

The Quill

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Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Bacus at the 10:30 worship service.
Our Cantor Arletta Anderson led the Shalom choir.
Shaking hands with Brent McCullough and 180+ others.
A heartfelt (and lengthy) "Sharing of the Peace."



Bactoberfest Success!

What a fantastic send-off we had for Pastor Wayne and Jackie on Sunday October 26th! It was a time of laughter, tears and sharing memories. So many hands came together to make this event a success. Below are some of the folks who worked hard to honor our departing servants in Christ.

Candy Mathes for directing all action in and out of the kitchen and for organizing a bountiful banquet.

Jennifer Jones who stepped forward to help with the food activity and made sure clean-up was done.

Also **Chloe** for loyally helping till the work was done.

All those who agreed to share stories: **Carol Ann Davis, Pastor Erik Wilson-Weiberg, Richard Crummett, Jeremiah Drelleshak, Svend and Magdalena Phillips, Christian and Annika Lundsgaard, Elsa Carlisle and Karen Thode, Deborah Squires, Jessica Cronce and Georganne Robertson.**

Sarah Louie for collecting photos and designing the retrospective slide show. It was a big job!

Rowland Adeniyi for troubleshooting the projector system so we could actually watch the slide show.

Carol Ann Davis for organizing the Deviled Egg Cook-off and for all those who contributed eggs!

Karen McCullough who arranged the lovely flowers and **Brent**, who helped hollow out 26 pumpkins.

Pat Sobeck for collecting contributions for our Congregational Gift and making beans for the party.

Sallie Wilson who shredded 8 heads of cabbage plus all of the onions and helped all day Sunday.

Mark Dibble who cooked all the Bratwurst and filled in as needed.

Rich Mathes who went to Ken's for more Brats when he counted 190 people in church and knew we only had enough for 150 people.

Cathi Unseth, Ken and Ellen Hockman, Dan Squires, Gordon Storey, The McCauley Family (and parents from Germany) The Louie Family (including Christian and Chinese exchange student, Bill), whose help in the kitchen on Sunday was greatly appreciated.

All the people who stepped up to the plate and made all the wonderful **desserts**.

The **Louise House LVC Ladies** for being our clean-up crew and getting dishes done.

Ben Matter for getting out of the buffet line to get the mic we forgot to request.

All of those who stepped in at the last minute adding more chairs and whatever else needed done.

Our biggest thanks goes to **Pastor Wayne and Jackie**. Your ministry here will leave a lasting impact on all those who enter the doors of Queen Anne Lutheran Church. We are forever grateful to you and thankful for all the gifts you have shared with us.

Godspeed and farewell,
good and faithful servants.

Kirsten Erickson

QALC Church Council President





(clockwise from upper left) Ellen Hockman takes home the Deviled Egg Cook-off prize in the "traditional" category (Aaron Boyson won, too!); The Phillips-Lundsgaard kids thank their pastor; One of hundreds of hugs for Jackie Bacus; Our faithful kitchen crew; Our stalwart brat-grillers; and the deviled egg spread.



Dear Brothers and Sisters
in Christ,

Your Queen Anne Lutheran Church Council is pleased to announce **Doug Stensby** as our Interim Pastor. Pastor Doug will begin his ministry with us on November 1st.

Council members were especially pleased with Pastor Doug's easygoing personality, kind demeanor and experience as an interim at numerous congregations prior to QALC. I know we all look forward to getting to know Pastor Doug as we move through this time of transition together.

Early this month our Transition Team and Pastor Doug will be meeting with our Bishop and/or the Assistant to the Bishop to begin work on our next stage of transition. We are blessed to have Jacqui Darroch, Brent McCullough, Vicke Pugil, Tim Porter and Meg Shaw lead us on our transition team. Georganne Robertson will provide valuable support and consultation as an adjunct member. Look for updates directly from the Transition Team beginning later this month.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

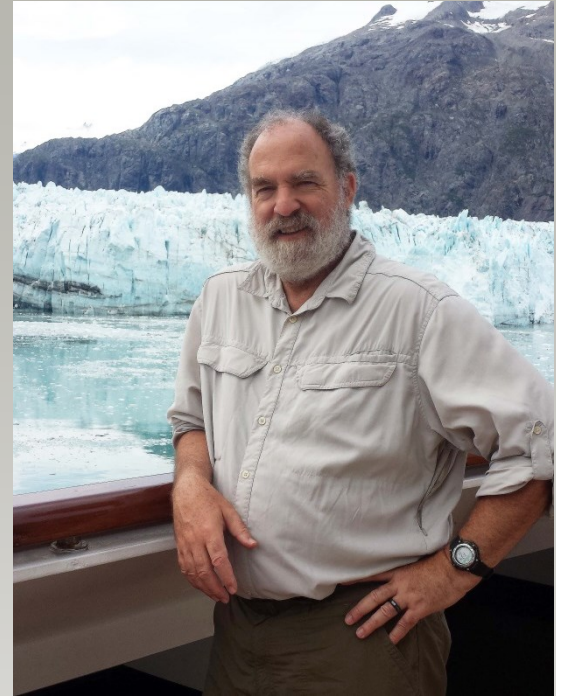
In Peace, Prayer & Partnership,
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Introducing Our Interim Pastor, Rev. Doug Stensby

Dear Members of the Queen Anne Lutheran Community,

I was asked to introduce myself with a brief biography for this issue of the Quill—and so, here are a few words about the paths that brought me here to you.

I was raised in Seattle, and have always considered it my home. After graduating from Mt. Rainier High School in the Highline School District, I attended LBI on the Greenwood Campus. I then joined the U.S. Air Force for four years, spending time in Texas, Okinawa, and Phoenix, Arizona. I attended college at Northwestern College in Roseville, Minnesota (near St. Paul) and graduated in 1979. I took a year off here in Seattle before returning to St. Paul to attend Luther Seminary. I met my wife, Gretchen Diers, there, and we graduated in 1984.



Our early ministry was situated in eastern North Dakota, serving in Valley City, Lisbon, Grand Forks, Northwood, Glenfield, and a number of smaller communities as well. It was also my first introduction to Interim Ministry. We then moved to Grand Island, Nebraska with our two boys and were there for four and a half years.

We moved to Seattle in 2001 and I was offered the chance to do an interim by a newly elected Bishop, Chris Boerger, and I found that it was a niche that fit me well. I am always meeting wonderful people in every congregation that I serve. They are energetic and want to make the congregation that they love even stronger.

Queen Anne will be my eighth interim since 2001, and I expect that I will thoroughly enjoy my time among you. I also pray that my time will be able to build on the strengths that are already in place, and that you will be well situated to meet the challenges of ministry in this day, and in years to come. I look forward to meeting each of you.

Pastor Doug Stensby

From the Cantor . . .

Even in the loss last week of my dear husband, Roger, I am so blessed. I am so very grateful for this community of faith. The outpouring of love, support, care, and the gospel's words of comfort and assurance have held me close and given me strength. Thank you; a million thank yous.

Gratefully,
Arletta

Arletta Anderson,
Cantor and Associate in Ministry
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Are You Ready For **GREEN SATURDAY?!**

Forget Black Friday . . . Forget Cyber Monday . . .
And remember **Green Saturday**. Yes, it's coming
up on that time of the year for an annual event not to
be missed. The annual **Greening of the Church** is on
Saturday December 6th, beginning at 9:30am!

Bring the family and help decorate Queen Anne
Lutheran for the birthday of God's precious gift to us.
So come, relax and enjoy lunch and great company. Call
Richard or Joan Crummett, 206-261-4448 or just show up and
have fun!

Queen Anne Men's Ministry (For men of all ages):

We invite men of all ages to join in conversation and service to the community on a regular basis. Our regular monthly meeting on Saturday mornings includes discussion of Scriptural topics, how they relate our 21st century lives, and what we can do to live as Christians in the world.

Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran—Help load boxes of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. Call Rich Mathes at 206-384-1183 if not signed up. Or at least come and watch, direct traffic, or . . .

November Tuesdays—help serve lunch at Central Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill (1710 11th Ave.). (See more information on page 6.) We need volunteers for each shift—Cooking and preparation: arrive anytime from 9AM to 11:30AM; Serving: 11:45AM to 1:00PM; Cleanup: 1:00PM to 2:00PM.

November 8th meeting cancelled.

December 6, Greening of Church—Saturday AM discussion starting 8:30 AM, greening at 9:30 AM.

January 17—Discussion at 8:30 AM, Saturday, with healthy snacks.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Allan Johnson
- 3 Leslie Brown and
Barbara Bash
- 5 Emily Shabino
- 6 Diane Wearne
- 7 Al Mangold
- 10 Mac Smith
- 12 Barbara Gayotin
- 13 Gretchen Richey
- 14 Eleanor Pahl
- 16 Peggy Morgan, Jodi
Coney, and Paul Whitfield
- 17 Sharon Greenwood
- 20 Virginia Stamey-Johnson
and Anders Beckton
- 21 Geoff Saunders
- 24 Phoebe Porter
- 27 Thelma Westberg and
Al Tennison

*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.*

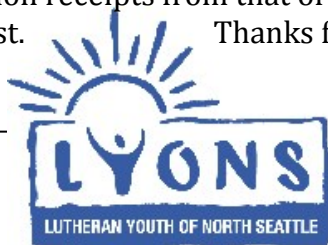
—Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett

November Community Lunch on Capitol Hill Program

For about two decades, members of QALC have prepared and served hot lunches for people in need at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill. Founded by adjacent Central Lutheran Church many decades back, CLCH is an independent not-for-profit organization that feeds 200-300 individuals year round on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have built a tradition of taking on the task, with a lot of help from Don Jensen and staff at CLCH, for each Tuesday in the month of November. There are opportunities to volunteer for any of three shifts: preparation, serving and cleanup, for anywhere between 1 and 2 1/2 hours per shift. We need volunteers for each shift this year—Cooking and preparation: arrive anytime from 9AM to 11:30AM; Serving: 11:45AM to 1:00PM; Cleanup: 1:00PM to 2:00PM. Please join in this valuable service to the community by signing up on posted forms in the narthex. Feel free to volunteer or ask for any clarification on the program by contacting Jim Margard, at 206-920-7704 or jrm952@gmail.com.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is sorely in need of replenishing. Since the end of June, over \$5,000 has been distributed to help individuals with needs. Please consider contributing to this fund so others may be assisted as we move forward into the winter months.

West Side Baby & St. Joseph's Baby Corner—As many of you know these two organizations have merged to create an even larger focus on helping Seattle's newest and neediest citizens. Donations may continue to be left in the drawer in the narthex and I will see that they get to the baby corner. Donation receipts from that organization are now available. I will be happy to email one to donors upon request. Thanks for your continued support. —*Ellen Hockman, 206-282-2341*



LYONS (Lutheran Youth of North Seattle) NEWS:

Sunday Night Live Halloween Bash! Sunday, November 2nd, 6 PM--8 PM; Ballard First Lutheran Church. All LYONS youth—come in costume for games and treats!

WhirlyBall! For all LYONS high schoolers! Sunday, November 9th. Meet at the NEW Den (at St. John United Lutheran Church) at 5 PM; pick up at 8:30 PM. Cost: \$10. Please RSVP to Jon by Sunday, November 2nd!

Middle School Lock-in! Fri., Nov. 14th at 6:00PM —**Sat., Nov. 15th** at 8:00AM. Come for a crazy night of all-night fun! Further details to follow. Sign up by Monday, November 10th. \$15 cost (come even if you can't pay).

Program Assistant Opening: LYONS is looking to hire a full-time Program Assistant. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Jon Ross for more information:



Help Make Our Sock Drive 'Sock-cessful'!*

October 19 – November 23

Give someone the gift of warm, dry feet this winter. Donate a new pair of socks —preferably men's athletic socks —during our Sock Drive, October 19 –November 23. Just drop your donation of new socks in the basket in the Narthex. We'll present socks to Jasmine Nielsen from Queen Anne Food Bank when she comes to speak at the November 2 forum. The QA Food Bank hands out 100-200 pairs of socks a month during winter.

**Help us meet our goal of 100 new pairs of socks!*

There was a story told to us about the women riding the wagon trains. When the wagon trains stopped for a rest, all the women would gather in a circle, hold out their skirts so that the woman in the middle would have privacy to tend to the body functions she needed to attend to. Who is your circle? Or who has your back?

This weekend the Northern Lights Circle gathered together to attend to one of their own, Arletta Anderson—they chose to be the ones in charge of the refreshments at Roger Anderson’s Memorial Reception. *Circle*—gathering together to guard each other’s back.

This weekend as I worked on the Celebration of Pastor Wayne’s 21 years of ministry, I found that the women from Sewing and Service and PDQ’s were there to help. It was not a matter of them asking if I needed help, but a matter of being there when I needed help. They had my back. Thanks to Pat who made beans with me, Sallie who shredded 8 heads of cabbage and sliced a bag of onions, Cathi (and Chloe) who cooked all that cabbage so that others could attend church and Jennifer who was in charge—especially of cleanup. Many of us find that we cannot do it all. but “we get by with a little help from our friends.”

While both of these events were not “Women Events” it was women from QALCW groups that have become close friends that helped each other out—that had each others back. Jackie Bacus has been one of our groups—she has been on the

Board, in a circle and a member of PDQ. It was on a walk Jackie and I took at Holden Village that she told me she was not sure about Women’s Groups, she had not ever been a part of one. *Jackie, for your first group, you did great!* Our hope for you is that in your new church home you will once again find a circle of friends, a group that has your back. We will miss Jackie and hope that she will let us know if she needs us. While she may be gone from us, we want her to know that we still have her back.

Loading of the Kits & Quilts

Thank you for all the help in folding quilts, boxing the quilts and kits, and helping put on the labels. We had 93 Quilts (And one fleece blanket), 36 Baby Care kits, 43 School Kits, and 37 Personal Care Kits. By the time you read this they should be on their way. The Blessing of the Quilts were a week early so that we could all participate in Bactoberfest. The quilts made during November in December will go to Queen Anne Food Bank, Ballard Food Bank, and Compass Housing Alliance.

Advent Celebration

Watch for an announcement in the Bulletin and signs around the church for an Advent Happening. Pat Sobek would love help planning this event. Advent is one of Pat’s favorite times a year. She now has a Lefse maker (person not griddle) besides herself. That makes two Lefse makers for the event. It looks like it shaping up to celebrate Traditional Holiday Foods made by some of your favorite cooks at Queen Anne Lutheran Church.



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.

Did you know that not only do our Circles support each other but they study the Bible together? In our November study, *It Takes Time*, just as Moses and the Israelites gradually came to believe in God and obedience to God's covenant, our Christian beliefs and practices develop over time. Our Theme verse for Session 3: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31. Bible passages for the study this month are Exodus 3:1-22, 4:21-31, 5:15-22, 6:1-13, 7:20-25, 8:25-32, 9:13-35, and 12:29-42. Through the study of Moses, we will see that for people in the Bible and for Christians today, growth in faith so often takes time. Come join us this month.

Your Coordinating Committee
Candy, Jacqui, Pat, Sallie, and Sophie

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

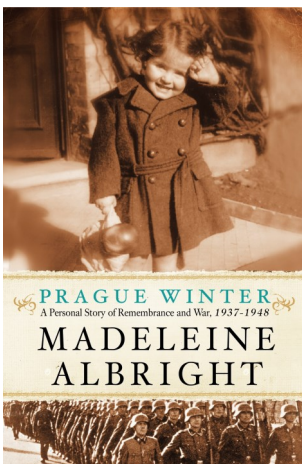
Northern Lights: Monday, November 10 at 7:00 PM. Contact Dolly Smith.

Katie's Table: 3rd Saturday at 9 AM. For location & questions please contact Joan Crummett.

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

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

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



Queen Anne Book Club

Everyone is invited! We meet November 24 at 7 PM in the Narthex.

We close the 2014 year of Book Club with the book Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948 by Madeleine Albright (Harper) with Bill Woodward. A fascinating read about a fascinating person.

On the first page of her new memoir, Madeleine Albright writes, "I was fifty-nine when I began serving as U.S. secretary of state. I thought by then that I knew all there was to know about my past, who 'my people' were, and the history of my native land. I was sure enough that I did not feel a need to ask questions. Others might be insecure about their identities; I was not and never had been. I knew. Only I didn't."

The revelation that she is Jewish "is central," Albright writes, "because it provided the impetus" for this book, a compelling personal exploration of her family's Jewish roots as well as an excellent history of Czechoslovakia from 1937 to 1948.

—Contacts: Candy Mathes and Georganne Robertson

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

November's Sunday Forums

Our November Sunday forums (9:15-10:15) showcase some of the programs we support in the community. Please plan to attend!

November 2: Queen Anne Food Bank, serving those in need of food and special clothing items in three zip codes around Queen Anne. Director Jasmine Nielsen will bring us up to date on QAFB activities. We will present her an ingathering of canned food and socks.

November 9: Director Don Jensen will visit from Community Lunch on Capitol Hill. Founded by Central Lutheran Church decades ago, QALC has sponsored lunches each Tuesday in November for most of the past 20 years, preparing and serving hot lunches. Don, a former radio DJ from Cincinnati, has done a fantastic job coordinating CLCH and will bring us up to date on CLCH.

November 16: We are involved in so many ways with Queen Anne Helpline, an anchor of assistance in our community, We provide facilities for the Queen Anne Fun Run (sponsored by QAH) and contribute monetarily and with in-kind donations. Please welcome director Lisa Moore.

November 23: Mary's Place is near and dear to the QALC heart. As the initial pilot sponsor of the Homebase program in which families are temporarily housed in places of worship, QALC's involvement with Mary's Place has grown in recent years. Serving women and their children in emergency situations with multiple critical services, Mary's Place fills an important and unmet need in Seattle for displaced women and their children. Come and learn more about Mary's Place.

November 30. We welcome Pastor Kristy Daniels, of the Church of Steadfast Love, Affiliated with Compass Housing Alliance. The COSL is a mission serving special needs of men in the Pioneer Square area. Pastor Kristy has visited QALC often in the past, often preaching at our church services. We look forward to catching up!

FAITHFUL LIVING, FAITHFUL LOVING: Exploring the Gifts and Challenges of Multi-Faith Families

Saturday, November 15th, 2:30-4:30 PM
Luther Lounge, 2nd Floor

Are you married or in a committed relationship to someone who does not share your religious or spiritual identity? Do you have a child or a parent who expresses her or his faith through a wisdom tradition you don't know well or understand?

If you answer yes, you may be in greater company than you imagine. The religious diversity and complexity of the Pacific Northwest invites us to open affirming and supportive conversation for multi-faith families exploring their relationships and life choices together. Bring your loved ones and join Sister Clare Josef-Maier, pastoral counselor and spouse in her own multi-faith marriage, at **Faithful Living, Faithful Loving: Exploring the Gifts and Challenges of Multi-Faith Families**. This workshop will include educational context and resources, and will also invite participants to engage actively in dialogue with their own questions and insights.

If you are able to attend, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Contact Sr. Clare with any questions at clare.alyce@gmail.com or (206) 683-2921.

Remembrance of Things Recently Past . . .

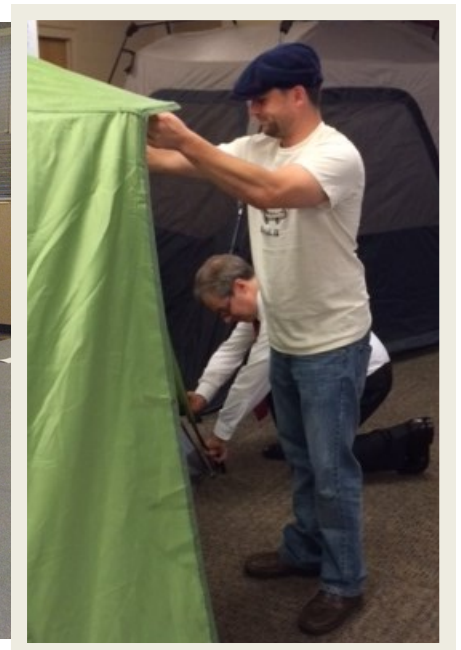


The final session of Pastor Wayne's Tuesday Lunch & Learn bible study.

*What is this mysterious bundle departing from our building?
The old Ricoh copier!*



The Fellowship Hall became a village as many hands helped set up tents, and many more volunteered to host this shelter for 14 women and children from Mary's Place for two weeks.





Holden on the Road

For the past two years, while mine remediation has been the top priority during the summer months at Holden Village, and while village infrastructure renewal projects have necessitated the digging of pits and trenches around all buildings, making visiting the village impossible, staff members have brought Holden to several locations around the country. A series of 3-day-weekend events, with a full teaching staff, musician, Narnia, crafts, and a Holden Update session were offered during the spring, summer and autumn months to all who would sign up. The traditions of Holden were observed at all these locations, and the features available at each location were incorporated into the programs. Sometimes they were held in cities, while others were in more rural settings like the first such event this year back in May held at Camp Lutherwood on the shore of Lake Samish.

I attended Holden on the Road when it was held at the Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center, located about 10 miles west of Ellensburg, WA, in the valley of Monastash Creek, during October 17–19. A former dude ranch, the Lazy F (inspired by the French term *laissez-faire*, so we were told) was purchased by the United Methodist church in 1954 for \$40,000 and run as a retreat. It has a Dining Hall and meeting area, dormitories and cab-



ins spread around the camp, a barn, a store, a creek running through the camp, a fire pit, a labyrinth, a pond, an archery range, and hiking trails. Cell phones did not work in the valley—really a canyon. The camp had its own volunteer kitchen staff to provide meals; gluten-free options were available. Of all the places where Holden on the Road has been held, the Lazy F Camp probably has the most similarities to Holden Village itself.

Cindy Shultz, the Program Coordinator for Holden Village, planned and hosted the event at the Lazy F. She greeted everyone who came and made sure visitors received their lodging assignment, reviewed the schedule at each meal, introduced all the “villagers”, led the before-breakfast hike on Saturday and the before breakfast labyrinth walk on Sunday, and offered the prayer to the departing “villagers”—all of us—at the end of the event, along with many other behind the scenes activi-



ties which ensured the event ran smoothly. Assisting Cindy were other Holden staff people, who provided Narnia activities for the young villagers who attended, as well as other support.

The teaching staff Cindy programmed for the event included the Village Pastor, Kent Narum, who had two Bible study sessions on Holden’s theme for this year “Love from the Foundation of the World” (based on John 17: 24) and briefly touched on other scripture passages where foundation is a theme. Sergia Hay, an assistant professor of philosophy at PLU, presented a session about Kierkegaard on Silence and Christian Love. Daryl Daugs, a political advocate who now works for Habitat for Humanity (and a relative of Cindy

Daug's Shultz), presented an overview of how political advocacy is done in Washington State. Linda Allen, a Holden staffer and songwriter, spoke and sang on Women's Suffrage and the suppression of women's voices in the political life of the United States. Julie Kangas, the "village" musician, played at every worship service and led the choir—five women and one man (me). As is true



Testing new "Rain Bird" sprinklers.

at Holden, guests could attend any, all, or none of the sessions.

The best-attended session was the presentation by Cindy of the Holden Update. Pictures were shown of the progress made to the village infrastructure. The installa-

tions of the new 6,000-gallon grease trap, the big gun sprinklers for fighting fires, and the new fire hydrants were highlights. For the new hydrants, the hose houses—being historical structures—had to be maintained, moved and preserved; construction of new hose house structures was not allowed. The new potable water system is now complete in all buildings of the village. This new system replaces the old plumbing that had been installed when the buildings were constructed in the 1930s. The old system had been leaking over 22,000 gallons of water daily. After the new system was installed, by chance it was found that water was still being delivered to Winston Camp (or the miners village); the source was found and capped. Other village improvements were made in areas of communication and publication, its database of guests and donors, and human resources.

Pictures were also shown of the mine remediation work. The tailings piles are being re-graded, topsoil added the slopes followed by "large woody debris" to help attract all manner of creatures to help rebuild the forest. The trench for constructing the ground water retaining wall is about 40% complete. The work schedule on this retaining

wall is now running 24 hours in two shifts, and will continue until mid-December. This is later than in previous years, meaning they will be working into the snow season and guests will not be welcome into Holden until the week before Christmas. It was confirmed that there will be another summer season of mine remediation in 2015 to finish up current phases and complete the treatment plant. Power for the treatment plant will be from diesel engines for some years until a new diversion dam and hydro can be built on Railroad Creek near Five Mile.

A work week is being planned for November, the week of Thanksgiving. It would include the Thanksgiving meal. There will also be the choice of working either Friday or Saturday. Sign-up for this work week at Holden will be available on the Holden Village web site (<http://www.holdenvillage.org/>) from November 1st to the 14th. Check the web site at that time for further details.

Cindy was asked if there would be Holden on the Road events in 2015. She did not know. Since next year is a transition year with new directors coming on board, their input will be needed before a decision could be made.

I hope that they do continue the program for one more year. It helps sustain the sense of community I find whenever I visit Holden. It is an opportunity for the village staff to come meet long-time villagers like myself. It is also a chance for participants to meet old friends often seen at Holden during their visits there, as well as meet new people, just as I did during the event at the Lazy F Camp.

—Joel Matter



Reshaping the tailings piles is part of the mine remediation process.

Bishop's Message



Discovering the Gift of Grace

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

I was not born a Lutheran but discovered the Lutheran Church by going through the backdoor. I was in high school when a friend invited me to go to her church. I fell in love with the church because it was the first time in my life that I found the church to be a place that could embrace all of who I was without making me feel like I needed to pretend to be someone I wasn't. I didn't know then that I was discovering what it means to be covered in grace. What I did know is I couldn't get enough of this word. I just kept coming back for more and more. The truth is I am still coming back to wine and dine on God's generosity of acceptance.

Once I was hooked I had a compelling desire to be able to share this truth with others. It was this desire that caused me to pack up everything I owned, place it into the trunk and back seat of my 1969 Toyota Corolla and head off to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA.

I was completely outside of my comfort zone with hardly a clue about what I was in for. The only image I had of a seminarian was that of a monk. I was still struggling with being identified as a Christian let alone forming my identity as a pastor. Seminary did not come easily for me. I didn't have great academic chops and I struggled with my professors who seemed so cut off from my world. The one class that breathed on the coal that was burning in my gut was Dr. Robert Goeser's class on Luther. I was in over my head but the scraps I was getting that fell from the table made for a great meal.

My classmates who grew up in the church were light years ahead of me in their knowledge of the scriptures, liturgy and theology. I would never be able to speak with the confidence many of them displayed. The pathway I chose was to quietly go about being a parish pastor hoping that my deficits in learning might go undiscovered. I had to rely upon my pastoral care skills and hope my passion for grace would carry me.

A turning point came for me when I met a guy by the name of Dan Erlander. I heard him speak at Holden Village and later would invite him to teach classes at the congregation I was serving. Dan was putting into words my deepest held beliefs about the faith. He had the academic pedigree to back up what he was saying. He too had a burning coal of grace in his gut.

It was from Dan I learned that you should always be able to spot a Lutheran because they are always mumbling under their breath grace, grace, grace. Grace, grace, grace became my mantra so much so that my oldest daughter took it upon herself to purchase a personalized license plate for my Mini Cooper - GRACEX3.

I wanted to devote this Spirit Article to Dan out of gratitude for the gift that he has been to me and to the whole church through his writings and teaching. It has meant the world to me to have a theologian of Dan's character provide me with access and understanding of what I think is the core teaching of what it means to see the world through a Lutheran lens. Thank you, Dan, for being my beloved Rabbi of grace, grace, grace.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

10:30 Ushers:

2 TBD
9 Jim Margard
16 TBD
23 TBD
30 TBD

Offering Counters

Alice Twelker and Susan Evans

8:00 Lectors

2 Jacqui Darroch
9 Jan Olson
16 Dan Squires
23 Harold Robertson
30 Ken Hockman

8:00 Communion Servers

2 Jacqui Darroch
9 Linda Olson
16 Deb Squires
23 Georganne Robertson
30 Ellen Hockman

10:30 Assisting Ministers

2 Kirsten Erickson
9 Marc Oplinger
16 TBD
23 TBD
30 TBD

Altar Guild:

Joan & Richard Crummett

8:00 Sunday Coffee Hosts:

2 Dolly and Mac Smith
9 TBD
16 TBD
23 TBD
30 TBD

10:30 Sunday Coffee Hosts:

2 Houle family
9 Louie family
16 Virginia Stamey-Johnson and Meg Shaw
23 TBD
30 TBD

Flowers on the Altar

2 Shirley Flory
9 Pat Sobeck
16 Lisa Ondrejcek
23 Virginia Stamey-Johnson
30 Altar Guild

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Deadline for the December Quill is Friday, November 21st

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November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00am LWR Fall Ingathering 10:30am Alanon Women
2 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Fine Arts Organ Concert: Dana Robinson 6:00pm LYONS @ Ballard First Lutheran	3 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step OA	4 9:30am Community Lunch at Central Lutheran 7:00pm Executive Committee	5 9:15am Sewing and Service 11:00am Staff Meeting 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon	6 7:00pm Chancel Choir	7	8 8:30am Men's Group 10:30am Alanon Women
9 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Newcomers' Coffee 5:00pm LYONS @St. John United (Whirlyball)	10 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step OA	11 9:30am Community Lunch at Central Lutheran 7:00pm Church Council	12 9:15am Sewing and Service 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A.	13 7:00pm Chancel Choir	14	15 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women 11:00am Crones 2:30pm Faithful Living, Faithful Loving: Multi-Faith Families Workshop
16 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	17 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA	18 9:30am Community Lunch at Central Lutheran 12:00pm Interfaith Meeting 5:00pm PDQ 5:30pm Worship and Music Committee	19 9:15am Sewing and Service 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:15pm Cherub Choir 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon	20 7:00pm Chancel Choir	21	22 10:30am Alanon Women 11:00am Great Books Event
23 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Brunch for Mary's Place guests	24 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm QA Book Group 7:00pm 12-Step OA	25 9:30am Community Lunch at Central Lutheran	26 9:15am Sewing and Service 11:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Sunshiners 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29 10:30am Alanon Women
30 ADVENT I 8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	1 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step OA	2 6:00pm Property Committee 7:00pm Executive Committee	3 9:15am Sewing and Service 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:15pm Cherub Choir 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon	4 7:00pm Chancel Choir	5	6 8:30am Greening of the Church 10:30am Alanon Women