The Quill

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

April 2 10:30 AM and 7:30 PM Solemn Eucharist

Good Friday

April 3 7:30 PM

Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir,

Readers, and Pipe Organ

Easter Vigil

April 4 7:30 PM

Lighting of New Fire, Affirmation of Baptism

and Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday

April 5 8:00 AM

Festival Eucharist with Trumpet

10:30 AM

Festival Eucharist with Chancel Choir, Shalom Choir, Cherub Choir, Trumpet, and Flute

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTERBREAKFAST

April 5, 2015 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.







This year the Men's Group once again has taken on the challenge of being in charge of the Easter Brunch - but everyone may help! Help is needed setting up, decorating (table decorations), & cleaning up as well as food contributions - your "favorite" egg dish, fruit, or pastries. If you would like to help set up, serve or cook, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Rich Mathes 384-1183.

Lunch & Learn meets every Tuesday in April. Please join us in the Conference Room for a lively discussion of the book of Genesis; bring a sack lunch.

Ushers, Coffee Hosts

Ushers and coffee hosts are still needed for many Sundays in April (see page 20). If you are able to take a Sunday to host the coffee hour, please sign up in the narthex, or contact the church office.

Please also consider sharing your gifts of hospitality in worship at Queen Anne Lutheran by ushering. We are in need of more people to volunteer for this ministry and offer our warm QALC hospitality to everyone, especially those new to our community of faith.

If you are saying to yourself, "Yes, I could do that," please contact our Cantor, Arletta Anderson at ajp724@comcast.net to volunteer, or just choose a Sunday and add your name to the list in the entrance area of our church. People new to ushering can be paired with the more experienced, and training will be available. Thank you for your stewardship of time and hospitality.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Grace Manahan Lee Duty Annika Lundsgaard Alice Rosenthal Lisa Kjaer-Schade

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

Community Music Jam Sessions Continue

On **Saturday, April 18,** the second community music jam session will take place at Queen Anne Lutheran Church from 3:00–6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. After this month, Jams will be on the first Saturday of every month. The jam sessions will be held in the downstairs Fellowship Hall until better weather lets us move outside to a nearby park.

The jam will be led by Emmett Pritchard, volunteer instructor of bluegrass band at Shoreline Community College. The jam is open to musicians of every skill level and singers, fans, and their families are especially encouraged to join us. Bluegrass, gospel, country, folk, blues, and

other roots music styles are welcome (double bonus for any style that features accordion). If you like to play an acoustic instrument, sing, or just be in the same room where fun music is happening, then be sure to join us.

For more information about the jam, call Emmett at (206) 288-9433.

Adult Forum April 12 — LWR Kit Ministry Workshop

Have you ever dreamt of being a qualified assembler of Lutheran World Relief Kits? Assembling kits so they do not fall apart is not easy! Come to the Adult Forum on Sunday April 12 at 9:15 AM. Two excellent, but short, training videos provided. (We will follow in Dr. Edward Demming's footsteps — the training videos and materials organization should eliminate the "Red Beads.") All of you who show up will be the "Willing Workers." *Kit materials provided; no cost of admission; you will be graded on how well your kits stay together!*

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit & School Kit materials needed for Spring 2015 Ingathering

Personal Care Kits - Items still needed:

- Twenty five metal nail clippers (attached file optional).
- Twenty light-weight bath-size towels (minimum size 40" x 20"; maximum size 52" X 27"), dark color recommended.

We still need a few items for School Kits this spring:

- **30 pencil sharpeners** ensure that it works! The 10 cents specials usually do not; many for \$1+ have lids that don't stay tight. .
- 30 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- **32 70-sheet notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; NO loose-leaf paper.

If you want to help pack Personal Care Kits or School Kits, please come to the Adult Forum on April 12th in the Fellowship Hall.

The Spring 2015 ingathering will be May 1st & May 2nd at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church. If you are able to lift 30 pound boxes, we need loaders for two-hour shifts. If you cannot load, we also need traffic directors to keep the 100 cars and trucks in order in a crowded parking lot.. Friday May 1st 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.

—Contact Rich or Candy Mathes if you have questions. lwrmathes@aol.com

FAITH AND FILM, ROUND 2:

MOVIE: \mathcal{DOR} (meaning "string" or "thread;" in Hindi with English subtitles) Rating: U/A (*Indian, equivalent to PG in the US*)

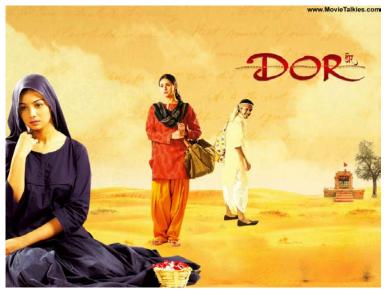
DATE: Saturday, April 25, 2015

in the Fellowship Hall

TIME:

4:00 p.m. Appetizers and drinks
4:30 p.m. Watch the movie together
6:55 p.m. Discussion . . . and refills of the

drinks and snacks



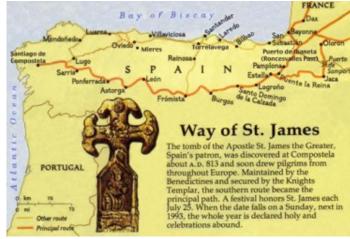
SYNPOSIS: Two couples in different parts of India, unknown to each other, get married. Each husband decides to go out of the country, to Saudi Arabia, to earn money for their respective families. The husbands become roommates and in general they get along. But one day a brawl occurs between these two: one of the husbands dies, and the other is charged, tried, and convicted of murder. The penalty is death ... unless, per Saudi law, the wife of the convicted man is able to have the widow sign a mercy petition. Only two months are available to accomplish this. Where does the widow live? If she is found, would she sign the petition? By the way, the deceased was a Hindu, while the convicted man is a Muslim.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon. Given this movie takes place in India, it would be wonderful if people could bring Indian-type cuisine If you have any questions, please contact Joel Matter at joel.matter@gmail.com.

—Ioel Matter

Curious about the Camino del Santiago and a Walking Pilgrimage?

Missed the Forum last September? Deb Squires and Karen McCullough will show slides and share experiences of their walks to Santiago do Compostela, Spain on **Saturday April 11th from 4-9 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. Food and drink will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we have an idea of how many to prepare for. Questions? Please contact Karen or Deb through the church office at admin@queenannelutheran.org



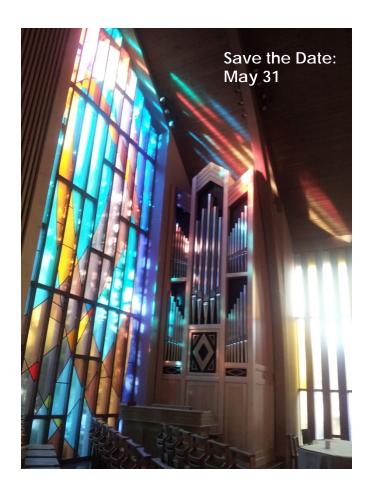
Fine Arts Ministry presents . . .

Singing the Spectrum

Hymn Festival with Mark Sedio

Organist and Choir Director from Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis

Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 4:00 Queen Anne Lutheran Church 2400 8th Avenue West Seattle, WA 98119 www.queenannelutheran.org 206.284.1960



New Sound System Update:

The new sound system for the Nave has been installed. Being able to hear the spoken word in our worship space is much improved. There are eight new speakers and new portable mics for the pastor and assisting ministers to wear. What you cannot see is all the work that went into running wires, testing, and ensuring that we have great sound. This system is very tunable, so we hope that everyone's worship experience will be enhanced. The hearing assists from our previous system can be used with our new system. They are there for your use, if you need them.

Our consultant, David Hosbach from DHS was at our church the last weekend in March to make the final adjustments and sign off on the work of Morgan Sound, the company who did the installation.

The sermons will continue to be recorded and downloaded on the QALC website, as usual. The video capabilities are not operating yet, and in time we will figure out the best use for this equipment.

One very useful enhancement added in to this project was the switch controlling the Nave sound system output to the Fellowship Hall. This switch was moved from the Nave to the kitchen, and one speaker was installed in the kitchen. This allows those working in the kitchen to more precisely know when Sanctuary events are "almost over" so they can have food ready on time. And if some group in the Fellowship Hall does not want to listen to what is happening in the Nave, they can mute those speakers.

The Task Force wishes to thank all those who helped make this project a reality, especially, Marc Oplinger for being the owner's rep, and Rich Mathes for his work as the onsite manager during the installation.

President's Report

This is the first on what are intended to be a regular reports on Council agendas, actions and commitments. First I'd like to thank and acknowledge this year's council members:

Marc Oplinger, President Carol Ann Davis, Vice President Myra Dittes, Treasurer Deb Squires, Secretary

Rowland Adeniyi Amy Blackshire Aaron Boysen John Coney Mark Dibble Jennifer Jones Jim Margard Jason McCauley Diane Wearne

This year, our primary goal is to continue exploring and growing the meaning and practice of stewardship in our congregation. We will be conducting a retreat in April to develop the Stewardship Conversation. As a starting point each council member has committed to the following statement:

"Through our process of collaboration and with guidance through prayer, we the Queen Anne Lutheran Church council have concluded that stewardship is a reflection of who we are as a community of faith at Queen Anne Lutheran Church and should be celebrated as the expression of joy, faith, and love that it is.

Whereas, our mission is to proclaim God's love in Christ for every person, and we believe that stewardship in all its forms: giving of time, talent, and resources is how we realize our mission; and,

In choosing to emphasize Stewardship, our goal is that: <u>Members will understand stewardship as a reflection of who we are and what we do as a faith community, and they will express this belief in their communications with each other.</u>

We recognize that changing this conversation within the congregation is largely dependent on changing how we communicate stewardship throughout all materials and mediums at Queen Anne Lutheran Church. And that the change is largely dependent on each member of the leadership to personally change how we think and talk about stewardship.

Therefore we resolve to lead the change of our communications around stewardship.

We resolve to develop a list of tactics which will change communication within the congregation in order to celebrate all forms of stewardship taking place at the congregation.

We resolve as leaders to volunteer by each council member taking ownership of a specific tactic and seeing it through to completion.

In order to remain focused on our goal, we resolve to develop specific metrics to measure our effort and the communications within the congregation. We will convene a volunteer task force from within the church council to develop 3-5 metrics for approval by the council and then will implement methodology to measure and track those metrics."

Many of the Stewardship action items include programs that are already in place, but need support to make them sustainable. Two come to mind with immediate needs:

- Mary's Place The success of hosting Mary's Place at Queen Anne Lutheran calls for the formation of an administrative team to take on the operational aspects of hosting each year. Please contact Peggy Morgan and Pam McElroy through the Queen Anne Lutheran office (admin@queenannelutheran.org).
- LYONS the LYONS Board is assembling a Development Team from the member congregations to execute a plan to achieve long term financial stability for LYONS. They are hoping to have these

positions filled by May. Please contact our LYONS liaison Kirsten Erickson through the Queen Anne Lutheran office (admin@queenannelutheran.org).

Other important council action items include supporting the Transition Team's work on updating the constitution and administrative protocols and other work in preparation for the Call Committee.

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

In Christ.

Marc Oplinger Council President marcoplinger@comcast.net

Computer Task Force Report

A little over 18 months ago, the Executive Committee formed a task force to address the need for upgrading the computer network system used by staff, finance and various committees to conduct the business of the church and to support its many missions. The task force, in consultation with staff, the team that developed the present system, and an outside network consultant, determined that the present system has reached the end of its useful life. It discovered that current commonly deployed technologies offer a means for economically upgrading the system holistically that will best serve the day-to-day needs of the staff and other users now and well into the future. A plan based on leveraging the components currently in use was approved by Council in March, predicated on a budget included in the guidelines for expenditures approved at the Congregational Meeting in January. The new system should be up and running by the end of April.

A huge thanks (!) to the team that has developed, installed and maintained the system over the past several years including Myra Dittes, Roland Adeniyi, Ben Matter, Joel Matter, and Gary Greenwood.

-Marc Oplinger

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.

April 4—Discussion group at 8:30AM, Saturday, Chapel Conference Room, with healthy snacks. At 9:15AM, setup Fellowship Hall for Easter Breakfast.

April 5—Easter Breakfast. Still need some volunteers for setup Sunday morning; cooking, serving, and cleanup. See sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

May 1 & 2 — LWR Truck Loading at Our Redeemers' LC in Ballard (8am-3pm Friday; 8AM-noon Saturday).

-Rich Mathes. Richard Crummett



QALC Women's News

In the March Quill, I asked for suggestions on "What's next?" In response, I have heard—nothing!

So since I haven't heard from *you*, I guess I will have to tell you what "the Committee" needs. We need 2 (*TWO*) new Committee members! Sallie is at the end of her second term as a member of the Women's Committee, and Jacqui Darroch (treasurer) plans to spend more time in Hawaii. Please talk to Sophie Pritchard if you would like to sign up to be on the Committee.

Along with finding our new Committee members we need to have our Annual Meeting. I know we had the Lenten Brunch but that is NOT our Annual Meeting—our Annual Meeting is an actual business meeting which includes election of new Committee members.

On October 3, the Northwest Washington Synod will have their convention at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island. The focus will be on "the Exploitation of Women." While I told the Synod President that I did not want to go to any Board meetings, I did say Queen Anne would be willing to help in any way we can.

Sewing and Service and PDQ's are continuing to do their "thing." After spending the month of December socializing, they are FINALLY on track again. © Shirley and Lois have collected enough diapers for 60 Baby Care Kits. Still needed are baby blankets. Coming this week is a HOLEY SHEET—a sheet with holes. The idea is, you tie a quilt knot everywhere there is a hole. Other churches claim this is a great help and a wonderful time-saving device when making quilts. You no longer need to measure, just tie a knot. Everyone is invited to come check it out and tie a few knots. We also want to thank Lee Duty for supplying us with new batting. The rolls are tucked everywhere.

As I write this, I am thinking of Bea Bergen's memorial service last Saturday. While this is no longer under the QALC Women's "umbrella," I want to thank each of you who so graciously volunteer your help or bring whatever is needed when we have memorial service receptions. Each reception is based on the request of the family or friends of the person who died. That is why sometimes it is just cookies and fruit, while other times it might be a light lunch. There is not a set charge, but donations are accepted and put into the QALC Hospitality budget.

—The Women's Committee: Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Sophie Pritchard, Jacqui Darroch, and Candy Mathes

Mark your calendars:

Blessing of the Quilts, Kits, and All the Hands that Help will be Sunday, April 26. We will need all those who are capable and willing to help fold the quilts and pack the boxes after the 10:30 service. And of course the boxes need to be weighed and labeled. Thanks to all those who are willing to help. If you would like to help put kits together, let me know.

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 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes. **Northern Lights:** Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM. Contact Dolly Smith.

Katie's Table: 3rd Saturday at 9 AM. For location & questions please contact Joan Crummett.

Sewing and Service: Wednesdays. Contact Lois Unseth or Shirley Flory.

Sunshiner's Circle: Usually meets 4th Wednesday at noon. Contact Jean MacLauchlan.

PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts):3rd Tuesday of most months, sometime after
5:30 PM. Light supper provided. Contact Karen
McCullough.

GATHER Magazine



Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. A print subscription is \$15 a year. Digital access (computer, iPad, Android) is free to print subscribers.

—See more at: http://www.womenoftheelca.org/gather-magazine-pages-49.php#sthash.CD5AFYAg.dpuf

"Overcoming Doubt" is the title of our April Bible study. Jesus' death could have caused a prolonged time of great doubt for his followers. But Jesus' resurrection cemented their commitment, and they were energized by the coming of the Holy Spirit. Come join a circle as we discuss what "Overcoming Doubt" means to each of us.

Sponsoring a Tanzanian Student

This just in from Diane Jacobson: she would like to know if we would like to sponsor another student. We are NOT into funding this with Bake Sales, etc. Instead, it would take several people making a firm commitment for paying a portion of the fee each year—for instance, seven people willing to pay \$250 each (you can do the math on all the ways to divide up \$1,750 for 2 years) AND someone willing to coordinate the effort. Here's Diane's letter:

"I hope all is well with you! We had a wonderful trip to Tanzania in January to celebrate OBA's 50th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the MaaSAE Girls School. We had a travel group of 18 and others traveled separately and joined us. Many alumni attended, including Einoth Christopher. Pictures of the event, as well as historical MGLSS photos, are on the Operation Bootstrap Africa website www.bootstrapafrica.org. On the home page of the website, click on "News and Updates" on the menu bar and it will bring you to the page with the slideshows.

Now that Einoti has graduated, we hope that your WELCA group will assist another girl in a university program. We have one MGLSS graduate who has only partial sponsorship. Her name is Evelyne Saitoti and she was one of the top Form 6 graduates. She has begun classes at the University of Dar es Salaam. Her sponsorship is \$1,750 per year. We also have a student at the Arusha Teacher College who needs a sponsor for her two year program. Her costs are \$1,200 for each of two years. Or, if you would prefer, you could sponsor a new MGLSS student at \$1,000 per year.

Thank you for your generous support of Einoti. I hope you will be able to continue to communicate with her as she begins her career as a teacher."

Pack Your Bags for Global Mission Trip to Tanzania

Habari gani or "What's the news?" in Swahili is an important phrase to know if you are traveling to Tanzania, East Africa. And the news is Women of the ELCA Women Building Global Community (WBGC)



International guests gathered for a reception last July at the Ninth Triennial Gathering.

travel seminar will take you to Tanzania Nov. 6-14, 2015. As we look toward celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017, we'll retrace many of the same steps we did when we visited Tanzania in 2000. Tanzania has 20 companion synod relationships through the ELCA Companion Synod Relationships program. And, our Ninth Triennial Gathering international guests from Tanzania invited us! The focus of the seminar will be daily discipleship and community. We will engage women in their daily ministry at Mwangaza's Binti/Mama Initiative that trains intergenerational groups of women on issue of health, HIV/AIDS, nutrition, conflict resolution and gender violence. We will also visit Lutheran World Relief projects and see the impact of women on the economy through women's co-ops and small business. We will worship and fellowship with

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Women in local churches. And of course you can't make a trip to Tanzania without a day of safari. We'll make the journey with women from the East Africa region. For more information go to the WELCA website.

Come Join Our Book Discussion in the Narthex on Monday, April 27 at 7PM

Come join the Book Group in April as Georganne Robertson leads the discussion of the book, *I Will Try* by Legson Kayira (2013). You do not have to have read the book to enjoy the great discussions!

"I learned I was not, as most Africans believed, the victim of my circumstances but the master of them."



Legson Kayira was just 16-years old when he set out on his epic journey from a small rural Malawian village to the United States of America in his quest to realize his seemingly impossible dream. Walking barefoot, and carrying an axe, two books, and food for five days, he travelled more than 2,500 miles through the African bush. Most people would have given up, but not Legson.

Inspired by the life of Abraham Lincoln and the motto of his secondary school, he walked across four African countries before reaching Khartoum in the Sudan, where American consular officials helped him to travel to the United States to take up a scholarship at Skagit Valley College in Washington State. *I Will Try* records his early life and the details of this epic journey. Originally published in 1965, while Legson was studying at the University of Washington, it became a best-seller in the United States (16 weeks on the New York best-seller list), and was translated into numerous other languages. Legson later went on to study history at Cambridge University in England and wrote four novels.



News for LYONS Youth:

Join us Wednesdays at **Holy Grounds Coffee** (near Whitman Middle School) from 2:30-4:30pm! Check your bulletins or our Facebook page (Lutheran Youth of North Seattle) for any changes.

There is still room for the **2015 Middle School Summer Trip**! This year's summer trip we will be heading back near Leavenworth to go rafting, hiking, and spending time in God's beautiful creation. We'll be there June 28-30, 2015. It will cost \$100 per youth. Please sign up by March 22nd. For more information about this trip, contact Megan Hundley at megan@roaringlyons.org.

Bergstrom Scholarship applications are now posted to the LYONS website (www.roaringlyons.org). Applications are due April 15th.

Dinner Theater 2015 "Lutheran Night Live" is May 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9, 10 at Ballard First Lutheran.

Mark your calendars! We'll have a high school **Memorial Day Weekend** retreat. Stay tuned for details!

Camp Lutherwood has registration open for this summer. Sign up by April 15 for early bird pricing! Information available atwww.camplutherwood.org

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—Richard Crummett

THANKS:

QALC received thanks from the following organizations:

Queen Anne Food Bank For a donation of \$450.00

Lutheran UW Campus Ministry:

For a donation of \$120.00

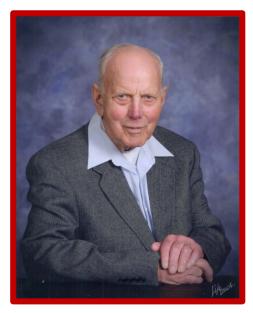
Compass Housing Alliance: For a donation of \$300.00

Lutheran Community Services:

For a donation of \$200.00

Mary's Place: For a donation of \$450.00

In Loving Memory:



Al TennisonNovember 24, 1926 – February 23, 2015



Bea Bergen *October 25, 1921 – March 16, 2015*

We said farewell to two of our long-time members recently. Many thanks to the people who helped plan their memorial services and present the lovely receptions for Al Tennison and Bea Bergen.

Recent Sightings around Queen Anne Lutheran:







Above: Whose mysterious hand has been working on that electric box? Turn the page to find out!

Left: These boys know the importance of having a palm in hand to truly get in the spirit of Palm Sunday!

Recent Sightings:



Left: Ben Matter, tireless worker at the church (did you recognize his fingers on the previous page?). Ben and Rich were at the church many days in March while the sound system was being installed.

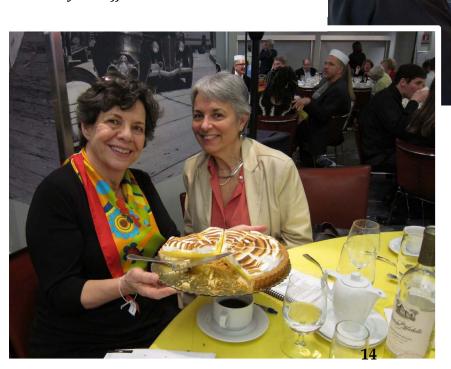
Below: Rich Mathes noticed a rare Western bumblebee visiting our church garden. Talk to Rich for hints on identifying bees!



Right: Pastor Doug tries out the new microphone after the speakers are installed.

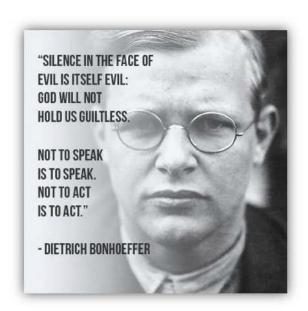
Below: Candy Mathes, Sophie Pritchard and eight others attended a dinner and auction for Compass Housing Alliance on March 14.

Below right: We celebrated Don Sobeck's birthday at coffee hour on March 22.





April 9th at Pacific Lutheran University:



Commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lutheran pastor and Nazi resister 1906 – 1945

April 9, 2015, marks the 70th anniversary of the death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the hands of Nazi executioners. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, and – with friends and family – a member of the conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler and his associates. Indeed, seven members of his family were executed, imprisoned, or forced into exile by the National Socialist regime. A much published writer, Bonhoeffer is considered a major Lutheran theologian who called for political action in the presence of injustice and tyranny.

The significance of his work as a political theologian is witnessed in the recent publication of the critical edition of his works by Fortress Press (U.S.A.), the work of the International Bonhoeffer Society, and the numerous Bonhoeffer courses taught in universities and schools of theology throughout the world.

Holy Communion at 12:30. At PLU, the anniversary of his death will be commemorated on Thursday, April 9, with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:30 in *the Ness [Tower] Chapel* (Phillips Center for the Performing Arts), Dr. Samuel Torvend, University Chair in Lutheran Studies, presiding and preaching.

Lecture at 1:45. Dr. Mark Brocker, Bonhoeffer scholar and Lecturer in Theological Ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (Berkeley), will speak at 1:45 on "Bonhoeffer's Appeal for Ethical Humility." Dr. Brocker writes: "Bonhoeffer's involvement in a conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler led to his execution by the Nazis. Today Bonhoeffer is celebrated as a Christian martyr and his conspiratorial activity tends to be looked upon with favor. It is striking, however, that Bonhoeffer sought to avoid justifying his actions; he felt compelled to act as he did, but only with a profound sense of ethical humility." The lecture will be given in Xavier 201.

These commemorative events are free and open to the university and friends of the university.



Grünewald Guild's Spring & Summer Offerings— Exploring the Intersections between Faith & Art

The Grünewald Guild is dedicated to offering opportunities for people to learn, to grow, and to explore the relationship between art and faith. They recently wrote:

"We are located just outside of Leavenworth, WA, and would love to see you this summer! The Guild is unique in that the core staff members both live and work here, functioning as a purposeful and ongoing community. This creates a unique environment of welcome and hospitality for everyone who spends time here.

We are an ecumenical Christian community that embraces people of all journeys and traditions, serving as a sanctuary for their exploration of art, faith and the mystery of creation. We strive to create a place of sanctuary and retreat for all who pass through our doors, walk our grounds or share with us in community life."

Here are some of The Grünewald Guild's many upcoming offerings:



<u>Liturgical Arts Week, Rooted & Fruitful</u>, April 27-May 2: The Liturgical Arts Week is a time to share our experiences, pool our imaginative resources, and explore new possibilities for liturgical life within and beyond our churches. This year our classes feature an exciting combination of old favorites and new offerings -- taught, as

always, by our world-class <u>faculty</u> with an average class size of just seven students. Courses include Liturgical Ceramics, Woven Prayers and Sketch, Journal, Spirit.

<u>Guild Songwriting Workshop</u>, May 14-17: The coming together of generous and supportive instructors and students, in support of the creative journey we are on collectively and individually. This weekend workshop will culminate with a Sundaymorning coffee house performance of songs created in the class. All experience levels welcome, from beginning song-writers to songwriting veterans.





Summer Classes 2015, *Sustenance*: Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced artist, summer at the Guild is a time to express your creative spirit, explore your sacred journey, and engage in nurturing community. We are offering a greater variety of classes than ever, taught by our world-class faculty. Communal meals and

ecumenical worship times will provide ample opportunities to engage in the tight-knit and inclusive community that makes the Guild so unique. Check out our list of classes and register today!

For more information, visit <u>www.grunewaldguild.com</u>; there are also some brochures in the narthex from the Guild. You can also contact Andy Stromberg at <u>andy@grunewaldguild.com</u> or by phone at (509) 763-3693.

Bishop's Message



Not a Winter Guy by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

I am not a winter guy.

I hate being cold, which I often am. Day after day of damp, wet weather cuts at me. The darkness weighs upon me. I resent waking to the dark and before my work day ends, it is dark already. I am prone to depression in the winter and have to up my self-care. No doubt I have at least a tinge of Seasonal Affective Disorder.

My fireplace is a wonderful friend. Life is good when I wake in the morning, put flame to the fire, grab the newspaper and savor two cups of freshly brewed coffee. I know the heat is just about right when the other family members exclaim, "Dad it is way too hot in here."

I am the guy who is aware of the shortest day of the year because following it I report to anyone who will listen: "We had a few more minutes of daylight, did you notice?" Winter is for me my time of endurance. It is my marathon.

One of the gifts of serving in this office is I find myself more frequently in Chicago. Chicago is God's way of reminding me how good I really have it. I might just die if I lived in Chicago year round.

Now that you know more about my love affair with winter you will understand why this past week my soul was revived and my spirit excited. Last week right at daybreak I heard for the first time since early fall the birds singing in our back yard. I had to turn off the heater in the bathroom to confirm that in fact it was the birds singing that I was hearing.

It was faint but delightful. A holy sound. Once I locked on to the sound I stood silent in it for several minutes. I know the birds sing the spring in. Their song is their prayer that the leaves will return and blossoms of new life will sprout. It is a beautiful processional song right up there with Lift High the Cross. The cross is lifted and I know daylight and warmth are on their way.

Easter for me is more than a single Sunday. Easter for me is when I know that life is good again and that it means me well. Easter is when my soul is restored and spirits rise. Easter is when the birds in the back yard remind me after a time of my own darkness. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

For so many of you, whom I know and love, who are going through your own time of darkness, listen for the song of Easter. May you know the power of Easter to heal and make us whole again. Rise early and listen to the birds sing.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

Song of Solomon 2:10-12



GOOD NIGHT!

I have been graciously forced to think about night recently, and to come to some clarity about night, even about that very time of day where our vision seems diminished.

As a metaphor, Night, as a time of darkness, comes up short. It is the time when Ichabod Crane dealt with a Headless Horseman, teenagers always end up running for their lives from some slashers in horror films, and many of us may remember the many monsters who came out from under our beds. Just because we can't see them, does not mean that they don't exist.

Even if we learn not to be afraid of the dark, night is still the antithesis of the light of day. It does not take much to find an accusatory tone in Scripture. We are to watch, for the thief comes in the night. Paul reminds us that we are children of light and children of day, we are not of night, nor of darkness. Even Jesus gets into the act, saying that "We must work the works of Him who sent me, as long as it is day. Night is coming, when no one can work." If this is how night functions in metaphor, the reality is something quite different.

Night is the time when our world faces away from the center of our own little Solar system, and we are allowed to gaze into the depths of Space, and to wonder at all that it might hold, and to contemplate what it might mean. Night has not been abandoned by God. The recent occurrences of "Night" that I have noticed, have been clearly touched by the presence of God. In our Evening Prayers during Lent, the reading of Psalm 134 begins, "Behold now, Bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, you that stand by night in the house of the LORD." From Psalm 121, the Keeper of Israel will neither slumber, nor sleep. In Psalm 139, even if I were to try to hide in the darkness of night, the persistent and gracious love of God will find me; "If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night, darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, darkness and light to you are both alike." In Luther's evening and morning prayers, he gives thanks as much for the night as for the day.

For personal renewal, I sing in the Northwest Repertory Singers in Tacoma. We are working on a song, "Sure on the Shining Night," using a poem by James Agee. While not scriptural, it still speaks of the wonder of God's night: "Sure on this shining night, I weep for wonder, wandering far alone, of shadows on the stars." Some of my own most intense personal experiences of God's presence have been in the night.

And I am not alone. Abraham was told to count the stars as the promise of a covenant was given to him. Jacob had a life-changing as well as a name-changing encounter with an Angel throughout the night. Dreams came to both Josephs in the night. Night visions came to Daniel, and the LORD appeared to Solomon by night. Even the Angels came to the shepherds to sing Glory to God at night. The women who came to the Tomb to finish burying Jesus came as night was ending and the day was beginning, but the Resurrection had already taken place. God gave new life in the middle of the night, when no one was around. God needs no help from us, even for the miracle of life.

May all your days, and your nights, be filled with the presence of God.

"All praise to thee, My God this night, for all the blessings of the Light."

Pastor Doug Stensby

SERVING IN APRIL

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 5 Linda Carlson
- 12 TBD
- 19 TBD
- 26 TBD

Offering Counters

Sharon Greenwood and Vicke Pugil

Lectors (8:00 AM)

- 5 Jan Slawson
- 12 Jan Olson
- 19 Dan Squires
- 26 Harold Robertson

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

- 5 Jan Slawson
- 12 Linda Olson
- 19 Deb Squires
- 26 Georganne Robertson

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 5 Richard Crummett, Kirsten Erickson Joan Oplinger, Marc Oplinger
- 12 Alan Beasley
- 19 Carol Ann Davis
- 26 Deb Squires

Altar Guild:

Jan and Linda Olson and Pat Sobeck

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 5 Easter Breakfast
- 12 Mac & Dolly Smith
- 19 TBD
- 26 TBD

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- 5 Easter Breakfast
- 12 TBD
- 19 The Houle Family
- 26 TBD

Flowers on the Altar

- 5 Easter Lilies
- 12 Joan & Richard Crummett
- 19 Ken & Ellen Hockman
- 26 Mark & Susan Dibble

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5 EASTER SUNDAY 3:00am Worship Service 9:00am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship Service	6 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA 7:00pm Julia Circle	7 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 6:00pm Property Committee Mtg. 7:00pm Executive Committee	8 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Debate Club from Coe 7:00pm Courage To Be Me Alateen Fundraiser 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon	9 3:00pm Staff Meeting	10	11 10:30am Alanon Women 4:00pm Camino Trail Presentation
12 3:00am Worship Service 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Newcomers' Coffee	13 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step OA	14 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Church Council	15 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen	16 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir	17 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop	18 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jar
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