

The Quill

AUGUST 2015



Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Bonus pages, web version only:

Photos from events in July, between pages 12 and 13!

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST @ 5:30PM

Jazz Grass

ON
THE

MUSIC! FOOD! FUN!

Roosevelt High School Jazz Quartet
All Are Welcome!

JAZZ QUARTET

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream, & more!

5:30 - 6:30 PM

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

7:00 - 7:30 PM

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From the Cantor . . .

As I write this article on Saturday evening, July 18, I leave in the morning for the ELCA Jubilee and the Association of Lutheran Church Musician's Biennial Conference, both being held in Atlanta. "Called to Be a Living Voice – Vocation, Reformation, Mission" is the theme of the conferences designed for worshipers, worship leaders, lay and ordained, musicians and artists, and everyone interested in the worship life of the church. How is God calling the church today? And to what are Christians called? We are invited to explore these and other questions at this joint conference of ALCM and the ELCA. Plenary presentations, practical workshops, music reading sessions, and diverse worship expressions in several Atlanta's city churches will inspire and educate us as we explore together with rich conversations.

Here's more from the ALCM website . . . "A common theme runs through the entire week. One of the key phrases that emerged from the Reformation, which is approaching a milestone 500th anniversary, is *viva vox evangelii* – 'the living voice of the gospel.' Interpretation of the Bible, the kerygmatic nature of preaching, the proclamatory role of music and the arts—these are among the ways the mission of the gospel is expressed in and empowered by Christian worship. Heirs of the Reformation emphasize 'vocation' as our calling by the *vox Dei*, the voice of God, to make this good news come alive, again and again."

I am looking forward to my time at these conferences. I have the honor to be an Orff instrumentalist again with Mark Sedio during worship on Monday and Thursday mornings. On my way home from Atlanta, I will stop in Chicago and visit my family for a few days.

I'll be back at QALC in August and I'm looking forward to Jazz on the Grass with a meal and Holden Evening Prayer each Wednesday. A wonderful line up of soloists and instrumentalists will enhance our Sunday 10:30 worship, as well as two pick-up choirs—the Intergenerational Choir on August 2 and the Women's Choir on August 30.

Chancel Choir will begin again in the fall . . . first rehearsal will be September 10 and we will serve in worship on Sunday, September 13. The Shalom Choir and Cherub Choirs will also begin in early September. Watch for more news on our fall music program.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

Arletta Anderson, Cantor and
Associate in Ministry cantor@queenannelutheran.org 425.355.8776



Summer Choirs

If your many gifts include music, check this out!

Intergenerational Choir

August 2

Rehearsal on the Sunday of
at 9:45 in the Nave

Women's Choir

August 30

Rehearsals on Wed eve 8/26 following Holden
3 and/or the Sunday of
at 9:45

Down-Words . . .

It is summer. What makes it fun? A sight of Mt. Rainier? That was given by God. Ice cream with the kids? Also gifts of God. Turbine powered boats skimming the surface of Lake Washington? Behind it all, is God. Even our human endeavors, whether as individuals or as the results of thousands of people together, all are results of gifts that God has given us. All of life, God's. James reminds us that "every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." It all comes from God, and has been given to us in grace.

—Pastor Doug

DOWN, IN and OUT is a program of the ELCA to help us focus on how giving affects all of our life, and how our response is a part of our life in Jesus Christ.

Our Call Committee:

Our newly formed committee has met twice so far as it embarks on the call process, which will bring a new pastor to our congregation. Rev. Kathryn Buffum, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Synod, attended the July 30 meeting to give an overview of that process from the Synod's standpoint. Call Committee members will be wearing identifying nametags at Sunday services so that you may approach them with questions or concerns, and will post updates on their work on the "Call Wall" bulletin board in the hallway behind the narthex kitchen.



Clockwise from upper left: Harold Robertson, Lori Lynn Phillips; Dolly Smith below her; Erich Patten, Dan Squires, Jim Margard, Virginia Stamey, Kirsten Erickson, and Emmett Pritchard.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith Ministries’ School Supplies Drive

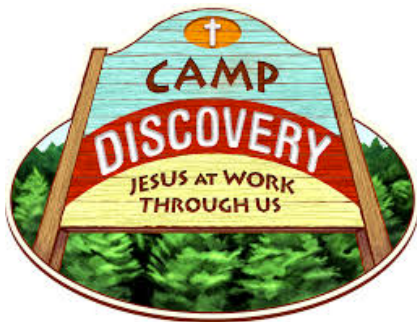
Interfaith Ministries of Greater Queen Anne meets here at Queen Anne Lutheran every two months. They will be gathering supplies to create School Kits this year for local schoolchildren in need. There are many children here in our own area, whose parents cannot afford the many supplies that the schools require them to have when school starts in September. The Interfaith Community is again trying to help these children by supplying as many of these items as possible. Our goal this fall is 100 Kits. Please help if you can; these children need them in September.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Pencils	Scissors
Dry Erasers	Ball Point Pens, Black/Blue
Pencil Sharpener	Colored Markers, Thin And Thick
1 Large Pink Eraser	College Ruled Paper, Loose Leaf
Glue Sticks	Highlighters
Hand Held Calculators	Red Marking Pen
Ruler	Black Sharpies
Crayons	3-Ring Binder With Inserts (Tab)

AND, IF THE SPIRIT MOVES YOU, THEY ALL NEED BACKPACKS!

Supplies can be brought to church; look for the box in the narthex. We need supplies by mid-August so they can be assembled in time for school. Please contact Pat Sobeck, Interfaith Community liaison, at 284-1669 if you have questions.



“Camp Discovery” Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Ballard First Lutheran convenes **Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th** from 9 AM – 12 PM. This week-long adventure is for children age three years old through those entering 5th grade. Register at www.bflcs.org or come to the door early Monday to register.

Confronting Racism:

Join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and William B. Horne II, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Fla., for a live webcast conversation on the complexity and implications of racism this **Thursday, August 6 at 6 PM (PST)**. Find it at: www.elca.org / webcast

“Talking about race and racism is hard work for most of us,” says Horne. “Our Christian witness compels us to confront our sinfulness in all forms from within and outside of ourselves. It is more beneficial if we do it together.”

LWR Virtual Town Hall

A Conversation on Coffee and Cocoa: Did you know that, despite strong global demand for coffee and cocoa, farmers often struggle to provide for their families, capturing just a fraction of their crops' full market value? LWR believes that satisfying demand for coffee and cocoa and improving the incomes and food security of the farmers who grow them can and should go hand in hand. Join a conversation Live On the Web this **Thursday, Aug 6 at 12:00 PM (PST)** with Rick Peyser, LWR's Senior Relationship Manager for Coffee and Cocoa. Register to participate at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4839544776416759298>

Bergstrom Bowling Project Fundraising Event

Saturday August 8th 3-5PM at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

On August 8, 2005 we lost dear friends and mentors Shawn and Dinah Bergstrom.

On August 8, 2015 we gather to honor their memory with the creation of the Bergstrom Bowling Project.

The Bergstrom Bowling Project was born out a desire to honor the memory of our friends in a place they both loved dearly. Holden Village was a special place for both Shawn "Bergie" and Dinah. They enjoyed numerous visits together with both Lutheran Youth of North Seattle (LYONS) youth and friends. Their last visit in May 2005 was a special one as both Bergie and Dinah accompanied the LYONS youth to the May Holden Youth Weekend. On several occasions

Bergie had expressed his interest in helping to refinish the Holden Bowling Lanes which had not been refurbished since 1968. Having spent several summers of his youth refinishing bowling alleys in Kansas, he was eager to use those skills to improve the lanes at Holden. In thinking of a special project to honor the ten year anniversary of their passing, the Bergstrom Bowling Project was born. Your support will help Bergie's dream finally become a reality.

Please join us on August 8th from 3-5pm at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church to celebrate the memory of Bergie and Dinah and learn how you can help. A short program will include memories of Bergie and Dinah, history of the Holden Village Bowling Lanes and information on how you can give to the project. Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

Please visit our Facebook event page to share stories, pictures and see updates to the Project.

Questions or interested in helping with the event itself? Please contact Kirsten Erickson (206) 898-0408 or klerickson77@gmail.com

Questions about giving? Please contact Anne Gintz at development@holdenvillage.org

LYONS News:

High School campfires: Wednesdays in August (8/5, 8/12, 8/19) meet at Golden Gardens from 8-9:30pm. We'll be there early to reserve a spot, so you're welcome to show up earlier. There will be s'mores, friends, and good times!



Faith & Film Meets August 8



We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 8 at 4:00 PM to view and discuss the film "Calvary," (2014, rated R), in which an honest and good-hearted priest (Brendan Gleeson) wrestles with a cynical, spiteful community after he receives a death threat from an unknown parishioner. All are welcome to attend Faith and Film.

- 4:00 p.m. Appetizers and drinks
- 4:30 p.m. Watch the movie together
- 6:15 p.m. Discussion . . . and refills of the drinks and snacks!

Holden Village, Summer 2016

Holden Village should re-open next summer! Would any of you be interested in going as a group? QALC used to go every other year for a week. (Sunday to Sunday.) Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. List your top three weeks. (We used to choose late July to early August for the best weather—and fewer mosquitoes.) We will need to commit to a week by January 1, 2016—when registration begins. Go to queenannelutheran.org>Connect>Holden Village 2016 for more information.

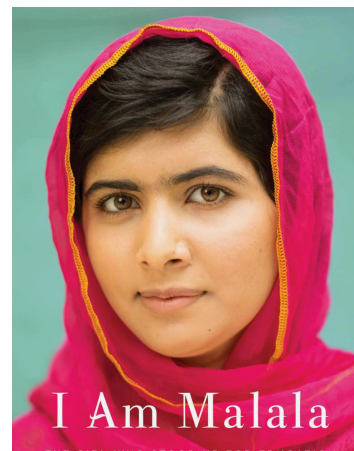
—Rich Mathes

Book Group for August will meet Monday, August 31 in the QALC Narthex at 7 PM

We will be discussing I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai,* Christina Lamb. Discussion will be led by Cathi Unseth.

**Winner of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize*

"In 2009 Malala Yousafzai began writing a blog on BBC Urdu about life in the Swat Valley as the Taliban gained control, at times banning girls from attending school. When her identity was discovered, Malala began to appear in both Pakistani and international media, advocating the freedom to pursue education for all. In October 2012, gunmen boarded Malala's school bus and shot her in the face, a bullet passing through her head and into her shoulder. Remarkably, Malala survived the shooting.



At a very young age, Malala Yousafzai has become a worldwide symbol of courage and hope. Her shooting has sparked a wave of solidarity across Pakistan, not to mention globally, for the right to education, freedom from terror and female emancipation."

—From Google Books

Our Resident Counselor



Sister Clare Josef-Maier is a mental health counselor with Lutheran Counseling Network, and offers mental health therapy services to individuals and couples, including premarital counseling. Sister Clare's office is at the top of the main stairs. She is available for counseling appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM-6 PM. While she cannot accept insurance at this time, charitably-adjusted fees may be established according to family income. For more information, please visit www.clarejosefmaier.org or contact Sister Clare at (206) 364-1046 x4 or clare@lutherancounseling.net

Mary's Place Rotating Shelter Project Returns Oct. 13-20

Queen Anne Lutheran will once again be opening its doors to feed and shelter homeless women and their children during the week of Oct. 13 through 20. You can help by volunteering as a greeter, dinner host, overnight host, weekend host, or laundry volunteer. For more information about each of these roles and to sign up online, go to www.queenannelutheran.org and click on SERVE, then HOMEBASE. A paper sign-up sheet will also be available in the narthex after Sunday services. Please also mark your calendar for the volunteer orientation/training, which will be on **Sunday, Oct. 4, at 9:00**, and for Safe Sanctuary training after the 10:30 service on **September 27**.

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 to our 21st century lives, and what we can do to live as Christians in the world.

August – no meeting.

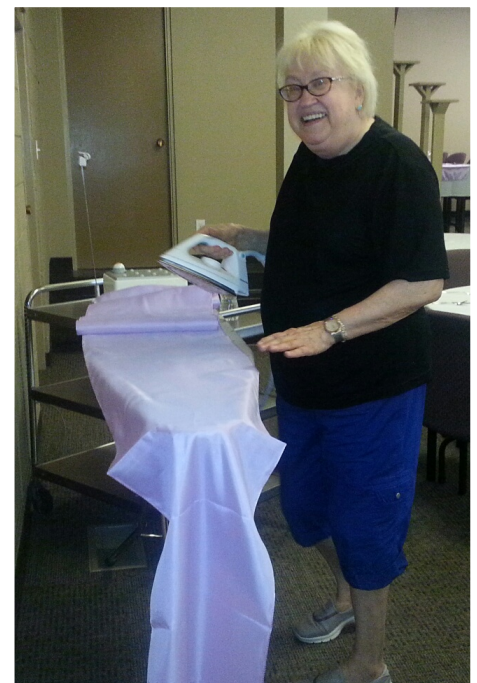
Sept. 12, Saturday, 8:30 AM – Discussion group focusing on how we can “get ready” as a congregation for our next Pastor. What emphases, or changes, do we need to make to help our QALC community grow and thrive? Chapel Conference Room, featuring healthy snacks.

Oct. 10, Saturday, 8:30 AM – Discussion group – September topic will continue. Healthy snacks provided. We will assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits after the discussion, from 9:30AM – 10:30 AM.

Oct. 30/31, Friday and Saturday– Lutheran World Relief Ingathering: Loading of quilts and kits at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 2500 NW 85th St.

—Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett

It Took a Village . . .



Gratitude for the grace and generosity of our Village of Women, who ironed tablecloths, prepped tomatoes, cleaned saltshakers and fed everyone with salmon as Spencer and Amy were wed last weekend!

*Note:
Visit us online and click on **NEWSLETTER** to find bonus pages of color photos from July church events!*



QALC Women's News

Thanks to each and everyone of you that made the food at Amy's and Spencer's wedding on July 18 a resounding success—all 30 of you! This was one of those occasions where we needed ALL hands available. And y'all pulled through! A special thanks to my cousin Randall Guzzardo for cooking the salmon and making the basil beurre blanc and Steve Burdick for washing **all** the tablecloths—do you know how many tablecloths a wedding takes? Lots!

The NO WORK* YARD PARTY - Take 2

On August 29, we will be celebrating the end of summer with another tie-dye party in the yard of Rich and Candy Mathes. They even plan to be home for it this year! The "Fruits of our labors" will be used for quilt backs for Sewing and Service and PDQ. Reports from last year was that this event was enjoyed by all—both those who watched and those who participated. The question was asked if something besides COTTON sheets could be dyed. Yes! Just make sure it is 100% COTTON. ☺ You do not need to sign up—just come! If you have any 100% cotton sheets to donate, bring them.

**some work required.*

Sewing and Service will not be meeting in August! They will be out looking for Layette Items: **infant gowns, sleepers without feet, cloth diapers, baby blankets, baby hats, 6 month socks, and 3-9 month t-shirts.** Some of them will be sewing at home making baby blankets and quilt tops. They would love your help either searching for those garage sale finds or sewing flannel into baby blankets and making quilt tops. There was a young lady, age 7 (on the LWR Facebook site) making diapers out of t-shirts for Baby Layettees! **PDQ** welcomes people of ALL ages! They continue meeting in the evening on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, and they will meet August 18!

LWR Alert: We Need School Kits!

"Right now LWR is in urgent need of School Kits to fulfill request from partners around the world. Your donations reach places like Syria, where LWR recently distributed 6,350 School Kits to families affected by the ongoing conflict."

Needed: notebooks (usually at Fred Meyer in August for \$.19 each), **blunt** tip school scissors, wooden rulers, quality pencil sharpeners, 16- or 24-crayon boxes, and quality erasers that erase. We seem to have an abundant supply of pencils and pens! Cathi Unseth and I would love to make 100 school bags this fall for the Men's Group to assemble. While I don't mind the sewing, we could use someone to volunteer to run the "rope" into the packs.

Circles continue to meet when members are in town—check with a circle if you plan to attend. Sometimes plans are changed at the last minute. Otherwise come join Northern Lights, Luther's Table and Julia Circle. The Sunshiner's are meeting for "lunch" during the summer at various locations. The Bible Study format will be changing from a 9-month study to several shorter (1 month?) studies.

You will note on our sign-out that the Committee has appointed Lisa to replace Jacqui Darroch as Treasurer. Jacqui is spending quite a lot of time in Hawaii with her son and his family and felt that she needed someone else to take over the job as Treasurer.

—The Women's Committee: *Candy Mathes, Lisa Ondrejcek, Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard and Pat Sobeck*

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.

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

Northern Lights: No Circle in August. Contact Dolly Smith regarding August plans. Next meeting September 14.

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 Jean MacLauchlan.

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

Time to Stock the LVC pantry again!

On August 12, 2015 our incoming Lutheran Volunteer Corps members will arrive at Louise Robertson House. We'd love your help in extending some Lutheran hospitality to ease their first few days!

Here is a list of what we're requesting and suggesting, but provide what you are able:

- 1. BREAKFAST FOOD** for Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th. Suggestions include: coffee, juice, eggs, breakfast sausage/bacon, toast or pancake mix, yogurt, oatmeal, milk.
- 2 LUNCHESES** for Thursday and Friday. Suggestions include: bread, peanut butter, lunchmeat, cheese, lettuce and tomato, fruit, salad, chips, cookies, etc.
- 3. SNACKS, DESSERTS, AND OTHER TREATS:** Granola bars, fruit, carrot sticks, string cheese, beer or wine, brownies, trail mix, or any other ideas you have.

If you are able to provide anything, you can leave it at the church by Sunday, August 9 and Carol Ann Davis will transfer it to the house before they arrive.

Thanks so much for considering taking on this LVC welcoming tradition—it really means a lot to our volunteers to have this warm hospitality!

You're invited to the Welcoming Picnic for the Seattle LVC Volunteers

on the front lawn of the church

Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Showing up as a broad community of support surrounding volunteers with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps is a wonderful way to make them feel welcomed and at home as they embark on a year of work at their placement agencies, spiritual development, sustainability, and intentional community.

Help us welcome the five new members of the Louise House community as well as the other local LVC volunteers! Here are our new arrivals:

Amy Pretzer: Community Resource Coordinator, Compass Housing Alliance

She hails from Kalamazoo, MI. It's home to Western Michigan University, Bell's Brewery, Stryker Corporation and a myriad of summer festivals. Amy graduated from Hope College in the spring of 2013, where she majored in English and minored in Writing. Her hobbies include but are not limited to: painting, drawing, gardening, making her own herbal teas (technically "herbal infusions") and occasionally cooking (read: making hummus). She loves Tolkien, trees and her family.

Becca Carpenter: Food Bank Associate, Jewish Family Service

She has a double major in Russian and Psychology. 4 years of varsity track in college--likes to read, sing, and stay active.

Anne Wickland: Beloved Community Director, Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church

She is a recent graduate of University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a degree in Religious Studies. Anne thoroughly enjoys travel, cheese, cats, as well as Harry Potter, among other geeky things. She is excited to move out of the Midwest and, as a past camp counselor, is ready to explore the outdoors of Washington state!

Taylor Graydon: Rehabilitation Counselor, Transitional Resources

She is a recent graduate from Luther College in Decorah, IA with a degree in English and Secondary Education. Originally from northern Illinois, Taylor is excited to make the big move to Seattle in the fall. In her free time she enjoys immersing herself in the outdoors, running, and crafting works of culinary genius. She is eager to become involved with her LVC community.

Katy Chapin: Food Program Assistant, Lifelong AIDS Alliance

She is from St. Paul, MN. Katy studied Anthropology, Reconciliation Studies, and Philosophy at Bethel University. She is a music fanatic, enjoys snow skiing, playing guitar, visiting museums, markets, and parks, biking, and doing arts and crafts. She also learned the sitar while studying in India. She is an aspiring anthropologist and loves learning about new places and cultures.

A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. The Louise Robertson House Committee will provide the main dish but you are welcome to bring a side dish, salad, beverages or dessert, if you would like.

And if you can't make it to the picnic, consider contributing to the welcome by helping us stock the pantry for the new arrivals—see page 10.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Ann Davis at cadash@gmail.com or at (206) 315-6256.

THANK-YOUS

We received thanks from the following organizations & people:

Ballard Food Bank
For a donation of \$1200

Queen Anne Helpline:
For a donation of \$300

Dear QALC Members,

We extend our utmost gratitude to you for your love, support, service, and other resources involved in making our wedding happen.

We felt so loved as we observed people from the congregation offering gifts to be used at the wedding, putting together and serving the wonderful meal, working in the kitchen and with the facility, decorating the church, playing music, facilitating the ceremony, throwing a bridal shower, taking pictures, and the list goes on! Of all the compliments we received from out-of-town family and guests, the biggest theme was the amazing congregation of which we are a part. People were in awe at the way so many people came together and made this happen out of the kindness of their hearts.

In addition to your gifts and service, one of the strongest blessings we experienced was your presence, and the way the room felt when we were standing at the alter surrounded by you, our families, and friends. Warmth and love permeated the entire building as tunes of sweet hour of prayer, and let us break bread together played. Serving communion wine and witnessing unity of the church at our wedding is a memory that will reside in our hearts forever.

We leave you with a kindness blessing from our hearts to yours: "May the kindness you showed be returned to you, so the cycle of love continues again and again."

Love,
Amy & Spencer Nagley



THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for your love, generosity, and support! We all learned so much about social justice and community this year and are thankful for the opportunity to serve and engage the community of Seattle. This would not have been possible without you! Love, The Louise House
Arielle Jenna Baruch Kimberley Robertson Margot



Goings-On at Queen Anne Lutheran in July:



Margot Oliver bids QALC farewell . . . Marc Oplinger steps up to host coffee hour . . . Sewing and Service has a lovely lunch at Picolino's in Ballard, followed by a lovelier garden party at the Unseth's . . .





... and Amy Blackshire and Spencer Nagley are wed,
with the help of our whole community!





Bishop's Message



Penny Candy

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

One of the fond memories of my childhood was visiting the Unti grandparents in Anaconda, Montana. My grandfather was a machinist who worked in the Anaconda smelter and in the world's largest open mine in Butte. Right around the corner from their house was a mom & pop grocery store. We could hardly wait to get a hot quarter in our hand and make our way to Hunthausen's Grocery. It was there that we would buy licorice pinwheels that wrapped themselves around a hard candy in the middle. We also could buy jaw breakers and fake cigarettes. We were cool.

What we didn't know then was that little grocery store would prove to be a life saver when my grandfather died and my grandmother's blindness made it more challenging for her to move about town. It was the Hunthausens that saw to it that my grandmother's groceries were delivered. It meant more than her daily bread—it meant there was another family keeping an eye out for her.

Grandmother was a stubborn woman who fought hard to keep her dignity in tack. She refused to use a cane or a walker and instead when she went to town to pay her bills she took a broom with her. It was more than a walking aid. It allowed her to sweep the sidewalks as she made her way. After all she didn't need any help. It must have been difficult for her to accept the Hunthausen's gracious offer to deliver her groceries.

It is this same Hunthausen family that raised up a son named Raymond who would become the Archbishop of Seattle. A son who was formed in a faithful Roman Catholic family that taught him the value of caring for the community. It would have been one thing if my grandmother were a member of the Catholic Church. She wasn't. She was a Presbyterian. It didn't matter to the Hunthausens. She was a neighbor whom they could care for. Archbishop Hunthausen went on to become one of the people I most admire because of the way he lived out his faith. He was an exceedingly humble man who could not help but act on his beliefs.

Hunthausen fits to a tee a definition of power that I have been musing about. "Power is the capacity to act on one's deepest held convictions." You can also substitute the word "courage" and the definition works equally well. Archbishop Hunthausen was courageous in his willingness to stand up for non-violence, to speak out against nuclear proliferation, to support priests who married, to advocate for women in positions of authority and the rightful place of laity in the whole life of the church.

It was with great joy (and sadness) that I read a recently released book about his life. *A Still And Quiet Conscience: The Archbishop Who Challenged A Pope, A President and A Church* by John A McCoy. I commend it to your reading. I have wondered often since reading this book what would have happened had Hunthausen served under Pope Francis. Two peas from the same pod. Two leaders of great conviction and action.

I pray that I might be a person of courage who has the capacity to act on my deepest held convictions. For now I am going to step outside and have a candy cigarette.



the Last WORD

IN THE BOAT TOGETHER

I usually graze when I read. A bit here, a web page there, an article, a little research on a particular subject, a quick search of a book from the shelf, looking for a partially forgotten quote or a major point of the writer. It is all food for thought. Grist for the mill yet to be turned. (A sermon example, saved until just the right time.) Even trips to the doctor or dentist offices will yield some interesting article from an old magazine still on the table in the waiting room.

So this summer, I gave myself a challenge to read a book or two, just for the fun of it. An obvious choice was *Boys in the Boat*, a bestseller with obvious local connections. Actually, I have gotten to know Jerry Rantz, a son of Joe Rantz, the central character in the book. I have just gotten into the story, and even though I know “how it ends” I can’t wait to complete the fun of reading the whole thing.

But it has raised the question of the uncertainty of life, and how even the worst that life can bring us can be the journey to redemption or some truly heroic act. My mother and father never really talked about living through the depression, something that affected the entire nation in the ‘30s of the last century. I had not yet acquired enough wisdom to ask them when I could. But a few stories are around. My dad graduated from South Dakota State College with a degree in engineering in 1933, when there were no jobs. He moved to California to find job there. It is a sketchy story of battery companies, installing wiring in P-38’s, serving in the US Air Corps in B-17s in WWII, and a job as a mechanic, the career he would keep for the next 30 years or so. In there was a marriage in 1948, and my brothers and I soon after. My mother lived when she was a teenager in a house full of aunts and uncles and cousins in Seattle during the depression, all being supported to some degree by a well-educated alcoholic great uncle.

Like Joe Rantz, and my mother and father, all were formed by their experiences, including the times of difficulty and hardship and alienation. Certainly Joe Rantz found himself in a unique place and time, the Berlin Olympics of 1936, but much of his life would also seem ordinary to those looking in. My own family would fit in with hundreds of those who lived in Seattle in the ‘50s and ‘60s, building congregations and communities, such as those whose lives have been invested in Queen Anne Lutheran Church. But all carry forward the important lessons learned about perseverance, hope, ingenuity, forgiveness, dependence on God, and mutual support of one another.

Whatever the challenges that Queen Anne Lutheran Church will face in the next few years, God has been preparing us, as individuals, and a congregation, and as a Pastor yet to be called, to come together to find our way through whatever wilderness lies ahead. But not all is necessarily bleak. I remember the years of contentment and joy that my parents had together, knowing that their trials were behind them, and whatever lay before them, they would meet those as well.

Pastor Doug Stensby

SERVING IN AUGUST

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 2 Rich Mathes
- 9 Rich Mathes
- 16 TBD
- 23 Amy Blackshire
- 30 TBD

Offering Counters

Alice Twelker and Susan Evans

Lectors (8:00 AM)

- 2 Mac Smith
- 9 Jan Olson
- 16 Dan Squires
- 23 Harold Robertson
- 30 Ken Hockman

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

- 2 Dolly Smith
- 9 Linda Olson
- 16 Deb Squires
- 23 Georganne Robertson
- 30 Ellen Hockman

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 2 Carol Ann Davis
- 9 Tim Porter
- 16 Kirsten Erickson
- 23 Kristi Houle
- 30 Rich Mathes

Altar Guild:

Jan Slawson and Emmett Pritchard

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 2 Katherine Knorr
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 TBD
- 30 Dolly Smith

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

- 2 Pat & Don Sobeck
- 9 Krisit Houle
- 16 Lee Mathis and Dorothy Duvall
- 23 TBD
- 30 TBD

Flowers on the Altar

- 2 Peggy Morgan and Al Shabino
- 9 Lois Unseth
- 16 Sebille Moulster
- 23 Jan & Linda Olson
- 30 Oplinger Family

Staff:

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Cantor	Arletta Anderson
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Sexton	John Bryant
Counselor, Lutheran	
Counseling Network	Sister Clare Josef-Maier
Missionary to China	Rev. Dorcas Wang
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LYONS Program Assistant	Megan Hundley
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Deadline for the September Quill is Tuesday, August 24.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 John Bryant Out 10:30am Alanon Women 2:00pm Baby Shower for Katie Thompson 3:00pm Community MusicJam
2 John Bryant Out 8:00am Worship Service 9:45am Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship Service with Intergenerational Choir	3 John Bryant Out 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step OA	4 John Bryant Out 9:00am Fire Alarm Testing 7:00pm Executive Committee	5 5:30pm Jazz on the Grass 7:00pm Holden Vespers 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A.	6 12:00pm LWR Virtual Town Hall (web) 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm Nursery Position Meeting 6:00pm ELCA Confronting Racism (web) 6:00pm Call Committee	7 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop	8 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Bergstrom Bowling Project at ORLC 4:00pm Faith & Film
9 8:00am Worship Service 10:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Newcomers' Coffee	10 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA	11 7:00pm Church Council	12 5:30pm Jazz on the Grass 7:00pm Holden Vespers 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen	13 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Call Committee	14	15 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women 5:00pm LVC Welcome Picnic
16 8:00am Worship Service 10:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship Service	17 6:30pm Internship Committee 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA	18 4:30pm Worship and Music Committee 5:30pm PDQ	19 5:30pm Jazz on the Grass 7:00pm Holden Vespers 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen	20 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Call Committee	21 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop	22 10:00am Great Books 10:30am Alanon Women
23 8:00am Worship Service 10:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm HomeBase Team Meeting	24 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA	25	26 12:00pm Sunshiners 5:30pm Jazz on the Grass 7:00pm Holden Vespers 7:30pm Women's Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen	27 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Call Committee	28 Barb Bash Out	29 John Bryant Out 10:30am Alanon Women 11:00am QALCW No-Work Party
30 John Bryant Out 8:00am Worship Service 9:45am Women's Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship Service with Women's Choir	31 John Bryant Out 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA 7:00pm QA Book Group	September 1 Barb Bash Out John Bryant Out 7:00pm Executive Committee	2 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A.	3 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Call Committee	4 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00pm Into the Woods performance--Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth (BAAY will lodge overnight)	5 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community MusicJam