

The Quill

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Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rally Day *September 13!*



Sunday School will kick off with **Rally Day on Sunday, September 13th**. All children ages 3+ are welcome to attend. Please join us, whether you can make it once in awhile or every Sunday. No commitment is required, so come and check it out. We meet in the chapel at 9:30 AM and dismiss at 10:15 AM from upstairs. Check our website or office calendar for session dates; there will be occasional Sundays where we don't meet.

God's Work, Our Hands! After church and a light lunch on Rally Day, Queen Anne Lutheran will be gathering to celebrate the ELCA's day of community service, God's Work, Our Hands. This year we will all go as a group to Kinnear Park to weed and mulch the gardens in the upper area of the park, with tools and mulch provided by the Parks Department. Sign up for the fun, fellowship and a free T-shirt in the narthex!

Other New Beginnings this Month:

Adult Forum will move to its "regular" format on September 20, meeting in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 9:15 AM.

Lunch & Learn Bible Study will meet again this fall, beginning Tuesday, September 15 at noon.

Chancel Choir begins rehearsals again on September 10 and we serve in worship at the 10:30 service on Rally Day, September 13. All high school students and adults are encouraged to share gifts of music in the Chancel Choir. Please consider this opportunity to serve and to belong to a very wonderful and caring group of people who know how to have a good time. Choir is fun and a meaningful way to serve. If this will be your first time with the choir, please contact our Cantor, Arletta Anderson, so she can have music ready for you!

Both the **Shalom Choir** (middle school & high school) and **Cherub Choir** (grade school) will begin rehearsals on September 16, at 5:30 and 6:15 respectively, giving everyone some time to get acquainted with school schedules, etc. Please contact Arletta for more information and to show your interest in being a part of either of these choirs.

From the Cantor . . .

Thanks to all who shared their musical gifts in worship during the summer months—the Men’s Choir, the Intergenerational Choir, and the Women’s Choir; and on other Sundays, Mei Le Smith-violin; Deepa Patten-flute; Ann Schinske, soprano; Richard Crummett-Native American flute, Karen McCullough-soprano; Beth Ann Bonnecroy-soprano; Jeannette Banobi-soprano; and Silke Harper will be with us on September 6 to play the recorder. During the summer months I appreciate the variety of music that enhances our praise and prayer as we share in worship each week.

Also, thanks to Pastor Doug Stensby, Jeannette Banobi, Joel Matter, and the Shalom Choir for giving musical leadership to our Holden Evening Prayer worship on Wednesday evenings in August. The jazz quartets from Roosevelt High School were very good as they provided entertainment while we hosted our neighbors for a picnic supper. Many neighborhood people came to enjoy the evenings. Some knew about this gathering from previous summers and were hoping we would have it again; others heard the jazz music and came to see what was going on; others discovered us as they walked by on their way to somewhere else. It was wonderful to meet so many of our neighbors; and especially interesting for me to hear people ask me to open the church windows when I practice the pipe organ, as they enjoy the music drifting into the windows of their homes. Thanks to John, our Sexton, for doing the set-ups and thanks to all the grill cooks and servers for making this happen.

Our choir season will begin in early September—**Chancel Choir** rehearses on September 10 and serves at the 10:30 service on Rally Sunday, the 13th. The **Shalom Choir** for middle school and high school youth, as well as the **Cherub Choir** for elementary school children will begin rehearsals the following week, on Wednesday the 16th at 5:30 and 6:15 respectively. Our congregation is fortunate to have these young voices in leadership in our worship.

During the month of October, David Lapse will be doing some of my responsibilities—leading the music for worship and directing the Chancel Choir at the 10:30 service. I will be taking a leave of absence granted to me by our Church Council. My daughter is expecting her second child, so I plan to travel to Illinois and be of whatever assistance I can while they adjust to a new baby in their home. I will enjoy the role of Gramama! As I considered this time away, I found it important for me to be with my family during the one-year anniversary of Roger’s death. So I will stay a few weeks longer than originally intended, hence the need for a leave of absence added to my last two vacation Sundays for 2015. I plan to return to my work at QALC after All Saints Sunday in November. You will be in good hands with David’s leadership. David’s primary music work is serving at various churches during the time of the regular musician’s sabbatical or other leave time, much like what Pastor Doug is doing for us in the clergy profession.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

Arletta Anderson, Cantor and
Associate in Ministry cantor@queenannelutheran.org

FINE ARTS MINISTRY PRESENTS

DANA ROBINSON

In Concert

Sunday, September 20
3:00 PM



Dana Robinson is Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. Robinson has a Bachelor of Music with Distinction in Performance, a Masters of Music from the New England Conservatory of Music,

and a D.M.A. in Organ Performance from the University of Iowa. Robinson is a native of Boston and has performed on some of the most significant modern and historic organs in the United States. We look forward to welcoming Dana Robinson to Queen Anne Lutheran and to our Wech Pipe Organ.

—Sponsored and supported by QALC's Fine Arts Ministry.

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2400 8th Ave W, Seattle 98119

Freewill Offering will be received
Reception in Fellowship Hall following concert
www.queenannelutheran.org



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In-Words . . .

Not every gift is worth my time. I am offered free stuff all the time. Free shipping, free picture of the boss's dog, free chance to win a drawing for a new car. But gifts that are given from someone who knows me, and knows what I really need, and does it with a loving sense of generosity, those gifts are priceless and remind me of who gave it to me each time I use it.

God's gifts to us, change us as well, and in some way, make us more like God. With God's gifts in our hands or in our hearts, we become more like God, more gracious, more generous, more aware of the needs of others, more open to the joy of life.

—Pastor Doug

DOWN, IN and OUT is a program of the ELCA to help us focus on how giving affects all of our life, and how our response is a part of our life in Jesus Christ.

Call Committee Update:

In August, the Call Committee met to discuss the church's top ten ministry tasks for our incoming pastor. We based our responses on the results from the survey that the Transition Team members compiled from the congregation's answers earlier this year. We will continue to refine the list of ministry tasks to get it down to five in the end. As we discussed in our meetings, many ministry tasks are needed from our new pastor but we are trying to identify the five top ones to put on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) form. The MSP helps prospective applicants understand what the congregation is looking for in our pastor.

During September, we will begin to formalize the congregation's requests for our new pastor's top "Gifts for Ministry." These will be prioritized to what our congregation is looking for in a pastor.

You will notice that the "Call Wall" has been moved near the Narthex kitchen. We will continue to put updates in the bulletins and on the church website, which will have information about who is on the Call Committee and what our process will be.

These are slow and methodical steps needed to help us request what we really want in our new pastor. What strengths are we looking for in this person? If you have not communicated your ideas about what you are looking for in a new pastor, now is the time to do it. Please feel free to talk to, email or call any of us on the call committee. If you completed the survey from the Transition Team, we have your responses, but if you would like to expand on what you wrote or have new ideas please contact one of us. We are interested in representing you, but we can only do that if we know what is important to you.

Call Committee members are:

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Property Committee Notes from July/August:

1. **Sound system room.** The June Quill summarized our initial attempt to cool the sound system room. However, despite those efforts, the room has been too warm this summer. In July, Ben moved the fan, again, this time into the server room—where we have an air conditioner—to circulate the hot air from the sound system equipment. This revised configuration keeps the room temperature lower, and the fan does not need to run 24 hours a day any longer. For those of you interested in physics, this time we converted the heat output from the equipment into the BTU's our air conditioner can provide to ensure it had the capacity. It does. Thanks to Ben for his many hours spent on this project—and use of his tools.



2. **Sister Clare's room.** If any of you remember the second floor before the Sanctuary remodel—the part that included the old choir loft and organ pipes—we created two storage rooms with the new space. We also thought that maybe the storage rooms could be used as windowless offices if needed. So, back in 2009, Roland Adeniyi, Myra Dittes, Aaron Rugg, Gary Greenwood, Joel Matter and Ben Matter installed Cat 6 cable (for PC's), and electrical conduit, outlets and lights. This year, the storage room that had been the Sunday School storage the past four years became Sister Claire's office—Lutheran Counseling Network. Ben added two light sconces, installed a locking doorknob, and hung mirrors and signs so that Clare really has an office—not just a storeroom. The Luther Lounge doubles as a waiting area for her clients.

3. **Second floor hallway access bathroom.** Ben added a doorknob and door closer so that one can lock the door when you use it.

4. **Koala diaper-changing table** is now installed in the basement handicapped bathroom. Ben installed this in July. It is identical to the one on first floor. Several kick plates and kick-down door holders were added to more doors.

5. Ben also installed several small, LED **motion-detector "night lights"** in dark hallways, or windowless areas that light would be convenient if our power went out—such as the handicapped bathrooms. If anyone feels we need more of these, or more powerful ones, please let Property Committee know.

6. **Thanks to Jim and Tom McLauchlan** for their help digging trenches along the south side to replace broken irrigation pipes. Their backhoe saved a lot of manual digging time. Our summer watering bills should decrease next year—we had a large leak. The leak also interfered with the south side (McGraw) grass-watering pattern, which is the main reason it looks so brown and dead.

7. **Louise Robertson/LVC House**—Late July/early August is always the "turnover" month when each group moves away. Ben



correctly rewired a living room wall outlet, replaced a light switch in a bedroom, and we replaced a few burned-out light bulbs.



8. **Thanks to Pastor Doug**, who sanded the offering plate/communion shelf/holder on south side of the chancel. Since everything else in the Chancel area is being refinished, he made that corner piece fit in as well. The first round of refinished furniture was put back Aug 25th. Four pews, the two front hymnal racks for the first pew, and the altar were refinished. The pulpit and four more pews were taken away that same day for refinishing. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign to pay for some needed refinishing.

—*Rich Mathes for
Property Committee—Pat Sobeck, Sallie Wilson,
Ben Matter, Dick Steffen & Jennifer Jones.*

*Visit the Quill on our website for more photos of
the Property Committee at work!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You and Your Pet are Invited to the **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday**



This year, **Queen Anne Lutheran Church** will host the
Blessing of Animals
at a morning worship celebration on
Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 AM

Any socially well-adjusted pet /animal is welcome.
Owners are asked to keep pets on a leash or in a pet carrier.

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2016 Guidelines for Expenditures

It is that time of year again.

All committee heads, or anyone who needs to, or wants to, provide input for potential 2016 expenditures, or income, please provide your proposal to the Finance Committee **Thursday, Oct. 22 in the Conference Room from 7–9 PM**. Please submit written documentation, whether or not you can attend the meeting. Final numbers need to be available by early December for Council review. If you have suggestions, even if not for an existing budget line item, or you don't represent a particular committee, please submit those also. *Great ideas that are not presented may not get into the 2016 guidelines.*

The Finance Committee members are Myra Dittes, Ken Hockman, Tim Porter and Rich Mathes. Jason McCauley is the Council liaison. You can provide input to any of us, or put items in our office mailbox, in the lower left section of mailboxes.

WANTED: A few good people for a part time job. Okay maybe not a job, but a JOY! It is a joy to serve on Altar Guild, making each Sunday (and some holidays) a special time in giving time and talents to getting things prepared for worship. The workload is light, the times are flexible and the pay is tremendous! So contact Joan or Richard Crummett to become part of this awesome group of people!

Amazon Smile Program Benefits QALC

Today we received another payment from AmazonSmile: \$20.49! Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Queen Anne Evangelical Lutheran Church** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile? (AmazonSmile is the same as the Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits.) Support Queen Anne Lutheran by starting your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**.

To use Amazon Smile, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0677057> and bookmark this link, so all of your eligible Amazon shopping will accrue a benefit for Queen Anne Lutheran Church!

Open House for Sister Clare Josef-Maier, LCN, October 4

On Sunday October 4 in between our worship services, Sister Clare Josef-Maier will have an open house. This is the chance for congregation members to take a peek at her new digs at the top of the stairs, and learn more about her counseling services. Sister Clare is a mental health counselor with Lutheran Counseling Network, and offers mental health therapy services to individuals and couples, including premarital counseling. She is available for counseling appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM-6 PM. While she cannot accept insurance at this time, charitably adjusted fees may be established according to family income. For more information, please visit www.clarejosefmaier.org or contact Sister Clare at (206) 364-1046 x4 or clare@lutherancounseling.net

NOW IS THE TIME to sign up as a volunteer with the Mary's Place Rotating Shelter Project at QALC Oct. 13-20!

Queen Anne Lutheran will once again be opening its doors to feed and shelter homeless women and their children during the week of Oct. 13 through 20. We need volunteers to make this happen! Please commit to a volunteer slot now—when volunteer staffing is set well in advance of our guests' arrival, it makes for a much smoother week for everyone.

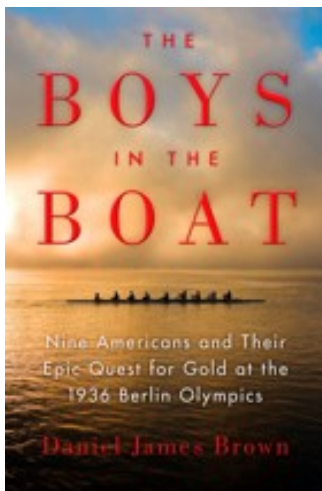
You can volunteer as a greeter, dinner host, overnight host, weekend host, or laundry volunteer. For more information about each of these roles and to sign up online, go to our website www.queenannelutheran.org; click on SERVE, then HOMEBASE. A paper sign-up sheet is also available in the narthex after Sunday services—Barb will then move your sign-up to the online form for you.

Please also mark your calendar for the volunteer orientation/training, which will be on **Sunday, Oct. 4, after the 10:30 service**. An orientation tour of the Fellowship Hall kitchen for dinner and breakfast hosts will follow that meeting. In addition, our Safe Sanctuary training will be presented **Sunday, September 27 after the 10:30 service** for any volunteers who have not had that training.

Questions? Contact any of the Coordinators: Pam McIlroy, Peggy Morgan, or Sophie Pritchard.

Note: **Volunteers for Mary's Place will also need a current background check with the Washington State Patrol database. If possible, we would like to run these checks before October so we are squared away. If you are planning on volunteering, please fill out one of the forms attached to the sign-up board and leave it in Barb Bash's office mailbox, or e-mail Barb your information at admin@queenannelutheran.org**

September Book Group: Boys in the Boat



Come join us Monday, September 28th in the Narthex at 7 PM for the exciting story by Daniel James Brown. It is great when you read the names and know all the places! Jan Slawson will lead the discussion!

The review from *Goodbooks*:

“Daniel James Brown’s robust book tells the story of the University of Washington’s 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936.

The emotional heart of the story lies with one rower, Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not for glory, but to regain his shattered self-regard and to find a place he can call home. The crew is assembled by an enigmatic coach and mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat builder, but it is their trust in each other that makes them a victorious team. They remind the country of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together—a perfect melding of commitment, determination, and optimism.

Drawing on the boys’ own journals, their photos and memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, *The Boys in the Boat* is an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate story of nine working-class boys from the American West who, in the depths of the Great Depression, showed the world what true grit really meant.”

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.

Saturday, Sept 12, 8:30 AM—Discussion group focusing on how we can “get ready” as a congregation for our next Pastor. What emphases, or changes, do we need to make to help our QALC community grow and thrive? Our meeting will be in the Chapel Conference Room, featuring healthy snacks.

Saturday, Oct 10, 8:30 AM—Discussion group: our September topic will continue. Healthy snacks provided. We will assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits after the discussion, from 9:30 AM—10:30 AM.

Friday & Saturday, October 30/31—Mark your calendar for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering—loading of quilts and kits—at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 2500 NW 85th Street.

—Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett



LYONS Middle School at our campsite near Leavenworth



LYONS High School outside the Motown Museum in Detroit

LYONS News: LYONS had a great summer! Our middle school group had an exciting trip on the Wenatchee River, rafting the rapids, cooling off in the river, and camping out in God's beautiful creation. The high school group attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. This was a week of service, sightseeing, making new friends, and growing in faith! Thank you for your prayers for our safe travels and growth in faith and friendship.

We're looking forward to a wonderful fall!

Some dates to remember:

Friday Sept 18: High School Lock-In! This fun-filled night will be at Ballard First Lutheran starting at 7:00 PM, ending at 8:00 AM.

Sunday Sept 20: Fall Kick-Off from 3:00-4:30 PM at Carkeek Park Shelter #2. Please bring a side dish to share; we'll provide the rest!

For more info and updates on events, check the bulletin, visit www.roaringlyons.org, or find us on Facebook "Lutheran Youth of North Seattle".



QALC Women's News

It is that transitional time of year—the time in which you know that plans for Fall need to be in place, but people are still traveling and trying to complete all the “summer things” that haven’t been done. By the time you read this, the Tie-Dye party will be past and we will be looking forward to the fall season (Thankofferings!), and Advent, which is right around the corner. One event coming up soon is:

2015 Convention & Gathering of Women of the ELCA, Northwest Washington Synod

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8:00 AM–4:30 PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Mercer Island, WA



“God’s Grace—Justice in Action”

Join us for: Interest Groups, Election of officers, board members and Triennial voting members, Music, Bible Study, Worship, and Fellowship

Keynote Speaker Leslie Urie: She will be speaking about two organizations: one, the Peace Rehabilitation Center, helps Nepal girls that have been trafficked; the other, R.E.S.T (Real Escape from the Sex Trade), works with prostitutes here in the Seattle area.

Interest Groups— The two sessions will be repeated so you will be able to attend each one: A presentation by Captain Bonnie Bowers, Anacortes Police Department, on Race and Justice
A presentation still to be determined. Information to follow.

Offering Objective: 50% Women of the ELCA churchwide; 50% to organizations featured in the presentations.

Schedule

8:00—9:00 AM Registration, Continental Breakfast, Displays, Fellowship

7:45 AM First business meeting

8:45 AM Gathering Music

9:00 AM Opening of Convention

Registration: \$45 (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch), **\$50** after Sept. 15
General registration deadline is **September 28**. Forms will be in Narthex at QALC.

Would you like an ALL EXPENSES PAID TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA JULY 2017?

Is this an offer you might want to pursue? It may seem early to make this offer, but due to the timing of our synod convention, we need to elect our voting members this year.

The Tenth Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA will be convening in Minneapolis **July 11-13, 2017**. This October 3rd, our NW WA Synodical Women will be electing two voting members to that convention.

The Churchwide Women's Organization provides travel, lodging, and meals for the voting members attending the convention. The elected voting members are also encouraged to stay for the Triennial Gathering on July 13-16. Unfortunately Churchwide does not cover the Gathering expense. Therefore the voting members must pay registration, lodging, and meals for the Gathering. (But you at least are already there and you have time to make arrangements to pay for the Gathering).

NW Washington Synodical Women's Organization needs you!

NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICER/BOARD POSITIONS

for election at NW WA Synodical Women's Convention October 3, 2015

Nominee must be a member of a Unit (congregational or inter-congregational) and must be nominated by her church women. You may nominate as many women as you wish; however, only one nominee from a Unit may be elected to the Board. Term of service is two years. Diversity is of paramount importance (ethnicity, age, geographical location). Let Candy Mathes know if you are interested, and see Candy for the nomination form.

Purpose Statement

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

Mission Statement

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

Looking forward,

—The Women's Committee: *Candy, Sallie, Sophie, Pat and Lisa*

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 First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

Northern Lights: Next meeting September 14. Contact Dolly Smith.

Katie's Table: Third 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 Fourth Wednesday at noon. Contact Jean MacLauchlan.

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



Holden Village— What Next?

Patience is what we need. In July I posted a *Quill* article (and a signup sheet in the narthex) asking for your preferred dates to go to Holden next summer. Candy and I had just visited Holden for the new director installation on June 27th. On the bus ride from Lucerne, seeing all the Douglas firs full of mistletoe, just waiting to burn, I commented to my seatmate “this entire valley needs to burn to remove the fire hazards.” “Without burning off, the Village will always be worried about major fire risk.”

As we entered the Village, to my surprise, water was dripping off of Lodge #1. The new sprinklers had just been turned on—besides covering a lot of area, untreated water comes directly from Copper Creek. Holden no longer is forced to use treated water in sprinklers, and now has a relatively limitless supply for watering. I was glad to see the new system operational, particularly given the dry conditions in late June.

On June 29th, unknown to me, the Wolverine Fire started due to lightening.



Ultimately (August 6th) the Village evacuated (see next page). Five Holdenites stayed on (Chuck, the new director; Jeff, the fire chief, the chief cook, and two others) along with two hotshot crews. Most of the mine remediation crews also left. Photos show sprinklers in the chalet area, and aluminized structure wrap covering the porches.

There are lots of questions— Apparently the Holden buildings survived — do the sheets smell like smoke? Will Rio Tinto be able to return at all this year to finish the 2015 remediation tasks? Will that happen in 2016? Will the “normal program” be postponed a year?

We need patience. And prayers of thankfulness for what

survived, and prayers for all affected by fires this summer. Go to <http://www.holdenvillage.org> for the Holden Facebook page for more information.

—Rich Mathes

This first-hand account of the evacuation came in an email via Linda Carlson:

Here are details on the evacuation from Linda Jensen, who lived at Holden in the 1950s when her father was a miner, and returns every year for short-term staff work. I am so impressed with how organized everyone was, despite the fact that the new directors had not been through an evacuation:

When we came to dinner Thursday night there were two sheriff deputies there and the announcement was that we were back to Level 2. The long-term people were told to have a "small emergency bag" packed to be ready to go. By the time we got to Breakfast Friday morning, it was Level 3.

I was included on the list of 14 Village staff to leave that day along with 170 of the construction workers...

The construction evacuation was very organized as was the Village. The Village took roll call at breakfast to ensure everyone was there. We were loaded on a separate bus, with our luggage. Each name was checked off as we loaded. There were six buses. There were a few construction workers on our bus after the first five filled up. Their luggage was all loaded on the big luggage truck. The construction workers had been told when they came in for their 5:00 a.m. breakfast and sent back to pack and then remain in their lodge. They loaded the buses by lodge. The boat company knew how many they had coming so they made sure there was space. Most of the tables on the lower level were put away and they had folding chairs set up.

THANK-YOUS

QALC received thanks from the following organizations:

Compass Housing Alliance:
For a donation of \$4,200.00

Lutheran World Relief:
For a donation of \$1,400.00

And thanks from Alateen, which uses our building every week:

"The Courage to be Me Alateen Group has been flourishing over the last year. We regularly have 6-10 members at the group. We were able to send 6 members of our group to the WA Area Alateen Conference the Weekend of July 17-19. We were also able to assist two teens from Bellevue and Burien to attend.

We are able to give every new member a daily meditation book, and hope to send a few teens to an event happening in Yakima the weekend of Oct 2-4.

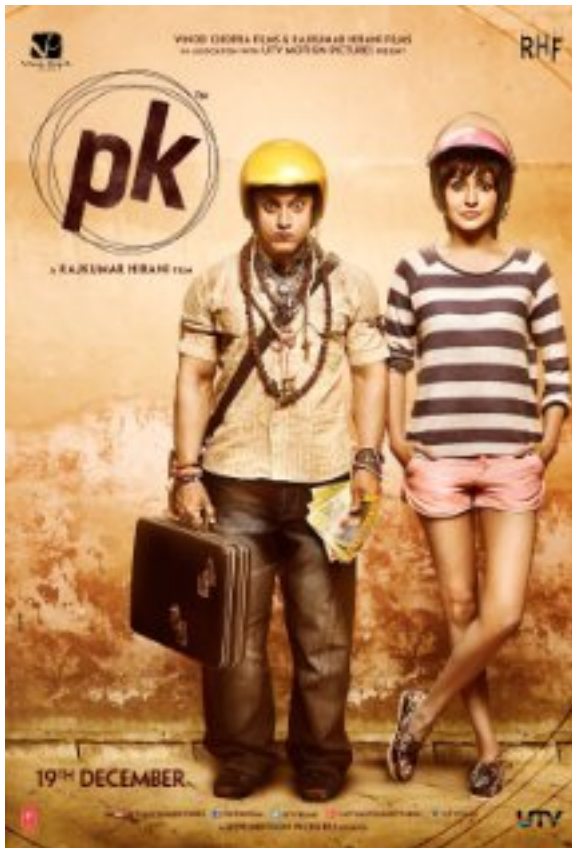
By the time our fundraiser on October 28 occurs, our treasury will be pretty low. The funds from that night will go towards sustaining our group until the spring. Thank you, Queen Anne Lutheran Church, for supporting our group."

All That Jazz on the Grass



This August we were blessed with four different quartets over the four weeks of Jazz on the Grass, as well as good fellowship with many neighbors from the surrounding area in attendance as well as church members.

Thanks to all the people who planned, shopped, served, grilled, chopped, scooped, , and cleaned up at the end. Thanks, too, for all who came, conversed, ate, laughed, played, invited friends, and worshipped with us. For more photos, visit the Quill on our website.



FAITH AND FILM—PK

DATE:

September 12, 2015, in the Fellowship Hall

TIME:

Given this movie takes place in India, it would be wonderful if people could bring Indian-type cuisine

3:30 p.m.

Food and drinks

4:00 p.m.

Watch the movie together

6:40 p.m.

Discussion ... and refills of drinks and food

MOVIE:

“PK”

(in Hindi with English subtitles)

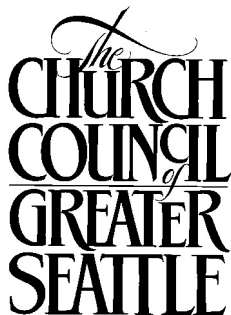
Rating: U/A (Indian rating, equivalent to PG-13 in the US)

SYNOPSIS: A humanoid alien comes to Earth to visit and explore. He lands in India, home to many religions. The first person he sees steals his remote for signaling the mother ship and escapes. When he asks other people he meets for help, they tell him to rely on God. So he does ... or at least tries, for, where he comes from, there is no concept of God. Meanwhile, a young woman and a young man meet in Bruges, Belgium, fall in love and want to marry. She is from India, while he is from Pakistan. Her parents forbid the marriage. When the father brings the issue to their religious leader, His Holiness predicts that the Pakistani will betray her. They go ahead with a civil wedding. The bride shows up, the groom does not, but a message is delivered revealing a change of heart. She returns to India and gets a job producing TV news spots. In her travels around the city for a newsworthy story, she stumbles upon the alien, who now is handing out bills that say, “God is missing.” How do they help each other find what each other wants: for the alien, his remote; for her, ??? Does the alien find God, or just a wrong number? Come see this raucous, satirical, hilarious, explosive, irreverent, romantic, boisterous, singing and dancing (even dancing cars!), Bollywood blockbuster: PK!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Matter at joel.matter@gmail.com.

Book Fair at Bethany Lutheran Church Sunday, September 13, noon to 6 pm

Several thousand books at greatly reduced prices will be at the fair, and all proceeds will benefit Lutheran Peace Fellowship. Bethany Lutheran is at the corner of Woodlawn Ave. NE and Latona, one block north of Green Lake.



Weaving Our Strengths is a day-long conference of fellowship, inspiration, and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good. We would like you and your community to be a part of it!

Weaving our Strengths

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8 a.m.—4 p.m.

University Congregational UCC Church

4515 16th Avenue NE, Seattle 98105

The event [website](http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS) is up and ready for registrations at <http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS>.

***Into the Woods* with BAAY—a Musical Performance here at QALC**

The advanced repertory ensemble from Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth will hit the road Sept 4-11 with their touring production of *Into the Woods*. This talented group of young performers brings a special resonance to Stephen Sondheim's classic fairy tale mash-up, a hilarious, poignant and powerful re-telling that dares to ask what happens after the happily ever after. They will spend the night at Queen Anne Lutheran after performing their musical in our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; admission is by donation.

Into the Woods is notoriously daunting for a high-school cast, both musically and thematically. But the BAAY Rep students, whose ages range from 13-17, are more than up to the challenge. Directed by David Post, with musical direction by Steve Barnes and choreography by Lisa Markowitz, this troupe delivers a level of artistic and emotional maturity that belies their years. The principals from BAAY's 2013 production have reunited for the current tour, with performances planned in Seattle, Portland, Ashland and Bellingham.

Founded in 2006 by Artistic Director David Post, BAAY is a non-profit arts education organization offering instruction in Choir, Theater, Dance, Music and Visual Arts to young people ages 5-15. A beloved fixture in Bellingham's thriving arts community, the company has produced over 40 musicals to date.

Into the Woods is BAAY's first theatrical production to go on tour. Don't miss it!

Seattle, WA

Friday, Sept 4
7:30 pm

Queen Anne Lutheran Church
2400 8th Ave West

Admission by donation Suggested: \$10 adults, \$5 students

For more information visit www.baay.org



The Church of Steadfast Love Invites You

Please join us for "**To All The World**", a fundraiser benefitting the ministry of The Church of Steadfast Love. **Saturday, October 3, 2015 From 5 PM–8 PM** at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave., Seattle, WA 98103

Featuring a spaghetti dinner, a wonderful raffle, and live music performed by The Uncle Pens. Suggested Donation: \$25. Attendees are asked to **RSVP by Sept. 25th.**

Need More Information? Call 206-474-1007 or email

PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org

Please join us as we celebrate becoming a recognized congregation of the ELCA!

Bishop's Message



Grace Rock

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

I have rock in my office with the word “grace” etched into its hard face. I received it as a gift from a friend who knows my only hope is the pervasiveness of God’s grace. The rock isn’t big—but it’s big enough that if you hold it in your hand or stuff it in your pocket you will know that it is there.

I made a habit of sharing my grace rock with people who were struggling to forgive themselves. One dear friend allowed a poor choice in her past to rob her from fully embracing life. She truly believed she didn’t deserve to be happy. She was able to manage her blues when she was single but then when she married and had children, she became more keenly aware of how the guilt was robbing her husband and children as well.

She was one of the most gracious and forgiving people that I have ever known. She comes from a family that extends acceptance to everyone they meet. In fact, it is hard to tell when you hang with her family who is blood and who is not. Everyone is family.

Forgiving others came easily to my friend, but allowing herself to be forgiven was a corner she was struggling mightily to turn.

One day I asked if she thought she was more powerful than God. This set her back as she looked at me askew. “What do you mean? Do I think I am more powerful than God?”

I answered her by saying, “It seems as though you believe you have done something so wrong that it is beyond God’s capacity to forgive.” I knew she would have to stew on this idea for a while.

It was at this point that the grace rock appeared out of the corner of my eye. Without thinking, I picked it up and pointed out the word grace to her. She began to tear up. She had spent so many years keeping her secrets hidden that exposing them to the light of grace was rocking her world. (No pun intended.)

I made her an offer. I said, “I want to share my grace rock with you. But, here is the deal: you have to keep it with you twenty-four/seven for a whole week. I would rather you carried around the weight of grace than the weight of shame.”

Her tears gave way to a giant smile as I placed the rock in her hand.

She returned a week later. I knew she had made progress just by the way she carried herself: her shoulders more upright, her face lifted. We both knew there was absolutely no magic in the rock. We also knew that it wouldn’t put an end to her struggle to forgive herself. However, the grace rock gave her a new way to embrace her pain.

Her story is in no way unique. Forgiveness is hard, hard work, especially when you have to own it for yourself.

Thanks be to God that God etches grace into the hard rock of life!
Let me know if you want to carry the rock for a week.



the Last WORD

HOLDEN THOUGHTS

A part of the fun of being an Interim is that every congregation has events or activities that it does like no other place that I have been before. Sometimes they are traditions of many years, or only tried once before. Wednesdays in August have been like that. Great music from young up-and-coming jazz students, a fun meal, a chance to visit with strangers walking by, seeing neighbors who look forward to each week, or talking with members in a more informal setting. This is all followed by Holden Evening Prayer, a service much beloved for more than a quarter century. We have been joined by members of the Holden Community who are able to join us on a Wednesday evening for worship.

This year, many of us have been much in prayer for Holden Village, itself. For the entire month, it has been facing the possibility of destruction because of the Wolverine Fire above Lake Chelan. The village was evacuated except for a handful of workers and hotshot crews engaged in fighting the approach of this fire in this year of record-setting wildfire. Down here, we pray, we read the news accounts, we check the fire incident reports, we stay connected with the Holden community in the diaspora by Facebook and email, and we sing. Boy, do we sing. There seems to be an unexpected heartfulness in the Evening Prayer, as if by singing with all that we have, we can sing the flames away from our beloved village.

I have been thinking about why Holden might generate such strong feelings in us. It seems that Holden is the church, fully and completely, but not the whole church. It seldom gets above 500 in residence at any one time, but it has sent thousands of its own into other parts of the world. It challenges us to grow in spirit and intellect. It provides a place of rest, and renewal, the Sabbath at its best. It welcomes all, and creates anew a community, even if only for a day or a week. It is surrounded by the beauty of God's creativity, unmatched by cathedrals of stone, or concrete, or steel. No stained glass window can match the wonders to be seen there. It is a place of joy and hilarity. At the same time, it is just as flawed as any family of sinners. It has not always measured up to its own goals. It has looked across Railroad Creek to see a reminder of how, as a human race, we often live in shortsighted ways. It struggles with scarcity and isolation. But I have yet to see any other congregation or agency untouched by its own humanity. Holden is and remains, a place set apart.

So far the fires have stayed out of the village, but they have driven too close for comfort. We know the dangers. We pray for the families and loved ones of the firefighters killed in the Methow Valley, all those who have lost homes and farms and animals. It could have been Holden. If it had been, I imagine that although buildings might have been reduced to ashes, the community would still exist, and would find ways of rebuilding not just frame lodges and cabins, but everything the village means to us. Perhaps reading the story of Three Young Men faced with Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace might have been helpful in such times. Fire may destroy, but it can never take our faith.

We will continue to sing with joy, and thanksgiving, and hope, especially those of us who have our own God stories from Holden. We anticipate a time when we can return to Holden. (See other items about Holden elsewhere in this *Quill*.) We look forward to the renewal of the forests as a reminder that God will graciously do the same for us: burning away the old, dead, remnants of our lives, and give us a new beauty that can only come from God's hand. Some of that clearing away, we wisely do now ourselves. That which we cannot do, or will not do, will be done in God's good time, as we enter our place of rest. (It may look a lot like Holden.)

May God, Creator bless us and keep us,
May Christ be ever light for our lives,
May the Spirit of Love be our guide and path,
For all of our days.
AMEN.

Pastor Doug

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

6 TBD
13 Amy Nagley
20 TBD
27 Jim Margard

Offering Counters

Vicke Pugil and TBD

Lectors (8:00 AM)

6 Jacqui Darroch
13 Jan Olson
20 Dan Squires
27 Harold Robertson

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

6 Jacqui Darroch
13 Linda Olson
20 Deb Squires
27 Georganne Robertson

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

6 Meg Shaw
13 Deb Squires
20 Karen Saunders
27 Richard Crummett

Altar Guild:

Deb Squires and Jessica Cronce

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

6 Katherine Knorr
13 Smith Family
20 TBD
27 TBD

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

6 TBD
13 TBD
20 TBD
27 TBD

Flowers on the Altar

6 Ken & Ellen Hockman
13 Lois Unseth
20 Virginia Stamey-Johnson
27 Marjorie Dowd

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Deadline for the October Quill is Tuesday, September 22.

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September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Barb Out John Bryant Out 7:00pm Executive Committee	2 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen	3	4 3:30pm Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth overnight 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 7:30pm Into the Woods performance	5 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jam
6 8:00am Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service	7 12:00pm AA Meeting 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step OA	8 7:00pm Church Council	9 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon	10 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Call Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir	11	12 8:30am Men's Group 10:30am Alanon Women 3:30pm Faith and Film
13 Rally Day 8:00am Worship Service 9:30am Sunday School Kickoff 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Farewell for Jessica Cronce 12:15pm God's Work, Our Hands	14 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step OA	15 12:00pm Interfaith Meeting 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 4:30pm Worship and Music Committee 5:30pm PDQ	16 9:15am Sewing and Service 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:15pm Cherub Choir 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A.	17 Dana Robinson 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir	18 Dana Robinson 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop	19 Dana Robinson 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women
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