



CALL COMMITTEE CHAIR SHARES GOOD NEWS

Pastoral Candidate Scott Peterson & wife, Gina

After many months of hard work, prayers, discernment, listening, and seeing God's hand clearly at work amongst us, the Call Committee has selected a Pastoral Candidate to bring before the congregation.

Pastor Scott Peterson and his wife, Gina visited Anacortes over Labor Day weekend and have agreed to explore joining us in ministry. We still have work to do but it's an exciting step!

Pastor Scott and Gina, along with their daughter Sophie, will be in Anacortes for a Meet & Greet with the congregation on October 3rd following worship.

I would like to recognize the work of the Call Committee; Lois Cassidy, Janey Dent, Bob Ford, Bill Gusa, Kenny Holzemer, Steve Anderson, and Melanie Sahnaw. They have been so committed, focused, patient, and collaborative through all the ups and downs, with weekly meetings

for months, and not to mention the hours of homework as we researched and interviewed candidates. What good and faithful servants they have been! We also send a huge thank you to those who have prayed for and with us throughout this journey. And to Pastor Walt for shepherding the congregation through this time.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and looking forward to all the possibilities God has in store for us.

Rexanne Graham
Call Committee Chair

YOU ARE INVITED: Meet & Greet Pastor Scott Peterson Sunday October 3, 2021

Pastor Scott, his wife Gina and their daughter Sophie will be joining us for worship on Sunday October 3. After Worship we will be hosting an Open Forum format, question and answer session in the Fellowship hall. All are welcome!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 11:00 am following Church Service

UPCOMING VOTE FOR: PASTOR CALL AND COMPENSATION

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting held on October 10, 2021 at 11:00 am. Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Andy Yee will be present to attest the election as the Northwest Washington Synod's representative. There will be two votes taken at this meeting: Vote to offer a call to the Candidate of Choice, Scott Peterson and Vote on the compensation package recommended by Church Council.

Only those present at the meeting may vote. No Absentee or Proxy votes are accepted. Quorum of 50 voting members must be present. *Notice per Anacortes Lutheran Constitution (C9.0)*

Pastoral Candidate Scott Peterson

Pastor Scott Peterson, a life-long Lutheran, was born and raised in Minnesota. His call to ministry started in Confirmation and continued to grow through opportunities for leadership in Camping Ministry and Campus Ministry. He graduated from Augsburg College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and Luther Seminary with a Master of Divinity in Parish Ministry.

Scott and his wife Gina met at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. After graduation, Scott entered Luther Seminary, served his internship in Wisconsin, and was ordained in 1997.

His first call was to serve three churches in Northeastern Montana. He faithfully made the 60-mile roundtrip tour on Sunday mornings for four years. And, by the way, that means three congregations, three Church Councils, three budgets and three sets of committees, etc.

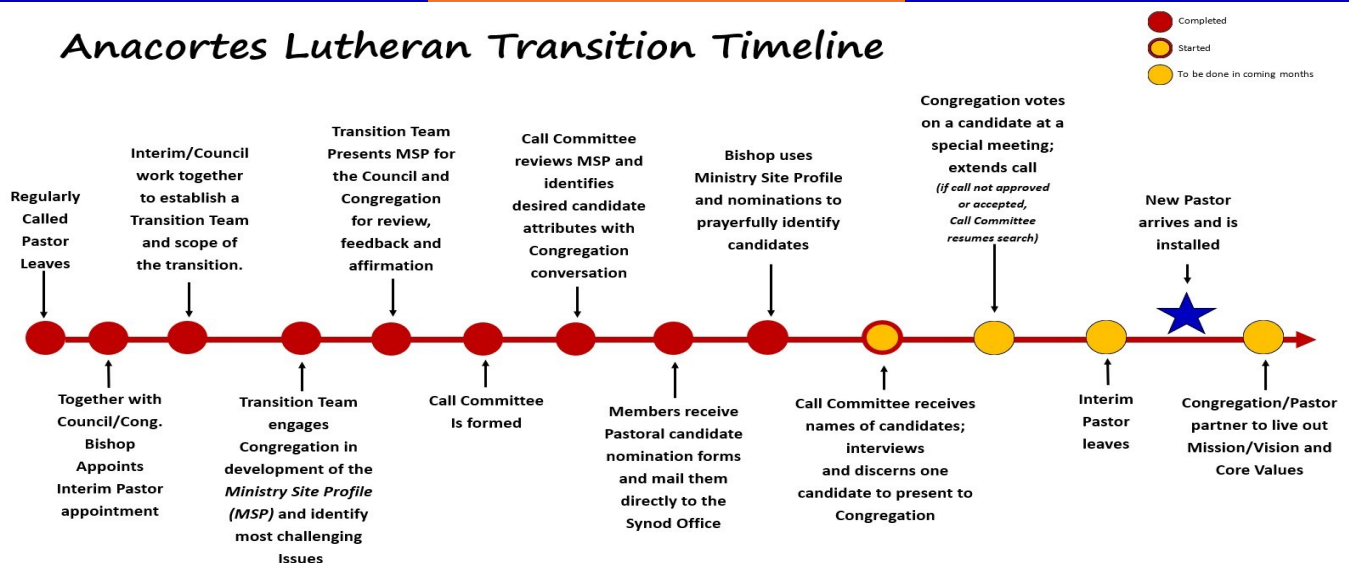
From Galata, Montana, he was called to Prince of Faith Lutheran Church in Calgary, Alberta where he and Gina served for 17 years and where their daughter, Sophie was born. While in Calgary, Gina worked for the U.S. Customs and Border Control as well as in the oil industry.

They headed to Southern California for their next call at Lutheran Church of the Foothills in La Canada, a suburb of Los Angeles, where they have been since 2016. Gina has been employed with social services and finding housing for the homeless. Sophie graduated high school this spring and is now at California Lutheran in Thousand Oaks.

The empty nesters are looking forward to being part of an active, engaged congregation and living in the community where they serve.

The Call Committee worked diligently and prayerfully to find the right match for our congregation; using the Ministry Site Profile which emphasized education for all ages, strong preaching and worship leadership (he plays guitar and sings!), spiritual formation, building relationships and outreach in the community. God was clearly at work during the selection process of Pastor Scott as our Candidate of Choice.

Please join us for fellowship at the **Meet & Greet on October 3rd** following worship and for the **Congregational Vote on October 10th**.



TRANSITION PERIOD - Congregation engages in prayerful missional experiments for self-discovery and discernment for its next chapter in ministry.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WALT

Nightmares are somewhat more prevalent in children than in adults. The chance of having a nightmare is 20% to 30% in children ages 5-12. Adults match the high end of 30% but have a low of 8%. One of the major causes of nightmares is stress. Some of the children and adults who have the greatest chance of being awakened from a dream in terror, anxiety or fear is exponentially higher in cases of severe trauma, such as abuse or violent conflict. There is also a difference between nightmares and bad dreams; nightmares cause a sense of terror which far exceeds the unpleasant experiences of bad dreams.

I long ago discovered I could retain the content of my dreams after reading an article on the subject. If you train yourself to immediately upon waking make an attempt to recall your dream, you are usually successful in doing so. However, dreams take only five to ten seconds to fade from memory. You better be quick.

I suspect one recurring theme which disturbs my sleep qualifies as a bad dream rather than a nightmare. Nevertheless, were it to unfold within my waking reality I'm sure I would feel I was living through a nightmare. I'm told this recurring dream is not uncommon among ministers.

No, I'm not referring to the one in which you walk into church and suddenly realize you're the only one not wearing clothes, although that one replays in my unconscious mind; I'm thinking of the one in which one gets into the pulpit and suddenly discovers you have no sermon. In such cases I often attempt to fake it, but my spontaneous imagination fails me. Often this also means a board congregation begins to walk out the door and/or I'm publicly challenged by someone in the pews.

You've had bad dreams and you've had nightmares. Whether or not you can remember them doesn't mean they don't happen. If you attain REM sleep, chances are you have entered dreamland. Yet much more terrifying are those bad and nightmarish experience which play out in real time.

All of us will have such moments of severe trauma such as facing violence or abuse, the loss of someone we love, severe financial worries, or being publicly shamed. Those horrific moments are made worse if we feel we have nowhere to turn or have no one to be by our side.

I suspect most people will experience such debilitating horrors at some point in their lives. However, God has been called the Comforter. The creator of the universe never leaves our side.

One of the ways that is manifest is through the Body of Christ, the church. It is our calling to be there for others in nightmarish moments. When severe trauma strikes, we are the touch and the presence of God. "No one left behind" should be a credo not limited to those in uniform, but to each and every Christian. You know someone who is hurting. Your calling as one of the baptized is clear.

Nightmarish moments are not only the stuff of dreams. As the Body of Christ, we are the touch, the grace, and the love of God. We can make a difference. Let's do so.

Walt

SEWING News - All are Welcome!

SEWING DAYS

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 5, 19 & 26

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bring a sack lunch & stay.

In the Fellowship Hall

THINGS WE NEED:

School Kits

Notebooks

Scissors

Pens— NOT gel

Personal Kits

Bath towels— new & used in good shape
(Please NO white)

Soap-Irish Spring, Dial, Lever (full size bars)

Baby Kits

Hand towels

Soap— Dove or Ivory

Flannel— we are always in need of flannel

QUILT BLESSING - Sunday October 17th

Free will offerings will be accepted to offset the cost of shipping LWR Quilts.

Shipment goes out November 5th.

Love in Christ, Julia

LWR Knitting News

MEETING DATE: TBD

Our church ships about 100-150 baby layette sets every 6 months to Lutheran World Relief. One sweater/hat goes in each layette set.

Our current Fall 2021 total is:

Sweater/hat sets - 59

Sweaters - 9

Hats - 7

We use a fun one piece sweater pattern. Beginners are welcome. Teaching is available.

If you need more yarn, please call me.

~ Linda Anderson 360-588-1730

GET TOGETHER - MUFFINS MYRIAD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

At 10:00 am

In the Fellowship Hall

The theme is:

“Do Something Nice Day”

Please call, text or email to sign up before Wednesday, Oct 13.

Don't forget to bring your drink.

**Have a great month,
stay safe, and be happy.**

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Paul & Julie Dusenbury



UPDATES: Pillowcases

The WELCA October Pillowcase Sew-a-Thon has been put on hold for now.

If you would still like to donate pillowcases going to the homeless through Compass Mission, Friendship House & Light House Mission—drop them off at the church office.

**DON'T MAKE US ASK
PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK**
While in the church building



SUNDAY SCHOOL - K - 5th grades

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

October 3rd at 10:00 am

Teachers Stacey & Ginny will kick Sunday School off with a fun filled day centered around "Books of the Bible" Carnival in the Sunday School area.

CONFIRMATION - Grades 6th - 8th

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS

October 3rd at 10:00 am

In conference room #2

This year teachers Don and Paul will take you on an Exploration of the New Testament.

If you are a 9th grader that would still like to learn more by attending confirmation, they would be happy to have you join.

We ask that all new & returning Sunday school & Confirmation students to fill out a registration form and turn it into the church office. *(Forms can be found at the Welcome desk, on the counter outside the church office, or on our website under Ministries)*
Thank you!

SCOUT TROOPS 4084

- **BOY TROOPS** - ages 11-17
Mondays at 6:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Leader: Robert Eggleston
509-230-9648 / manu_tara@hotmail.com
- **GIRL TROOP** - ages 11-17
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Leader: Rebecca Eggleston
360-588-8328 / scoutmaster4084g@gmail.com
- **CUB SCOUT PACK** - ages 5-10 or K-5th grade
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Leader: Chris Anderson
360-299-2977

WOMEN'S Bible Study Circles- We're back!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

In conference room #2

Hannah Circle at 10:00 am

Anna Circle at 6:30 pm

MEN'S Bible Study - Has started again!

EVERY THURSDAY'S AT 7:00 AM

In conference room #1

Led by Boyd Veer

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Dave Bjornson, Chair

1st Monday of the month

October 4 at 7:00 pm

- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Kendra Kennedy, Chair

1st Tuesday of the month

October 5 at 6:30 pm

- **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Bill LeDuc, President

1st Thursday of the month

October 7 at 4:45 pm

In conference room #1

- **CHURCH COUNCIL**

2nd Thursday of the month

October 14 at 6:30 pm

In person & over zoom

- **ALTAR GUILD**

Gunilla Wold, Chair

Last Monday of the month

October 25 at 10:30 am

In conference room #2

FROM THE TREASURER.....Respectfully, Lane Phelan

As of the end of August YTD member offering \$189,812 or average weekly giving of \$6327. * This includes 4 annual gift that came earlier in the year. Giving at week 3 and 4 of each month has taken a tumble.

The call process has generated some extra expenses for travel for candidates, about \$3,000, and we will need to provide moving expenses for a called pastor.

Council voted to request Legacy Endowment disburse Worldwide Mission funds as \$3,200 to Lutheran World Relief- Haiti Earthquake Relief and \$2,000 to Project Hope – Hurricane Ida Relief.

THANK YOU FROM THE HEART

I want to Thank everyone for the lovely get well cards and thinking of you cards. It made my day. It helped with my recovery. I am getting better everyday.

Faith :)

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

VOLUNTEER & CONNECT TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Do you like speaking in public?

Why not assist with our Sunday worship services by **reading the lessons**. You select the dates. To volunteer, contact the church office.

Are you good with numbers?

Do you want to be more involved with church? Why not assist with the weekly offerings by becoming a **counter**. We will train you. Contact Linda Millo, Financial Recorder,

WITH APPRECIATION

From the Skagit Friendship House

Dear Anacortes Lutheran Church,

I am blessed to be sending you this thank you card today. Your recent gift contributed in August was especially well timed. We have the First Step Center up and running now and our growth stems from community support like yours. Since 2006 your donations to our mission has allowed us to serve the members of our community who have no where else to turn. Your combined gifts over the years have already exceeded \$25,000. This is an incredible support to our organization and we are truly grateful!

Consider visiting for a tour sometime, as a group or as individuals. I love to show donors what their gifts have done over the years.

Sincerely, Jen
360-961-8434
jen@skagitfriendshiphouse.org

ALC PRAYER GROUP - Meets Tuesday's at 1:30 pm (Join By calling: 1-518-351-9735)

For a 'Party Line' style phone call connecting us together in prayer (voices only no visual).

In our Prayers: For a current list of prayer concerns, go to: <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org> Look for the "Prayer Page" tab in the menu. Call the office to add or update a prayer to the Prayer Page.

Prayer Chain: The Prayer Chain is open for you from 9am to 9pm. For personal and/or confidential prayer chain requests call Peggy at: 360-299-1184.

As always, our Pastors are available to pray with or for you. Please let them know if you are hospitalized, ill, or needing their prayers






Worship with us Near & Afar

Watch the service from your home by going to our website at <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org> & click tab "Online Ministry"
Or Join us in person for Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 am

This is what you can expect at Worship in person.

- Please Enter by way of the handicap ramp to the right of the main church doors.
 - Masks **MUST** be worn while in the church building (*covering your mouth & nose*)
 - Signing in is still necessary for contact tracing.
 - Communion is given with a prefilled all-in-one juice & wafer communion cup.
 - A full service Bulletin is available with the Sunday Scoop announcements.
 - Hymnals & Bibles are in the pews.
 - You are free to Sing during service (keeping masks on while doing so)
- If you have any questions regarding worship services feel free to call the office.*

OCTOBER - Worship Readings, Psalm & Gospel

October 3 Meet & Greet Q & A Forum		Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 / Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Psalm: Psalm 8 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16	Reader: Bill LeDuc
October 10 Special Congregational Meeting		Readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 / Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17 Gospel: Mark 10:17-31	Reader: Harlan Eggleston
October 17 Quilt Blessing		Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12 / Hebrews 5:1-10 Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45	Reader: Lois Cassidy
October 24		Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9 / Hebrews 7:23-28 Psalm: Psalm 126 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52	Reader: Carl Ellsworth
October 31 Reformation Day		Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Romans 3:19-28 Psalm: Psalm 46 Gospel: John 8:31-36	Reader: Wayne & Bryn Kremling

OCTOBER - Birthday Blessings to You!

2	Marian Parsons	12	Ginny Veer
2	Nancy Fowler	12	Sarah Brosten
2	Tim Walters	12	Erin Kennedy
2	Jane Nelson	14	Jim Fors
2	Lola Mia Smith	16	Earl Gibbons
3	Tom Smith	17	McKenzie Duquaine
3	Mark McCaughan	17	Maeve Kennedy
3	Duane Dent	20	Chuck Landgraf
4	Janice Trumble	20	Jeanette Christensen
4	Helene Fink	20	Eva Dent
7	Andy Morgenthaler	22	Elijah Eckert
8	Karen Tavalero	23	Jerry Bongard
8	Tom Poor	24	Carl Sundman
9	Jeff Walters	24	Carla Smythe
10	Gail Bongard	25	Jim Loftis
11	Brandon Schultz	31	Jan Woodall
		31	Robert Ohm II

OCTOBER- Wedding Anniversaries!

1	Matthew & Taylor Phelan
2	Jon & Kathryn Parker
2	Jane & Robert Salnick
2	Rexanne Graham & Michael Bastrom
6	Tom & Patricia Smith
17	Bob & Ida Ford
22	Norm & Jan Vigre

SEPTEMBER - Worship Services

Date	Events	Live Stream	In person
5	Labor Day Weekend	50	55
12		42	43
19		36	
26	<i>not available at time of printing</i>		

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS - It's a Boy!

Owen Michael Elias Soltis

Born: April 23, 2021

Mother: Elisabeth Claus

Big sister: Sophia

Grandparents: Bill & DeAnna Claus



SYMPATHIES - Prayers of comfort & peace

Gail Ebel-Higgins

March 13, 1941— September 15, 2021

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

Written by Helen Lowrie Marshall

ALC COUNCIL MINUTES - September 16, 2021

Attendees: Dave Bjornsen, Jeaneen Brogan, Jeanette Christensen, Anita Holzemer, Kendra Kennedy, Bill LeDuc, John Parker, Lane Phelan, Pastor Walt Rice, Peggy White,

Opened with Prayer – Lane Phelan

MSP: Motion to approve Anita Holzemer as council secretary for the rest of this fiscal year.

Treasurer's report: No mtg last month so no minutes.

Offering is down, but should be fine by end of year. Extra expenses incurred due to call process however expenses are within expectations. We need to include moving expenses in the compensation package.

MSP: Motion to request Legacy Endowment to donate \$3,200 to Lutheran World Relief - Haiti Earthquake Relief and \$2,000 to Project Hope - Hurricane Ida Relief.

Pastor report: Pastor Walt's last Sunday will be the end of October due to medical issues. We will rely on Pastor Debra and pulpit supply until the new pastor is on board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Exec Board has put a hold on approval of changes to constitution at this time. We will table this until new pastor is on board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion to approve Pastoral Compensation package. Motion and vote will happen at congregational mtg. There is a committee that is meeting on specifics on the compensation pkg. Information will be sent to council members prior to congregational meeting.
- A letter will be sent to the Congregation on Sept 20 to announce **Oct 10** Special Congregational Mtg to vote on pastoral call and pastoral compensation. We need two tellers to count votes at the mtg. Pastor Andy Ye will be at the meeting to help audit the election.
- Executive board approved facility use for a local musician.
- Discussion on Covid Vaccination policy.
- All Preschool employees have been vaccinated or are in the process. Reminder to all staff and visitors that masks are mandated while inside the building.
- Discussion was held and MSP on opening up a brokerage account on behalf of ALC for people wishing to donate stocks. A brokerage account is needed to accept those donations. MSP Rod Odegaard has volunteered to facilitate and administer the account.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Worship: Church bulletin will expand to full size on Sunday with the Scoop and printed lessons. A few hymnals will be made available in the library for check out. Discussion on whether to include the full bulletin online or not. Please give feedback to Kendra. All Saints' Luncheon will be postponed one more year due to Covid, but candles and reading of names will be done this year including two years' worth of names.

Education: Books of the Bible carnival on Oct 3 as SS kick off. Pastor Butler will lead that service and install SS staff. Confirmation will begin Oct 3. Paul Dusenbury will assist Don Devine in teaching Confirmation.

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WELCA: Sewing kits, quilts, school kits will be shipped Nov 5. Pillowcase sew-a-thon has been tabled for now. A quilt blessing service date will be set for October.

Stewardship: Working with Kevin Kennedy on Church Windows upgrade. With new pastor coming on board, it's time to look at a new directory. We are in beginning stages. Working on incorporating preschool budget into the church budget. We need counters. Request to work with Rexanne re: technology for the new pastor.

Outreach: Rally and Open House report. Planned for 50 people. Served just over 50. Overall it was a good time and success. Budget was covered with a Thrivent grant.

Other: Further discussion on Meet and Greet Oct 3 was held. Pastor Scott, wife, and daughter will be attending. Kathy and Dan Khile will host the coffee hour. There will be a 45 min forum of Q & A. A recording will be available online after the fact.

Executive Board will discuss possibility of absentee voting for special congregational meeting.

Closed with Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Holzemer



THIS & THAT

- **DO YOU NEED TO TALK TO THE PASTORS?** Schedule an appointment by calling or emailing the office.
Pastor Walt Rice: walicoli@comcast.net / Pastor Deborah Butler: revdeb.48@gmail.com
- **PASTORS OFFICE HOURS:** Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (by Appointment Only)
- **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday / 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- **CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL & PHONE #:** 360-293-9586 / info@anacorteslutheran.org
- **“LIKE” OUR FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE PAGES:** Anacortes Lutheran Church
- **WORSHIP SERVICES, UPDATES & NEWS:** Visit our website - <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org>
- **HAS YOUR PHONE #, ADDRESS OR EMAIL CHANGED?** Are you receiving emails from church? Call the office!
- **DO YOU NEED HELP?** Ride to worship, a mask, a friend? Call the church office - maybe we can help.
- **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The Third Monday of every month.
- **PRAYER UPDATES:** Call or email the church office additions or updates to the prayer list.

Available for you in the basket outside the church office door-

- **CD RECORDINGS:** If you would like them delivered directly to you, call the church office, 360-293-9586,
- **DEVOTIONALS AND MORE:** Christ in Our Homes devotionals, Living Lutheran Magazines, newsletters.

BISHOPS MESSAGE – *The Spirit* October 2021

At first glance, it does not seem as though Teresa of Avila, noted Spanish Roman Catholic saint from the sixteenth century, would have much to say about today's world. You see, she is well known for her mysticism, her ecstatic prayers, several quotes that she might or might not have said, and her reforms in the church. All of these things are interesting – but what do they have to do with the 21st century and what is happening in the world today? In the last few days, though, I have been thinking about what she writes at the beginning of her work, *The Interior Castle*.

At the beginning of this book Teresa admits that she is tired. On the first page she writes, “I’m writing this book under obedience and I’m already finding it hard. God hasn’t given me any desire for this work, and my head is so full of noise I can barely compose a letter about the most ordinary business, much less a book about prayer.”

I am so thankful for Teresa stating it bluntly. Teresa is unsure if she’ll succeed, she is not sure she has it in her to do what she is being asked to do, she is nervous and distracted. In other words, St. Teresa sounds a lot like all of us – especially when we are being asked to do something that is different or hard or difficult.

Truthfully, it can be daunting as we continue to navigate this pandemic, as we continue to navigate the changes of the world and the changing church, as we strive to live into what God is calling us to do. It is difficult, as Teresa fully expresses, to push past our fear or our unease or our malaise to do what God is calling us to do. It is pretty impossible to do a new thing without God’s help and guidance.

And so, as I reflect on Teresa’s difficulties, our difficulties, I am also drawn to scripture – specifically Isaiah 43. In the first part of Isaiah 43 we read:

*But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

The prophet writes that God created us, God formed us. We have no need for fear because God knows each of our names. God calls each of us. We are God’s. No matter the circumstance, no matter the trial, no matter the fire. This is what Teresa understood and it is what we cling to when we struggle and when we wonder if we can go on. I invite you to hold Isaiah 43:1-3 closely as we hear these words from Isaiah 43:18-19.

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

As we hold close the promise that God creates us, forms us, names us, calls us, and holds us, only then can we hear the promise in these words that a new thing, a new day is coming. That God will make a way. May we hold close the words of St. Teresa and the prophet Isaiah. May you feel God’s love surrounding you when all seems overwhelming. And may you rise in the strength of the Lord knowing that God’s love surrounds you and fills you – and a way is being made as we all go forward together in Christ.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee bishop@lutheransnw.org