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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jazz on the Grass

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Roosevelt High School Jazz Quartet

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5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream, & more!

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CAN YOU HEAR ME WOW?



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Begins This Fall

Coming this fall, we will embark upon a Capital Campaign to raise \$125,000 to install a new sound system in the Sanctuary, replace the Grand Piano, and refinish the pulpit and altar table in the Chancel.

Since the completion of our remodel in 2010, we have had a noticeable problem in the Sanctuary with the spoken word. This comes as no news to those of you who have struggled to hear the spoken word. There are places in the Sanctuary where the word is clear and intelligible and places where it is simply impossible to clearly hear the spoken word. Two speakers dating from 1959 are currently being used; they stand near the lectern and the pulpit. The speaker suspended from the ceiling no longer works.

Approximately two years ago, a Sound System Task Force was assembled (Brent McCullough, Bill and Janet Bush, Ben Matter, Jacqui Darroch, John Coney and Arletta Anderson) to study the problem and recommend a solution for the sound system in the nave. The task force recommended we engage Mr. David Hosbach, a sound engineer, to study our situation and recommend a course of action. Mr. Hosbach, who is president of DHS Audio Visions, spent a weekend with us assessing our situation. The costs associated with Mr. Hosbach's time to review our sound system and make recommendations were paid for by a member of the Task Force. As a result of the report, this past June, the Task Force recommended we move forward with Mr. Hosbach's plan. The cost of the new sound system, which also includes a state of the art video system, is \$75,000.

With regard to the piano, the current Steinway Grand Piano has been on loan to us for the past decade. The person who owns the piano needed a place to store her piano while attending medical school on the east coast. Our piano tuner, Richard Weeks, suggested she might want to contact us. She did, and made us an offer we could not refuse—a rental fee of \$50 a month. She has now returned to Seattle and has a home large enough to accommodate her beloved piano.

Since learning that the piano will be returned to the owner, Arletta has diligently been looking into pianos that would be appropriate for our music needs and worship space. Though not in a position to purchase a Steinway, Arletta assures us there are many good grand pianos available for about \$25,000.

The remaining funds of \$25,000 will be put towards the refinishing of some of the nave furnishings: the pulpit and the altar table, along with the two modesty panels and the first few pews. The process of refinishing was started after the completion of the remodel when the communion rails and lectern were refinished. The long-range plan is to eventually have all the pews refinished.

Our schedule for the campaign is as follows:

August 2014 – Secure matching funds. I am pleased to report that we have already received a matching pledge of \$25,000. Our generous donors have committed this \$25,000 to the fund with a matching offer. That is, the \$25,000 comes to us if we can find another donor who will match this generous gift.

September 14 - On this Sunday, after the 10:30 am service, a congregational vote will be taken to authorize the Capital Campaign of \$125,000 for the sound system, the piano, and the refinishing of the pulpit, altar table, modesty panels and some pews. Once the Capital Campaign is authorized by the congregation we will send out pledge cards inviting members and friends of QALC to make a pledge toward the sound system, piano and furniture refinishing.

September 28 - On this last Sunday in September, we will have an all-congregational talent show to officially “kick-off” our capital campaign. After the 10:30 am service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for food and drink and plenty of entertainment by the many multi-talented children, youth and adults in our congregation. Pledge cards will be distributed and the campaign will be off and running.

December 31 - On the last day of this calendar year 2014, we hope to have received all of the outstanding pledges.

I am confident that as a congregation we can do this and do it quickly and within the proposed timeline above. It is absolutely necessary for QALC to have a new sound system. It has been disappointing and a major distraction to several of our members who cannot hear the spoken word clearly enough to understand what the lector or the preacher is saying. I empathize with them, as I sit in one of those places where the words of the speaker are unclear.

Please begin to pray and plan for your gift now. If you already know you want to give to this campaign, we would welcome your pledge now. Once we have secured half of the monies needed to complete the sound system we will be able to sign a contract and the work to install our new sound system will be ready to go.

Can You Hear Me Wow?

Blessings,



Pastor Wayne

Pics from our Picnic



Fun times
at our
Congregational
Picnic Sunday,
June 22nd!



From the Cantor . . .

The second week of July was a very busy and exciting week here at Queen Anne Lutheran Church as we hosted part of the Pipe Organ Encounter Program sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. QALC was a teaching site for two students every morning; while one student had a lesson, the other student was at Bethany Presbyterian Church for a practice session; then they would switch. David Dahl was the teacher on the Wech Pipe Organ. The first student was from Oregon and the second student was from North Carolina. This same scenario was taking place in several other churches in Seattle at the same time.

Pipe Organ Encounters is an educational outreach program of the American Guild of Organists. The afternoons were filled with seminars for twenty-four students who had traveled to Seattle from across the country for this POE+ week. POEs offer teenagers and adults a rewarding opportunity to learn more about the pipe organ and its construction, instruction with experienced faculty, visits to hear and play outstanding instruments, and the chance to meet and interact with peers who share an interest in the King of Instruments. Events are happening in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Washington this summer. Our program in Seattle was fully booked, as were many of the POEs around the country.

There are four types of POEs:

Pipe Organ Encounter—a 4-5 day event organized by a local AGO chapter that introduces participants aged 13-18 to the world to the pipe organ.

POE Advanced—a 5-6 day event organized by a local AGO chapter that provides a higher level of pipe organ instruction and intense course study for students aged 13-18 who have already achieved a high level of success in organ study.

POE Technical—a program designed for students aged 16-23 who are interested in learning the art and craft of organ building. POE Tech is sponsored by an AGO Chapter in collaboration with an organ builder.

POE+—a 4-5 day event organized by a local AGO chapter that provides organ instruction to students 19 and older. It is open to beginners as well as more advanced students.

POE+ is the program that QALC was part of hosting this year. In 2013 the POE Tech was sponsored by the Tacoma Chapter with the Paul Fritts and Martin Pasi organ shops. In 2008 the Seattle Chapter hosted the POE for high school students.

On Thursday afternoon, QALC also hosted two seminars, provided space for a dinner in our Fellowship Hall for all the POE+ participants and faculty, and an evening recital played by the students. It was a great week and our church was a welcoming space. Many people personally thanked me for opening our doors to them at this event and for the generosity of our congregation. We are blessed to be a blessing.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

*Arletta Anderson, Cantor
and Associate in Ministry
ajp724@comcast.net, 425.355.8776*

Pipe Organ Encounters!

2014 Summer Choirs



August 3 - Intergenerational Choir

One rehearsal Sun 8/3 at 9:45am

August 24 - Women's Choir

Rehearsals

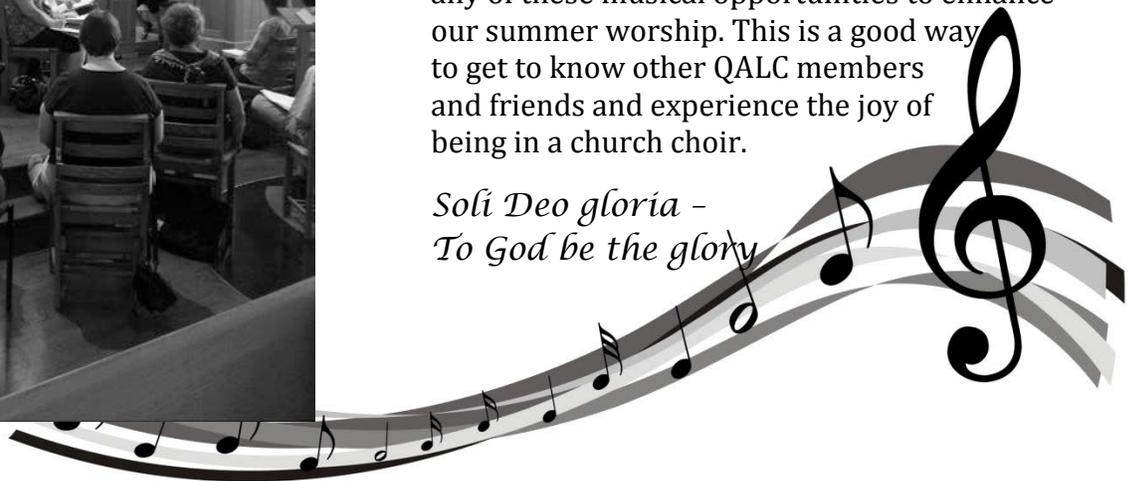
Wed 8/20 at 7:30pm, following Evening Prayer
and Sun 8/24 @ 9:45am

Questions?

Call 425.355.8776 or email ajp724@comcast.net

Arletta Anderson, our Cantor, to volunteer for any of these musical opportunities to enhance our summer worship. This is a good way to get to know other QALC members and friends and experience the joy of being in a church choir.

*Soli Deo gloria -
To God be the glory*



THANK YOU

QALC received thanks from the following organizations:

Queen Anne Food Bank
For a donation of \$1,150.00

American Guild of Organists:

On behalf of the Seattle Chapter of the American Guild of Organists I would like to thank the members and friends of Queen Anne Lutheran Church for

the generous use of your facility for our Pipe Organ Encounter Plus that was held in Seattle July 13-17.

The POE+ is a four-day event for adults that gives organists an opportunity to enhance their service playing skills through lessons, workshops, master classes and recitals. We

appreciate your warm hospitality.

A special thank you to Arletta Anderson for her assistance in helping us make arrangements for the use of the organ at Queen Anne Lutheran Church.

*Rita Stoess, Director
Seattle Pipe Organ PLU*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ushers, Flowers, Coffee



Ushers are still needed for August (see page 17).

Please write your name clearly on the narthex

sign-up! And if you signed up to provide flowers, please contact the

office at admin@queenannelutheran.org or 284-1960 to let us know if you would like it noted that the flowers are in honor of, or in remembrance of, a specific person or event.



QAELC Men's Group

Wednesday, August 20—We will prepare the food for Jazz on the Grass. If you can help anytime from 5pm to 7pm, call Rich at 206-384-1183. If you cannot attend that day, Jazz on the Grass is every Wednesday in August.

—*Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett*

Forum Coordinator Needed

A forum coordinator is needed to arrange the forum each week. The forum is held from the second weekend in September through the first weekend in June, taking Christmas and Easter Sundays off. The main task is arranging topics each week and then finding speakers, videos, or other presenters to match the topic chosen. The Christian Education budget has some money to help with honoraria for speakers.

The past coordinator (Roger Anderson) will provide information on how the forum has operated and advice as requested. *Please contact Pastor Wayne Bacus if interested.*

Queen Anne Book Group



The selecting of books for 2015 will meet Monday, Aug. 4 at 7 PM in Cathy Unseth's garden in Ballard.

The regular August meeting will be Monday, August 25 in the church Narthex at 7 PM.

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor From Amazon reviews: "The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself."

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Edmund Bossart
2	Aaron Banobi
3	Jeannette Banobi
7	Aaron Fandel
11	Jenny Porter
12	Judi Steffen
12	Catherine Banobi
14	Ellen Hockman
14	Andrew Fandel
20	Julie Tobiason
22	Svend Phillips
22	Magdalena Phillips
22	Christian Lundsgaard
23	Dennis Alfson
25	Lloyd Rosenthal
27	Harold Robertson
31	Chloe Jones
31	Natalie Houle

If your (or family member's) birthday is missing from this list, please contact the church office at admin@queenannelutheran.org or 206-284-1960

Stock the LVC pantry!

On August 13th, 2014 our incoming Lutheran Volunteer Corps members will arrive at Louise Robertson House for their year of service in local non-profit organizations. We'd love your help in extending some QAELC hospitality to ease their first few days!

Can you help us "Stock the Pantry"?

We haven't received their names yet, but we expect to have 5 people staying in our house. Here is a list of what they may need, but provide what you are able:

Supplies for 2 hot breakfasts for Thursday the 14th and Friday the 15th. This might include coffee, juice, eggs, breakfast sausage/bacon, toast or pancake mix, yogurt, oatmeal, milk or fresh fruit.

Supplies for 2 lunches for Thursday and Friday. This might include bread, peanut butter and jelly, lunch meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato, fruit, salad, chips, cookies, etc.

Some snacks, desserts or other treats. Granola bars, fruit, carrot sticks, cheese, beer or wine, brownies, trail mix, or any other goodies would be a welcome addition on their first days here...

If you are willing to provide something, please contact Carol Ann Davis at (cadash@gmail.com) or (206) 315-6256.

Thanks so much for helping us welcome the newest LVC volunteers—Queen Anne has a history of warm hospitality to the LVC community!

—*The Louise Robertson House Committee*



LVC Welcome Picnic

Saturday, August 23, 4- 6 PM
Columbia City Church of Hope,
3818 S. Angeline Street

When Queen Anne hosted this Lutheran Volunteer Corps event last year, we had great turn-out. The volunteers felt very welcomed and left well-fed. This year's picnic will be a great time for the new volunteers to meet local folks and get acquainted with the area.

Since the new LVCers (and some alums) will attend but won't bring food, each church has committed to bring certain things. Queen Anne will be bringing side dishes. If you plan to attend (or you just want to make a side dish to be delivered by someone else), please let Carol Ann Davis know; she will make sure we have a variety of foods. Thanks!

God's work. Our hands.

On Saturday, September 6, a group of folks from QALC will be going to the homes of some of our neighbors to help weed their gardens, mow their lawn, clean their gutters, wash their windows, and in general help them with yard and house chores. It is all part of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Day of Service under the banner, "God's work. Our hands."

Here's a list of possible help we could offer, depending on manpower and skills available:

Mowing	Planting a garden	Painting or sealing a fence or a deck	Washing a car
Raking	Removing or planting shrubs or trees	Housecleaning--scrubbing floors, woodwork, bathrooms, sweeping, vacuuming	And, if someone has the skills, small plumbing repairs (like replacing faucet washers) or electrical work.
Weeding	Moving furniture or boxes from one place to another	Painting a room	
Pruning	Loading and hauling stuff to the dump	Washing windows	
Mulching			
Digging an area to create a garden			

At the *Jazz on the Grass* Wednesdays in August we will be polling our neighbors to discover who needs some help and how we can help them. Watch this space and the Sunday bulletin for how you can be a part of "God's work. Our hands."

School Supplies for LWR

Back-to-School sales are sprouting up, so it's time to begin collecting school supplies to create school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Watch for a designated area in the Narthex or drop them by the office, 9 - 4 PM Tues. - Fri.
For more information, contact Lois Unseth or Rich & Candy Mathes.



L.Y.O.N.S. NEWS:

(Lutheran Youth of North Seattle)

Wild Waves! All middle school and high school students are invited! Tuesday, August 12, 8:30 AM to about 5 PM. Meet at and return to St. John United Lutheran Church. Cost: \$15.

Important: RSVP to Jon or Renée by July 31 so we have a ticket for you!

August Bonfires! (high school only)
Wednesdays August 6th, 13th, and 20th at Golden Gardens, 8:00 PM—9:30 PM.
S'mores, conversations, and sunsets!

LYONS is moving! We're moving our office and LYONS Den to St. John United Lutheran in August. If you'd be willing to help paint our new space or move things, please get in touch with Jon Ross.

LWR School Kit Supply List:

Pencils
Sharpeners
Erasers
24-pack crayons
Spiral notebooks
Blunt-end scissors
Ballpoint pens
Metric rulers



Saturday, August 2nd at 11:00AM

THE NO WORK* YARD PARTY



The No Work Event has morphed into an event requiring work!

So wear your “old” clothes and come help dye sheets for quilt backs! Lunch will be provided! No experience is required. Any age may come (help or watch)! If you have tie-dye experience and would like to offer Sallie Wilson and Cathy Unseth help, they would GREATLY appreciate it. If your expertise is more in the line of providing lunch, talk to Pat Sobeck. Bringing a sheet to be dyed is optional.

Items are also being collected for St. Joseph’s Baby Corner.



st. joseph's
Baby Corner

**some work required!*

Don't forget to bring your item for St. Joseph's Baby Corner to the No Work event!
The Baby Corner is always in need of the following items:

Diapers (disposable or cloth), all sizes;
Diaper rash ointment and wipes,
New digital fever thermometers,
Vinyl pants and diaper covers
Infant formula (with iron), especially Similac and Enfamil
Baby wash.

Baby clothes, especially sleepers, blanket sleepers, and newborn undershirts/onesies.

New or gently used children’s underpants
Baby equipment,* especially car seats, strollers, and portable cribs.
Baby front packs and carriers.
Bedding: crib sheets, blankets, quilts
Nursing pillows.
Nursing bras and nursing pads.

Personal hygiene items for new moms:
maxi sanitary pads,
hand soap (bar or liquid)

Toys
(newborn through age 3):
Board books.
developmental toys such as nesting cups and stacking rings,
push/pull toys,
Duplos,
toy telephones,
musical toys for babies,
coloring books with crayons and markers.
Teething rings and rattles.

Check out the NW WA Women's Retreat!



NW WA Synod—FALL RETREAT

October 3-4, 2014

Warm Beach Christian Camp and
Conference Center

20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA

Theme: Living Christ's Light

Matthew 5:14 *"You are the light of the world.
A city on a hill cannot be hidden."*

A two-day event which includes choices of crafting, singing, spiritual growth, fellowship, worship, and FUN.

Cost: One Night (Friday) \$125 w/ 3 Meals (Scholarship funds available through the Synod)

Speaker: Kay Solvik

Kay is a Washington native married 35 years to Keven whom she met at Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle. They spent 18 years of his military career moving around the world before settling back in Washington to be near family. She currently works in customer support at Logos Bible Software in Bellingham. Kay loves humor, stories, and exploring God's Word with women, making it real and relevant to our everyday lives.

Music: Led by Nan Beth Walton from Faith Lutheran in Seattle.

Worship: Led by Julie Josund, Pastor at Edmonds Lutheran Church

Retreat Offering: The offering received at this event will be split two ways. 50% will be sent to the church-wide Women of the ELCA to support national programs and 50% will be given to The Josephine Good Sam Fund.



Warm Beach is a great place to walk on the beach, meditate, as well as sharing time with others.



Bible Study Event—Come see what next year's

Bible Study in *Gather* is all about!

Dr. Carol Schersten LaHurd, the author of "Transforming Life and Faith," the *Gather* Bible study to begin in September, 2014, will be in Tacoma, Washington for an overview of her study on August 23,

2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA (across from PLU). Registration for this all day event is \$25.00 which includes lunch. Pre-registration is requested. Look in the July ECHO or check with Candy. Coffee and check-in will be from 8:00 AM to 8:55 AM.

Dr. LaHurd will present four lectures as her overview of the study. PLEASE COME!!!!



Women of QALC: Ongoing Groups



Come join us at a circle this month!

Please check with the circle leaders if you would like to attend a circle.

The Sunshiners will be meeting at Jean McLaughlan's Lake Goodwin home on Wednesday, August 13. If you are available to help drive, please let Sallie Wilson know. This outing will replace their regular August meeting time. Sewing & Service quilters will also go.

—*The Women's Committee*

Jacque, Candy, Pat, Sallie, & Sophie

Julia Circle 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Georgeanne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

The Lutherettes: 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Contact Allyson Fredericksen to find out what we have in store for this month!

Northern Lights: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Dolly Smith.

Katie's Table: Katie's Table is cancelled for August. Any questions please ask Joan Crummett.

Normally meets 1st Saturday at 9 AM at Luther's Table in Renton. Contact Sallie Wilson.

Sewing and Service: Wednesdays. Contact Lois Unseth or Shirley Flory.

Sunshiner's Circle: Usually meets 4th Wednesday at noon.

PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts): 3rd Tuesday of most months, sometime after 5:30 PM. Light supper provided. Contact Karen McCullough.

Wanted: A working serger. One of the things we make in Sewing and Service are t-shirts out of onesies and flannel blankets. The women of Sewing and Service would love to have a WORKING serger to hem the edges of the t-shirts and blankets. We would also be delighted if someone would come help do the actual serging.



Cleaning Up?

Songea's Kids (www.songeaskids.org) is a six-year-old, all-volunteer Sammamish nonprofit providing resources for the full care and education of 65 orphans in Songea, Tanzania, East Africa in collaboration with Jirani Mwema (Good Neighbor), a Tanzania nonprofit. **Songea's Kids** will turn your unwanted textiles into cash for their Orphan Emergency Fund.



Clothes for The Cause is a Seattle company that collects unwanted items and turns them into cash for nonprofit organizations. Instead of becoming trash, your items are re-worn, re-purposed or recycled, and **you** help an orphan with no place else to turn for assistance. **THANK YOU! We will take donations of:**

- **CLOTHING** any kind/any condition
- **SHOES** any kind/any condition
- **PURSES, BELTS** synthetic/leather
- **TOWELS**--bath, kitchen, rags
- **SHEETS, BLANKETS, QUILTS, BEDSPREADS**
- **CURTAINS/DRAPERY**
- **THROW RUGS** (not carpet)
- **TABLECLOTHS, PLACEMATS**
- **(NO glass, breakables, electronics or anything wet.)**

Collection Dates: August 1-September 12, in Issaquah.

Questions? Contact Julie at Julien@songeaskids.org or 469-235-7589.

—*submitted by Candy Mathes*



*A Letter from our Presiding Bishop Eaton to Bishop Younan
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land*

July 17, 2014

Dear Bishop Younan,

On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I am writing to express profound concern for you, our sisters and brothers in Christ. Our hearts are heavy as we read about and see images of the violence being inflicted on both Israelis and Palestinians. This suffering and loss of life are inexcusable before God. As followers with you of the Prince of Peace, and as children of God, the Creator and Sustainer of all life, we long for peace and a just resolution to the escalating conflict between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people. I want to respond directly to your call to us earlier this week to participate in interventions and actions “to create hope in a hopeless situation”.

The steadfastness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) is a reminder of this hope we have in Christ Jesus. The church’s strong witness for coexistence grounded in peace with justice permeates every level of congregational, educational, and diaconal service. Our faith is strengthened by knowing how, even in the midst of great difficulties, the Body of Christ is working in Palestine and Jordan for the good of all communities.

Along with the witness of your pastors and lay leaders, your witness, Bishop Younan, has strengthened our confidence that peace can indeed be achieved among the two peoples and three religions that share the Holy Land. Your statements, speeches, and sermons have been a model for promoting both political and interreligious coexistence, along with your strong support of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, which you helped found.

We are grateful for your continued uplifting of the voices of moderation and against extremism and support to you in these efforts. We appreciate the long-standing work of the ELCJHL schools in demonstrating the importance of education through a curriculum based on peace, nonviolence, peaceful co-existence and the strengthening of civil society for the benefit of all communities. We understand that this present crisis has further hurt the financial wellbeing of the ELCJHL schools, as many parents are now unable to pay tuition. We encourage ELCA members and congregations to assist the ELCJHL by making contributions through the ELCA.

At this time of great uncertainty, we join you in your call for a cessation of all hostilities between Israel and Hamas and a return to direct peace talks to achieve a comprehensive and sustainable peace based upon a two-state solution and adherence to international human rights and humanitarian law. We wish to convey our solidarity with you and the members of ELCJHL congregations, joining with you in prayers for peace. I encourage all ELCA congregations to participate in a minute of silence as we together pray for peace in the Holy Land. While I lament that my plan to be present with you and with the leaders and members of the ELCJHL later this month has been postponed, I look forward to our time together in Jordan and the Holy Land. We deeply regret that the most recent round of negotiations have not reached a successful outcome that will lead to peace and security for Palestinians and Israelis alike. We reaffirm our pledge to work diligently with you and all people of good will to urge political leaders in the United States and around the world contribute to ending this conflict by addressing its root causes so a sustainable peace is possible. May God be with you, your church and all the people of the Holy Land.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop

Bishop's Message



Mr. Fix-It

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

I am a "wanna be" fix-it guy. Over the years I have prided myself in being able to figure out why something is not working and come up with a solution. I have also had my fair share of disasters like the time I blew up our oven trying to fix its clock and timer. (Safety tip: It is always a good thing to kill the power to any appliance that you are working on.)

This summer my challenge has been to get the trailer lights working on our boat trailer. Salt water is not a friend of electrical parts. The problem started the first with the truck itself. Kim said to me one day, "Have you noticed one of the lights is staying on even with the keys removed?"

Sure enough we have a series of LED lights just under the tail gate and one of them was on even through all of the lights were turned off. It took the help of my diesel mechanic to realize it was a problem with the flashing module. The bugger off the shelf costs a \$100.00. Fortunately my friend found one for half the price. Knowing the lights were now working on the truck, I hooked up the trailer only to discover that the left turn indicator trailer light was not working. My mechanic friend explained to me how to try and test the light by taking power off of a known working light. The idea was a good one until I pushed the probe into the socket only to have all of the lights go out including the lights on the truck.

I was now having a few words with Jesus about this dilemma, knowing full well I probably blew up the \$50.00 flasher module. I did not sleep well that night. The job would have to wait for my mechanic. The next day he arrived and immediately located the 15 cent fuse under the hood that I had blown and quickly determined that a wire had come loose in the main harness. Both were an easy fix. Once again Mr. Fix-It was put in his rightful place. But the good news was two-fold. The lights on the trailer are working splendidly and the price of a fuse is nothing in comparison to a flasher module.

Friends, the lesson for me in this story is that I become obsessed with trying to make things work in my life when they don't go just the way I want them to. I allow my problems to become much greater than they truly are. It's called keeping perspective. It's called not getting worked up. It's called being clear about what really matters in life.

Jesus put it this way in Matthew 6:25-27:

"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"

music on the ridge

A Summer Concert Series
Thursday Evenings at 7pm



St John United Lutheran

5515 Phinney Ave. N. (Across from the Zoo)

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- July 10** **Hurdy Gurdies**
as performed by Dick and Marjy Fiddler and friends!
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- July 17** **The Total Experience Gospel Choir**
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- July 24** **Mary Frank, Harpist**
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- July 31** **Mark Wilson, Classical Guitarist**
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- Aug 7** **David Templeton, Concert Pianist, Guitarist**
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- Aug 14** **The Aubergine String Quartet**
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Admission by donation • All are welcome! • stjohnunited.org



the Last WORD

A Good Return On A Risky (faith) Investment

It was a Sunday evening after Labor Day in the fall of 1965. With my mom, dad and younger sister accompanying me, I was standing alongside a set of railroad tracks waiting for the train to Portland. As I waited for the train I couldn't help thinking how ironic it was to be starting a whole new chapter in my young life right back where I grew up, about a quarter mile from the farm my parents had along the Green River in the Kent valley.

I was twelve when we moved from the farm to a house on Lake Meridian. A new highway, State Route 167, commonly referred to as the Valley Highway, came right through the middle of our dining room. The farm was sold and my younger sister and I thought we had won the lottery. Isolated as we were on the farm, we now had neighbors, kids our age to play with, a lake to swim in and a newly acquired boat.

Silently, the four of us stood there staring at the railroad wayside signal, waiting for it to change. I remember thinking, "If the signal fails to alert the train to stop maybe I won't have to go. We can all return home, to our house on the lake, the boat, my friends, my school—Meridian Jr. High." That thought, however, vanished as quickly as it arrived. The red triangular-shaped signal rose to life and in the distance we all could hear the train coming. This was the moment when I realized what was happening was real. I was fourteen years old and I was about to board a train that would take me to an all boys' boarding school where I would spend the next four years of my life.

The train seemed bigger than I ever remembered when waiting for a train to pass at an intersection from the back seat of my parent's car. When the train stopped, the conductor jumped down. He had a small footstool in his hand. He placed it on the ground and signaled for me to step on it to board the train. My mother hugged me and gave me a good-bye kiss, my dad handed me my suitcase, and my sister was in tears. I stepped on the stool, looked back at my family one more time, and that's when I knew I was going to start crying. Quickly I turned away and back to the steps of the train and ran up them with my suitcase in hand. I didn't want my parents or my sister to see me cry. The train lurched, and I quickly took a seat near a window. I remember looking back as the train began to move forward. There on the other side of the window were my mom and my dad and my sister waving good-bye. This was a scene that would be repeated many times over the course of the next four years. Sitting in a window seat, waving goodbye to my family as they waved back.

The school was Concordia High School, one of about a dozen boarding schools, all with the same name, scattered across the country. The school had one purpose—to train men to be pastors and parochial school teachers for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The next twelve years of my life had been mapped out: four years of high school, a walk across the street to the Junior College for two years, two more years at the all-male Senior College in Fort Wayne, IN and four years of seminary in St. Louis, the LC-MS flagship seminary. Every school I would attend had the same name: Concordia.

It doesn't take a whole lot of imagination to realize what kind of trouble a group of high school boys, all living together in a dormitory without adult supervision, can get into. Without question this was a pretty risky investment on the part of the LC-MS. Congregations paid the bulk of our tuition and room and board. Of course, they never let you forget that, either. You were an investment in the church's future to fulfill the mission to reach others with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. Most of us just wanted to get out of there and go to a school with girls.

When we gathered together last month for what was our forty-fifth high school reunion (actually, our first ever reunion) we relived those days with a mixture of both humor and gratitude to have survived. Most of us found the girl of our dreams. We are all married and have been for a long time. The one exception was the best man at our wedding; his wife died of cancer three years ago. We all look pretty much the same. That is to say, most have a lot less hair and a little more stomach. For many, this was the first time they saw a classmate in forty-five years. The years hardly seemed to matter as we all picked up right where we left off. You would have thought those days at Concordia High School were the best days of our lives. Perhaps they were in a way the best days of our lives, given the way we bonded like brothers. Today, leaving home and going away to school at thirteen and fourteen years old would probably be considered socially incorrect. Then again, each of us including our parents had been told by our pastor that this was what God wanted: young men for the ministry of the church. Back in 1965, that was a hard thing to say no to. Some of us found it a hard thing to say no to all the time.

It has been said that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod closed the high schools because the percentage of those who went on to be pastors and teachers was too low to support having the schools. Of that, there is no doubt. There were eighteen of us in my graduating class. Some years we had as many twenty-four classmates. Of the eighteen of us who graduated, twelve of us started as freshmen, three others came in their sophomore year, two as juniors and one as a senior. One went on to be a pastor and two became parochial school teachers. Yes, the percentage of pastors and teachers the schools produced probably didn't warrant keeping the high schools open.

If, however, the only consideration concerns how many from my class of eighteen went on to be pastors or teachers as a return on the church's four-year investment, you miss the point. Of the eighteen of us, three have left the church militant for the church triumphant. Of the fifteen of us left, (eight of us were at the reunion) in addition to the pastor and the two church school teachers, three served on the faculty and staff at Concordia University (the Junior College became a four year University nineteen years ago), another classmate is a lay preacher, another with his wife were missionaries to South Korea, another classmate is a professor at Oregon University and just published a book on sports and religion, several classmates have served their congregations as Council president, taught Sunday School, chaired Call Committees and another one is engaged in charitable work around the world.

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As the one who became the pastor, I have to tell you my classmates are every pastor's dream team. Was the LC-MS' investment a poor return? I think not. Of course, you don't have to go to a church boarding school to find people in your congregation who have a similar commitment to service in the congregation and Churchwide. I give thanks to God for all of you who give so generously of your time and energy and resources to fulfill the mission of our congregation. I expect many of you who go the extra mile in serving your congregation do so for the same reason my classmates do and did.

To a person they all confessed that they are who they are today because of the professors we had in high school. These were men (only men because the LC-MS wouldn't allow a woman to teach a male over the age of 12) who made huge sacrifices for the sake of the church. These were men who were committed not only to teaching, but to preparing young people for service in the church. They remain for me, and for all of us who gathered at the reunion, models of commitment and dedication to serving others for the sake of the ministry of the gospel Christ has entrusted to all of us in the waters of baptism.

I close with this encouragement. All of us in the faith have been shaped and influenced by men and women of faith. Give thanks to God for them, pray for them, and tell them. Tell them how meaningful their faith has been to your faith. And, don't forget, right now someone is looking to you as his or her inspiration for a life of faith and service in the name of our Savior, Jesus.

Thanks be to God for all the faithful,

Pastor Wayne

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SERVING IN AUGUST

Ushers: 10:30 a.m.

3 Jim Margard
10 Don Thomas
17 TBD
24 TBD
31 TBD

Offering Counters

Rich Mathes and Joel Matter

8:00 Lectors

3 Jan Slawson
10 Jan Olson
17 Dan Squires
24 Harold Robertson
31 Ken Hockman

8:00 Communion Servers

3 Jan Slawson
10 Linda Olson
17 Deb Squires
24 Georganne Robertson
31 Ellen Hockman

10:30 Assisting Minister

3 Richard Crummett
10 TBD
17 Tim Porter
24 Renée Dudley
31 Rich Mathes

Altar Guild:

Pat Sobeck, Shirley Flory, Sarah Bol,
Linda & Jan Olson

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 a.m.)

3 Roger Anderson
10 Lois Unseth
17 Smith Family
24 Smith Family
31 Roger Anderson

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 a.m.)

3 Bacus Family
10 Lois Unseth
17 Shirley Flory, Alice Twelker,
& Seville Moulster
24 McCullough Family
31 Lee Mathis and Dorothy Duvall

Flowers on the Altar

3 Peggy Morgan & Al Shabino
10 Jackie Bacus & Heather Proudfoot
17 Lois Unseth
24 McCauley family
31 Arletta & Roger Anderson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Alanon Women 10:30 AM No-Work Event 11:00 AM
3 Worship 8:00 AM Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal 9:45 AM Worship 10:30 AM	4 Yoga 6:30 PM Julia Circle 7:00 PM 12-Step 7:00 PM QA Book Club 7:00 PM	5 L.Y.O.N.s Board 7:00 PM Exec. Committee 7:00 PM	6 Sewing & Svc. 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Jazz on the Grass 5:30PM Holden Eve. Prayer 7PM Alateen 8:00 PM AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	7	8 Bacus/Thompson Rehearsal 5:00 PM	9 Alanon Women 10:30 AM Bacus/Thompson Wedding 4:00 PM
10 Worship 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Newcomers' Coffee following 10:30 service	11 Yoga 6:30 PM Northern Lights 7:00 PM 12-Step 7:00 PM	12 Church Council 7:00 PM	13 Sunshiners & Quilters Outing to Lake Goodwin (McLauchlan's) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Jazz on the Grass 5:30 PM Holden Eve. Prayer 7 PM Alateen 8:00 PM AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	14	15 Sema/Robinson Rehearsal 5:00 PM	16 Alanon Women 10:30 AM Sema/Robinson Wedding 12:00 PM
17 Worship 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	18 Yoga 6:30 PM Lutherettes 6:30 PM 12-Step 7:00 PM	19 PDQ 5:00 PM Worship & Music 5:30 PM	20 Sewing & Svc. 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Jazz on the Grass 5:30 PM Holden Eve. Prayer 7 PM Alateen 8:00 PM AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	21	22	23 Great Books 9:30 AM Alanon Women 10:30 AM LVC Welcome Picnic 4:30 PM
24 Worship 8:00 AM Women's Choir Rehearsal 9:45 AM Worship 10:30 AM	25 Yoga 6:30 PM 12-Step 7:00 PM QA Book Club 7:00 PM	26	27 Sewing & Svc. 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Jazz on the Grass 5:30 PM Holden Eve. Prayer 7 PM Alateen 8:00 PM AA/Alanon 8:00 PM	28 Christian Ed. 5:30 PM	29	30 Alanon Women 10:30 AM
31 Worship 8:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM						