

# The Quill

MAY 2015



## Queen Anne

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### LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Nepal Earthquake Relief

An earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.8 shook Nepal April 25 near its capital, Kathmandu. More than 4,600 people have died and thousands are injured. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Nepal, as rescue efforts and assessments continue.

Your gifts are needed to support the emergency response, including the distribution of immediate life-saving supplies such as water, food, shelter and medication to people injured, working through partners such as The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and the ACT Alliance, who are already on the ground and active in Nepal.

### Ways to give:

#### Online:

Donate at <https://community.elca.org/donations/nepalearthquake>

#### Mail

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Make checks payable to **Lutheran Disaster Response**.  
Write "Nepal Area Earthquake" on your check's memo line.

#### Phone

Credit card by phone: 800-638-3522

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Adult Sunday Forums in May

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**MAY 3:** Rev. Rick Pribbenow, Chaplain/Director of Open Door Ministries, will preach and lead the Forum this week. Open Door Ministries was created in the 1990s with the support of ELCA Bishop Lowell Knutson. Its mission: To extend Christ's affirming, inclusive love to persons who have often felt excluded and condemned by church and society because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; to encourage and support the Church and its members as they address issues of human sexuality and biblical interpretation; and to bring the compassion of Christ and his Church to persons affected by HIV/AIDS.

**MAY 10:** The religion of Islam is often a part of the news, and we see it for ourselves in new ways, both in the growing immigrant populations from Muslim nations and cultures, and in the ideology that is in contrast with the values of our western world. Using the Great Courses series, we will be exploring Islam from its roots in the early Common Era of the Near East, to the implications of the faith for our modern world. We hope you can attend!

**MAY 17:** Explore a new traveling art exhibit from the ELCA, "The Discombobulated Church: A Humorous and Challenging Art Exhibit on the Contemporary Church" See page 6 for more details.

**MAY 24:** No Adult Forum.

## Richard Crummett Presents . . .



*Richard Crummett as Tulip-Angel.*

Our Seminarian Richard is giving a presentation to faculty, family and friends so he can complete the requirements for his Masters of Divinity on May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9am in Hunthausen Hall (Seattle University). This is an open event for anyone to attend and is free. There is a fee to park at the school.

## . . . and Celebrates!

Joan and Richard Crummett would like to cordially invite our extended family of Queen Anne Lutheran to the Seattle University Graduate Commencement for the class of 2015 to see Richard receive his M. Div. It will be at Key Arena on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 3:00-5:00 admission is free and no need for a ticket; parking is not free (sorry). It has been a long time in the making and we feel that QALC has played a HUGE role in coming to this point and deserve be a part of it!

**Note: Ushers and Coffee Hosts still needed in May! See p. 19.**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

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

*From the Cantor . . .*

Easter Day now seems like a long time ago, and the Easter Season is quickly passing by. Thanks to all the choirs and instrumentalists for enhancing our Easter Day worship, and our worship each week. Your faithful stewardship of time and talent is a blessing to us all.

There are three festivals coming in May, Ascension of Our Lord on May 17 (Thursday, May 14 is actually Ascension Day), Day of Pentecost on May 24, and The Holy Trinity on May 31. We continue to be faithful in telling the church's story as each season presents itself to us in the lectionary used for our worship.

Please see pages 6 and 7 in this Quill for information about an Art Exhibit coming to our church, as well as Mark Sedio's Hymn Festival on May 31 at 4:00. Both of these Fine Art Ministry events continue to tell the story in their own style. Invite others to join you at worship on Sundays and at special gatherings organized by our congregation.

We all have the opportunity to tell our faith stories each day, whether we actually realize it or not. We have opportunities to be in conversation with others, opportunities to be joyful, joy-filled, living in and with the peace of Christ, and there are opportunities yet to come that we can't even imagine. This is God's church, the Holy Spirit guiding, leading, and enabling us to be Christ-like in our world. We are blessed by God's church. We come to worship to be together, to be renewed and focused again to be in the world, to listen and learn, to sing and give praise, to pray for others and ourselves, to be there for those who are struggling, to receive care when it is needed for ourselves, to share the joys and exciting times of our life journeys. It is significant and important work that we do together. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in each of us . . . actually it changes peoples' lives. This community of faith has changed my life. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

*Arletta Anderson, Cantor and  
Associate in Ministry*  
[cantor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org)

## **Report from the Transition Team**

We are pleased to report that the activities of the Transition Team have largely been completed. The Transition Team was formed in early November of last year and consists of Brent McCullough (Chair), Georganne Robertson, Jacqui Darroch, Meg Shaw, Vicke Pugil, Tim Porter, Barbara Bash, and Pastor Doug. We had our first meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and provided an overview of the process to the congregation at Sunday Forum on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The primary function of the Transition Team was to make preparations to assist the congregation, the Council and ultimately the Call Committee to call a new Pastor. To that end, we completed a number of activities:

- Reviewed the history of the congregation, updated the Queen Anne Lutheran Church history booklet (with the help of the Archives Committee), and presented materials at the Annual Meeting

- Assembled and reviewed the Church's policy statements
- Worked with members of Council to review the Church's constitution
- Gathered feedback from the congregation in a number of ways, most notably an in-depth survey for which we received 61 responses

All of this activity built toward our primary deliverable: completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that is handed off to the Call Committee and ultimately posted to the Synod website for potential Pastoral candidates to review. The MSP summarizes "Who We Are" as a congregation and "What We Need" in a new Pastor. To complete this document, we also gathered and reviewed a variety of information that ranged from Church records, the outputs from the branding exercise several years ago, old Pastor reports, and publicly available information about our community.

The most important input, however, was from you, the Congregation. We received this in a variety of conversations and settings, and especially from the survey. We are now pleased to report that the Transition Team has finished a complete draft of our sections of the MSP. We have forwarded this on to the Church Council for review, and members of the Transition Team will discuss and provide a summary to Council at their May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We have one more activity planned as a Transition Team. One of the responsibilities for the Transition Team was to report on "Trends in the Community" in a section in the MSP. To build on this, we are holding a session later in May with several members of the Queen Anne community, including the Chair of the Queen Anne Community Council and several members of the Queen Anne faith community. The purpose of this session will be to better understand who our neighbors are and discuss ways we can better connect with and serve our community.

Beyond this activity, the process of calling our new Pastor is handed off to Church Council who will initiate the process of electing a Call Committee, who will then lead the efforts to call our new spiritual leader. We expect Council and Pastor Doug to provide an update in the near future as to next steps in the process to form the Call Committee and beyond.

We thank all of those who contributed to the efforts and outputs of the Transition Team. Special thank you to Pastor Doug who provided invaluable insight to us throughout the process, sharing his considerable experience to help us know how to proceed, gather the information we needed, and synthesize into the MSP. Any of us are happy to answer any questions you may have. We pray that the Lord continue to guide us through a successful call process!

Yours in Christ,  
*The Transition Team*

## **Synod Assembly May 15-16**

Synod Assembly is the annual gathering of members from the congregations, new mission starts and ministry partners from around the NWWA Synod. Over 400 attendees will participate in worship, join in fellowship, conduct the business of the Synod and be inspired by guest speakers. The Assembly serves as the highest legislative authority of our Synod. Our business this year will include the elections to the Consultation Committee, the Discipline Committee and Voting Members to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide

Assembly. Additionally, we will hear various reports, vote on a Synod Budget, and consider resolutions that come before the Assembly.

The assembly runs from Friday May 15 through Saturday May 16 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. This year's theme is "Can We Talk? Exploring together the art of respectful conversation." (Some of you may have been caught on video recently saying "Can we talk?"—your clip may be spliced with those from many other congregations for use at the Assembly's opening event.)

Queen Anne Lutheran will be sending delegates Carol Ann Davis, Kirsten Erickson, Marc Oplinger and Elliott Oplinger to the Assembly; in addition, Pastor Doug, our Cantor Arletta Anderson will be there. Georganne Robertson and Paul Whitfield will be there as well in connection with the Synod itself. We look forward to hearing our delegates' reports when they return!

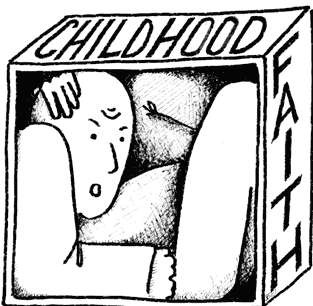


## Fine Arts Ministry presents. . .

**An Art Exhibit is coming to Queen Anne Lutheran** and will be focus of the Forum on Sunday, May 17 in the Conference Room. The Exhibit will be with us until Friday, May 22 before moving on to another congregation in our Synod. Don't miss this while it is here!

### THE DISCOMBOBULATED CHURCH

A Humorous and Challenging Art Exhibit on the Contemporary Church



"THIS SEEMED MUCH BIGGER  
WHEN I WAS A KID."

This insightful art exhibit consists of 14 pen and ink images by Trey Everett of what the Church is and can be. The exhibit is designed to be **thoughtful, introspective, and motivating** to parishioners and the church body as a whole. Displayed next to each image is a short commentary with questions to ponder and discuss. The hope is that this unique exhibit will be a spring board for your church to contemplate, discuss, and make choices that reflect what a healthy spiritual community truly is.

This special exhibit comes to us from MICAHA, Minnesota Institute for Contemplation and Healing. MICAHA creates, supports, and develops programs and environments for the practice and study of spiritual formation and leadership, healing and the arts. As a contemplative Christian undertaking, MICAHA provides a sacred space within which we seek to create a life with God. This exhibit will first be at our Synod Assembly on May 15 and 16, then will tour three congregations of our Synod, one of which is QALC, before it is returned to MICAHA.

*The artist, Trey Everett, MA, Co-Director of MICAHA, has been involved in the study and practice of spirituality for over 20 years. He has instructed and directed others in spiritual formation as a contemplative retreat leader, youth minister, senior minister, and a Bible college instructor. Trey and his wife Corene were part of an ecumenical mission community in China where they taught, served, and experienced the life of faith. They now live in Crookston, MN with their three children Madeline, Zoe, and Jack.*

Enjoy this art at Queen Anne Lutheran, Conference Room, May 17–22, supported and sponsored by our Fine Arts Ministry.

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***

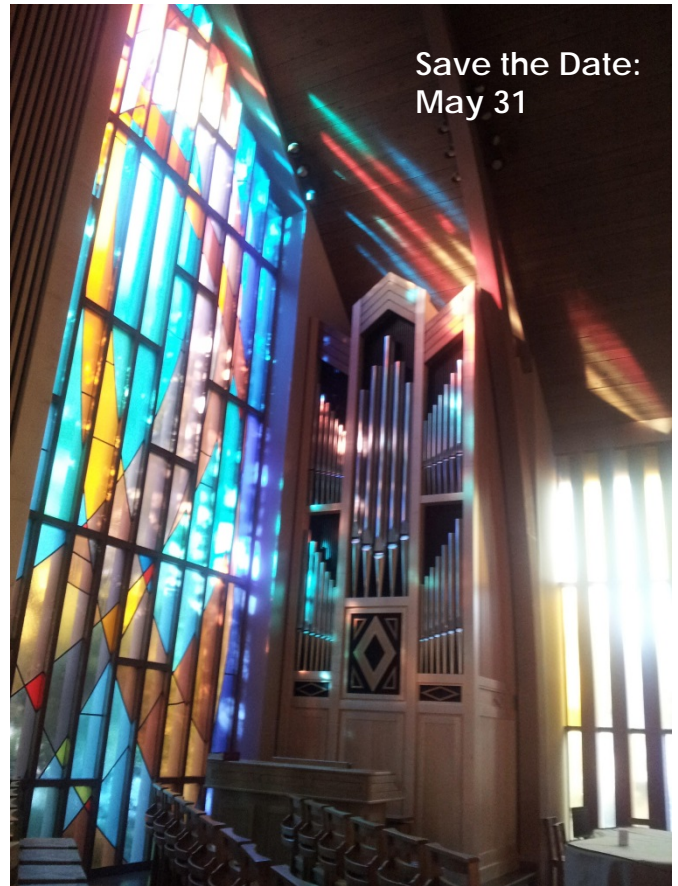
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*206.284.1960*



Save the Date:  
May 31

**The Fine Arts Ministry has a Second Event at QALC in May . . . another fabulous Hymn Festival,** this time with Mark Sedio of Central Lutheran in Minneapolis. Some of you remember him from other hymn festivals he has led in the PNW, or you might know him from your stay at Holden a few years back when Mark served as the Musician in Residence. Besides being a marvelous musician, organist, choral conductor, global music expert, composer and improviser, Mark is one of the funniest people I know! You will enjoy meeting him and singing with him. Come and enjoy a great time on Sunday afternoon, May 31 at 4:00. Bring your friends and family.

The Fine Arts Ministry Committee welcomes volunteers to assist with this event. We need greeters to welcome people and assistance in setting up and hosting the reception that follows the Hymn Festival. If you are available and willing to lend a hand, please contact our Cantor, Arletta Anderson.



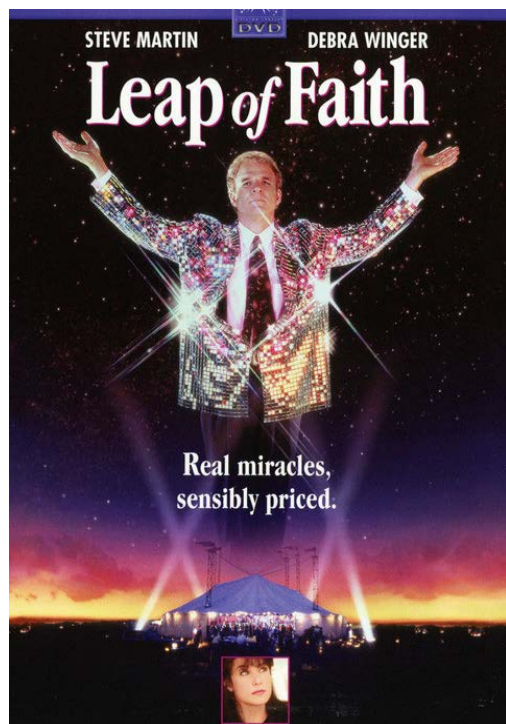
*Mark Sedio is Director of Music at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and also serves on the music staff at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul.*

*He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from Augsburg College (Minneapolis), a Master of Arts degree in choral conducting and literature from the University of Iowa (Iowa City), and has also studied in the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary. He is currently a candidate for a Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies at St. John's University, Collegeville.*

*Sedio has served as a clinician and lecturer in the areas of worship, liturgy, adult and children's choirs, hymnody and psalmody, and cross-culture music. An active composer, he has been awarded several commissions and has won awards for his compositions. His choral*

and organ works have been published by several houses and his hymns appear in several collections. He has contributed to religious educational publications and his articles on children and worship currently appear monthly in *The Parish Teacher*. He has appeared in all parts of the United States and Europe as a recitalist, hymn festival leader, and clinician. A grant from Lutheran World Federation in 1989 allowed him to undertake a study tour to eastern Europe. Recently he has led groups on "hymn encounters" to the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary. A linguistic enthusiast, he has studied German, French, Russian, Norwegian, Spanish, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew and has a working knowledge of Polish, Czech, and Slovak.

## FAITH AND FILM!



**MOVIE:** "Leap of Faith" (1992; Rating: PG-13)

**DATE:** Saturday, May 25, 2015  
in the Fellowship Hall

**TIME:**

4:00 p.m. Appetizers and drinks  
4:30 p.m. Watch the movie together  
6:15 p.m. Discussion . . . and refills of the drinks and snacks!

**SYNOPSIS:** Touring Christian evangelist Jonas Nightengale (Steve Martin) and his cohorts tend to put on their bogus faith-healing revivals in major cities, where hefty donations flow freely. But, when Jonas and company find themselves stuck in a remote nook of Kansas, they decide to perform for the locals and take them for all they are worth. The shows go off without a hitch, until sensible lawman Will Braverman (Liam Neeson) catches on to the scam and vows to prove to everyone that Jonas is a fake.

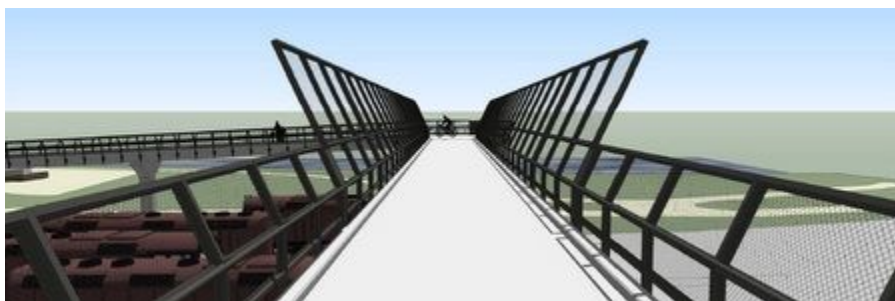
Pastor Doug will lead this session! There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Doug.

## John Coney Will Be Honored; All Invited!

Please join us in the dedication of the **West Thomas Street Bridge** to

*John Coney*—

Community volunteer and steadfast friend of the Uptown/Queen Anne/Magnolia communities and all of Seattle. Many people have worked



with John over his years of community service. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to others.

- **Host:** Uptown Alliance, 425 445-8352
- **When:** Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM
- **Where:** W Thomas Street Overpass Lookout

*Light refreshments will be provided*

## QALC Women's News

It's May! That means the quilts are once again shipped—and the kits as well. We had 76 quilts, 60 Baby Care kits, 102 Personal Care Kits and 39 School Kits. Thank you to all of our QALC family who help make quilts, baby care kits, school kits, and personal care kits as well as all of those who help pack, and load. Did you enjoy getting to have padded pews this past Sunday? Do you know what it costs to send quilts and kits to places like Nepal? The cost for sending the quilts and kits all the way to wherever they are going is approximately \$700.00 for QALC spring loading. We collected only \$280 this past Sunday for shipping. If you would still like to donate, write a check to QALC Women and mark it "LWR Loading." Drop it into the offering plate on Sunday and the counters will direct it to QALCW.

If you would like to make a donation to LWR for the NEPAL Relief response, go to <http://bit.ly/lwrnepal>

On Wednesday, May 13, the Women of Sewing and Service are planning a celebration outing to ride the Seattle Great Wheel and have a Seafeast lunch at the Crab Pot on the piers. We will be carpooling from church—leaving at 9:30AM. Pat Sobeck plans to be the one to watch from the ground to make sure everyone else is safe and doesn't get lost . . . If you would like to join the women of Sewing and Service for a great experience, please contact Sallie Wilson or Candy Mathes.

Saturday, July 18, Amy Blackshire and Spencer Nagley are getting married. QALCW has promised to help with the reception. Our idea for the reception is an organized potluck. Needed are PEOPLE (note: I didn't just say women) to make salads, etc.; set up tables; and clean up afterwards. We all know what it takes to put on a party. Join us in making this a fun time for Amy and Spence.

Activities are still being thought of . . . But dates have NOT been reserved. Do we want to have the 2nd Annual Tie Dying Extravaganza on August 29? Or do we want a No Work Event picnic? Sophie is interested in making a retreat happen. Committee members are still needed. Remember, **YOU** are the one to make things to happen. We will be glad to **HELP**.

The Women's Committee

*Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Sophie Pritchard, Jacqui Darroch, Candy Mathes*

## 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.

From May's *Gather* magazine: "Reformation 2015: The Jewish and Gentile Christians became the church when they learned to join together as one body by transforming themselves for the sake of the gospel. Their example can inspire today's church." See more at *Gather*'s website: <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/current-articles-pages-73.php#sthash.MdW5ocO0.dpuf> Come join a circle as we discuss what "Reformation" means to each of us.

## Women of QALC: Ongoing Groups



*Come join us at a circle this month!*

**Please check with the circle leaders or church office if you would like to attend.**

**Julia Circle** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

**Northern Lights:** Monday, May 11 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.

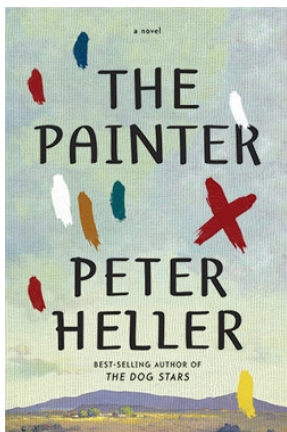
**Sunshiner's Circle:** Usually meets 4th Wednesday at noon. Contact Jean MacLauchlan.

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

## QALC Book Group Meets Tuesday, May 26

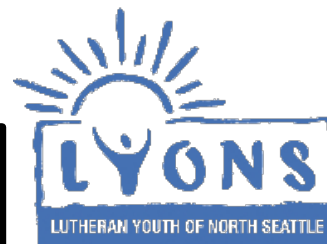
Come to QALC Book Group on Tuesday, May 26 at 7PM (note the change from Monday this month!) in the Narthex for a great discussion on "A good book about being bad." *The Painter* by Peter Heller was chosen this year for the All Seattle Reads book. Discussion will be led by Sophie Pritchard.

*Dorothy Reno, a reviewer for the Washington Independent Review of Books, writes:*



"My enemies might think of me as a self-promoter with more ambition than talent. A disappointing friend and colleague. A morally-questionable hurter of feelings. An unfunny, insensitive, none-too-bright, all-around Bad Person. This is to say, I am somebody's anti-hero. And so are you.

And so is Jim Stegner, in Peter Heller's second novel, *The Painter*. Stegner is a once jailed, twice divorced artist who fishes often and lives quietly between Colorado and New Mexico. His quirkily shamanic paintings come to acclaim after he crushes the hand of a radio host during a live interview. Devout in his recovery from alcoholism, Stegner is somewhat of a womanizer, and with James Salter-like swagger he dives into an Ocean of Women, some of whom (feminists beware!) burst forth like gunfire and fade just as fast. His leading lady is spirited, though lacking in an agenda of her own. But his connections with women are genuine, and varied, even long lasting. One night, when a rage born from unspeakable loss takes over, Stegner kills a local criminal in cold blood. For the rest of the story, he hides in plain sight from the police, from those who wish to exact revenge, but most of all, from his own conscience . . . By the book's end, readers should have an appreciation for the grey zones between good and evil and if they are wise, might be inclined to turn that pointed finger around and admit that *we all* play the outlaw in someone's life."



# LUTHERAN NIGHT LIVE

## SHOW DATES

Fri, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00pm

Fri, May 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

Sat\*, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00pm

Sat\*, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

Sun, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2:00pm

Sun, May 10<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm

*\*Saturday shows are optional formal attire*

## TICKET PRICES

### 7:00 Dinner Shows

Adults: \$20; Ages 5-18 & 65+: \$15

### 2:00 Dessert Matinee

Adults: \$15; Ages 5-18 & 65+: \$10

Children under 5: Free

Tickets available at [www.roaringlyons.org](http://www.roaringlyons.org)



ALL SHOWS AT  
Ballard First Lutheran Church  
2006 NW 65<sup>th</sup> St. Seattle, WA 98117

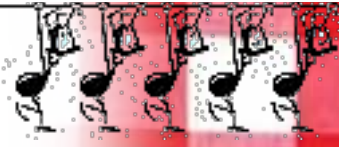
*Proceeds from all LYONS dinner theater shows go toward youth summer trips!*

Each year, the Lutheran Youth of North Seattle put on a dinner theater to fundraise for summer trips. This year's dinner theater production "Lutheran Night Live" will help us get to the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit this summer. By coming to the show, you will not only be entertained and fed, you will be supporting this meaningful trip.

The youth have been working hard, rehearsing twice a week, to bring this show to life. Each rehearsal is a great time for the youth to get to know one another better, be silly, and laugh together. It's been amazing to watch them become more comfortable on the stage and work together to make this show truly great. Hope to see you there!

If you are unable to attend the show, but would still like to support the LYONS summer trip, you can donate at [www.roaringlyons.org](http://www.roaringlyons.org). Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!



# All-Church Picnic

**Sunday, June 28**

Following the 10:30AM Service  
Hamburgers, (veggie, also) Hot  
Dogs, and Trimmings Provided!

Lemonade, Too!

*Bring a salad or dessert to share, or  
feel welcome to make a donation!*

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## **Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits are on their way!**

Queen Anne Lutheran produced nearly 80 quilts, 60 baby kits, 102 personal care kits, 31 school kits and 40 pounds of soap this winter and spring! On April 26<sup>th</sup> we blessed the work of ALL the women and men who donate money and supplies, gather and organize materials, lay out, cut, stitch and tie the quilts, construct the kits, box and label everything, and load boxes onto trucks for shipment to far corners of the earth. Last November's quilts went to India, Personal Care Kits to Angola, and Baby Care Kits to the Republic of Georgia. After the service, many hands worked to box and label the quilts and kits, and on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteers from our church and others helped load the trucks at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Ballard.

Donations to **the QALCW Shipping Fund** are still welcome, to help cover costs of shipping quilts and kits.



## Holy Week at Queen Anne Lutheran



*The altar is stripped bare on Maundy Thursday in preparation for the somber Good Friday Tenebrae service.*

*The Easter Vigil service begins outdoors with the lighting of the Paschal candle, then moves to the narthex for scripture readings and hymns, and ends with communion at the altar.*

## Easter Morning



*There was good food and fellowship at the Easter Breakfast; many admired the flowery cross filled with blossoms brought by members Easter morning.*



# THANK YOU



**A big THANK YOU!**  
*to our Queen Anne Lutheran  
Men's Group for hosting the  
fabulous Easter Breakfast.*



**A big THANK YOU!**  
*to Ruth Gormley and Jean MacLauchlan for the beautiful altar  
and baptismal flower arrangements on Easter Vigil and Easter.*



## *Bishop's Message*



### **Not a Meeting Guy**

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

I am an ENFP on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator personality inventory. This is code language for “you will find such characters roaming the halls at Synod Convention and rarely present in the assembly itself.”

Truth be known, the first Synod Assembly that I was present for from start to finish was last year’s. You may remember the year I was elected all the nominees were cloistered so I can’t even count 2013. In fact there is very little of the 2013 Assembly that I remember.

Needless to say, now that I serve in the Office of Bishop I am expected to not only attend the Synod Assembly but to be present in the Plenary Hall when the sessions are in order. This has caused me more than a little heartburn. It is right up there with being asked to go out on the dance floor knowing I have no sense of rhythm whatsoever.

Not only am I expected to be present, I am expected to “chair” the meeting which means I am supposed to have some understanding of Robert’s Rules of Order. Bless Robert’s heart but his rules have never been my thing. And bless former ELCA Secretary David Swartling’s heart because he took me on last year as his “parliamentarian project.” Little did he know how inept his student was!

The last guy to serve in this office is so in love with Robert’s Rules that he now is the Secretary of the ELCA. He prides himself in being one of the first to purchase the latest edition and can hardly wait to read it from cover to cover. You can see the bar is set really high in this Synod.

So this year when we gather at the Lynnwood Convention Center under the theme “Can We Talk,” I will do what I have done all my life: I will ask of God the Moses question, “Who am I that I should go?” I will take comfort in knowing that the Bible is full of reluctant leaders from Moses, to David, to Paul. Some might even argue Jesus. And, I will stand before the Assembly trusting that the Spirit will provide all that I need for that which the Spirit has called me to do.

And I will pray that those who gather will be as gracious as those who gathered last year and together we will experience the joy of what it means to be the church together. I trust we will worship well, laugh often, enter into deeply respectful conversation and conduct the work of this Synod—to dish up God’s grace for a hungry world.

You will delight in journeying with our very own theologian and Biblical Guide Cynthia Moe-Lobeda who will offer us a Lutheran lens on what it means to value the other. Presenter Mark Lau Branson will help us see how the use of Appreciative Inquiry can set the table to engage our neighbors in the pressing conversations of our times. This year breakout sessions and an Open Space setting will provide you with the opportunity to learn critical listening skills while exploring challenging conversations into which we are called.

See you at Assembly! I will be the guy up front with the wooden hammer!



# the Last WORD

## A NEXT STEP

I am pleased that the Transition Team has come to the end of its list of tasks, and is ready to provide its findings to the Council. There will also be information given to the congregation that will provide the parts of the Mission Site Profile that the Transition Team needed to complete, as well as a summary report of findings and responses to various survey questions. Some of them were provided by you. We thank you for your thoughtful statements. For myself, I always looked forward to working with this team. They did a wonderful job and provided a gift of wisdom to the congregation.

So what is next? Many things are going on alongside of the Interim work, but next on the overall plan is the election of the Call Committee. I originally thought that a summer start date might be a good plan, so that everyone could enjoy their summer vacations before getting down to a sizeable amount of time and effort. But I have been informed that many would like Queen Anne Lutheran Church to begin this sooner rather than later. If that is the case, we could meet early in June to nominate names to the Council. The details will have to be worked out, but it would be wise for us to be prepared. I would love to hear your thoughts about the timing on this event. You will hear more about the process of the election, and how you can be involved. But I would like you to consider a different side of this election.

A small number of members will serve on behalf of the entire congregation when they are elected to the Call Committee. Not only does it make this a very select group, but the responsibility of serving will be great. I hope that as you consider whom you might want to nominate for the Call Committee, that you will be praying for guidance and insight. There is no shortage of very wonderful and caring people here at Queen Anne, but not everyone will be able to serve. We would like those who do get elected to form a committee with respect for one another, to possess a vision for what Queen Anne Lutheran Church can become, and always to be aware of the needs of the entire congregation. May the gifts that each member of the Committee brings be added to those of the other members to form a caring team of great insight. There will also be a need to be committed to the time and the tasks needed to recommend the right candidate to the congregation for call.

It is one thing to look for such gifts in another. It is another to wonder if we ourselves may be called to such service. It may be that someone will come to you and ask if you would be willing to serve on the Call Committee. First, know that it is a great honor to be asked. It speaks a great deal about your own gifts, your service in the congregation, and the maturity and good sense and love that you have shown in the past. Good for you. If you are asked, I hope that you will spend some time in prayer about this. We can easily find reasons within ourselves to say "no", perhaps because we know our own faults too well. But God asks us in spite of ourselves sometimes. This may be exactly where God wants you to serve. If this is the case, God will also grant you every blessing that you will need to fulfill your call. Be of good courage, and continue to pray.

You will hear more in weeks to come. I trust that you will be fully involved as the congregation moves ahead, either as a result of being elected to the Call Committee, or just as one who prays faithfully and persistently in the months to come.

Thank you for carrying on in the mission of Queen Anne Lutheran Church. I give thanks for you all.

Pastor Doug Stensby

# SERVING IN MAY

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

3 Rich Mathes  
10 TBD  
17 Jim Margard  
24 TBD  
31 TBD

**Offering Counters**

Alice Twelker and Susan Dibble

**Lectors (8:00 AM)**

3 Jacqui Darroch  
10 Jan Olson  
17 Dan Squires  
24 Harold Robertson  
31 Ken Hockman

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

3 Jacqui Darroch  
10 Linda Olson  
17 Deb Squires  
24 Georganne Robertson  
31 Ellen Hockman

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

3 Tim Porter  
10 Jacqui Darroch  
17 Rich Mathes  
24 Richard Crummett  
31 Kirsten Erickson

**Altar Guild:**

Deb Squires and Jessica Cronce

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

3 Dolly & Mac Smith  
10 Katherine Knorr  
17 Deb & Dan Squires  
24 TBD  
31 TBD

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

3 Sophie Pritchard & Candy Mathes  
10 TBD  
17 TBD  
24 Pat & Don Sobeck  
31 Karen & Brent McCullough

**Flowers on the Altar**

3 Katie Thompson  
10 Dolly Smith  
17 Virginia Stamey-Johnson  
24 Karen & Brent McCullough  
31 Pat & Don Sobeck

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Cantor	Arletta Anderson
Parish Administrator	Barbara Bash
Sexton	John Bryant
Missionary to China	Rev. Dorcas Wang
LYONS Director	Jon Ross
LYONS Program Assistant	Megan Hundley
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**Deadline for the June Quill is Friday, May 22.**

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# May 2015

*Note: Events listed in italics are offsite.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>8:00am</b> <i>LWR Truck Loading at Our Redeemer's LC</i> <b>5:30pm</b> Girl Scout Troop <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lutheran Night Live at Ballard First LC</i>	<b>2</b> <b>8:00am</b> <i>LWR Truck Loading at Our Redeemer's LC</i> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>3:00pm</b> Community Music Jam <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lutheran Night Live at Ballard First LC</i>
<b>3</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>2:00pm</b> <i>Lutheran Night Live at Ballard First LC</i>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> Julia Circle <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step OA	<b>5</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>6:30pm</b> Property Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Executive Committee	<b>6</b> <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>3:00pm</b> Debate Club from Coe <b>6:15pm</b> Cherub Choir <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>7</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lutheran Night Live at Ballard First LC</i>	<b>9</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lutheran Night Live at Ballard First LC</i>
<b>10</b> <b>MOTHERS' DAY</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>2:00pm</b> <i>Lutheran Night Live at Ballard First LC</i>	<b>11</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Northern Lights</i> <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step OA	<b>12</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council	<b>13</b> <b>9:15am</b> <i>Sewing and Service outing to Great Wheel</i> <b>3:00pm</b> Debate Club from Coe <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> A.A.	<b>14</b> <b>9:00am</b> <i>Richard Crummett seminary presentation @ Seattle University</i> <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>15</b> <b>Synod Assembly</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Girl Scout Troop	<b>16</b> <b>Synod Assembly</b> <b>9:00am</b> <i>Katie's Table</i> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>17</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>11:45am</b> Newcomers' Coffee	<b>18</b> <b>11:45am</b> <i>Dedication of West Thomas St. Bridge to John Coney</i> <b>6:30pm</b> Internship Committee <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step OA	<b>19</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>12:00pm</b> Interfaith Meeting <b>4:30pm</b> Worship and Music Committee <b>5:30pm</b> PDQ <b>7:00pm</b> Thinning the Walls	<b>20</b> <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>5:30pm</b> Shalom Choir and Cherub Choir Pizza Party <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>21</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>4:00pm</b> Faith & Film
<b>24</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>4:00pm</b> Chancel Choir Party	<b>25</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step OA	<b>26</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & Learn <b>7:00pm</b> QA Book Group	<b>27</b> <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>12:00pm</b> Sunshiners <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> A.A.	<b>28</b> <b>3:00pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>29</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Girl Scout Troop	<b>30</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>31</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship Service <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship Service <b>4:00pm</b> Mark Sedio Hymn Festival						