready for flight. Planes can be loaded and flown into crisis areas within 24 hours.

The war in Ukraine is driving enormous medical needs and disrupting people’s access to urgently needed health care. Teams of Doctors Without Borders provide medical and humanitarian aid to various parts of the country, including war torn areas in southern and eastern Ukraine.

Doctors Without Borders emergency medical teams were mobilized around the world in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. They responded on multiple fronts—caring for patients, offering health education and mental health support, and providing training for vital infection control measures in health facilities.

Because they are independently funded by donors, they do not need to wait for institutional or government funds to be released or for a crisis to make headlines. They can immediately act where and when the need is greatest.

They rarely take funds from governments, businesses or institutions. Instead they rely mainly on the generosity of individual donors. Over 90 percent of their income comes from private donors giving small amounts. Approximately 85% of donations go directly to their programs, with 14% used for fundraising and 1% for management & general.

Please consider a gift today to support their response to emergencies worldwide.

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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship Snapshot



	<u>June 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Offerings Received	16,940	119,627
Easter Offerings - 1/2 to General Fund	-	918
Fees/Reimbursements/Special	355	2,602
Interest Earned - General Account	87	506
From Childcare - Overhead Reimb	580	3,480
From Preschool - Overhead Reimb	-	1,250
Gain(Loss) Temporarily Held Securities	-	-
Total Income	<u>17,962</u>	<u>128,383</u>
Budgeted Expenses Paid	<u>22,708</u>	<u>150,634</u>
Overage (Shortage)	<u>(4,746)</u>	<u>(22,251)</u>
Budgeted Benevolence Paid Out	1,009	6,054
Designated Benevolence Paid Out	892	12,855
Total Benevolence Paid Out	<u>1,901</u>	<u>18,909</u>

Sunday Scripture Lessons for August 2023

August 6th: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 55:1-5
- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

August 13th: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Kings 19:9-18
- Psalm 85:8-13
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-33

August 20th: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 - Psalm 67
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 27th: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 51:1-6
 - Psalm 138
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

CHILDCARE CORNER

Our summer program is in full swing! The kids enjoy running and playing games in the grassy field. Our very own “Professor” Jamie has excited the kids with her science projects. The local Fire Department came out to talk about safety and let the kids sit in the fire truck. Ruth Hintz’s granddaughter visited us on July 16th and shared activities around her zoo animals. We will be going on a field trip to the animal farm at the end of Heichel Road on July 31st.

By now you are seeing the gazebos out on the playground. A big thank you to Patrick and Sons for doing a splendid job building them. A huge thank you to members of the church council for organizing and overseeing the work.

The Pioneer Hall houses a washer and dryer that the childcare uses weekly. Recently, the dryer stopped working, so the childcare was in search of a newer “used” one. Because of the age of the set, it was determined that we should purchase a set instead of just replacing the dryer. We were able to do so with funds from the Stabilization Grant. Thank you very much to those involved in the replacement of the old set.

Our school age teacher has been providing the children with time for creativity. Their artwork is displayed on the partitions for your perusal.

I would like to take this time to thank every one of you for your support as we care for the children. Each one of them has touched our hearts.

Blessings to All,
Deanna Glenn
Childcare Director

NEW PLAYGROUND SHELTERS



thank you



June 20, 2023

Thank You

Camano Lutheran Church
850 Heichel Rd
Camano Island, WA 98282-8804

Dear Camano Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in April 2023.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Cor 9:7-8).

As a church, we believe that we are made in God's likeness, and we worship a generous God. When we share our resources with our neighbor we act as God's generous stewards. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts you share God's generosity and abundance with a world who needs God's justice and love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. May God fill you all with abundant blessings.

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for gift detail.



Thank You!

June 16, 2023

Camano Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$480.75 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund!

Many of our neighbors are living in the midst of a terrible yet perfect storm. The last few years have brought the devastating impacts of COVID, increased conflict and violence, drought and famine along with increasing food prices around the globe. The war in Ukraine has only worsened situations for these vulnerable communities, already teetering on the edge of poverty, pushing them further into dangerous cycles of hunger and suffering. Right now, a quilt or a kit might be the one item of comfort someone might have when they are facing the horrific realities of crisis upon crisis.

Because of your love, a family in a refugee camp can feel more at home with quilts to wrap around their shoulders. Families who have lost their homes in a devastating earthquake can hold on to their dignity and hygiene with a Personal Care Kit as they determine how to rebuild. And a mother living in poverty can welcome her new baby with pride, feeling your love and support every time she swaddles it with items from a Baby Care Kit.

I am so grateful for the love you are bestowing on our neighbors around the world by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most.

Thank you,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. God bless you and your generous spirit.

As required by the IRS, this letter confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for this gift. This letter is your receipt for your charitable gift of \$480.75 -Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.

Please retain this letter for tax purposes

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Thank You!

June 9, 2023

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$63.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

Guisela is a single mother living with her two daughters in the remote hills of western Guatemala. Without a regular source of income or the knowledge to work the dry, lifeless land, she struggled to provide a daily meal for her children. She made long daily treks to fetch clean water for her family, hauling heavy containers back up steep terrain to her home. This time-consuming effort left little time for gardening, and with little farming know-how, she often paid the high cost of transportation to buy vegetables for her children at the nearest market. Since job prospects for women in this area are few and far between, earning money was difficult. The cycle of poverty seemed impossible for Guisela to break.

But your love changed everything. Your generosity is delivering seeds, tools and mentorship. Because of you, Guisela has learned to farm and now has an abundance of healthy and nutritious food to offer her growing children.

Thank you for your generosity! We are proud to carry your love — and God's love — to the places it's needed most... until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. For the latest updates on how your generous gifts are reaching neighbors in need all over the world, I invite you stay in touch through our blog (lwr.org/news) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our staff at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR KRISTY



June 16, 2023

Camano Island Lutheran Church
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Dear Camano Island Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$328.09. Your support brings us closer to being a sustainable congregation and allows us to provide services to those in need. One of the things that is often overlooked in caring for others is a place of worship, a place where faith can be nourished and grow. We who attend The Church of Steadfast Love are strengthened by word and sacrament and supported by community. We are provided a place of belonging, a place where we are not judged, but rather are welcomed in, and we come to a place where true healing can begin.

We firmly believe that we are called by name and sent out into the world to declare in word and deed what has been done for us. Your gift enables us to be an active part of the Body of Christ. Our congregation provides a safe place for people in the shelters, on the streets and in housing to come together and praise God and serve the neighbor. We invite you to come and worship with us.

Peace be with you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristy Daniels".

Pastor Kristy Daniels
The Church of Steadfast Love
77 S. Washington St., Seattle, WA 98104
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*Dear Family in Christ,
It was so wonderful
to spend some time
with you! Thank you.
PK*

Note: This letter is a receipt of your donation of \$328.09 to: Church of Steadfast Love, for which you received no goods or services in exchange. Thank You!! Under 1994 tax rules, you must retain receipts for donations of \$250 or more.

EYGABROAD SQUAD UPDATE

Eygabroad Squad

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Bryan, Mari,
Matthias & Isabella

Serving in Lesotho since 2008

June 2023

Dream Flights

Would it surprise you to hear that after 25 years of flying small airplanes, I had yet to take my Dad on a flight? Well, I was shocked, too, when I became aware of that truth! Of course, there have always been “things” that have prevented us. Large men like my dad and I have a difficult time getting into a small airplane, let alone both of us at the same time! Most of my training flights in the USA were not conducive to having passengers, and for the past 15 years, we've been half a world apart. But as our family prepared for my Dad's much-anticipated visit, I dreamed that perhaps this was the time we could change all that!



Dad with the nurses in Bobete.
He is the tallest man they'd ever seen!

And to my surprise and delight, on April 19th, my flight schedule only had one nurse departing Maseru and another nurse returning—plenty of available space to take my Dad along for the ride. For the first time, my Dad got to experience firsthand the mission work I've been so privileged to be a part of! Better yet, the weather was perfect, not even a hint of wind! I could nearly land the airplane with my eyes CLOSED! (Of course, I didn't try!)

The staff at the two clinics we served that day were so ecstatic to meet “Ntate oa ka” (My Father)! And when a moment like this comes...well, you take LOTS of pictures! My Dad had a wonderful time and soaked it all in! He said it was one of the most incredible experiences he's had!

Over the years, I've had some special and important passengers aboard my aircraft. But I can say with certainty that flying with my Dad for the first time will be remembered for a lifetime.



Two big guys... One small plane

and

Dad wasn't the only one excited for his first flight. Bella got to go with daddy on a call for her first time. While not her first flight, it was the first alone with Daddy!



Bella on her first solo flight
with Daddy

EYGABROAD SQUAD UPDATE CONTINUED

*Little Units
Matthias and Bella*



Family Update

Half way through another school year! Matthias is still doing very well in the fourth grade. His subject strengths seem to change each quarter! He still enjoys science and math, but he's taking off in language!



Bella is reading! Her confidence has come so far in putting her letters together. She enjoys learning and has a set of books from Papa to start practicing her new skills!

We had a lovely visit with Bryan's dad! He was with us from mid-April to mid-May! In that time, we celebrated 11 years of marriage and Bryan and his dad's birthdays (10 days apart). We also had some fun in the sun in Durban while Bryan rode the Sani2C ride—a three-day stage ride from the Drakensberg mountains near Lesotho to the South African coast! It was great for Bryan to have his dad there when he finished.



Matthias and I (Mari) ran the Rose Run in May. I ran another 10k while Matthias did another 5k run. We enjoy sharing these running experiences.



What's Next?



Training is underway for September fitness events!

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September 3, Mari is signed up for a half-marathon (21.1K), and Matthias is signed up for the 5K but wants to try a 10K.

September 22-23, Bryan is signed up for an overnight bike ride covering 264km (149 miles)—The Munga Grit!

Let's not forget Bella! She is a wonderful cheerleader!

Praise and Prayer

- *Mari's health is continually improving! Pray for her ongoing health treatments throughout the year and potential eye surgery.*
- *Bryan continually seeks ways to challenge himself and improve his health. Pray for his training for the Munga!*
- *Matthias is doing well in school, however, please pray for his newly developed anxiety related to schoolwork.*
- *Bella is gaining independence, which is great until she gets hurt—please pray for this stage of her development!*



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

3rd Eric & SaraLyn Larsen
19th Chris and Jennifer McFall
25th John & Karen Selle
29th Stan & Karen Malmin

Birthdays

6th Linda Rifner	20th Vi Van Horn
9th Anson Baker	21st Martha Schelle
9th Thomas Gresli	23rd Stan Malmin
14th Carl Gabrielson	26th Carolyn Hovey
16th Evan Vogue	27th Ann Eide
17th Jennifer McFall	

* If we missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office or email us at office@camanolutheranchurch.org so we can celebrate with you.*



Prayers Needed

Healing for: Don, Alexis, Zaid Fackenthall, Caden MacQuarrie, Shannon Buffalo, Pastor Paul and Elsie Wietzke & Family, Kathy Walker, Janette, Mindy Rigney, Nathaniel and Anna Powers, Dene Henderson.

Comfort for: The Family of: Joan Vogue as they mourn her loss, the family of Teresa Luce following the loss of her husband Greg and Danny & Aubrey Edwards-Luce following the loss of their newborn child.

Guidance for: Port Towns Church Planting: Danny & Aubrey Edwards-Luce

Military persons associated with Camano Lutheran or Specific Request:

Damien Weller, Dan Porter, Tyler Munson, Scott Johnston, Derek Hinde, Brian Cummings, Robert F Guerrero, John VF Guerrero, Michael SF Guerrero, Isaac Teichgrab, Kyle Osburn

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UP TO DATE BY NOTIFYING THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR CHANGES. **THANK YOU.**

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5pm Girl Scouts	2 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	3 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	4 4pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm AA	5 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon 3pm Wedding 4pm Wedding Reception
6 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	7 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/Luther	8 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Stewardship and Finance	9 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 12pm Phillip Emard Memorial Service	10 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 12:30pm Women's Bible Study	11 6:30pm AA	12 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
13 10am In Person Worship Service 6pm Al-Anon	14 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Girl Scout (Leader Meeting) 7pm Boy Scouts	15 5pm Girl Scouts	16 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	17 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 7pm Council Meeting	18 6:30pm AA Dove Articles Due	19 8am AA 10:30am Al-Anon
20 10am In Person Worship Service 5pm Al-Anon (Business Meeting) 6pm Al-Anon	21 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Samplings w/Luther	22 5pm Girl Scouts	23 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Leader Meeting)	24 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott	25 6:30pm AA	26 8am AA 10:30am AA Business Meeting 10:30am Al-Anon
27 10am In Person Worship Service 11am Monthly Celebration 6pm Al-Anon	28 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 9am Quilters 9:30am Children's Chapel 5:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	29 5pm Girl Scouts	30 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Pastor Filming in Small Sanctuary	31 8am TOPS 9am Facebook Live Devotions w/Pastor Scott 10am Dove Flight Crew		



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