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FINE ARTS MINISTRY PRESENTS . . .

From the Heights of New Creation

A Hymn Festival

with Dr. Karen Black



SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

AT 4:00PM

Dr. Karen Black is the Rudi Inselmann Endowed Professor of Organ at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. She teaches organ and church music, music theory and aural skills, serves as organist for weekday chapel and Sunday worship services, and conducts the St. Elizabeth Chorale. Dr. Black is active as a recitalist and clinician and has performed throughout the United States and in Germany. She has been heard on Minnesota Public Radio's nationally broadcast *Pipedreams* program. The Hymn Festival will include several published compositions by Dr. Black, one of which has a text written by Pastor Paul Hoffman of Seattle.

A Freewill Offering will be received. A reception will follow the Hymn Festival.



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President's Report

The big news: WE HAVE CALLED A NEW PASTOR! Thanks to the Transition Team and the Call Committee for all the good work! See the report from the Call Committee Chair for more detail on the pages following. Truly great news!

The sad part is that we will now be giving thanks and bidding farewell to our Interim Pastor Doug. The standing ovation at the April Congregational Meeting is a testament to how well he has served our faith community. Not only has he guided us through the call process, but also has led us in addressing many important administrative needs (Constitutional update, policy updates, etc.) while lending his heavenly voice to the choir and the pulpit. **Please come celebrate Pastor Doug after the 10:30 service on May 22nd !**

Now, on to Council business. At our annual retreat in April, we declared that the Council will serve as the Stewardship Committee. Stewardship will become the top council agenda item going forward. That means you can expect to hear and see changes in the conversation on Stewardship in our church.

The changes will be predicated on a guidebook published by the ELCA called *Stewards of God's Love*, which defines and explores three basic stewardship tenets: DOWN (relationship with God), IN (receiving what God has entrusted to us), and OUT (our relationships with our neighbors). One of the major shifts in the conversation is that "Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives."

The Council will be producing a program aimed at engaging us all in exploring ways to start and sustain that integration. The program is organized around quarterly themes and activities designed to help us interpret the Down/In/Out tenets and make them our own. The Council will work with Pastor Dan and the myriad committees and groups within our congregation and the community to assure that the program is relevant, effective, and sustainable. The key is to participate!

More information will be published, posted, displayed in the coming months with opportunities to engage, experience, and contribute to the Stewardship conversation. In the meantime, copies of the guidebook will be distributed for all to reference. It can also be downloaded here:

<http://www.elca.org/growingstewards>.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, concerns, ideas for making our congregational community, our missions, and our place of worship a stronger and more vibrant environment for exploring and celebrating our faith.

In Christ,

Marc Oplinger, Council President
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Call Committee Report

In this year of hotly contested elections, we are pleased that the vote on the call to Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson passed by a wide majority (as did the compensation vote). We appreciate those who asked good questions during the weeks leading up to the vote, and we also appreciate that we have come through this process as a loving and intact community. It seemed quite fitting that John 13:34 was in the gospel reading the day of the vote: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

As we turn in our Call Committee badges and prepare for Pastor Dan to join us at the end of June, I wanted to share some thoughts for the congregation to consider:



Rev. Dr. Dan Peterson is an ordained Lutheran pastor currently in a specialized call from our synod to a teaching ministry as a professor in the humanities at Seattle University. He is an accomplished theologian, having published books, articles, and blogs (including an award-winning book on Paul Tillich published by Lutheran University Press). He preaches and teaches theology with passion and humor, not only at the university, but also in congregational settings, where he has taught nearly 500 adult forums. In addition, Pastor Dan has led seminars for seniors living at Horizon House, a retirement community in Seattle, and his classes were very popular with that community. He is thoroughly anchored in the Lutheran tradition, but also encourages spiritual questioning as a means to strengthen faith. Prior to attending seminary, Pastor Dan served as a Director of Youth and Family Ministry at a congregation in California for two years. He has also led a congregation in an interim role.

We are all in this together. Rich Mathes spoke at the congregational meeting about the importance of considering how each of us will participate in the life of the church alongside our new pastor. Yes! Many of us have high hopes for what our new pastor will accomplish, but we cannot expect one person to do it all on his own. Each of us has gifts to offer, and by that I am not referring just to financial gifts (though we hope people will step forward financially as well, so that we can maintain our solid footing and grow in our ministries). Whether you are able to serve on a committee, organize goodies and coffee after service, support our Mary's Place ministries, sing in the choir, play a role in Sunday School, usher on occasion, or join in our new Adventure group, there's a place where your participation will add vibrancy to our congregational life.

Be flexible and adaptive to new possibilities. The survey of the congregation by the Transition Team helpfully identified the hopes and desires of the congregation for the future of QALC. We are looking for rejuvenation in many areas, including increased engagement with our community and improvements in our Christian Education programming. Maintaining the status quo is not the way we will reach those goals. This is not to say we expect a whirlwind of changes, but if we are doing the exact same things in two years that we are doing now, then we will have missed opportunities for growth together.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." This quote from Ephesians 4:32 reminds us that all of us need forgiveness now and then, and all of us have received grace. This is equally true of pastors. The last religious leader who made no mistakes and performed miracles was Jesus. We can expect that Pastor Dan will grow in his skills as a pastor over time, and he has already reached out to the Bishop's office about some particular educational and mentoring opportunities that are available to him. With kindness and tender hearts, we can help him grow, as we hope he will help us all grow.

Thanks. Thanks so much to the Transition Team, whose diligent work smoothed the path for the Call Committee. Thanks to the members of the Call Committee, all of whom devoted hundreds of hours and came to each meeting focused on what was best for the congregation. Thanks to Council Members and Finance Committee for working with us, particularly on the financial matters related to the Call. Thanks to Pastor Doug for his helpful guidance during the call process. Thanks to Arletta for being patient with three of our choir members frequently arriving late to practice due to our Call Committee meetings and for her wise insights along the

way. Special thanks to Barb, who was the linchpin in our communications to the congregation and provided key organizational support. Finally, thanks to all of the members of the congregation who took the time to give us input during the process. We considered every comment and did our best to find someone who is well suited to lead us in the years to come. We believe we have called the right person, and we look forward to the future we will all share together.

In Christ, *Lori Lynn Phillips*
Chair, QALC Call Committee



**Farewell,
Pastor Doug!
Ice Cream
Social**

Sunday, May 22

Following the 10:30AM Service
Join us for Sundaes on Sunday!



**Welcome,
Pastor Dan!
All-Church
Picnic**

Sunday, June 26

Following the 10:30AM Service
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and
Trimmings—Lemonade, too!

IN-Words . . .

My 2004 Subaru got a washing the other day. Soap, toothbrush, top of the roof, inside the door jambs, the dirt around the fuel cap, joints between body panels, everything I could get to. I found dirt and green stuff from at least 2008, and over 100,000 miles ago. I love my car. (“Love. It’s what makes a Subaru.”) But it is only steel, glass, and plastic. Why did I bother? Not because of what the neighbors might think. I did it because I have a relationship with my car. I give it gas, and oil, and care from time to time, and it has taken me over 200,000 miles without complaint, whether stuffed with extra people, important things, or just neglected junk. The washing is just a visible indication of my appreciation.

To consider the goodness and faithfulness of God, I also find myself responding in acts of gratitude. God has been my God for my entire life, and there is never an expiration date on the warranty. Could I do anything less?

—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.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our General Fund.

- Your generosity allows us to communicate effectively with friends and members through the bulletin, the Quill, online and by email.
- Because of your support, our church doors were open last week to give a safe respite—sanctuary—to a young man troubled by life.
- Our support of the ELCA helps provide for quality education of the professionals who serve our Church.
- Your contributions to our General Fund help our Synod support new missions in Northwest Washington.

Total offerings so far through the end of April: \$180,690.

The expected Budget amount for the same time: \$180,861.

(Our thanks for a very generous gift of \$10,000 given to QALC in honor of Pastor Doug’s ministry with us.)

—Thank you from the Congregation Council

From the Cantor . . .

I share with you a few paragraphs from the Introduction section of *A Handbook of Church Music*, edited by Carl Halter and Carl Schalk. This book is one of many from my home office shelves used as tools for my work as a church musician. Carl Schalk was one of my graduate school professors at Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois. His books, hymnody music in the ELW, choral publications, and several recordings are built on the vast experience he holds as a choir director, composer, church musician, and musicologist. Reflecting on our worship life together, I find these words to be a good reminder of who we are as a Lutheran congregation.

“The Lutheran church is a worshipping church. Lutherans concern themselves seriously with all aspects of the church’s worship life. Particular emphasis, however, is given to corporate, congregational worship, where Christians gather to hear the Word and to share the Sacrament. For Lutherans, corporate worship is not simply a pleasant option; it is the indispensable and central

work of the gathered Christian community from which all other facets of the church's life and mission, including one's individual worship life, derive their strength, purpose, and direction.

"The Lutheran Church is a liturgical church. With much of Christianity it shares a concern for ordered worship. Its worship is characterized neither by eccentricity nor faddishness. Lutheran worship underscores the elements of stability and continuity with worship forms and practices that place them in the long line of worshipers from the New Testament to the Parousia (the second coming). Lutherans worship not in subjective isolation, but ". . . with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven," in concert with Christian believers of all times and places.

"Lutheran worship offers a richness and variety of forms and practices that give fullness to the celebration of corporate worship. As Lutherans worship with the recurring cycles of the church year, as they hear the Word proclaimed through ordered readings and preaching that recount the full council of God, and as they celebrate the sacraments, Lutherans are united with Christians of other times and places and receive strength for their task in the world.

"Lutherans receive their heritage of worship forms and practices with thanksgiving and appreciation. Lutherans understand that their heritage is a meaningful source of continuity with their own past as well as with that of the whole church catholic. Yet Lutherans do not deify, ossify, or accept their heritage uncritically. Lutherans also see their heritage as a basis for moving toward the future. Thus Lutheran worship is simultaneously conservative and open to the future.

"As music in Lutheran worship builds on these understandings, as it helps to nourish the faith as it works to the glory of God and the edification of the neighbor, it has always had a welcome and important role among Lutheran Christians. Where it has fallen short of these understandings, where it has substituted other goals, where it has become human-centered rather than God-centered, to that extent it has ceased to be Lutheran in motivation, realization, and result.

"Music in Lutheran worship—whether the music of congregation, choir, pastor, organ, solo voice, or instruments—finds its most natural and comfortable place in the context of the liturgy. It is in the liturgy, in all its fullness and completeness, that music in Lutheran worship finds its highest goal and achieves its greatest fulfillment. At its best, Lutheranism upholds this priority. When Lutheran worship forsakes its roots in the liturgy, as it substitutes other priorities, or as it seeks to imitate sectarian practices, it loses its orientation and perverts the role of both music and worship.

*"For Luther, music was next in importance to theology, a living voice of the Gospel (*viva vox evangelii*), a gift of God to be used in all its fullness in Christian praise and prayer. As the implications of these concepts begin to permeate our understanding and our practice, music in Lutheran worship will move ever closer to a fuller realization of its potential in the hearts and lives of worshipers everywhere."*

—A Handbook of Church Music, pp. 14-15

I look forward to worshipping with you.

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

Fine Arts Ministry

Plan to be with us on the afternoon of May 22 at 4:00. A very exciting Hymn Festival under the leadership of Dr. Karen Black of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa will be happening at our church – *From the Heights of New Creation*.

A freewill offering will be received at the Hymn Festival and a Reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow. If you can bake cookies for the reception, that would be most appreciated. Just leave them in the Fellowship Hall kitchen marked “for the Hymn Festival reception.” Thank you! You can support our Fine Arts Ministry financially by designating your gift to the Fine Arts Ministry in the offering at the event, in any Sunday’s offering at QALC, or through our website. If on the website, please specify in the comment box that your gift is intended for the Fine Arts Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

Please come and support our Hymn Festival and help us welcome folks new to QALC. It will be an inspiring afternoon of wonderful singing and fellowship.

—Arletta Anderson

Rotating Display of QALC Member Art

God generously gives us many gifts, great and small, throughout our lives . . . how can we share them with others? It is in this spirit of stewardship that the Rotating Display of QALC Member Art has been shown in the narthex this year. A piece of member-loaned art will be temporarily displayed every month or two. Each will include a short narrative that explains how God shines through the work. The idea is to not just show what is traditionally thought of as “art” such as a painting or sculpture. What’s important is what the piece means to you, and sharing that with the congregation. Maybe it was something your grandfather or grandmother passed down to you, or something your child made last month. Maybe it has been languishing underappreciated in the closet for years. Doesn’t matter—let’s see it! If you have something you think you’d like to display, please contact a member of the Stewardship “In” Committee.

—The Stewardship “In” Committee:

Aaron Boysen, Rowland Adeniyi, Myra Dittes, Jim Margard

Currently on display in the narthex you will find icon paintings, from and by Sophie Pritchard:

I was raised in the Russian Orthodox tradition. Religious icons were prominently displayed in my family’s homes. We put a lot of stock and importance in the power of these benevolent figures, as they watched over us, protecting us from evil omens. During the flight across international borders from Russia during the Revolution, my great grandmothers carried them, probably as contraband, in the hems of their skirts, (as they did with the heirloom silver). I have included an original ancestral Russian icon in this display. It has seen many generations and several continents!

Faces of saints, holy persons, and especially the Madonna and child, (the most sacred of all icons) solemnly gazed out from the whitewashed walls of my home. If a household had only one, it would often reside above the head of a bed. This seemed a most reverent and efficient place for the guardians to be, for evil spirits were most active at night.

The beautiful craftsmanship and painterly portraits strictly followed models and formulas hallowed by Byzantine art. As time passed, the Russians widened the vocabulary of types and styles far beyond anything found elsewhere in the Orthodox world. Russian icons may incorporate elaborate tin, bronze or silver exterior facades that are usually highly embellished and often multi-dimensional.

In my latest series of paintings, I felt called to invite them back into my life in an active way. Naturally, I have included my own spiritual, creative, and humorous sensibilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Miss Getting a Photo for the Church Directory?



We have started a new project to get updated photos for our online church directory. The photo directory is part of materials we're getting ready for the new pastor, to make the transition and get to know members as easy as possible. The Men's Ministry is coordinating this effort.

We know there may be members who were too busy or too far away to have a photo taken at church. For those members, we are asking for a black-&-white or color photograph of first-class reproduction quality in JPG or TIFF file format of 300 dpi or higher. Please email photos to Barbara at admin@queenannelutheran.org. You may also mail or deliver an original print to the church office. (Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want us to mail your photos back.) Rest assured, we'll take the utmost care in handling your original photos and ensuring their safe return.

—Mark Dibble & Rowland Adeniyi

SAVE THE DATE! June 7 - 14, 2016: Mary's Place Rotating Shelter Project returns to QALC

Volunteer sign-up sheets will go up soon for QALC's HomeBase program! We need you help to care for homeless women and their children during this week in June. Please watch the bulletin and *Quill* for further information and think about blocking out some time this week to help with greeting, dinners, overnights, weekend hosting, or laundry.

Sister Clare Returns

Sister Clare will be returning to her practice with Lutheran Counseling Network from her family leave on May 1st. She will be accepting new clients as space allows beginning in June. Her new hours for summer are Sunday afternoons and Monday/Thursday evenings.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

The spring Ingathering (collection of quilts and kits) will be May 6th & 7th, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. **Loaders**—please mark your calendars. Hours are 8 AM–3 PM on May 6th; 8 AM–noon on May 7th. We do need **Traffic Directors**—you can wear a stylish bright yellow vest, the job requires no lifting, and you can talk to everyone who drives in!

—Rich Mathes, 206-384-1183

Holden Village Update

Holden Village will not host regular guests this year, but there are nine one-week work camps June 19th–August 20th. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; Narnia will not be available.

From the website: "You will have **work** sessions that cater to a wide variety of skill sets in many areas including landscaping, gardening, carpentry, painting, sewing, and general sprucing up. There

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Katie Thompson
Elliott Oplinger
Karen McCullough
Nicholas Schade
William Bush
Sean Thompson
Candy Mathes
Sophie Pritchard
Elissa Rosenthal
Stephen Sandvik
Marie Tobiason
Mei Le Smith
Elsa Schwartz
Cathi Unseth
Rebecca Bol
Connie Laabs
David Fandel
Jason Saunders

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

will be several Village projects that have particular needs if you have specialized skills. You will also want to join in the rhythms of **recreation** sessions in the Holden Store, Snack Bar, Craft Cave, Pottery Shop, variety shows, and more. Teaching staff will be on site for **study** sessions focusing on the two major transformations Holden Village and the Railroad Creek Valley ecosystem are experiencing: post Wolverine Fire and mine remediation.”

You must go in on Sunday, leave on Saturday to minimize use of the road to Lucerne—the Forest Service is worried that some of the hillsides might be unstable. Some hiking near the village will be off-limits. Applications are online at holdenvillage.org; go to “Coming Events” and then “Forerunner Summer 2016,” starting June 19th. “Forerunners” was originally used as the name for the first volunteers who helped clean up Holden Village back in 1961. Contact Rich or Candy if you have questions.

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 USUAL 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. We will not be meeting, however, in May.

QALC All-Church Summer Picnic June 26th after the 10:30 service—we will need cooks and servers!

—Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett

Lyons Dinner Theater Performances Continue May 6 & 7

Waiting For Luther

It’s a Show... Within a Show!

“Waiting for Luther” opened in April, but you still have time to catch it in May! Remaining shows are Friday, May 6 (7:00 PM) and Saturday, May 7 (2:00 PM & 7:00 PM). Evening shows include dinner; the 2:00 matinee includes dessert.

Tickets are available at www.roaringlyons.org or in the church office.



THANK-YOUS

Queen Anne Lutheran Church received thanks from the following:

- Mary’s Place for a donation of \$75.
- Compass Housing Alliance, for a donation of \$75.
- Queen Anne Helpline for a donation of \$75.
- The Church of Steadfast Love for a donation of \$3,000.
- The Women of the ELCA for a gift of \$1,541.71.
- Lutheran World Relief for a donation of \$431.

And, from LYONS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

A big thank-you to all our volunteers and audience members for another great Dinner Theater! If you missed the opening weekend, you can still get tickets for our May 6th and 7th shows at www.roaringlyons.org. The proceeds from “Waiting for Luther” will go toward our summer trips to Yakima, WA and Lakeside, MT.

We Are All Invited for a Tour of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Sunday, June 19th 2016 at 12:30 PM

Rowland Adeniyi will be our tour guide to the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden in Shoreline, Washington at 12:30 PM on Sunday, June 19th. Drinks and dessert will be provided. No need for hiking boots or change of clothes after service for the tour. Rowland has lived in the Garden, which he considered a gem and a paradise (and you will see why), since 1978. He should be able to answer any questions that you may have about the Garden



or its history. The four-acre garden was started in 1958 by Dr. Arthur (Art) Kruckeberg, now at 96 years old, and his late wife Mareen. The garden has over 2,000 species of plants that Art and Mareen collected from all over the world. The Garden is now owned by the City of Shoreline and operated by the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation (KBGF), a nonprofit organization. Visit its website at <http://kruckeberg.org>



Philadelphus lewisii– Lewis' Mock Orange

The KBG Executive Director is Cynthia Welte, who oversees 5 staff members and several volunteers. KBG is unique in that it has an on-site [MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery](#) that carries native plants and hardy exotics that you will see in the garden. Which means you can buy any of the plants, or their cultivars, that you will see during the tour. MsK Nursery propagates most of the plants it sells on the premises. This means you will be able to see the plants at different stages of their life in the nursery and in the garden.

The garden is located at 20312 15th Ave. NW, Shoreline, WA 98177.

From I-5, take Exit 176 and go west on 175th Street, across Aurora Avenue (Highway 99), until you reach the stop light at Fremont Avenue N.

Turn right to go north on Fremont Avenue to 185th St., then west (left) on 185th (which becomes Richmond Beach Road). You will travel through a commercial area and down a long, winding hill.

Turn north (right) onto 15th Avenue NW, just after the Richmond Beach Coffee Company, and the garden is about 1/2 mile up the hill, on the right.

There are only 10 parking spaces in the garden, including 1 ADA space, but there is plenty of street parking. Contact Rowland with any questions that you may have.

QALC Women's News:

QALC Women's Meeting

May 15—Following 10:30 Service
Come join us for Fellowship and Fun—
and help make plans for 2016.

Light Lunch will be served!



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Thanks and Blessings to everyone who helped (made, packed and paid for shipping) with the Quilts and Kits (approximately 68 quilts, 50 Layette Kits, 102 Personal Care Kits and 12 pounds of soap).

As we approach the major season for garage sales, we can use DARK-colored FLAT sheets—unstained; flannel is always loved both for quilts and making blankets for the Baby Care Kits; Baby items (size 6-month to 2T), T-shirts, pants, sleepers w/o feet, layette gowns, and cloth diapers.



Although we have just enjoyed our Easter celebration, it is time to look ahead to our summer activities. June brings us not only the start of the summer vacations, but our once every three-year opportunity to gather as a Region (June 24-26, 2016) with sisters from Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. We are fortunate that this year's Region One Gathering is in Lynnwood, Washington at the newly renovated Embassy Suites.

We are fortunate to have many talented women who will be addressing our Gathering. In the same format of television's "The View," we will have a panel of professionals address religious issues that we face in our daily lives. These bold women include Bishops from Alaska and Montana, Reverends who are Assistants to the Bishops from Oregon and NW Washington, a pastor from Eastern Washington, and a Sister who is a licensed mental health counselor associate—our own Sister Clare Josef-Maier.

Our Bible study will be a three-part symposium led by Jan Cherry who is a Diaconal Minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and President of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. She is well-versed in religious studies as she spent seven years as the Ecumenical Liturgical Coordinator at the School of Theology & Ministry at Seattle University.

Because she is passionate about the need to take a closer look at the hymns and songs we use in assembled worship, her Bible study will tie together the written word and our vocal praises.

Our Regional Gathering is going to offer many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and education. Please mark your calendars and send in your registration so you won't miss out on all the great times. The registration desk opens at 3:00 pm on Friday, June 24th with the first session beginning at 5:00 pm.

Come join us for Sewing and Service, PDQs, a Circle, or the Women's Meeting. We would love to have you with us!

—QALCW Coordinating Committee,
Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard, Lisa Ondrejcek, Pat Sobeck, and Candy Mathes

Did you know that WestSide Baby is looking for Volunteers?

I recently received an email from the WestSide Baby Volunteer Program manager thanking volunteers for their many hours of service and expressing their hope to increase their corps of volunteers during the coming year. They are looking for individuals, as well as corporate and school groups with the goal of increasing the volunteers at each site by 5. Currently they have 40 “regular” volunteers supporting them weekly for an extended period of time. Their goal is 1,400 people giving 15,000 hours. In addition, there are opportunities to join forces with other organizations such as Rebuilding Together, and United Way or to volunteer in the Westside Baby facility. Check out their website at www.westsidebaby.org for more information.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this growing organization and please continue to drop off your donations of new and gently used clothing, diapers, equipment and small toys for children from birth to size 12 either in the drawer in the narthex or at Childish Things at 12000 Holman Road NW.

—Ellen Hockman

Women of QALC: Ongoing Groups



Come join us at a circle this month! Please check with the circle leaders or the church office if you would like to attend.

Julia Circle: Second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

Northern Lights: May 9th at 7:00 PM. For location & questions contact Dolly Smith.

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

Sewing and Service: Wednesday mornings. Contact Lois Unseth or Shirley Flory.

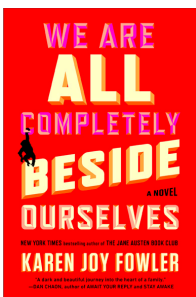
Sunshiner's Circle: Fourth Wednesday at noon. Contact Jean McLauchlan.

PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts): Third Tuesday of most months, sometime after 5:30 PM.

Light supper provided. Contact Karen McCullough.

May Book Group: *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*

Our April meeting was postponed by one week, so we will meet on Monday, May 2 in the Narthex at 7 PM to discuss *The Goddess Pose* by Michelle Goldberg. Sophie Pritchard will lead the discussion. Absolutely anyone is welcome to join us.



For the month of May, you are invited to read the All Seattle Reads selection, *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. The novel won the 2014 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and was also short-listed for the 2014 Man Booker Prize. It should be yours for the asking at Seattle libraries.

From GoodReads: “Meet the Cooke family. Our narrator is Rosemary Cooke. As a child, she never stopped talking; as a young woman, she has wrapped herself in silence: the silence of intentional forgetting, of protective cover. Something happened, something so awful she has buried it in the recesses of her mind.

Now her adored older brother is a fugitive, wanted by the FBI for domestic terrorism. And her once lively mother is a shell of her former self, her clever and imperious father now a distant, brooding man. And Fern, Rosemary’s beloved sister, her accomplice in all their childhood mischief? Fern’s is a fate the family, in all their innocence, could never have imagined.”

We will meet on Monday, May 23 since the following Monday is a holiday. The discussion will be led by Candy Mathes.

Pat Sobeck honored by Metropolitan King County Council



Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles presents Pat Sobeck with the MLK Medal of Distinguished Service.

Photo courtesy King County Council

The Metropolitan King County Council has presented a distinct honor upon 12 citizens living across King County. The volunteers are the recipients of the inaugural MLK Medal of Distinguished Service, an accolade recognizing those who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make a difference in communities across King County. The MLK Medal of Distinguished Service will be used once a year to thank those who made a particularly strong impact on the county and encourage others to renew their dedication to serve their community.

“The recipients of the first annual MLK Medal of Distinguished Service awards represent our best selves—they are individuals who give their time and energy to feed, clothe, and house their neighbors,” said Council Chair Joe McDermott. “In doing so, they show us not just that a single, committed person can indeed make a difference, but that these individuals are necessary for building strong communities that raise us all up.”

Today’s recipients were selected by the Councilmembers in each respective district.

The honoree in District 4 was our very own **PAT SOBECK**—for her service with the Queen Anne Helpline and her volunteer contributions throughout her community. “As Director of the Queen Anne Helpline for 30 years, Pat Sobeck’s legacy is sure to live on through the many volunteers who embody her spirit of service and the countless recipients of her tireless advocacy,” said Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

MLK Medal of Distinguished Service

PRESENTED TO

PAT SOBECK

The ideals of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the foremost civil and human rights leader in the United States, are held high at King County. King County was redesignated in his honor and the county logo bears his likeness. Dr. King’s vision of equity and social justice is infused throughout the programs and services of county government.

Pat Sobeck is an individual who has responded to Dr. King’s question, “What are you doing for others?” Pat worked nearly 30 years as director of the Queen Anne Helpline, tirelessly helping neighbors through times of hardship and mentoring countless number of volunteers, enriching our community and exemplifying the true meaning of service.

The Metropolitan King County Council today presents Pat Sobeck with the MLK Medal of Distinguished Service for her outstanding community service and honors her as an example to all in our county, state, and nation.

Dated this twenty-first day of March, 2016.

Living Deeply . . . Dying Well

Join us for a special conversation about something you may not know *how* to talk about.

It's one of the most important conversations you can have with loved ones- talking about your wishes for the end of your life. We plan ahead for the important events in our lives- career paths, children, retirement. But we seem to have a difficult time planning for the end of our lives.

Everyone over the age of 18 should have an advanced directive, or the healthcare system has the legal right to make decisions for them in a crisis. The conversation impacts a broad range of ages- Millennials thinking about their parents and grandparents, Baby Boomers concerned about their own future health issues and those of advanced years who may need to update their planning to support their current wishes and conditions.

Most people are unaware of the challenges to dying well or the resources available to them: Hospice and Palliative care, refusing or discontinuing treatment, Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED) and the rights and protections afforded by the Washington State Death with Dignity Law.

On May 3rd, Columbia Lutheran Home will host a free screening of *Speaking of Dying*, a 30-minute film based on compelling interviews and real life experiences of 5 local families. Produced by Trudy James, a Seattle Chaplain who has facilitated more than 60 community based end of life group discussion groups, this film will help you to speak more easily about subjects that have been taboo and will show you some possible questions to ask.

Following the screening we will have a panel discussion with a family member from the film and medical professionals to address your questions. After the panel discussion, we will provide refreshments to keep the conversation going.

Join us for this important evening May 3rd from 7:00- 8:30 PM.

Questions can be directed to 206-632-7400 or e-mail joseel@columbialutheranhome.org.

This special presentation is being held in conjunction with the Seattle Foundation's Give Big annual fund raising event. Donations made to Columbia Lutheran on May 3rd are partially matched by the Foundation. Your gift is tax deductible and will help Columbia build four specialized Hospice suites to provide families with privacy and comfort at the end of life.

Off-street parking is available in our lot at 4700 Phinney Ave N as well as a lot at 49th and Dayton, generously provided by the Emmanuel Bible Church.

**Film Screening &
Panel Discussion,
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
7:00–8:30 PM**



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and celebrating life together*

An evening of documentary-style film alternating with stunning, original, live choral music featuring the voices of reSound, a Northwest Chamber Ensemble, and Dave Beck, cellist




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Bishop's Message

Is There Life After Death?

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

One of the questions that I assume many pastors are asked is, “Do you believe in life after death?” I just recently had this conversation with a woman whose husband, Andy, I buried at age 50.

It has always been important for me as both person and pastor to be honest about what I believe and not to give out “pat” pastoral responses.

The truth is I don’t know if there is life after death and I won’t know until I die. All I can go on are some clues that I have observed while living on this side of death.

Death has been one of my greatest teachers, as I have been privileged to be with many people as they are dying and breathing their last breath. It has often amazed me how many people go through a stage of dying where they are talking out loud to relatives that have gone before them. I experienced this with both my father and my mother. It appeared as if my father was working overtime to wrap up some unfinished business before he died. On several occasions he would say, “I am not done yet.” Such occasions may well be a clue that a person has one foot in this life and one foot in whatever is to come.

Likewise, I have had several occasions to talk to people who have had near-death experiences. Their stories are indeed quite compelling. What has amazed me the most is the reassurance such folk have in facing death when it comes. Perhaps the greatest clue for me about life after death is the joy of holding a new born baby in my arms. I know of no experience that equals this in magnitude. Holding one who has spent nine months being molded into a breathing, living, crying, and gurgling human beings speaks to me of a creative force that is beyond my imagination.

I remember how wowed I was in kindergarten when the seed that I planted in a Styrofoam cup of dirt turned into a bean sprout. Bean sprouts are pretty impressive—but come on—a baby?

My reasoning goes like this, “Whatever force is behind the creation of a baby surely has the capacity to create new life when death comes, to create new life.” The force for me is the God I have come to know as the Life Giver in so many facets of my life.

I must add that May is my month to believe in the power of life. It is the month that restores my soul after a long, dark, cold and very wet winter. Winter is when everything dies for me and I have to fight extra hard against the darkness. May is life in full bloom. The yard is still green, the rhododendrons are in all of their glory and the trees are thick in leaves, needles and green.

Death and life are baked into all of the creation giving me great cause to believe that, when death comes, be prepared for the likelihood that life will follow.

I loved Andy in life and there is nothing more that I want for my friend Cheryl than to see him again. Will it happen? I don’t know. This is what faith is all about for me—trusting the clues that God provides along the way.

I do know this about the death of my own parents—If I never see them again I will not mourn because they gave to me in this life time enough blessing to last the all of my life.



the Last WORD

Yes, Really.

I have no idea how long this page has been known as “The Last Word,” but it has never seemed more appropriate during my past contributions than right now. This is my last word that will be found in these pages. A last word seems particularly meaningful. To get the last word in a difficult conversation can settle the question at hand. To have the last word is a position of honor, recognizing the importance of a concluding thought that ties all the loose ends together. I can think of many last words in history or the endeavor of self-government that have proved prophetic: Washington, Eisenhower, Sir Thomas More, and Gen. McArthur among others. On my bookshelves are some books that have been published posthumously, from notes gathered from a lifetime of learning, discernment, and experience. The depth of insight is a true gift. Sometimes the last words recorded take on a special significance. Martin Luther declared in the hours before he breathed his last, “We are all beggars.” Bonhoeffer, looking at the noose before him, said, “For me, it is the beginning of life.”

For a word this critical, what shall that word be? Let it be this: Thanks. Thanks to those who have led Queen Anne during my days, and long before in Council and Committees. Thank to staff members whose joy and competence in serving have made my work more fun than drudgery. Thanks to those whose quiet service such as Altar Guild and the Counters allows me to focus on my own tasks without worrying about other things. Thanks to those whose deep thoughts and attention to the congregation have given direction from the work of the Transition Team and the Call Committee. Thanks to those who bring their gifts of music to our worship in the many choirs, and also the Assisting Ministers and Acolytes. Thanks to those whose warm smiles speak volumes of welcome and joy. Thanks to those whose regular attendance on Sunday mornings gives me more than enough reason to anticipate our worship together, and value to my time spent in hopes that God might speak alongside of my own poor words. Thanks to those colleagues in other congregations and ministries who pray for and support the mission of Queen Anne Lutheran Church from our place on the hill. Thanks to those whose hospitality and gifts of snacks and treats, while for me are always a caloric hazard, are also part of a welcoming space to newcomers and those in grief, and all those looking for a connection with a human and God-touched heart.

I know that even as this goes to print, that I will remember others who have not been included here. But Thanks will also be a last word for me. Long after I have left here, and as I think back on these months, the word that I speak to myself will still be thanks. It will be how I think of you all.

Thanks be to God for all things.

Pastor Doug Stensby
Interim Pastor, Queen Anne Lutheran Church.

SERVING IN MAY

Interested in being an usher or worship leader? Contact Arletta Anderson to volunteer.

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 1 Don Thomas
- 8 Jim Margard
- 15 TBD
- 22 TBD
- 29 TBD

Offering Counters

Shirley Flory and Diane Wearne

Lectors (8:00 AM)

- 1 Jacqui Darroch
- 8 Katherine Knorr
- 15 Dan Squires
- 22 Harold Robertson
- 29 Jan Olson

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

- 1 Jacqui Darroch
- 8 TBD
- 15 Deb Squires
- 22 Georganne Robertson
- 29 Linda Olson

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 1 Marc Oplinger
- 8 Jacqui Darroch
- 15 Rich Mathes
- 22 Karen Saunders
- 29 TBD

Altar Guild:

Deb Squires and Jennifer & Chloe Jones

Flowers on the Altar

- 1 Joan & Richard Crummett
- 8 Smith Family
- 15 Karen McCullough
- 22 Karen McCullough
- 29 Pat & Don Sobeck

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 1 Georganne & Harold Robertson
- 8 Katherine Knorr
- 15 TBD
- 22 TBD
- 29 Jan & Linda Olson

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

- 1 TBD
- 8 TBD
- 15 Louie/Unseth
- 22 (*Ice Cream Social*)
- 29 Pat Sobeck

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Deadline for the June Quill is Tuesday, May 24.

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May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Blessing of the Quilts Rev. Jerry Buss visits 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Counters Annual Dinner	2 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step FA	3 7:00pm Executive Committee	4 9:15am Sewing and Service 5:30pm Shalom Choir 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen	5 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir	6 5:00pm LYONS Call Time 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater	7 10:30am Alanon Women 12:30pm LYONS Call Time 2:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater 4:00pm Community Music Jam 5:00pm LYONS Call Time 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater
8 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	9 10:00am Julia Circle 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Alanon Board Meeting 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step FA	10 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Church Council	11 9:15am Sewing and Service 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:15pm Cherub Choir 7:00pm Alanon/Alateen Event	12 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir	13 Barbara Out	14 9:00am Great Books 10:30am Alanon Women 4:00pm Gauthier Wedding
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm QALCW Meeting	16 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step FA	17 12:00pm Interfaith Community 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 4:30pm Worship and Music Committee 5:30pm PDQ	18 9:15am Sewing and Service 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:15pm Cherub Choir 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A.	19 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	20 Karen Black rehearsal Synod Assembly	21 Karen Black rehearsal Synod Assembly 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women
22 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Farewell Ice Cream Social for Pastor Doug 4:00pm Karen Black Hymn Festival	23 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step FA	24 12:30pm Lunch & Learn	25 9:15am Sewing and Service 12:00pm Sunshiners 5:30pm Shalom Choir 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon	26 12:00pm Staff Lunch 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir	27	28 10:30am Alanon Women
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