

# The Quill

OCTOBER 2015



## Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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You and Your Pet are Invited to the  
**Blessing of the Animals Saturday, Oct. 3rd**



This year, **Queen Anne Lutheran Church** will host the  
Blessing of Animals  
at a morning worship celebration on  
**Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 AM**

Any socially well-adjusted pet /animal is welcome.  
Owners are asked to keep pets on a leash or in a pet carrier.

## *From the Cantor . . .*

What a fabulous Fine Arts Concert on September 20. A wonderful crowd of 90 and a reception enjoyed by all made the afternoon even more memorable. Dana Robinson's skill on the pipe organ was unbelievable and the music he chose to play was most enjoyable. Thank you to the members of QALC who were able to attend and provide hospitality for some who entered our doors for the first time. I was told many times what a nice church we have. Yes, we do! And it is a privilege to share it with others. I talked with people from Germany, Montreal, Lacey, Tacoma, Mount Vernon, Redmond, Mercer Island, Gig Harbor, and Lynnwood, just to name a few, as well as Queen Anne hill, of course. It was a great day. Thanks to Ken and Ellen Hockman, Jacqui Darroch, Karen McCullough, Cat Ray Rugg, Amy and Spencer Nagley, Emily Meade, Alyssa Brillinger, Pastor Doug, Barbara Bash, and John Bryant for their team work doing many tasks to make this event happen so well.



Mark your calendars for another Fine Arts Ministry event, a Hymn Festival on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 4:00pm! Dr. Karen Black, Professor of Music, College Organist, and Director of the St. Elizabeth Chorale at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa will be the artist. Watch for more information on our website in the months to come. It will be another exciting day at QALC.

As I write this article, I am preparing to leave for Chicago in the morning for some precious family time. My son-in-law, Nick, and two-year-old granddaughter, Luciana, will meet me at O'Hare Airport and take me to their home, where my daughter, Brita, and my new grandson, Christian William, born September 9, will be waiting. I can't wait. I'll send pictures for the Narthex screen!

The other reason for my extended stay in Chicago is to be with family during the time of the first anniversary of Roger's death, October 19. It has been a difficult year with unspeakable grief that I am wading through, some days more successfully than other days. Your support, care, and presence has made a great difference in my ability to cope and get up every morning to do my work and to live life. Thank you for being this caring congregation and walking this journey with me. And thanks to Pastor Doug and the Church Council for granting me this leave time for self care and family time. I will return after All Saints Sunday. Thanks to David Lepse for his interim music work in my absence.

I covet your prayers and offer my prayers for you.

*Arletta Anderson, Cantor and*  
*Associate in Ministry*     [cantor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org)     425.355.8776

## **Down-Words . . .**

For a few months, I want to look at a familiar parable. A Master is going on a trip and leaves 5 “talents” to one worker, 2 to another, and only 1 talent to the last one. I often times wonder why God gives some gifts to one and not another. Sometimes those thoughts then can drift into “why didn’t I get more?” This can ruin a perfectly good hour. But when I instead wonder at all that I have received, and why wonder why God has done such a generous thing, I know that I have been blessed for a reason that God truly knows. Perhaps I will discover this reason as I enjoy using what God has given me. (Even one talent is a great gift.)

—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.*

## **Call Committee Update:**

Have you looked at it yet? The Call Wall? We have our committee information there. The wall is easy to find, as it is located in the Narthex right next to the kitchen. On the Call Wall we posted a process flow chart of the actions the committee will follow. You can see what we are currently working on and what has yet to happen. You can also find nomination forms there for potential pastoral candidates.

In September, we have been discussing the ministry tasks and gifts for ministry our pastor would identify with most strongly. We know that a pastor comes with many gifts and abilities to get tasks done, we are just pulling out some common themes we would like to highlight for our new pastor. As we continue to prioritize these, if you feel strongly about a task or gift you would like us to consider, please let one of us know about it. Over the next few meetings in October, we hope to finalize this portion and begin discussing how our congregation will support our new pastor in accomplishing some areas of focus during the first year.

How do you let one of us know your ideas? There are many ways! You can get a hold of us electronically (email any of us), via the phone (call any of us), leave us a note (in our “call the call committee” box on the mantel above the fireplace in the narthex); talk to one of us in person (we are the folks wearing the name tags), or ask one of us to attend your next group’s meeting. You can also talk with Pastor Doug, who will pass along the information. We want you to know we are listening and eager for additional input as we go about our work.

### **Call Committee members are:**

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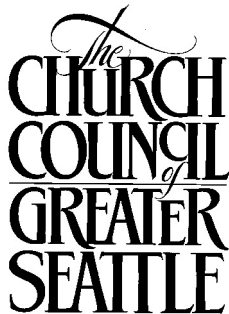
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Open House for Sister Clare Josef-Maier, LCN, October 4



On Sunday October 4 in between our worship services, Sister Clare Josef-Maier will have an open house. This is the chance for congregation members to take a peek at her new digs at the top of the stairs, and learn more about her counseling services. Sister Clare is a mental health counselor with Lutheran Counseling Network, and offers mental health therapy services to individuals and couples, including premarital counseling. 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](http://www.clarejosefmaier.org) or contact Sister Clare at (206) 364-1046 x4 or [clare@lutherancounseling.net](mailto:clare@lutherancounseling.net)

**Weaving Our Strengths** is a daylong conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good. We would like you and your community to be a part of it!



### Weaving our Strengths

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8 AM-4 PM

University Congregational UCC Church  
4515 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Seattle 98105

The event [website](http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS) is up and ready for registrations at <http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS>.

### The Church of Steadfast Love Invites You

Please join us for "To All The World", a fundraiser benefitting the ministry of The Church of Steadfast Love. **Saturday, October 3, 2015 From 5 PM-8 PM** at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave., Seattle, WA 98103 *Featuring a spaghetti dinner, a wonderful raffle, and live music performed by The Uncle Pens.* Suggested Donation: \$25. Attendees are asked to **RSVP by Sept. 25th.** Need More Information? Call 206-474-1007 or email [PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org)  
Please join us as we celebrate becoming a recognized congregation of the ELCA!



## THANK-YOUS

QALC received thanks from the following organizations:

Queen Anne Helpline:  
For a donation of \$300.00

Lutheran Campus Ministry:  
For a donation of \$375.00

Compass Housing Alliance:  
For a donation of \$2,015.00

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 2016 Guidelines for Expenditures

It is that time of year again.

All committee heads, or anyone who needs to, or wants to, provide input for potential 2016 expenditures, or income, please provide your proposal to the Finance Committee **Thursday, Oct. 22 in the Conference Room from 7–9 PM**. Please submit written documentation, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Final numbers need to be available by early December for Council review.

If you have suggestions, even if not for an existing budget line item, or you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also. *Great ideas that are not presented may not get into the 2016 guidelines.*

The Finance Committee members are Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Tim Porter and Rich Mathes. Jason McCauley is the Council liaison. You can provide input to any of us, or put items in our office mailbox, in the lower left section of mailboxes.

## Hello, All You Altar Guild Members!

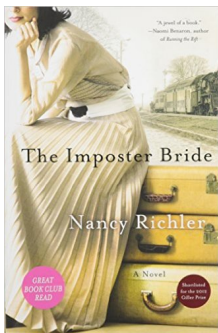
There will be an Altar Guild meeting on **Saturday, October 17 @ 9 AM** for all current and potential Altar Guild participants here at Queen Anne. All current members of the AG are encouraged to be there if at all possible. And for those who are Altar Guild curious about what the Altar Guild does as part of the worship life in the church, you are also invited! Food and beverages will be provided. We hope to see you there! You can contact Joan or Richard Crummett if you are even the least bit curious.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Darroch  
Jean McLauchlan  
Wayne Bacus, Anne Carew  
Stephanie Wieland  
Adam Greenwood  
Sebille Moulster  
Richard Crummett  
Virginia Klepser  
Florence Ekstrand  
Harrison Roozen, Melissa Robinson  
Louise Steiner, Jackie Thomsen  
Erich Patten  
David Steffen  
Audrey Conner

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

## October Book Group: *The Imposter Bride*



Come join us Monday, October 26th in the Narthex at 7 PM for a novel with an intriguing premise by Nancy Richler. Candy Mathes will lead the discussion.

A synopsis from Amazon:

*"The Imposter Bride* by Nancy Richler is an unforgettable novel about a mysterious mail-order bride in the wake of WWII, whose sudden decision ripples through time to deeply affect the daughter she never knew.

In the wake of World War II, a young, enigmatic woman named Lily arrives in Montreal on her own, expecting to be married to a man she's never met. But, upon seeing her at the train station, Sol Kramer turns her down. Out of pity, his brother Nathan decides to marry her instead, and pity turns into a deep—and doomed—love. It is immediately clear that Lily is not who she claims to be. Her attempt to live out her life as Lily Azerov shatters when she disappears, leaving a new husband and a baby daughter with only a diary, a large uncut diamond—and a need to find the truth. Who is Lily and what happened to the young woman whose identity she stole? Why has she left and where did she go? It's up to the daughter Lily abandoned to find the answers to these questions, as she searches for the mother she may never find or truly know."

## ***This Is It! Mary's Place Families arrive Oct. 13— Volunteers Are Still Needed; Just a Few More Spots to Fill!***

October 13–20, when Queen Anne Lutheran opens its doors to feed and shelter homeless women and their children, is a kind of referendum on whether this congregation can confidently continue to participate in the Mary's Place Rotating Shelter Project twice a year. What happens during this week will tell us a lot about the future of this ministry. As I write this, we are not fully staffed to care for our guests. Volunteers are still needed. Please commit to helping and sign up online; simply go to our website, [www.queenannelutheran.org](http://www.queenannelutheran.org) and click on SERVE and then HOMEBASE. A paper sign-up sheet is also available in the narthex after Sunday services.

The orientation/training for volunteers will be on **Sunday, Oct. 4, after the 10:30 service**. A tour of the Fellowship Hall kitchen for dinner and breakfast hosts will follow that training.

Volunteers will also need a current (two years or less) background check with the Washington State Patrol database. Please fill out one of the forms attached to the sign-up board in the narthex on Sundays and leave it in Barb Bash's office mailbox, or email Barb at [admin@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org).

Questions? Contact any of the Coordinators:

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Peggy Morgan  
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Sophie Pritchard  
(288-9435; [sophiepritchard@gmail.com](mailto:sophiepritchard@gmail.com) ).



## **Please Help Serve Community Lunch on Capitol Hill in November**

QALC continues its multi-decade tradition of preparing and serving lunches for those in need, all four Tuesdays in November. As in the past, members of our congregation will join others, including students from Seattle University and middle schools to serve upwards of 200 people in individual shifts of one to two and a half hours between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. There are three shifts: preparation; serving; and clean-up. CLCH was founded in the 1990s (QAELC was a charter volunteer organization) by adjacent Central Lutheran Church near Pine and 9th St. Inquiries regarding the program may be directed to Jim Margard at 206-920-7704, or [jrm952@gmail.com](mailto:jrm952@gmail.com). Stay tuned for additional information and sign-up sheets in the narthex.

## **Amazon Smile Program Benefits QALC**

Today we received another payment from AmazonSmile: \$20.49! Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Queen Anne Evangelical Lutheran Church** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile? (AmazonSmile is the same as the Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits.) Support Queen Anne Lutheran by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

To use Amazon Smile, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0677057> and bookmark this link, so all of your eligible Amazon shopping will accrue a benefit for Queen Anne Lutheran Church!

## **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 21<sup>st</sup> century lives, and what we can do to live as Christians in the world.

**Saturday, October 10, 8:30 AM in the Conference Room**—Discussion group: discussion of “what is happening in Pastoral Call and how we can be involved” will continue. We will summarize September’s discussion for anyone who was unable to attend in September. Healthy snacks provided. We will assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits after the discussion, from 9:15 AM—10:30 AM.

**Friday & Saturday, October 30/31**—Lutheran World Relief Ingathering— loading of quilts and kits—at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church, 2500 NW 85<sup>th</sup> Street. 8:00 AM –3:00 PM Friday, 8:00 AM–noon Saturday. You only need to volunteer for two hours. Besides box loaders, we will need traffic directors. Food and drinks provided both days.

—*Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett*

## **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit & School Kit Assembling for Fall 2015 Ingathering**

**School Kits**—assembling will happen **Saturday, October 10th**, at 9:15 AM in Conference Room, until 10 or 10:30.

**Personal Care Kits**, and any not-packed School kits—assembling will be **Sunday, October 11th** at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall during Adult Forum

**The Fall 2015 ingathering will be Oct 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>** at Our Redeemers’ Lutheran Church. If you are able to lift 30-pound boxes, we need loaders for two-hour shifts. If you cannot load, we also need traffic directors to keep the 100 cars and trucks in order in a crowded parking lot. If you like to socialize with drivers of all ages, that is a fun job.

Friday, October 30 is the really busy day—and I realize some of you work or go to school—but that is the day we need the most help. Bring a friend. Food & drinks are provided Friday and Saturday.

If you have never participated and might have an interest, please give Rich Mathes a call: 206-384-1183 or [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com)

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**LYONS News:** A very big welcome to our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth and all new LYONS youth this fall! All youth grade 6-12 are welcome (including your friends) to join us for the exciting events this fall. Please remember to check our website [www.roaringlyons.org](http://www.roaringlyons.org) for more details and updates about upcoming events.



*Here's what we'll be up to this fall:*

**Wednesdays After School** – 2:30-4:30pm @ Ballard First Lutheran – All youth welcome!

**High School Sounders Game** – Sun Oct 4, meet at 5:30pm – contact Jon or Megan for details

**Middle School Ice Cream Social** – Wed Oct 14, 2:30-4:30pm @ Ballard First Lutheran

**Sunday Night Live** – Sun Oct 18, 6:00-8:00pm @ Ballard First Lutheran – All youth

**Make a Difference Day** – Sat Oct 24 – Day of service, look for details in your bulletin or on our website

*\*\*The High School Fall Retreat has been moved to Friday November 6 – Sunday November 8\*\**



## QALC Women's News



**It is that transitional time of year—the time in which you know that plans for Fall need to be in place, but** Fall is in the air and the Women's Committee (and a few advisors) once again met to plan for QALCW over the next six months. If you would like to join us for the January planning meeting, let Candy know. This is YOUR chance to share ideas you might have for QALCW. There is no requirement that you have to help execute the ideas. While we are discussing planning, start planning now for the Tenth Triennial Gathering. The Tenth Triennial Gathering will be held July 13–16, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minn. "All Anew" is the theme. While the planning continues, think about ways in which God is calling our organization to new ventures

**Come join us during Adult Forum** (9:15 in the Fellowship Hall; banana bread will be served) **on October 11** for making up kits for LWR and tying fleece blankets. This is your chance for a hands-on experience to actually help people in Northern Africa, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. No sewing knowledge is needed! If you are curious about where LWR is helping now, go to [lwr.org](http://lwr.org)!

**Blessing of the Quilts and Kits: October 25.** Sometimes one wants to say, "Okay, we all know the routine: quilts on the pew, kits on the altar, offering envelopes for special offering, ENERGETIC arms and legs needed for folding and packing quilts after the second service." ALL families would be especially welcome for this task. Three is the youngest age of those who have helped in the past.

Many of the quilts will have a less puffy look this fall. The Bellevue Hyatt Regency gave away mattress pads to any quilting group that would pick them up. Thanks to Rich Mathes for making 2 trips to Bellevue for the pads. They make great filler for the quilts. We also want to thank Shirley Flory and Alice Twelker for taking on the challenge of learning to make LWR backpacks. Rich says we will need 75 backpacks for school-kit packing in October.

**Thankoffering:** Thankoffering will once again be collected in November. We share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. The Thankoffering we give to WELCA funds the WELCA programs, as well as providing grants and scholarships. Watch for more information in the November *Quill* or go to [womenoftheelca.org](http://womenoftheelca.org)

**Advent Celebration: November 22.** Since the first Sunday in Advent is Thanksgiving weekend, we (The Women's Committee and the Sunday School Leaders) thought we would *anticipate* the coming of Advent in an All-Church Celebration on Sunday, November 22 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making an Advent Wreath (or Yule Log) as well as exploring other ideas for getting ready for Advent.

**Lenten Breakfast:** Yes, it made it to the table discussion. It is amazing how quickly Lent can start after Christmas. Lent in 2016 begins the second week of February! Do we want to celebrate the beginning of Lent with a Breakfast? Do you have ideas for a program? Speaker? Food?

## Thanks to All for Your Continuing Support of Westside Baby !

Did you know that in King County there are 10,000 children under age two living in poverty? And did you know that diapers are not covered by Food Stamps, WIC or any other government assistance programs? That equates to a huge need for diapers for needy kids.

The needs also continue for new and gently used clothing items through size 12, equipment , pull-ups, and hygiene items. Please visit WestSide Baby's website at [www.westsidebaby.org](http://www.westsidebaby.org) for more information, the 2014 Annual Report and a current list of most needed items.

Thanks for your continuing contributions to WestSide Baby. Your support helped make it possible for them to donate over two million dollars worth of diapers, strollers, clothes and equipment with only 2% overhead to serve 27,000 children living in poverty in western King County last year. The items are distributed in partnership with more than 100 social service agencies.

Items left in the right-hand drawer below the shelf in the narthex are collected and delivered to the Central District location periodically. (Other donation items for LWR, Nyers Urness House or Mary's Place may be put in the left-hand drawer.) If you have items for Westside Baby too large to fit in the drawer, please call me at 206-282-2341. **Childish Things** at 10002 Holman Rd. NW also continues to accept drop-off donations of clothing, diapers and car seats for WestSide Baby.

Thanks again, Ellen Hockman

### Operation Bootstrap:

For all of you who have contributed to Operation Bootstrap over the years, we have all been invited to a Celebration of Thanksgiving on November 8:

*Please SAVE the DATE!*

You are invited to an anniversary  
CELEBRATION of THANKSGIVING for  
20 Years of  
MAASAE GIRLS LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
and  
50 Years of OPERATION BOOTSTRAP AFRICA

Sunday,  
**November 8, 2015**  
1:30 pm—4:00 pm

Location:  
Saint Andrew's  
Lutheran Church  
2650 148th Avenue SE  
Bellevue, WA 98007

Contact:  
Jean Wahlstrom  
425-698-1035

*More details coming this fall*

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**  
**Diane Jacoby**, Director of OBA  
**Kalai Namuyata Laizer**, MGLSS graduate

Kalai is currently a senior at Concordia College in Minnesota, majoring in Education and Communication

Kalai as a Form One MGLSS student



**Daily Grace:** Need an on-the-go companion for your faith journey? *Daily Grace* offers brief reflections every day in which you'll encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace. Be comforted, challenged, inspired, consoled and confronted. Find it online at [womenoftheELCA.org](http://womenoftheELCA.org); click on *Daily Grace*.

### See you October 11 at the SUNDAY Helping LWR Adult Forum!

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

## 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** First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

**Northern Lights:** Second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Contact Dolly Smith.

**Katie's Table:** Third 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 Fourth Wednesday at noon. Contact Jean McLauchlan.

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



## **God's Work Our Hands: @Kinnear Park**

After church on Rally Day, September 13, a small but valiant crew of QALC mulchers set to work at Kinnear Park. The Parks Department kindly provided us with tools, wheelbarrows, and instructions, and said they were very appreciative of the help, as they are struggling under budget cuts to keep up with park maintenance. They made it clear they'd be happy for more help any time in the future, too!

## *Bishop's Message*

### **When All Hail Breaks Loose**

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
until the destroying storms pass by.*

Psalm 57:1

It was a first for me. I encountered a significant hailstorm while plying the waters of Puget Sound. I was on board Gratitude with my dear friend Joe Johns. The rains had returned for the first time this summer. We awoke to a beautiful morning after a stormy night on the anchor. The water was mirror-like as the Northwest fog was clinging to the trees. We set off slowly to go around Herron Island, eventually hoping to spend some time off Eagle Island to enjoy a seal colony of mothers and young pups. The winds began to gather and the sea took on a bit of chop - but nothing to be alarmed about. The steady rumble of the diesel motor was reassuring as we crossed over the north end of the island and headed back south.

Heading south we could see a storm forming as the clouds filled with blackness. Just as we were about to point the bow of the boat past Devil's Head, five bolts of lightning jagged down from the darkest cloud. I said to Joe, "It must be pretty far away I don't hear any thunder." Just as I got those words out of my mouth the lightening turned into a concussion that literally shook the boat. This meant a whole lot of water beneath us was absorbing the shock.

I could see on my radar that it was raining to the east of us. The dark cloud was moving much faster than my six knots and I figured it would pass by us before we caught up with it. Meanwhile I was hugging the shoreline because you don't really want to be on the water when lightening is striking.

We made it past Devil's Head and into the open water when all hail broke loose. Pea size pellets of ice bombarded the boat. Visually I could no longer see the land on my port side. Visibility was reduced to a few feet. The radar screen turned a total magenta color. All it was seeing was the hail. The pellets were relentless. The storm had still more to offer.

Joe looked at me as if to say, "I hope you know what you are doing?"

All I could think was, "Thank God for GPS, radar and my depth finder." A person gets completely disoriented on the water when you lose your ability to set your eye on a fixed object. Boaters have been known to head in the exact opposite direction of their intent.

Using the GPS, I relied upon my electronic charts to keep me as close to Devil's Head as I could while at the same time watching my depth finder so that I did not run aground. Off a point you can encounter shallow water for several hundred feet. It is also common to find large rocks in such places.

My other fear, of course, was running into another boat. Fortunately I was able to fine tune the radar so that I could eliminate the hail detection while at the same time being able to get an image of the boats in the area.

Time is completely lost in an event like this. It seemed to last far longer than the actual occurrence. I slowed down the boat to 4 knots and relying totally on my instruments made my way around Devil's Head into Filucy Bay where the storm bid us farewell and the calm was restored.

Later we made a pass by Eagle's Island and spotted the mother seals and their pups enjoying the after storm wallowing on the beach.

It is no wonder that the Bible makes multiple references to the power of the storms that rage about creation and in our lives. They represent a power that humbles the human bones. One knows how small one truly is. My rightful place in the world that day was but a cork bobbing in the waves.

Storms teach us why it is so important to have in our lives someone we can rely upon when we lose our orientation. When our best intentions can take us in the wrong direction.

I said to Joe on the way down. "I always keep my instruments on because I want to learn from them in good conditions so that I can know I can rely on them when I have to."

For me this is who our God is.

Hearing God's word, honoring Sabbath, living the seasons of the church year may not mean much at the time. But I assure you when you need to place your total trust in them it is a huge relief to have already learned they can be trusted. . . . in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.

One of the great benefits of the hailstorm I had not expected was that it power washed the boat so that it was sparkling clean of the salt that had crusted during the week. Gratitude was baptized in the storm.



# the Last WORD

## GETTING THE MOST FROM MY 1972 FORD PINTO RADIO

I often listened to KSJN Radio in my college days in Minnesota. It was good music that I liked, and no advertisements . . . except for two weeks each year, which were known as Pledge Weeks. Many of you know how this works. That time was dedicated to raising from the listening public the contributions that would sustain the programming for the next six months or so. We would all put up with challenges, dire explanations of bad consequences to not giving, special gifts for giving at a certain level, and all kinds of pleading, begging, and a few minutes out of each hour for a short piece of music.

I was able to remain steady, being a poor college student for a while, until one day, knowing that I needed to pay for what I had enjoyed in the past, I called in and said yes. I was feeling a bit guilty for taking something wonderful for nothing. I immediately felt a sense of relief.

But something strange happened when I got in my car the next day. When I turned on the radio, expecting to hear KSJN, instead I heard *MY* radio station. It was mine. I was a part of all those who gave something to make it possible. It was more than just sound to fill the silence while I drove, it was news, it was music, it was interviews and information that I had participated in putting out over the airwaves. Some small thing that I had done that seemed to come out of the speakers as something much more than I could ever imagine. There was comfort and joy from my simple gift (tax deductible, no less!)

It is no secret that we are experiencing a financial shortage in our General Fund. Some suggest that the answer is to approach some of our members who might seem to have more than others of us do. We all know that this is the way of life, that some have more than others of all kinds of blessings, and for all kinds of reasons. I also know that they are generous people who will give as they are led by the Spirit.

But we are still the Church. We are a body of believers, each of us a part that belongs to and needs the others. Comparative size makes no difference at all. The Hypothalamus in our brain is quite small, but this tiny thing regulates so much of the processes of life. Paul reminds us that "if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." When Jesus watched the poor woman place her small coin in the treasury, he did not try to find someone else to put the same amount in so that she would not have to. She was commended for her own generosity, and she received the blessing of her own giving.

We, as Queen Anne Lutheran Church, need to look at this together, as the body of Christ. As all give, all will receive the blessing of making this congregation their own. It is a matter of each of us following Jesus, with our gifts large and small, and knowing that together, we are putting out a message of God's love across the airwaves of the world to reach the ears of those longing to hear what we already know.

May we all know the blessings of generously following Jesus together. Turn your radio on and tune in to God's music of the heart.

Pastor Doug

# SERVING IN OCTOBER

## Ushers: (10:30 AM)

4 Amy Nagley, Sophie Pritchard  
11 TBD  
18 TBD  
25 TBD

## Offering Counters

Alice Twelker and Susan Evans

## Lectors (8:00 AM)

4 Mei Le Smith  
11 Jan Olson  
18 Harold Robertson  
25 Dan Squires

## Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

4 Dolly Smith  
11 Linda Olson  
18 Georganne Robertson  
25 Deb Squires

## Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

4 Alan Beasley  
11 Jean Oplinger  
18 Carol Ann Davis  
25 Tim Porter

## Altar Guild:

Jan & Linda Olson and Pat Sobeck

## Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

4 Smith Family  
11 Katherine Knorr  
18 Smith Family  
25 TBD

## Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

4 The Louie Family  
11 TBD  
18 TBD  
25 The Houle Family

## Flowers on the Altar

4 Joan & Richard Crummett  
11 Erich Patten  
18 Arletta Anderson  
25 Aaron & Cat Rugg

## Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Doug L. Stensby
Cantor	Arletta Anderson
Parish Administrator	Barbara Bash
Sexton	John Bryant
Counselor, Lutheran	
Counseling Network	Sister Clare Josef-Maier
Missionary to China	Rev. Dorcas Wang
LYONS Director	Jon Ross
LYONS Program Assistant	Megan Hundley
Campus Pastor—UW	Rev. Elizabeth Rawling

**Deadline for the November Quill is Tuesday, October 20.**

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## October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Arletta on Leave of Absence, returning to church Nov. 5 <b>11:00am</b> QALC at SPU Church Fair <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00pm</b> Call Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00am</b> Blessing of the Animals <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>4</b> Clare Josef-Maier Preaching Paige Thompson Baptism <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Clare - LCN Open House <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>11:45am</b> HomeBase Volunteer Orientation, Kitchen Tour <b>12:00pm</b> Thompson/Bacus Family Luncheon	<b>5</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA <b>7:00pm</b> Julia Circle	<b>6</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>7:00pm</b> Executive Committee	<b>7</b> <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>9:30am</b> LWR's John Buuck visits <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>8</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Sarkowsky Bar Mitzvah Rehearsal	<b>9</b> Sarkowsky Bar Mitzvah set-up	<b>10</b> <b>8:30am</b> Men's Group <b>8:30am</b> Sarkowsky Bar Mitzvah <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>3:00pm</b> Community Jam
<b>11</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> LWR Kit Assembly <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>12:00pm</b> Congregational Meeting <b>1:00pm</b> HomeBase Tent Set-up	<b>12</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA <b>7:00pm</b> Northern Lights	<b>13</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place <b>12:30pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>6:00pm</b> Endowment Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council	<b>14</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>15</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place Pastor Doug at Bishops Convocation <b>6:00pm</b> Call Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place	<b>17</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place <b>9:00am</b> Katie's Table <b>9:00am</b> Altar Guild Gathering <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>18</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>19</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>20</b> HomeBase for Mary's Place <b>12:00pm</b> Interfaith Group <b>12:30pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>4:30pm</b> Worship and Music Committee <b>5:00pm</b> Property Committee <b>5:30pm</b> PDQ	<b>21</b> Pastor Doug Out <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> A.A.	<b>22</b> Pastor Doug Out <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Girl Scouts <b>6:30pm</b> Finance Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> Pastor Doug Out	<b>24</b> Pastor Doug Out <b>9:00am</b> Great Books <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>25</b> Blessing of the Quilts Pastor Doug Out; Paul Hoffman preaching <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>26</b> Pastor Doug Out <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> QA Book Group <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>27</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Lunch & Learn	<b>28</b> <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>12:00pm</b> Sunshiners <b>7:00pm</b> AA/Alanon/Alateen Event	<b>29</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00pm</b> Sandy Hook Promise <b>6:00pm</b> Call Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>30</b> <b>8:00am</b> LWR Ingathering at ORLC	<b>31</b> <b>8:00am</b> LWR Ingathering at ORLC <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>4:00pm</b> Faith & Film