# The Quill



# Queen Anne

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# LUTHERAN CHURCH



## What's Next, Pastor?

It's coming: the conclusion of my first year as your pastor. Can you believe it? Last April I accepted your call which formally began at the end of June. Looking back, I have to say that while the transition from professor to pastor was challenging, I am so glad I did it. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you as a congregation.

As we approach the one-year anniversary of my call, I will continue to look back in an effort to learn from my experience. But I will also look forward. In the spirit of the latter, I would like to share with you three priorities I have between now and the end of June:

- 1. **Meet as many of our active members as possible:** Last summer I told the congregation that I would like to meet every active member of the church by the end of my first year. This is why I asked for Cottage Meetings which enabled me to meet with over 50 members of our congregation. I have also met some of our church members individually in my office or over coffee, lunch or dinner. I cannot realize this goal, however, without your help! I want to learn more about you. If we haven't met, please email me at <a href="mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org">pastor@queenannelutheran.org</a> to set up an appointment or call the office and I will get back to you. Let's make this happen.
- 2. **Increase opportunities for fellowship:** One of the most widely attended social events of the past year was our happy hour at the parsonage in March. Approximately 60 people attended. I would like to make this event a recurring one, perhaps every other month. Watch the church calendar for details. All are welcome.
- 3. **Move toward hiring a children's education coordinator:** The Sunday school parents have spoken and I agree with them wholeheartedly. We need a part-time children's education coordinator that reflects our commitment to the young people of this congregation. At the council meeting in April, Sunday school parents presented their request for this position. Council approved the formation of a task force of which I will be a part. In the weeks ahead we will be working on a job description.

These are my three of my priorities. How can you be involved? Keep an eye on our calendar. Let me or the church office know if you'd like to help, and keep our ministry in prayer.

It's coming: the conclusion of my first year as your pastor. Can you believe it? Just think now of what we have in store!

Pastor Dan

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

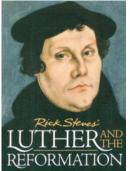
The Spring Ingathering (regional collection of quilts and kits from all of Western Washington and Alaska) will be **Friday, May 5** (8 AM–3 PM) **& Saturday, May 6** (8 AM–12 PM)at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church at NW 25th St. & 85th Ave. NW. Loaders and traffic directors—thanks in advance for your valuable help.

If you are able to lift 30-pound boxes, we need loaders for two-hour shifts. If you cannot load, we also need traffic directors to keep the 100 cars and trucks in order in a crowded parking lot. If you like to socialize with drivers of all ages, that is a fun job.

Friday is the really busy day—and I realize some of you work or go to school—but that is the day we need the most help. Bring a friend. Food & drinks are provided Friday and Saturday. If you have never participated and might have an interest, please contact Rich Mathes: 206-384-1183 or <a href="https://www.lwrmathes@aol.com">lwrmathes@aol.com</a>

—Rich Mathes

# Reformation 500



"Luther and the Reformation" Faith & Film Showing Postponed to June 17:

We will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation," which originally aired as a

PBS special, on next month's Faith and Film date, Saturday, June 17. Apologies to those who signed up to come in May—we hope you and many others will be able to attend in June!

(New ideas for Faith and Film on May 13 are welcome; notify the office, or sign up on the year-long schedule for Faith and Film, on the railing next to the narthex kitchen.)

## Our All-Church Picnic is Set for Sunday, June 18!



Mark your calendar for Father's Day, June 18—that's when we will move to our summer schedule with ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM, celebrating the switch with an all-church picnic outside. We hope everyone will be able to attend and enjoy the fellowship—bring a friend!



## **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 Donna Hoffman Elsa Schwartz Cathi Unseth Rebecca Bol Connie Laabs David Fandel Clare Josef-Maier **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



## **GROW IN FAITH!**

## **Adult Forums in May—**

## Learn more about local missions we help support!

Queen Anne Lutheran Church helps support a number of local nonprofits with its benevolences and volunteer time each year. Spend some time with us in May to learn more about the work of these local organizations as they strive to help the poor and advocate for social justice, and find out how we can support them with our time and our voices, in ways beyond opening our pocketbooks. Start that support by showing up for Adult Forums in May!

## Sunday, May 7: You're invited to learn more about Mary's Place

Kick off this series with Mary's Place, whose Rotating Shelter we participate in several times each year. Mary's Place itself, however, provides a broad spectrum of services and supports for unhoused families. Their stated mission is "empowering homeless women, children, and families to reclaim their lives by providing shelter, nourishment, resources, healing and hope in a safe community. 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." Come learn about the history and current work of Mary's Place on May 7.

#### Sunday, May 14: You're invited to learn more about Queen Anne Food Bank

Queen Anne Food Bank provides healthy food assistance to low-income and homeless people in Seattle. The program serves every person that comes to our door in need, without discrimination and with respect and dignity. The Food Bank is unique because it is truly a product of community efforts. With just three staff members, QAFB is able to meet the crucial need in our community because of the incredible support from our mighty core of volunteers. This are one of three programs in Seattle that has both a meal program and a food bank. Join us at Adult Forum on May 14 to meet director Stephanie Monroney and learn more.

## Sunday, May 21: You're invited to learn more about Compass Housing Alliance!

Compass Housing Alliance, a Lutheran social ministry organization, is a recognized leader in providing essential services and affordable housing for homeless and low-income people in the greater Seattle area. Its ministries include day services, emergency shelters, transitional housing, veterans' programs, family programs, and permanent affordable housing, all of which seek to integrate housing and support services. One of its guiding principles is to reach out to congregations and their members in order to more effectively address the homelessness and affordable housing crises in our community. And, Compass Housing Alliance is coming to Queen Anne Lutheran Church! On Sunday, May 21, staff and board members (including our own Peggy **Morgan!)** will join us for worship and provide information and answer questions about its ministry at the adult forum between worship services. You're invited to join the conversation and learn more about its important work, including the more than 20 facilities currently operated by Compass Housing Alliance, as well as the innovative Compass Crossing project on the drawing board and the planned 24/7 shelter at Seattle First Presbyterian Church which was just awarded a significant grant by the City of Seattle. You can learn more about Compass Housing Alliance by visiting its website (www.compasshousingalliance.org). Join us on May 21 to learn more about this important ministry!



## May 16 - 23, 2017:

Queen Anne Lutheran opens its doors to shelter homeless women and children through the Mary's Place\* Rotating Shelter Project.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

Tents will be going up in the Fellowship Hall and homeless moms and their

kids will be arriving to sleep here for a week starting Tuesday, May 16. We need more volunteers to help

take care of them. Can you help put up tents, be a smiling face greeting our guests in the late afternoon, cook dinner, sleep overnight at the church, be onsite for a few hours on the weekend, or stop by in the evenings to play with the kids?

#### **SIGN UP:**

Please sign up now online by visiting queenannelutheran.org. Click on "SERVE", then "HOMEBASE" for information and links to the signup sheet; there is also a paper sign-up in the Narthex.

#### **GET TRAINED:**

A volunteer training/orientation will be held on Sunday, May 7, at 11:45 AM in the conference room. Attending one of these training sessions is mandatory for first-time volunteers. (Past volunteers are encouraged to come as well, to go over new material in the Volunteer Handbook.) All first-time volunteers (or past volunteers who have not done so for two years) must fill out a Washington State Patrol background check form. Parish Administrator Barb Bash can help you with the background check.

Questions? Email <u>admin@queenannelutheran.org</u> or Peggy Morgan at pmorganxyz@comcast.net).

\*Mary's Place, a ministry of the Church of Mary Magdalene, operates day centers and emergency night shelters for homeless women, children, and families in King County. Mary's Place also partners with faith communities to provide shelter through its Rotating Shelter Project. Queen Anne Lutheran is one of 21 local congregations (churches, synagogues, and mosque) who have committed to providing safe overnight shelter that allows women and their children to be housed together. These congregations host families overnight for a week or two at a time.

#### **Hear Pastor's Sermons Online**

Perhaps during the week you were contemplating what Pastor Dan preached on Sunday, came upon a point that left you confused or concerned, and wanted to make sure heard him correctly. Or you were away from church on Sunday and wanted to hear his message. Or you just wanted to listen again because you were touched by the Word.

You can listen to Pastor Dan's sermons again and again and again. They are available on the church website via the webpage called Pastor's Word. Simply go to our home page at <u>queenannelutheran.org</u> and click on the "Pastor's Word" button.

That is where the links for the sermons reside. These are links to mp3 format audio files that have been extracted from recordings made of the services at Queen Anne Lutheran. Some Sunday links also include sermon notes or sermon summaries, which open in a separate window or tab on your browser. This list of links is updated each Sunday, so that you may keep current with what message Pastor Dan (or his "altar ego" Rabbi Daniel) has for us. Sermons from guest preachers are also available.

So wherever you are in the world, if you have access to the Internet, you can access Pastor Dan's sermons. But please continue to come to worship! While he is glad and gratified that you take time to listen to him online, Pastor Dan wants to see you, too.

## A New Option Coming for Electronic Giving at QALC

Queen Anne Lutheran continues to move gradually and thoughtfully in the direction of expanded options for electronic forms of giving. At the present time, QALC offers two means of electronic giving: the "Simply Giving" program, and Paypal giving. Our newest option for electronic giving, coming soon, will be text giving.

## "Simply Giving"

We are grateful for the many families in the congregation that are already enrolled in the "Simply Giving" program. "Simply Giving" participants authorize recurring monthly or semi-monthly transfers from their bank accounts to the church's checking account. The monthly tithes from these families keep coming regardless of vacations or other times away from church. Today, just over one third of the church's General Fund offerings come to us this way. Please note that all forms of electronic giving come with a cost that the church must bear, but "Simply Giving" is by far the least expensive form of electronic giving that the church offers. Enrollment in the "Simply Giving" program is coordinated by our Financial Secretary, Ken Hockman. You can find information and sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

#### Paypal giving

Anyone with a Paypal account can easily make either a one-time or a recurring donation to the church. The church has its own Paypal account, and our website has a page that guides you through a Paypal donation. With a Paypal donation you do not have to coordinate with anyone at the church; this is something that you initiate entirely by yourself. Note that because the church is a non-profit we are charged only 2.2% of each donation.

## **A New Option: Text-to-Give**



As part of our commitment to expanding the options for electronic giving, Queen Anne Lutheran will soon be offering the "Text-to-Give" option. Text giving is designed for smartphone users. You will soon be able to simply send a text message to a special phone number with the dollar amount of your donation in the text message. If you've given up carrying your checkbook with you, this will be a very easy way to quickly make either a one-time or a recurring donation. Only with your first text-to-give donation will you be asked to enter your credit or debit card information; after that

your information will already be available. Again, this is an option that requires no coordination with the church; this is something that you initiate entirely by yourself. The cost to the church for this option is 3% of each donation. Watch for additional information from the Finance Committee in the coming weeks!

# Reformation 500

## Dr. Steven Wente to Lead May 7 Hymn Festival



Please join us on **Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4 PM** for a Hymn Festival led by Dr. Steven Wente of Concordia University in Illinois.

The title of the Festival, "Enduring Faith, Abiding Faith, Abounding Love," is meant to encompass the spirit of the Lutheran hymnody—and attending the hymn festival will be yet another way for us to honor the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

**Dr. Wente** teaches applied organ, music history and church music at Concordia University in

Illinois. In addition, he serves as department chair and coordinator for the graduate music programs. Among his research interests are organ music from the baroque period and the role of music in the liturgy.

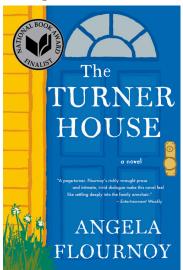
He has performed numerous organ recitals and presented workshops and hymn festivals. Additionally, Dr. Wente contributed to *Key Words in Church Music* and *Thine the Amen: Essays on Lutheran Church Music in Honor of Carl Schalk*. He has been a member of Concordia's faculty since 1984. He earned his DMus in organ performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and his MCM in church music from Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Illinois.



## May Book Group: The Turner House ("All Seattle Reads" Selection)

On May 22 at 7 PM, (the Monday BEFORE Memorial weekend), the Queen Anne Book Club will discuss the "All Seattle Reads" 2017 selection from The Seattle Public Library: *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy. (Our public libraries have many copies of this book available. They give them to the public on an honor system; one doesn't even need to check them out! Just ask at the information desk of your local branch.)

Growing up in California, Angela Flournoy often visited the place where her father is from, Detroit, Michigan. The fiction she read never depicted the experiences of people like her family—working class



African Americans who made up the majority of a city. *The Turner House* explores this American story. Filled with love, sacrifice, pride, and unlikely inheritances, *The Turner House* is a compelling consideration of the price we pay for our dreams, and the ways in which our families bring us home.

The Turner House was a finalist for the National Book Award, was shortlisted for the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction, nominated for an NAACP Image Award, and named a New York Times Notable Book of 2015.

**Angela Flournoy's** fiction has appeared in *The Paris Review*, and she's written for *The New York Times, The New Republic* and *The Los Angeles Times*. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Flournoy has taught at the University of Iowa and The Writer's Foundry at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn. Angela Flournoy will visit Seattle May 8-11, 2017; look on the Seattle Public Library website for her schedule.

## FINE ARTS MINISTRY PRESENTS . . .



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Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM

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## **QALC Women's News**

It is that time of the year! The quilts and kits time of year! Once again the Sanctuary is full of quilts and kits—75 quilts, 38 Baby Care kits and 108 Personal Care kits! We really appreciate all of those who buy supplies, make quilts and kits, help pack them, load the trucks and help pay for the shipping by donating to QALCW.

Jennifer Jones and Cathi Unseth have taken on the tasks of coordinating the Baby Care Kits. Jennifer writes: Thank you for supporting LWR! Because of you, we are sending approximately 40 Baby Care Kits to next week's InGathering. Our next LWR giving opportunity will be in October and we have some specific needs:

• Men's size Large (only) 100% cotton any color T-shirts—used OK and can have decoration (\$1 at Goodwill!). This size makes perfect diapers. As with all LWR things, no religious symbols or American flags.

#### Lightly used:

- Baby Hats and Socks—6mo. to 2T; Please NO newborn-3mo. sizes
- Baby Shirts and Pants (no feet in pants)—Girl or Boy size 6mo to 2T (cotton is best)
- 100% Cotton Flannel Receiving Blankets
- 100% Cotton Flannel Yardage—or donate Gift Cards to JoAnn Fabrics, and Sewing and Service people will purchase fabric to make blankets. One yard makes a blanket!

LWR has given us specific requirements and they know best what people need, so please adhere to this list as these are the items we need most at this time. Please contact Jennifer Jones or Cathi Unseth if you have questions.

Donations may be left in the right-hand pull-out drawer under the "Chocolate/Coffee" Bar in the narthex.



There is still time to register for the Triennial Convention in Minneapolis. I would love to see some of you there. I will be participating in the Run, Walk and Roll. Hopefully some of you will be willing to help sponsor me in this activity. I will have a pledge sheet available in June. A bit about that event:

"This early morning 5K Run, Walk and Roll will take place during Women of the ELCA's Tenth Triennial Gathering and will support our health initiative, Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls.

Money raised during this event will support seed grants that are awarded to women's groups active in Women of the ELCA units in ELCA congregations. In addition, global seed grants are awarded to our companion women's organizations around the world. These grants fund projects that focus on creating a positive impact on the emotional, physical and spiritual health of women and girls."

Plans are being made for the summer. Officially Sewing and Service will not meet during the month of July for sewing. Instead they will meet in July for lunch and then dessert in Lois Unseth's garden. In July,

PDQ's will meet at Cathi Unseth's for dinner. In August we will head to Jean McLauchlan's for a day in the sun.

Northern Lights Circle continues to meet . . . all other Women's Circles are trying to figure out their preferred time. Watch for updates.

— Candy Mathes for the Women's Committee: Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard, Lisa Ondrejcek, Pat Sobeck



Please check with the circle leaders if you would like to

attend.

**Julia Circle:** Currently reconsidering its meeting time. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

**Northern Lights:** Monday meetings as announced at 7 PM. In May, we'll meet Monday, May 15. This is a north-end group. Contact Dolly Smith.

**Katie's Table:** 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.

**Thanks to those who helped with Easter Breakfast** in any way. The food was great; the event was enjoyed by all.

**Spring LWR Ingathering May 5/6**<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church—see LWR article. If you can load boxes or just direct cars and trucks, let Rich know. <a href="mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com">lwrmathes@aol.com</a>.

**QALC Picnic Coming Soon.** Our **Annual All-Church Picnic** will be held on Sunday, June 18 this year, the same Sunday we move to our single-service summer schedule. We hope, as has been tradition, that our QALC Men will be able to help with set-up and grilling, and any other way they would like to participate!

—Rich Mathes

**LYONS'** spring and summer schedule of events and trips is now available online at <a href="https://www.roaringlyons.org/events-calendar">www.roaringlyons.org/events-calendar</a>. If you have a middle school or high school youth in your household, check out the summer camps and outings that lie ahead!

#### **Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market**

Big changes are coming soon to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Coffee Project, which we at Queen Anne Lutheran have participated in for many years. At the end of May, LWR will cease its partnership with the Fair Trade cooperative Equal Exchange. Beginning in mid-June, LWR will start its Farmers Market Coffee in conjunction with the Direct Trade for-profit business "Thrive Farmers."

LWR is making this move from Fair Trade to Direct Trade in order to be of greater service to the small farmers LWR is already assisting through its special projects. It is anticipated that the Direct Trade model of "a new line of coffee sourced directly from" these farmers will help them "achieve sustainable livelihoods." With our purchases of coffee through this new Direct Trade model, we will "see—from start to finish—how [our] support of LWR helps farming families. . ."

What does this mean in the short term? To continue to support LWR and its mission to small farmers, we will need to purchase different coffee from Thrive Farmers instead of Equal Exchange. We will need to explore and try this new product line to see which ones satisfy our taste for coffee.

LWR is still in negotiations to determine what will be available. It is expected that there will be a special LWR coffee product line like there was with Equal Exchange (similar to the no-longer-offered cans of Sister's Blend and Breakfast Blend, for example). The current information is that there will be three blends of coffee: medium, dark, and decaf. These blends will be available in 12 oz. containers or 5 lb. bags, in either drip grind or whole bean. While it is anticipated that we will continue to enjoy wholesale pricing for the new coffee product line, that pricing is yet to be announced. There are lots of unknowns at this point. As LWR makes further announcements in the coming months, you will be made aware of them via *The Quill* and announcements during the service.

What about other products like tea, chocolate, cocoa, and olive oil? That is a major question. The Direct Trade business Thrive Farmers offers only coffee from Central and South America at this time. (If you would like to see its current product line, please visit their website: <a href="http://thrivefarmers.com">http://thrivefarmers.com</a>)

LWR has not announced plans for a Farmers Market for chocolate or tea or cocoa or olive oil. Until they do, we can continue to purchase those products, as well as coffee, available from Equal Exchange. That can be done with the understanding that no portion of the moneys sent to Equal Exchange will go to the LWR Small Farmer Projects Fund. If you would like to see what is available from Equal Exchange, please visit their website:

http://shop.equalexchange.coop/lwrcoffee/coffee/packaged.html

If you have questions or ideas about the changes happening with LWR Farmers Market, please contact Joel Matter by emailing him at <a href="mailto:joel.matter@gmail.com">joel.matter@gmail.com</a> or through the church office.

## Fifth Annual Blessing of Bicycles & Other Wheels

In celebration of National Bike Month, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Queen Anne will offer blessings to anything with wheels on Saturday, May 13 at 11 AM. Bring your wheels—bicycles, skateboards, wheelchairs, wagons, walkers, trikes, or strollers—to the parking lot of St. Anne School's playground to receive Queen Anne Interfaith Ministries' blessings for a safe summer, and extend the blessing to everyone on your path. St. Anne School is at 101 W. Lee Street. Information: 206-282-0223.

Interfaith Ministries of Greater Queen Anne is a group of clergy and nonprofit leaders in the Queen Anne neighborhood, who meet every other month at our church to collaborate around issues of common concern.

# THANKS—TO AND FROM



Many thanks from Barb to Rich Mathes and Ben Matter for putting up cork strips in the office they're already covered with post-its!

**Thanks also to Don Thomas**, who rented a pressure washer and cleaned the grunge from all the sidewalks, stairs, and the top of the brick wall before Easter.

**All volunteers were thanked** on April 23 at a Sunday coffee hour—many **thanks to the Stewardship Committee** for presenting those thanks. (At right—Grace got a balloon out of the deal, and sends a "Happy Spring!" to everyone!)



LYONS extends **A BIG thanks to all LYONS volunteers, youth, parents, and audience members** who made this year's dinner theater a success!



Queen Anne Lutheran Church also received **thanks from Queen Anne Food Bank** for a donation of \$437.

Many thanks to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast and the Floral cross, and the myriad of tasks large and small that create our Easter worship celebrations!



(Left) Ellie, Lisa
Ondrejcek and
Darryl Pahl stand
with our Easter
Floral Cross—Ellie
blends right in!
(Right) Working
behind the scenes
at Easter Breakfast,
Mark Dibble and
Michael Banobi
attend to the
pancakes.



## Bishop's Message



## Let Anyone with Ears Listen!

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

What does it mean to hear?

During seminary, my New Testament Professor Harry Mumm tried to impress upon us the importance of being able to hear God's word. He shared a story about his grandson Ivan, who he and Mrs. Mumm were raising. When dinner time came around Mrs. Mumm would call out with a loud voice, "Ivan, it is dinner time!" Ivan would ignore her call.

A second time she would call out. "Ivan, come to the table—dinner is on." "Yes, grandma, I'm coming." But no Ivan. By the third or fourth time the appeal was more urgent, "Ivan, if you are going to get any dinner, you need to come to the table now."

Dr. Mumm went on to explain that Ivan had not heard his grandmother, until he appeared at the table. Luther had a similar understanding of God's word. For Luther, God's word was a dead word—until it addressed one's life in a way that demanded a response.

One of the precious gifts of serving the Office of Bishop is I frequently find myself in various houses of worship. Week in and week out, I watch people recite the liturgy, sing hymns, enter into prayer, and attend to the sermon. The words are powerful—proclaiming God's love, calling us to seek justice, encouraging us to be peacemakers, inviting us to be about forgiveness, and to become agents of reconciliation—there is even an invitation to come to the table.

The question I am pondering is, "Have we heard the word?"

Are these words just noise in the background that annoy us and otherwise interrupt our own personal desires? Like Ivan do we say yes and then carry on as if no word has been spoken? Like Ivan do we plan to eventually respond but not until we have to? Has the word in our time just become ritual? Has it become a word for Sunday only? Or does it still have the power to disturb us and inspire us.

The cornerstone of the Synod's Living Local movement is learning how to listen to God's word that we might hear it. Dwelling in the word is the discipline that teaches listening. We commit to reading the same text over a long time span always listening for what we haven't heard before. We become like little children who want to hear the same story read over and over again. In our household, it was Good Night, Moon. Kim and I knew it so well we would try on occasion to leave out a page. Believe me, we didn't get away with it.

The practice of learning to hear God's word is, in turn, applied to listening for God in the community by engaging our neighbors. This is so important because we never want to miss out on God's invitation to join in—in what God is already up to.

Grandma Mumm did not call Ivan to the table just to make his life miserable. Grandma Mumm called Ivan to the table that he might share in all that she had prepared for him. Not just the meat and potatoes, but the deep love of knowing that he was the apple of their eye.

Friends, join me in learning to hear the word of God. A word that continues to invite all of us to the table.

# SERVING IN MAY

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!

Note that 10:30 Ushers and Coffee Hosts are sorely needed!

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

- 7 Ken Hockman
- 14 Ken Hockman
- 21 Ken Hockman
- 28 Ken Hockman

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

- 7 TBD
- 14 TBD
- 21 TBD
- 28 TBD

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

- 7 Jacqui Darroch
- 14 Jan Olson
- 21 Dan Squires
- 28 Mei Le Smith

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

- 7 Jacqui Darroch
- 14 Linda Olson
- 21 Deb Squires
- 28 Dolly Smith

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

- 7 Carol Ann Davis
- 14 Tim Porter
- 21 Jean Oplinger
- 28 Rich Mathes

#### **Offering Counters**

Sallie Wilson and Vicke Pugil

#### **Altar Guild:**

**Deb Squires** 

#### Flowers on the Altar

- 7 Macha family
- 14 Smith family
- 21 Abodeely family
- 28 Pat & Don Sobeck

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

- 7 Dolly Smith
- 14 Deb & Dan Squires
- 21 Dolly Smith
- 28 TBD

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

- 7 TBD
- 14 Louie family
- 21 TBD
- 28 Pat & Don Sobeck

#### Staff:

Pastor Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson
Cantor Arletta Anderson, Deacon
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## Deadline for the June Quill is Tuesday, May 23

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# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	2 4:00pm Cherub Choir 7:00pm Executive Committee	3 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:15pm Cherub Choir 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	4 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	5	6 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.AShanty Trudgers
6:00am Worship 0:00am Adult Forum 0:30am Worship 1:45am HomeBase Training 1:00pm Hymn Festival with Steve Wente	8 10:00am Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step FA	9 7:00pm Church Council	10 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:15pm Cherub Choir 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	11 7:00pm Chancel Choir	12	9:00am Great Books 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.AShanty Trudgers
14 ::00am Worship ::00am Adult Forum 0:30am Worship 2:00pm Tent Set-up Part I ::00pm Tent Set-up Part II	<b>15 7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	16 HomeBase 12:00pm Interfaith Community 5:30pm PDQ	17 HomeBase 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	18 HomeBase 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	19 HomeBase	20 HomeBase Synod Assembly 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.AShanty Trudgers
21 domeBase	22 HomeBase 7:00pm 12-Step FA 7:00pm QA Book Group	23 10:30am HomeBase Departure/Satsop Elementary Set-up 7:00pm Satsop Elementary Arrival	24 Satsop Elementary Field Trip 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	25 9:00am Satsop Elementary Departure 6:00pm Visitors' Happy Hour at the Parsonage 7:00pm Chancel Choir	26	27 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.AShanty Trudgers
28 8:00am Worship 0:30am Worship	29 7:00pm 12-Step FA	30	31 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen			