

# The Quill

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## Queen Anne

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# Grow in Faith This Fall!

**Sunday School:** All children are welcome Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders—come when you can! Our Sunday School will begin in the chapel at 9:30 and then move to the upstairs classrooms, ending for pick-up at 10:15.

**Sunday Forums: God and Evolution.** Feeling Lost in the Evolution Controversy? Our Sunday adult forum series will give you a map! Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we tackle the main options in the evolution controversy on the idea market today: atheistic materialism, creationism, intelligent design, and theistic evolution. Be there!

## Wednesday Evenings: Beyond Faith? Spirituality In A Secular World

What does it mean to seek God in an increasingly secular culture like ours? Must we go beyond faith, “God,” or even religion itself to affirm the existence of Something More in our lives? Join Pastor Peterson **Wednesdays** from 7-8 PM in the Conference Room as we consider a new way of finding “the Beyond in our midst.” An optional pub gathering will follow.

## Lunch & Learn! Bible Study: Martin Luther and the “Secret Meaning of Scripture:

”What did Martin Luther have to say about the Bible? Did he believe that all its writings held equal value? And what kind of “secret” meaning did he think it could have for people living 1500 (or 2000) years after the birth of Christ? Join us for Bible study this September and October as we examine Luther’s unique and radical way of reading Scripture as a prelude to our study of the Psalms later this fall. Bible Study will be led by Pastor Peterson in the conference room with the following schedule. Please bring a lunch and arrive at 11:30 AM if you would like to eat together beforehand; discussion begins at noon. All are welcome, even mid-schedule!

Session 4: Tuesday, October 4

Session 5: Tuesday, October 11

Both the **Shalom Choir** (middle school & high school) and **Cherub Choir** (grade school) are up and running, with rehearsals at 5:30 and 6:15 Wednesday, October 5 respectively. Please contact Arletta for more information about their schedules this fall and winter, and to express your interest in taking part.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 2017 Guidelines for Expenditures Meeting—Your Ideas Welcome

It is almost that time of year again!! All committee heads, or anyone who needs to, or wants to, provide input for potential 2017 expenditures, or income, please provide your proposal to the Finance Committee Monday Oct 24 in the Conference Room from 7-9 PM. Please submit written document-tation, 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 2017 guidelines.*

The Finance Committee members are Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Tim Porter and Rich Mathes. You can provide input to any of us, or place notes in our office mailbox, in the lower-left section of mailboxes.

## We Want **Everyone** to Fill This Out: Talents & Skills, Ways to Serve—

### Important Parts of Stewardship



With what gifts have you been blessed? How do you see yourself participating in our faith community? As we look towards the coming church year, we want to make sure all of the diverse gifts represented in this congregation are identified, celebrated and given opportunity to serve the life and mission of the church.

To that end, a **brightly-colored survey sheet is now available in the narthex**. This opportunity is also available online at [queenannelutheran.org/897new/stewardship/](http://queenannelutheran.org/897new/stewardship/)

We hope everyone will take some time in thought and prayer to **fill one out and then return it to the box there**.

—From Your Congregational Council

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## Re-Orient Yourself: Ushers



A Re-Orientation meeting for **Ushers** will be held on **Sunday, October 16** after 10:30 worship. Please make every effort to attend this meeting—it is for all who currently usher, as well as for anyone who might want to learn more about ushering!

## Help Our Children Grow in Faith

This year, we are encouraging members of the congregation to consider stepping up to teach our children in Sunday School. We encourage you to sign up for a short stretch of weeks. Teaching **for a few weeks in a row** allows the children to become familiar with you. Teaching **for only a few weeks** allows all of us to avoid burnout. Teaching **even when you don't have children** fosters the greater community. It also enables parents to attend Adult Forum sometimes. **Curriculum and materials are provided!** Nervous? Sign up for a few weeks as "Second Present Adult"—we need two adults in each room. It's easy! Bring your questions to Jenny Porter or Lori Roozen.

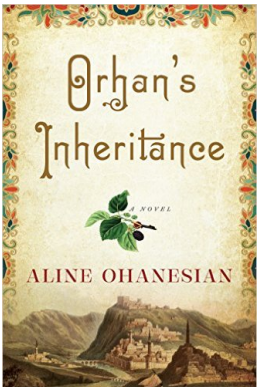


### Adventure Group Ministry Goes Afloat in October!

Emmett Pritchard is organizing a group outing to the Seattle Center for Wooden Boats on **Saturday, October 22. Save the Date**, and look for more details in your Sunday bulletins and Friday emails!

(At left, a very old wooden boat.)

The Group is interested in new ideas for monthly adventures—interesting outings, strenuous or gentle hikes, or other ways to explore the natural world. If you are inspired with an idea, contact Sophie Pritchard at <mailto:sophiepritchard@gmail.com>



### Queen Anne Book Group: *Orhan's Inheritance*

The QA Book Group will meet Monday, October 24 (Note—the Monday BEFORE Halloween!) at 7 PM in the narthex to discuss *Orhan's Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian. Georganne Robertson will lead the discussion, and all are welcome to join the group. From Good Reads: "In her extraordinary debut, Aline Ohanesian has created two remarkable characters—a young man ignorant of his family's and his country's past, and an old woman haunted by the toll the past has taken on her life." And from GoogleBooks: "A breathtaking and expansive work of historical fiction and proof that the past can sometimes rewrite the future."

## Vocab Corner

### A Blessing of the Animals, Elsewhere

There will be a Blessing of the Animals service **from 4:00–5:00 PM Sunday, October 2** at the Church of the Apostles in Fremont Abbey, 4272 Fremont Avenue North. All two-legged, four-legged or feathered creatures are welcome to attend.

#### Pulpit

A Latin word meaning "platform" and the place of the Word of God from which the sermon is customarily preached. The Pulpit did not come into use until the 12th or 13th century.

#### Lectern

A Latin word meaning "reader," a lectern is a reading stand from which biblical lessons may be read during corporate worship. In the Middle Ages the custom developed of reading the Gospel from a large elevated pulpit, and the Old Testament and Epistle lessons from a separate, smaller lectern. An Epistle lesson comes from the New Testament, other than from one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.



# Final HomeBase Volunteers Needed!

## Queen Anne Lutheran hosts Women and Children of Mary's Place Oct. 4 - 11, 2016

### HOMEBASE— IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND INFO SESSION

**Sunday, October 2** after the 10:30 service. Please attend so you get up-to-date info on our guests and any last-minute complications or updates to procedures.



We are hosting homeless families from Mary's Place **starting this Tuesday, October 4-11**, providing shelter and dinners, as well as a "home base" for them on the weekend.

We still have some gaps in our sign-up. You can sign up today in the church narthex, or go to our website and click on SERVE/HOMEBASE to get to the link you need.

**URGENT NEEDS:** We are still looking especially for a **greeter** on Monday (10th), and a Saturday host from 3 PM-6 PM.

**EXTRA HANDS:** We have some information now on our guest families, and they may include 5 toddlers and 5 elementary-age children. It would be helpful to have **some extra help each evening**. A toddler may need some one-on-one play time, grade-schoolers may need homework help, or a volunteer could take mothers and children over to the playground at Coe, if the kids need to run off some energy. We've made room on the sign-up if you want to **jump in to help** in that way—and, **if you are overnighting and can come in early, or if you are greeting and can stay longer**, please sign up for that "extra help" spot so we know.

—Barbara Bash

### Property Committee Thank-you's and updates:

Thanks to Don Thomas, who volunteered to paint the front metal railings, and other white trim by the front entrance. He bought the paint and finished the job in our nice, dry weather.



Thanks also to Ben Matter, who installed several more motion-detector light switches in two office rooms, and installed a lot of 3-prong/grounded outlets in the office area, B-1, and hallways.

Finally, thanks to Myra and Al, Candy Mathes, Ben and Joel Matter for various help with preparing the Parsonage (209 W McGraw) for Pastor Peterson. Ben fixed some of the loose outlets, and added combination smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors on each floor. Candy provided curtains; Myra and Al moved old furniture out, helped clean, provided new mailbox; Joel and Rich helped as well.



**Blessing of the Quilts, Sunday October 23.** Help will be needed to pack the boxes after church. This is a week earlier than in some past years. After packing the boxes, help will also be needed to move the boxes to the chapel where they can be stored for a week. You can also donate to the fund for shipping quilts and kits. It costs QALCW approximately \$1500 a year to ship the items. Costs are covered both to Baltimore and shipping to the countries of need.

**The Tenth Triennial Gathering** will be held July 13-16, 2017, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, in Minneapolis, Minn. "All Anew" is the theme. Register now! For more information go to the WELCA (Women of the ELCA) website: [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org)

**From WELCA:**

**“Let’s Make 5,000 Finger Labyrinths for Triennial**



For the Tenth Triennial Gathering, we hope you will join Women of the ELCA participants in making at least 5,000 finger labyrinths.

They can be quilted, knitted, embroidered, felted or crocheted: There’s a pattern for all.

“Since at least 2002, Women of the ELCA has included a portable labyrinth at its triennial gatherings,” said Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director of Women of the ELCA. “We’re planning to do so again next summer when we assemble for the Tenth Triennial Gathering.” Women of the ELCA has created patterns for those who sew, knit and crochet, she said, adding “The patterns can easily be adapted for embroidery or felting, so it’s a project for every fiber artist, new or experienced.”

The finger labyrinths will be given to the voting members at our Tenth Triennial Convention (2017), and every participant at the Triennial Gathering. If we exceed our goal of 5,000 finger labyrinths, we’ll donate the additional labyrinths to chaplains in schools, hospitals, hospices, and nursing homes. For more information go to <http://www.welcatg.org/news/5000-finger-labyrinths/>

**COMING IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:**

**Thankofferings AND A Celebration of Advent** (This latter is scheduled for December 4 from 9:00–10:15 AM, in conjunction with the Sunday School). Help (and ideas) will be needed. Thanks to Carol Ann Davis, we still have enough blue candles to make our Advent Wreaths.

**For Our Circles:** In this month's issue of *Gather*, the Bible Study examines how we can come to terms with a God who “unfairly” gives all of us the full measure of grace, love, and life through Jesus Christ. Note that some of our Circles don’t always meet on schedule. If you would like to attend a circle, please check with the Circle contact to make sure they are meeting.

—Your Women’s Committee:

*Candy Mathes, Sophie Pritchard, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, and Lisa Ondrejcek*

## 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.

**Northern Lights:** Next meeting is October 10 at 7 PM. Contact Dolly Smith.

**Katie's Table:** Third Saturday at 9 AM. For location & questions please contact Carol Ann Davis.

**Sewing and Service:** Wednesday mornings. Contact Candy Mathes or Sallie Wilson.

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

## 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. Service projects happen at many times.

**Saturday, Oct 15 at 8:30 AM** —“how we go forward as a congregation with our new Pastor” and topics of your choice. 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM —pack school kits for LWR Ingathering.

**Nov 4/5**—LWR Quilt/kit loading at Our Redeemers' Lutheran at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW & NW 85<sup>th</sup> St. Friday is when 80% of the loads arrive, so that is the busy day. If you can spare one or two hours, let Rich Mathes know. If you cannot heft a 30-pound box, we need five traffic directors—you get to wear a yellow or orange vest!! Food provided.  
—Rich Mathes

## Lutheran World Relief Items needed:

**Fabric Diapers:** 3-yard lengths of cotton/cotton blend fabric, with matching spools of thread.



You've maybe heard the analogy about teaching someone to fish... well you can help teach a person to sew and provide them the tools to earn an income and break out of poverty.

**Project Promise Fabric Kits** are used in vocational training programs to teach young men and women useful, marketable skills. Cover them with love! Each kit consists of two pieces of fabric; each piece of fabric needs to be 3 yards long for 44"-wide cotton/cotton blends.

**School Kits** Please look for school items on sale during the summer: Our goal is 50+ school kits.

Items we still need: Pencil sharpeners—25

Contact Rich or Candy Mathes if you have questions, 206-384-1183 or email [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com)

## Lutheran World Relief Seattle Ingathering

LWR Quilts and Kits made by churches from all over our region will be loaded onto trucks on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church in Ballard, at NW 25th St. & 85th Ave. NW, for shipment to areas worldwide needing relief. Are you available to help load boxes for LWR? Or just direct traffic? Or help distribute fabric samples? **Hours:** 8 AM-3 PM Friday; 8 AM-NOON Saturday. Free food! Two-hour shifts are available. Email Rich Mathes at [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com) to volunteer!



Explore the Intersection of  
**Faith & Film**

**“Bless Me, Ultima”**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall (led by Steven Burdick)

**TIME:** 4:00 PM           Appetizers and drinks

4:30 PM           Watch the movie together

6:30 PM           Discussion . . . and refills of the drinks and snacks

This is a drama set in New Mexico during WWII, centered on the relationship between a young man and an elderly medicine woman who helps him contend with the battle between good and evil that rages in his village. English and Spanish language. 1 hour, 46 minutes long. PG-13. We have a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Ann Davis at [cadasb@gmail.com](mailto:cadasb@gmail.com).



**Community Music Jam Sessions Return!**

Beginning Saturday, October 8, a community music jam session will take place from 11:00 AM –1:00 PM in the chapel. Moving forward, sessions will meet on the second Saturday of each month, from 3:00–5:00 PM. All skill levels are welcome. Bluegrass, gospel, country, folk, blues, and other roots music styles will be played. If you like to play an acoustic



instrument, sing, or just like to be in the same room where fun music is happening, then be sure to join us. For more information about the jam, contact Emmett at [emmettj45@gmail.com](mailto:emmettj45@gmail.com).

**Community Yoga At Queen Anne Lutheran**

Yoga sessions resume Monday evening October 3 in the John Room upstairs from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM under the leadership of Amy Nagley. Yoga sessions are held each Monday evening, and will return to the Fellowship Hall on October 17. All fitness levels, ages (*over 18*), and gender are welcome. Bring a mat and a water bottle.



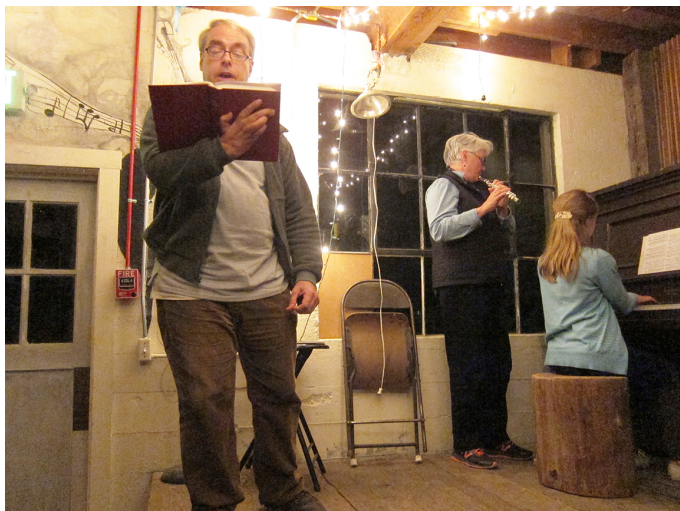


*A new walk & meeting area west of hotel at Holden.*

## **Holden Village Update**

**Holden Village** with Guests—without construction workers—is getting closer! Lots of infrastructure work has been finished—new roofs, electrical lines buried, more gathering areas with Adirondack chairs, wider walks graded so there are less steps, a less slippery walk surface, grass areas reseeded. Some work is still in progress—the Jacuzzi should be operating by winter! By December, the food will be back to “Holden food,” the village will be responsible for their own dishes once again, and the Coke machine will disappear.

—*Candy Mathes*



*Joel Matter sings for “Lift” Talent Show at Holden  
(Photos from Autumn Sojourn, September 19-23)*

## **God’s Work, Our Hands on Queen Anne Hill**

On Saturday, September 10, twelve members of Queen Anne Lutheran (Six Phillips/Lundsgaards —Lori Lynn, David; Magdalena; Svend; Christian; and Annika; Don Thomas; Peggy Morgan; Rich Mathes; Emmett & Sophie Pritchard; and Carrie Kargel) were part of a group of about 20, organized by Earth Corps, that worked an area of Rogers Park overlooking the soccer field.



We pulled and dug out weeds (Himalayan blackberry; morning glory; and clematis); picked up natural debris (wood, branches and small trees cut by prior work parties); built several piles of debris which will dry out and can become compost; and formed a bucket brigade to move compost from a large pile to an area we had cleared out.

Thanks to Barb for finding this EarthCorps-organized project for our 2016 ELCA “God’s Work/Our Hands” service.



## Lutheran Youth Of North Seattle News:

**Sunday Night Live** (All LYONS) Board games and group games! Bring friends!  
Sunday, Oct 2—6:00-8:00 PM—Ballard First Lutheran

**Blanket Forts and Cartoons** (High School) Bring out your inner child!  
Sunday, Oct 9—6:00-8:00 PM—Ballard First Lutheran

**Harry Potter and the Five Stop Burger Hop Lock In** (High School)

Wear your best witch/wizard outfit and join us for a night of quidditch, butter beer, and Dick's deluxe burgers. We are having our first Lock-In of the year and it will be filled with your favorite wizards and our favorite local burger chain.

Friday Oct 14—4:00 PM to Saturday Oct 15—9:00 AM —Queen Anne Lutheran

### Weaving Our Strengths - Saturday, October 22



The Church Council of Greater Seattle invites you to the *Weaving Our Strengths Conference* on **Saturday, October 22** from 8 AM – 4 PM at Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle 98122.

*Weaving Our Strengths* is a day-long conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good.

Workshop themes include: Interfaith Dialogue & Approach to Scripture;

Storytelling for Community Action; Immigrant & Refugee Accompaniment;

"Habits of the Heart" for Healthy Conversations; Mental Illness & The Church;

Racial Justice—through Scripture & in Congregations; Conflict & Reconciliation in Colombia; Church in the Neighborhood; Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery; and Creative Worship. The day includes worship, two sessions of workshops, a resource fair, a celebration of the Gertrude Apel Pioneering Spirit Awardees, and an opportunity to weave together what we've learned.

Last year, **over 200 people** from **16 faith traditions** and at least **60 congregations** gathered for this transformative day of learning, sharing, and fellowship. We hope you and your community can be a part of it!

More information and registration is at <http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS>. Cost is \$55 for Individuals / \$25 Students; Scholarships available. No-charge parking available. Questions? Contact Ann at 206.525.1213, ext. 105 or [aerickson@thechurchcouncil.org](mailto:aerickson@thechurchcouncil.org).

### ELCA Reformation Webcast

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, invites you to mark your calendars for a live webcast, "Ecumenical and Interreligious Witness on the Eve of the Reformation Anniversary," on **Thursday, Oct. 27, at 5 p.m. PDT**. Tune in by visiting [ELCA.org/webcast](http://ELCA.org/webcast), where a link to the recorded video will be made available after the broadcast. A live stream will be available at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://Facebook.com/Lutherans).

As Lutherans, we have 499 years of history, but on this day we will explore:

- What was the Reformation, and what does it mean for Lutherans and ecumenical partners?
- What is "Declaration on the Way," and why is it significant for Lutheran-Catholic relations?
- What might ecumenical and interreligious relationships look like in the future, and what does this mean for our faith community?



## **Get Ready! Community Lunch Program Resumes In November.**

QALC is continuing our many years of service in providing lunches to those in need, typically about 200 guests, at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, 1710 11th Ave., each Tuesday in the month of November (November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29). QALC was one of the founding churches of this wonderful organization, which has been serving the community for well over 20 years.

Please join in! No experience necessary! There will be opportunities to help in any of three shifts: the cooking and preparation of the meal for 2 to 2 1/2 hours in the late morning; the serving of the meal from just before noon to 1:00; and the breakdown and cleanup from about 1:00 to 2:00. We have generally provided a lead chef, with the guidance of CLCH director Don Jensen. Candy Mathes, Don Thomas, Harold Robertson and Jim Margard have been lead chefs in recent years, and we invite others to try their culinary hand.

More detail will be provided on sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Questions can also be directed to Jim Margard at. Additional information is available at the CLCH website, at [www.communitylunch.org](http://www.communitylunch.org).

—Jim Margard



## **Alzheimer's Association Offers Support Group Meetings**

Find support, education and hope in a compassionate and safe environment. Alzheimer's Association support group meetings are free and open to unpaid caregivers, family members and individuals experiencing mild memory loss.

Participation in a support group can be an empowering experience; helping members feel better prepared to cope with their unique situation. Support group members report feeling less alone, more able to confront their daily challenges, and more hopeful about their future. Confidentiality of shared information is honored.

The Alzheimer's Association offers several support groups in the Queen Anne area; see below for some examples. Go to [alz.org](http://alz.org) for a complete list or to look in other neighborhoods for support. Please call the contact listed to verify meeting days, locations and times before attending.

### **Seattle - Queen Anne - For Caregivers**

Location:  
Alzheimer's Association  
100 W Harrison St  
North Tower Suite N200  
Seattle, WA 98119  
Please call Linda Whiteside  
at (206) 529-3875 prior to  
attending.  
Meeting Time:  
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

### **Seattle - For Adults Caring for Parents with Memory Loss**

Location:  
Alzheimer's Association  
100 W Harrison St  
North Tower Suite N200  
Seattle, WA 98119  
Please call Scott Hancock at  
(206) 595-1973 prior to  
attending.  
Meeting Time:  
4th Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 pm

### **Seattle - Queen Anne - For Long Distance Caregivers**

Location:  
Alzheimer's Association  
100 W Harrison St  
North Tower Suite N200  
Seattle, WA 98119  
Please call Hana Binder at  
(240) 751-8388 prior to  
attending.  
Meeting Time:  
2nd Saturday, 10:00-11:30 am

## FALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR OUR FRIENDS

### **To All the World”—Church of Steadfast Love, Saturday, October 15**

Join us for this fundraiser benefiting the ministry of The Church of Steadfast Love on Saturday, October 15 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave., Seattle. The event features a spaghetti dinner with vegetarian/gluten-free options available, a wonderful raffle including a quilt made by Margaret Spatafore, and fun and interesting baskets, and live music by the Uncle Pens. Suggested donation is \$25, and RSVPs are requested by September 25<sup>th</sup>. For more info, call 206-474-1007 or contact [PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org](mailto:PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org).



### **It's Rick Steves! Table Hosts Needed: Lutheran Community Services Northwest Event, Sunday, October 23**

Lutheran Community Services Northwest is looking for table sponsors for their annual fundraising luncheon on **October 23**. Contact Julie Kissick Malloy at 253-298-9170 or Barb in our own church office, if you would like to organize a Queen Anne Lutheran table at this event. The event starts with a social hour at 1 PM, and Rick Steves will be the keynote speaker as the program begins at 2:00 PM. The luncheon will be at the Lynnwood Convention Center at 3711 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW. There is no admission fee, but attendees will be asked to support the work of Lutheran Community Services.



### **Support Queen Anne Helpline: “Taste of Queen Anne,” Saturday, October 15**



Our neighbor, Queen Anne Helpline, improves the lives of our neighbors in need by providing emergency assistance for housing, food and basic needs to those living in Queen Anne, Magnolia and South Lake Union.

Join Queen Anne Helpline for their 5th Annual “Taste of Queen Anne” on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at St. Anne’s Banchero Hall, 1411 1st Ave. West. Doors open at 6 PM. Dine at over 25 restaurants featured from around Queen Anne, Magnolia and South Lake Union. Enter to win over 15 amazing Raffle Prizes.

Enjoy an elegant night with entertainment from the Tim Kennedy Trio, connecting with community members supporting a common cause.



## *Bishop's Message*

### **Why Struggle Matters**

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

I had the privilege of hearing an incredible speaker, Luis Ortega, speak at the New Teacher's Breakfast sponsored by the Renton Chamber of Commerce. Luis is the founder of Storytellers for Change, where he works to motivate youth, educators and community leaders to tell and share their stories of positive change.

His story begins with an invitation from a former teacher to return to his high school to talk to a group of students who were struggling. Luis himself knew struggle well. He had come to America with his family—hoping to get a better education. After several humiliating educational experiences, including a school counselor who said he was not fit for college, Luis enrolled at the University of Washington.

His greatest fear was public speaking. He dreaded returning to his high school to give a talk. The content of his talk was to share his story of perseverance in getting an education when the deck was stacked against him. It was one very long hour and he felt like he was not connecting and the students appeared ready to leave the moment the bell rang. Luis himself was more than ready to leave when a young man, who patiently waited for everyone else to leave, came forward and embraced Luis—expressing that finally he met someone who gave him hope for his own life.

This is the day Luis discovered the power of his own story of struggle. It had the power to give hope and transform lives. He has since spoken in over 1000 schools telling the story of how his family returned to Mexico leaving Luis alone to navigate the last years of college education. His biggest challenge was making the choice between housing or tuition. Luis knew it had to be tuition if he was going to fulfill his parents' desire in coming to America. This meant living on the streets for two years while still going to school.

Luis took most of the audience by surprise when he said the most important experience in life is struggle. Struggle is the cornerstone of building character. Struggle is what sets the table for learning the power of sacrifice. This in turn builds a great sense of solidarity with a massive number of people in the world who face an untold number of struggles.

Luis says struggle is what taught him the value of giving up his life in service. He is so committed to these principles that he will go to any school to tell his story knowing there might be that one student for whom it will make a difference. Imagine living on the streets, attending the university and visiting every school that invited him to come.

It is clear that those who struggle—who make great sacrifices to survive—grow hearts of solidarity and find, in turn, great joy in service. When this is your journey you indeed have a powerful story of transformation to tell.

I could not help but think throughout his speech how clearly able he was tell the story of faith.

*"Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"*

—Matthew 16:24-26



# the Last WORD

## Fall is the New Spring

It would be odd to associate fall or winter with new life. These are seasons where temperatures cool, where leaves fall from their trees, and where animals go into hibernation or migrate to warmer areas.

More grimly, fall and winter are seasons we often associate with death. My favorite theologian, Paul Tillich, observes, for example, that the “melancholy side of nature in autumn” reminds us, as with the death of someone close to us or the end of a meaningful chapter in our lives, that we “will also come to an end.”

Tillich’s point obviously rings true, as much as we might not like to admit it. Yet something paradoxical is happening here at Queen Anne Lutheran Church when it comes to the seasons: *new life is beginning in the time of fall!*

Take our educational programming as an example. Have you noticed it? We have three classes running now each week—our Sunday adult forum on God and evolution, a Bible study on Martin Luther’s revolutionary approach to Scripture, and a class for community and church members alike on being a spiritual seeker in a secular context.

Click [here](#) for more information on each of these classes.

We also have exciting educational opportunities lined up for children, including brand new “[Spark](#)” curriculum as well as interactive “Kid’s Notes” that will be available during Sunday worship.

Imagine all of this: new life in the midst of autumn! Fall here at Queen Anne Lutheran Church is the new spring. Come and be part of these exciting opportunities. Invite your friends. “Spring” is upon us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Peterson'.

Rev. Dan Peterson, PhD  
Pastor

# SERVING IN OCTOBER

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

## **Ushers: (8:00 AM)**

- 2 Katherine Knorr
- 9 Ken Hockman
- 16 Ken Hockman
- 23 Ken Hockman
- 30 TBD

## **Ushers: (10:30 AM)**

- 2 TBD
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 Jim Margard
- 30 TBD

## **Offering Counters**

Shirley Flory and Diane Wearne

## **Lectors (8:00 AM)**

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

## **Communion Servers (8:00 AM)**

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

## **Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)**

- 2 Kirsten Erickson
- 9 Marc Oplinger
- 16 Rich Mathes
- 23 Clare Josef-Maier
- 30 Kristi Houle

## **Altar Guild:**

Jan & Linda Olson  
Pat Sobeck

## **Flowers on the Altar**

- 2 Meg Shaw
- 9 Sebille Moulster
- 16 Rugg family
- 23 Houle family
- 30 Karen McCullough

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

- 2 Squires
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 Katherine Knorr
- 30 Robertsons

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

- 2 Phillips
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 TBD
- 30 TBD

## **Staff:**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson
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	Bryant Williams
LYONS Program Assistant	Megan Hundley
Campus Pastor—UW	Rev. Elizabeth Rawling

**Deadline for the November Quill is Tuesday, October 25.**

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## October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>4:00pm</b> Organ Recital Bruce Neswick
<b>2</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>12:00pm</b> HomeBase Orientation	<b>3</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Community Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>4</b> HomeBase P <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn Bible Study <b>5:00pm</b> Stewardship Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Executive Committee	<b>5</b> HomeBase P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Shalom Choir <b>6:15pm</b> Cherub Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Beyond Faith <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon	<b>6</b> HomeBase P <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> HomeBase	<b>8</b> HomeBase <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>11:00am</b> Community Music Jam
<b>9</b> HomeBase <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>10</b> HomeBase <b>10:00am</b> Julia Circle <b>6:30pm</b> Community Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> Northern Lights <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>11</b> HomeBase P <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn Bible Study <b>5:00pm</b> Stewardship Task Force <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council	<b>12</b> P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>1:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Beyond Faith <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>13</b> P <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> <b>4:00pm</b> LYONS HS Lock-In	<b>15</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Group <b>9:00am</b> Katie's Table <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>16</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>12:00pm</b> Usher Re-Orientation follows 10:30 worship	<b>17</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Community Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>18</b> <b>5:30pm</b> PDQ	<b>19</b> Bishop's Convo <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> A.A.	<b>20</b> P	<b>21</b> P	<b>22</b> Adventure Group: Center for Wooden Boats <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>4:00pm</b> Faith and Film
<b>23</b> Blessing of the Quilts Farewell & Godspeed, Sister Clare <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>24</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Community Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> Finance Committee's "Guidelines for Expenditures" Mtg. <b>7:00pm</b> QA Book Group <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Beyond Faith <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> AA <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon	<b>27</b> P <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> P	<b>29</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>30</b> Reformation Sunday <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>12:00pm</b> Newcomers Coffee	<b>31</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Community Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA					