

# The Quill

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## The Summons of Death

During Lent, our journey with Jesus to the foot of the cross raises a difficult question for us all: how do we face death?

It's an unpopular question—and with good reason. As Atul Gawande points out in *Being Mortal*, advances in medicine, nutrition and sanitation have doubled life expectancy in the United States in just over a century (21). The prospect of death has been pushed accordingly to the margins. We don't want to think about it.

But it will arrive. No matter how much we pray, no matter how “positive” we are, “the summons of death,” as Martin Luther wrote nearly 500 years ago, “comes to us all, and no one can die for another.” So what do we do?

We can turn to the medical profession, but modern medicine has its limits. Doctors and surgeons can often help increase the span of our lives, but they cannot, when the time comes, tell us *how* to die. Perhaps our religious traditions, the cumulative wisdom of the past, can.

Consider Luther. He lived to the “ripe old age” of 62. Along the way he survived three outbreaks of the plague, including one that may have inspired his most famous hymn, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.” Death was a constant threat, yet rather than pretend it wasn't there, Luther did something we rarely do. He acknowledged it. He faced it. He made peace with his God.

Long before Luther, of course, the authors of Scripture did likewise. Think of Job: “A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last” (14:1). The observation may sound at first like a contradiction. After all, according to the same book, Job himself lived to be 144, but divide the number by 12 and you can see what's happening: 12, like the numbers three and seven in Judaism, represents perfection and completion. So when the author of Job tells us that Job lived 144 years (12X12), he's saying that Job (an *ideal* character in a story about suffering) ultimately lived a long, full life.

The reality for the Jews of the time, not to mention the Romans and others who would come later, was on average a life of much shorter duration (about twenty eight years of age for subjects of the Roman Empire according to Gawande). Jesus himself only lived to his early thirties. These were people, once again, for whom death was constantly on the horizon. They had to face it.

Obviously, many of us would not be here were it not for incredible advances in medicine and we should be thankful. But now that death has been pushed to the margins of our consciousness, one has to wonder: have we *regressed* in our ability to confront it? If so, what can we learn from those who did—from the ancients, from Scripture, from Christ? For answers, please join us this Lent for a special Sunday adult forum series: “Facing Death: Christian Resources for the End of Life.” Check this issue of *The Quill* for more information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Martin Luther said that “no one can die for another” and that is true, but there is no need—especially among our family of faith—to walk this road alone.

Pastor Dan Peterson

## **Wednesdays In Lent:**

### **Morning Worship—**

Every Wednesday during Lent, we have a brief worship service in the chapel beginning at 10:30 AM. All are welcome.

### **Soup Suppers—**

We hope you can join us as we gather in the Fellowship Hall with a simple meal beginning at 6:00 PM. Pastor Dan will present our topic, "500 Years: The Luther We Never Knew" during five Wednesdays in Lent, from March 8 through April 5. The meal and discussion will be followed by a beautiful, 10-minute sung liturgy called "Compline" or "Night Prayer." All are welcome.

Offerings at all our Wednesday Lenten services will be for the support of Queen Anne Food Bank.

## The Season to Slow Down:

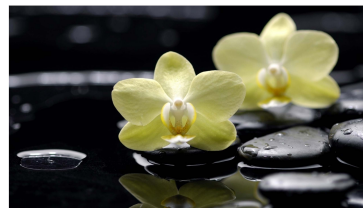
Mindfulness through Prayer and Meditation

### QALC Women's Annual Lenten Brunch

For QALCWOMEN - and friends

Saturday, March 4 @ 9:30 a.m.

QALC Fellowship Hall



## **Join Us At Adult Forum During Lent: Sundays March 5–April 2 at 9:15 AM**

### **Facing Death: Christian Resources for the End of Life**

During Lent, our journey with Jesus to the foot of the cross raises a profound question for us all: how do we face death? What resources do we have—biblically, theologically, therapeutically and practically—for confronting this final "season" of life? Join us this Lent for Sunday Adult Forum to consider a topic that has relevance for us all:

Sunday, March 5: Pastor Mark Griffith: **"Our Quest for Immortality:  
Why It's Killing Us and What We Can Do about It"**

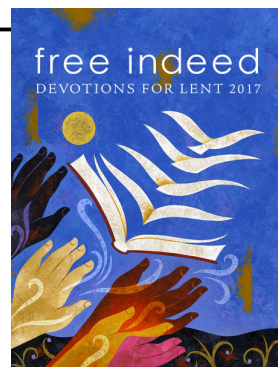
Sunday, March 12: Pastor Dan Peterson: **"A Time to Die: Biblical Perspectives on Mortality"**

Sunday, March 19: Sarah Tatterson, LCN: **"Integration of Death and Life—  
Therapeutic Implications"**

Sunday, March 26: Lee Duty: **"Death and Paperwork"**

Sunday, April 2: Beth Adams: **Topic Title Yet to Come**

**Free Indeed Lenten Devotional** is now available in the narthex, while supplies last (Now sold out at Augsburg Fortress, but can be ordered online as an e-book for \$2.00). This devotional takes you through Lent with daily readings from Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, reflection, and prayer. *Free Indeed* invites you to reflect on Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith during the Lenten season, and within the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Large print editions are also available.



# Reformation 500

Join Us As Queen Anne Lutheran Celebrates the Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 all the year through!

<p>March 5 &amp; 12</p> <p><b>Reformation 500 Bookstore</b> (see below!)</p>	<p>May 7</p> <p><i>Enduring Faith, Abiding Grace, Abounding Love:</i></p> <p><b>A Festival of Hymns</b></p> <p>(see page 8)</p>	<p>May 20</p> <p><b>Faith and Film, facilitated by Pastor Dan:</b></p> <p><b>Rick Steve's "Luther and the Reformation,"</b> a documentary made for PBS</p>	
<p>June 4</p> <p><b>Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue:</b> <i>Lunch with friends from St. Anne's Parish</i></p>	<p>September 29</p> <p><b>National Lutheran Choir Hymn Fest</b> <i>Friday evening at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle</i></p>	<p>October 22</p> <p><i>Celebrate our community with</i> <b>Oktoberfest</b></p>	<p>October 29</p> <p><i>Join us for worship on</i> <b>Reformation Sunday</b></p>

## Our Church Is Having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!



The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the our narthex on Sunday, March 5th and 12th between 9AM and 12 noon or Wednesday evening when we gather for our Lenten worship. Get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from *The Annotated Luther* series. Beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> our Bookstore will include children's books from Sparkhouse and Fortress Press, partners of Augsburg Fortress. The children's books are stories of Luther in addition to stories of the seasons Lent and Easter. Our librarian Georganne Robertson is facilitating the bookstore. Pastor Dan will be available for reviews and recommendations!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holden Village Dates Are Set

Queen Anne Lutheran will have a group going to Holden Village Aug 12/13–Aug 19th. If interested, call or e-mail Rich Mathes. For a one-week stay, individual rates are \$80/day and group rates a bit less than \$65/day. We need 15 people for a group.

## Feeling Down? Help Clean the Kitchen!

**Save the Date: Saturday, March 11 at 9 AM.**

All of us benefit from the delicious fruits of the kitchen. It's time to give back. **We need** men and women, both tall (for the high-up-things) and short (for the low-down things): Help deep-clean the Fellowship Hall kitchen! **Saturday, March 11 at 9 AM.** Sallie Wilson is organizing the event; please come if you are able to help.

## Photo Reference For Pastor Dan

We are putting together a quick-and-easy photo reference to assist our pastor— can you help? In the next two weeks, please submit a photo of your family—a casual snapshot is fine, these are not for publication—and either send the photo digitally to Barb in the office at [admin@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org), or give her a printed copy (preferably 4" x 6"; a 3" x 5" will work, too). We also hope to have some-one available Sundays to snap a quick pic for those who have no photo available.

## Visitors' Happy Hour

The Force is planning a series of "Happy Hours" for recent visitors and newcomers to our church community. Pastor Dan has graciously volunteered to host the first at the parsonage, 209 West McGraw Street, on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 PM. Beverages and light appetizers will be served. Please feel free to join us!

## Lyons Dinner Theater

**MEI LE SMITH** will be in the Narthex selling **TICKETS for LYONS DINNER THEATER** between services on Sunday, February 26 and March 12. This production—"The Church Office"—is about transitioning in a new pastor and the changes that happen . . . sound familiar? Mei Le will be playing the role of a quilter in the congregation. Please come join us in supporting LYONS.

**LYONS Presents: "The Church Office" 2017 Dinner Theater**

**Friday, March 31 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, April 1 2:00 PM Dessert Matinee and 7:00 PM Dinner Theater**

**Friday, April 7 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, April 8 2:00 PM Dessert Matinee and 7:00 PM Dinner Theater**

**Ticket Prices:** 7:00 PM Dinner shows = \$30.00 and age 5-18 or 65+ = \$25.00.

2:00 PM Dessert matinees = \$15.00 and age 5-18 or 65+ = \$10.00

Tickets are also available from the main church office or online at the LYONS website. Dinner Theater volunteers are still needed: for more information on how you can serve, visit [roaringlyons.org](http://roaringlyons.org)



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

*A coffee hour to honor Lois Unseth's 90th birthday will be held after the 10:30 worship on Sunday, March 19. Please wish Lois well on her 90th!*

Nancy Sandvik  
Rich Mathes  
John Fandel  
Sallie Wilson  
Kelly McCauley  
Ken Hockman  
Dick Steffen  
Mark Dibble  
Lena Mathis  
Dorothy Duvall  
Don Thomas  
Pat Sobeck  
James McLaughlan  
Jessica Cronce  
Michael Houle  
Edi Watne  
Don Sobeck  
Carol Whitfield  
Isaac McCauley  
Lois Unseth





## Explore the Intersection of **Faith & Film**

### “Hunt for the Wilderpeople”

**Saturday, March 25** in the Fellowship Hall

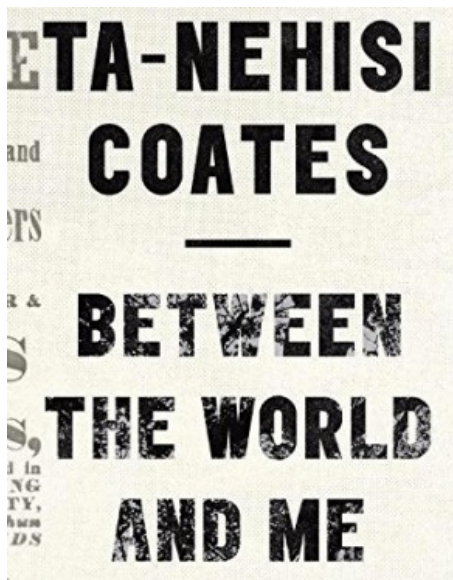
**4:00 PM** Happy Hour • **4:30 PM** Watch the movie • **6:15 PM**

Discussion • Hosted by Joan Kavanaugh

From *Rotten Tomatoes*: “Raised on hip-hop and foster care, defiant city kid Ricky gets a fresh start in the New Zealand countryside. He quickly finds himself at home with his new foster family: the loving Aunt Bella, the cantankerous Uncle Hec, and dog Tupac. When a tragedy strikes that threatens to ship Ricky to another home, both he and Hec go on the run in the bush. As a national manhunt ensues, the newly branded outlaws must face their options: go out in a blaze of glory or overcome their differences and survive as a family. Equal parts road comedy and rousing adventure story, director Taika Waititi masterfully

weaves lively humor with emotionally honest performances by Sam Neill and Julian Dennison. Hilarious and touching, “Hunt for the Wilderpeople” reminds us about the journey that growing up is (at any age) and those who help us along the way.” (97% rating).

### **March Book Group (Schedule Change): *Between the World and Me***



Our winter storm and horrid traffic jam caused us to cancel February’s meeting, so we will discuss February’s book in March! Come join us Monday, March 27 in the Narthex at 7 PM to discuss *Between the World & Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Sophie Pritchard will lead the discussion. Anyone is welcome to join us.

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation’s history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of “race,” a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?

*Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates’s attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world . . . Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

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## **ENDURING FAITH, ABIDING GRACE, ABOUNDING LOVE**

A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

**Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM**

FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED

RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW



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## QALC Women's News

**“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”**

### The Season to Slow Down:

Mindfulness through Prayer and Meditation

QALC Women's Annual Lenten Brunch

Saturday, March 4 @ 9:30 a.m.

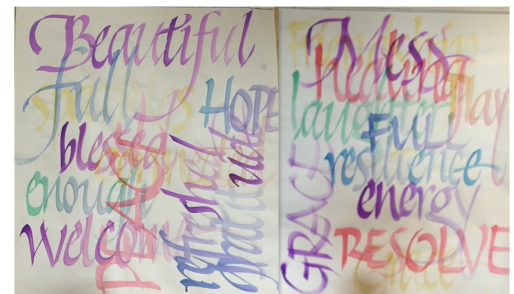
QALC Fellowship Hall



If you are reading this BEFORE March 4, come join for a **Time of Reflection** at the **Lenten Brunch** on Saturday, March 4 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30. If you are reading this AFTER March 4, I want to thank each one of you that came to the Lenten Brunch and for joining us in “QALC Community of Women”. People often ask how they may help at an event/activity and often the answer is take the time to join us. For a community to be, we need YOU to be a part of it. Thanks also to all of those who helped with the Lenten Brunch. A special thanks to Jean Oplinger and Deb Squires for being the gracious presenters for the program.

**Holden Village Women's Retreat!** It was wonderful (ask Kirsten Erickson). NEXT (about October) when we see it advertised, we need to IMMEDIATELY register for it.

There were rooms for ONLY 80 women. Rooms were available in Lodge 5, Chalet 2 and the hotel. The opening text for the retreat Beautiful “Bloody Mess” was Leviticus 19:19-20, “When a woman has a discharge of blood that is her regular discharge from her body . . .” I don't think we hear this passage too often! Pastor Kacey Hahn led the Bible Study, Lacey Brown (poorclaremusic.com) led the music, Elizabeth Austen (Washington State Poet Laureate for 2014-16) and Laura Norton helped us in reading and writing—“Women, Blessing : Poetry of Benediction & Invocation.”



Laura Norton is a joyful practitioner, student, and teacher of letter arts. You will see her work on walls around the village, as well as all the wonderful crafts Holden is known for—pottery, weaving, snow sculptures (there was a LOT of snow.) Our time included a late-evening snowshoeing to the Labyrinth and snowshoeing around it by candlelight.

Last year I wrote that **Julia Circle** is working hard on making the second Monday their meeting date. Well, mornings did NOT work. Stay tuned for the NEXT plan. Watch for a reorganizational meeting. **Northern Lights** continues to be our most faithful circle. They would love you to join them.

As you clean up your homes, keep **St. Joseph's Baby Corner** in your thoughts (tell your friends and neighbors, too). Clothes, as Ellen tells us, are needed for older children, too. The Sewing and Service group will once again be making Baby Layettes for the May InGathering. One the things we need is cloth diapers. Our source in Texas chose to go back to work instead of continuing to make diapers for us.



Rich and I are making plans to DRIVE to the **Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention** which will be July 13–16. We would love to see you there! My friend Janice Stepp and I are going to join **The 2017 5K Run, Walk 'n' Roll** there—along with approximately 400 other women. The 5K R, W 'n' R is one of the ways WELCA raises awareness for the wellbeing of women and girls. (And you thought the TRIENNIAL was a bunch of women sitting around doing “nothing!”) Come walk with me in Minneapolis and enjoy the Triennial Convention. There is something at the Triennial for women of all ages. For more information go to <http://www.welcatg.org>

— *Candy Mathes* for the Women’s Committee:  
*Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard, Lisa Ondrejcek,*



**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:** Second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM.  
Contact Georganne Robertson. *Meeting time may be changing.*

**Northern Lights:** Monday meetings as announced at 7 PM. This is a north-end group. Contact Dolly Smith. March’s meeting is March 20.

**Katie’s Table:** Third Saturday at 9 AM. This is a south-end group. For location & questions please contact Carol Ann Davis.

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

**PDQ’s (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts):** Third Tuesday of most months at the church, sometime after 5:30 PM. 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. Our 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.

March 18th Saturday, 8:30 AM—Discussion group on “My/ Our 2017 Lenten Journey” in the Conference Room, featuring healthy snacks. Also, we’ll assemble LWR Personal Care Kits from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM.

Saturday, April 15 , 10 AM — Easter Breakfast setup in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 AM — Easter Breakfast—sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Spring LWR Ingathering May 5/6<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemers’ Lutheran Church, located at 2500 NW 85th St.

—*Rich Mathes*

## **Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits**

The spring Ingathering (collection of quilts and kits) will be May 5th & 6th, at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church. **Loaders**—please mark your calendars.

**Personal Care Kits**—we emphasize personal care kits in the spring since sometimes towels or nail clippers are on sale in spring. We emphasize school kits in the fall—since school supplies are usually on sale in summer.

It is more cost effective for us to directly order some of the personal care kit items in bulk, because they are higher quality than what is usually on sale, and cheaper in bulk. IF you want to simply pay for all materials for one Personal Care Kit, please donate \$5 per kit. Please make checks to QAELC Women. Our goal is 100 personal care kits.

**Items that you might be able to pick up on sale that can be good quality:**

**Nail clippers**—assuming they actually cut fingernails. Since nail clippers cannot be sent in their package, if you buy a nail clipper, try it. If it cuts your nails, buy some and also let me know your source. Sale prices have sometimes been 50 cents at Bartell's. You will probably pay \$1 or more for some sales prices. That is ok, because this is the one item that I have not found an online source where the quality is good enough that I am not embarrassed to send overseas. None of the nail clippers that I have ordered from Amazon or others actually cut your fingernail smoothly. Some of them actually fall apart when I carry them in my pocket.

**Dark Colored Bath Towels**—as small as 20 x 40 inches for "hotel towels", or as large as 27 x 52 inches. Sale prices can be \$2.75 to \$4.00. Hot, humid tropical areas actually appreciate the smaller, thinner "hotel" towels because they dry out faster. If you happen to find bath towels on sale in the \$3 or cheaper range, please feel free to buy some. The white sales at Fred Meyer and other stores vary each year.

**Bulk purchases:** I buy heavy, large, sturdy **combs** for 21 cents; individually-wrapped soft **toothbrushes** for 40 cents; 4-oz. **Ivory Soap** for 40 cents a bar; and **hotel towels** for \$2.60. Because only one toothbrush is used in one kit, each one must be individually wrapped. Packages of more than one must be unwrapped and broken into single toothbrushes, and then sealed.

—Rich Mathes

**Mark your calendars and block out some days to volunteer:**

**Mary's Place Rotating Night Shelter Project  
Returns to QALC May 16 - 23**

*"Mary's Place is a leading voice for homeless women, children, and families in emergency situations. We empower families to reclaim their lives by offering community, acceptance, hope and dignity. Our work keeps struggling families together and provides practical tools and resources that help them find housing and employment. We inspire the community to support homeless women, children, and families through advocacy, partnerships, volunteerism and philanthropy."*

See <http://www.marysplaceseatle.org/>

The Rotating Night Shelter, coordinated by Mary's Place, houses up to 14 (5-6 families) Mary's Place women and children, at 20+ different faith communities, each congregation hosting one week or two weeks per quarter.

QALC is in its sixth year of participating twice a year in this program; we will once again have the privilege of providing shelter, meals, companionship, love, and support to moms and kids who will be staying in the Fellowship Hall May 16 - 23. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to help us take care of these families. If you've volunteered before, consider inviting a friend, neighbor, work colleague, or family member to join you this time around - it helps to expand our volunteer pool! We also need someone to step into a lead role to coordinate kitchen and laundry volunteers. Volunteer training/orientation will be provided for all volunteers, and first-time volunteers can be paired with experienced volunteers. Information about sign-up sheets and volunteer training will be included in future issues of the *Quill* and in the Sunday bulletins. Until then, if you think you might like to help but want more information, please contact Peggy Morgan at [Pmorganxyz@comcast.net](mailto:Pmorganxyz@comcast.net).

## **STILL ONE SEAT LEFT AT THE TABLE:**

### **Compass Housing Alliance Gala and Auction Sat., March 18**

*"In the Lutheran tradition of caring through service, Compass Housing Alliance develops and provides essential services and affordable housing for homeless and low-income people in the greater Puget Sound region."* See <http://www.compasshousingalliance.org/>

I am honored to begin serving this month on the board of Compass Housing Alliance (CHA), and I look forward to keeping QALC, which is a member congregation of CHA, informed about the amazing, innovative, and nationally recognized work that CHA is doing to combat homelessness in the greater Puget Sound region. The exciting news I have right now is that CHA's annual gala and auction is on March 18 – and a generous, anonymous QALC donor has sponsored a table at this event. That means eight other QALC members can join Al and me – along with 400+ supporters and influencers for an evening out in support of homeless men, women, and children in our community. Mix and mingle, dine and (dessert) dash, bid on fabulous auction items, and celebrate the powerful changes every day at Compass Housing Alliance. The event is from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Motif Seattle – 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle. Please let me know by email or phone if you'd like to attend – first eight responses get the seats!

—Peggy Morgan • [Pmorganxyz@comcast.net](mailto:Pmorganxyz@comcast.net)

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENT AT ANOTHER CHURCH ON QUEEN ANNE HILL:**

### **Reggie Williams @The Well, March 23**

Drawing from the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dr. Reggie Williams will explore how the Harlem Renaissance interrupted the thinking of the theologian by offering alternative ways of understand God in Christ. This interruption provided Bonhoeffer with new ways of addressing the struggles and problems of his world. Dr. Williams will utilize Bonhoeffer as a guiding metaphor to frame our conversation on Interrupting Whiteness: Harlem Renaissance, Black Christ, & Christian Ethics.

Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2879833>. Ticket pricing is \$15 general admission and \$8 for students. For more information, contact The Rev. Katie M Laddat The Well at Queen Anne United Methodist Church, 1606 5th Ave West, 206-282-4307

*"We believe a more just and compassionate society can be built, in part, through conversation in community over time."*

## **A New Venture to Promote Education in Rural Africa**

Michael and I wanted to share with the congregation a project we have undertaken to establish a school in his village in rural northwest Tanzania. We would like to invite you to participate in any way you might feel moved, whether financially, with your skills, or simply with encouragement and moral support!

Michael's village—Bushasha—is a community of mostly subsistence farmers or fisherman, with some families also raising coffee as a limited source of cash. It's quite remote, way up in the northwest corner of the country (like Seattle!), on the west shore of Lake Victoria, far from the game parks and exotic Maasai tribes of northeastern Tanzania that attract outside visitors and, consequently, outside aid. Life is simple in Bushasha—there is no electricity, no indoor plumbing, no farming equipment other than hoes, and most women still cook on open wood fires. The region was hit hard by the AIDS crisis, and over-fishing of Lake Victoria together with poor markets for the region's coffee have depressed the local economy. In visits back to Bushasha over the past twenty years, Michael has noticed a decline in the vitality of the community and a sense of hopelessness among many village residents. We have struggled to think of a way to help, and are now convinced that the best hope for moving the community forward is through improved education.

Our original proposal to the community was to establish a secondary school, since the nearest secondary school is a five-mile walk from the village. But village elders encouraged Michael to consider instead a second primary school, since the existing government school in Bushasha is severely over-crowded and under-resourced. What Michael learned on a visit to the school



corroborated this view. Some of the lower grade levels at the primary school had more than 100 students on the roster for a single teacher. In the words of one teacher, “We can’t do justice to these kids”. The teachers have no visual aids to work with other than rudimentary blackboards and a few tattered newsprint charts, textbooks must be shared between two or three students, there is no library, and the toilets are pit latrines with no on-site source of water for hand-washing. The principal of the secondary school which receives children from Bushasha said many students arrive ill-prepared and, as a result, nearly three-fourths of his students drop out before completing all four years

of secondary school. One factor adding to the difficulty of adequately preparing children for secondary school is the issue of language. At the existing Bushasha primary school, as at most public primary schools in Tanzania, the national language, Kiswahili, is the language of instruction but when students arrive at secondary school they are immediately thrust into English-medium instruction. In response to this problem, elders from the village advocated for the new primary school to be an English-medium school.

The plan we are now moving forward with is to establish a second primary school in the village with a mission to provide high-quality education to local children. The school will use English as the medium of instruction to better prepare students for secondary studies in English and for participation in the global economy. There will be a focus on sustainability, both in the construction and daily operation of the school and integrated into the curriculum. School activities will include some practical, technical education, particularly in the area of agriculture, with the intent that children will share what they learn at school with their families. We will take advantage of our unique relationship with US partners to create a global, cross-cultural focus as well.

To help us carry out this plan, we have formed a U.S. nonprofit organization, CORE Tanzania (Creating Opportunity through Rural Education). We have an enthusiastic board of nine directors, including three Queen Anne members—Michael, myself, and Lisa Ondrejcek. Steve Burdick, husband of Queen Anne member Carol Ann Davis, is also on the board. We had our organizational meeting in early November, and are now beginning to plan for fundraising, school construction, and curriculum. We are also working on completing the required legal steps for operating in Tanzania.

As you can imagine, this project will require substantial financial resources as well as expertise in a variety of fields. Right now we could especially use help from people with expertise in engineering, architecture, and construction as we make plans for the school building and facilities; in elementary education as we plan the school curriculum; in website design; and, of course, in fundraising. Later there will be opportunities for volunteers wishing to travel to Tanzania to help with construction or teaching, or to provide English-language practice for students. If you have skills or interest in any of these areas that you would like to share, please let us know. We would love to have more members of our Queen Anne family participating with us in this undertaking!

Thank you for your interest!  
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## *Bishop's Message*



### **Know What You Are For**

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

I have been told that the phrases, "Do not be afraid" and "Have no fear" appear in the Bible 365 times. While I have never counted them for myself, it is a fitting idea that there would be one for each day of the year. No doubt it is a central message of the scriptures proclaimed in both the Christmas and Easter stories.

God knows us so very well. God knows that we tend to become focused upon the things that frighten us. We develop a form of tunnel vision which prevents us from seeing what life is giving around us. Most importantly, fear short circuits our ability to put our trust in God. "Do not be afraid. I go before you always." Deuteronomy 31.8

It is a teaching that speaks to the uncertainty and fear that many are experiencing in today's hyped political world of uncertainty.

I spent a few days in Olympia in my role as a trustee in our Community and Technical College system. I spoke to multiple legislators who told me there is a growing interest in Town Hall Meetings and other kinds of public gatherings. More and more people are asking the question, "What can we do as concerned citizens?" I am keenly aware that many people in our churches are asking this same question. I want to suggest that we not forget the words spoken throughout history by angels and prophets alike, "Do not be afraid."

In late January, I attended the International Holocaust Commemoration Day event at Seattle University. Jewish author and holocaust survivor George Elbaum shared his personal story of how fear can lead people to develop a form of hate that has no limits. George, his voice cracking from the pain that still resides in his soul, shared this wisdom with the students, "Know what you are for, not what you are against." He went on to explain how people who are only against always rely upon fear as their method of persuasion.

I find this to be a helpful guide in trying to navigate the times we are living in. It gives us a helpful frame in which to be clear about our own beliefs and can assist us in understanding our neighbor who may see the world differently.

It calls us not to be against another person, race, gender, or nation but to strive together to discover what is it we are for. Try this out for the next 365 days and let's see what we learn.

## THANK-YOUS

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**From Women of the ELCA for a donation of \$590.**

**From Queen Anne Helpline, for a donation of \$1,500.**

**From Mary's Place, for donations of \$75, \$267.69 and \$1,000.**

**From Compass Housing Alliance for a donation of \$4,000.**

**From Lutheran World Relief, for the 97 mission quilts, 15 baby care kits, 12 fabric kits and 47 school kits created and shipped in November. This year our school kits were distributed in Honduras, and our mission quilts in India.**

# SERVING IN MARCH

*Interested in being an usher or worship leader? Contact Arletta Anderson to volunteer. Sign-ups are in the narthex for providing flowers, hosting coffee hour, and ushering. Please jump in!*

## Ushers: (8:00 AM)

5 Ken Hockman  
12 Ken Hockman  
19 Ken Hockman  
26 Ken Hockman

## Ushers: (10:30 AM)

5 Denny Alfson  
12 TBD  
19 Jim Margard  
26 Jim Margard

## Lectors (8:00 AM)

5 Katherine Knorr  
12 Mei Le Smith  
19 Ken Hockman  
26 Jan Olson

## Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

5 Ellen Hockman  
12 Dolly Smith  
19 Ellen Hockman  
26 Linda Olson

## Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

1 Carol Ann Davis (Ash Wednesday)  
5 Marc Oplinger  
12 Kirsten Erickson  
19 Rich Mathes  
26 Deb Squires

## Offering Counters

Shirley Flory and Michael Banobi

## Altar Guild:

Lori Roozen

## Flowers on the Altar

*(No Flowers During Lent)*

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

5 Katherine Knorr  
12 TBD  
19 Jan & Linda Olson  
26 Jan & Linda Olson

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

5 TBD  
12 Sobecks  
19 Unseths  
26 TBD

## Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson
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LYONS Program Assistant	Megan Hundley
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**Deadline for the April Quill is Tuesday, March 24.**

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## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Ash Wednesday Worship - Chapel 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:30pm Ash Wed. Worship 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am QALCW Lenten Brunch 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
<b>5</b> 8:00am Worship 9:00am Reformation 500 Bookstore 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm LYONS Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Worship & Music Committee 7:00pm 12-Step FA	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Executive Committee	<b>8</b> 9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:00pm Lenten Supper/Worship 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A.	<b>9</b> 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Staff Support Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am FH Kitchen Work Party 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
<b>12</b> 8:00am Worship 9:00am Reformation 500 Bookstore 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm LYONS Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 10:00am Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step FA	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Church Council	<b>15</b> 9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:00pm Lenten Supper/Worship 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30am Men's Ministry 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
<b>19</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Coffee Hour to celebrate Lois Unseth's 90th birthday 6:00pm LYONS Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 7:00pm 12-Step FA 7:00pm Northern Lights	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Interfaith Community 5:30pm PDQ	<b>22</b> 9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:00pm Lenten Supper/Worship 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon	<b>23</b> 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30am Alanon Women 4:00pm Faith and Film 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
<b>26</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Newcomers' Coffee 6:00pm LYONS Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 7:00pm LYONS Tech Rehearsal 7:00pm 12-Step FA 7:00pm QA Book Group	<b>28</b> 7:00pm LYONS Tech Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Lenten Supper/Worship 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A.	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Visitors' Happy Hour at the Parsonage 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm LYONS Tech Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater; cast here at 5PM	<b>1</b> 10:30am Alanon Women 2:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater (cast here at Noon) 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater