#### The Quill

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## Queen Anne

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### Lenten and Holy Week Services at Queen Anne Lutheran



Lenten Wednesdays
February 17—March 16: 10:30 AM (chapel)

February 17—March 16: 6:00 PM Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper together, a Lenten Bible Study on the Holy Spirit in Luke's Gospel, followed by a short Compline service.

Lenten Offerings this year will benefit HomeBase, our twice-yearly shelter for homeless women and children from Mary's Place.

Childcare for Mid-Week Worship: If you would appreciate child care for children ages 0 - 4 for any of our midweek services during these seasons of Lent and Holy Week, please let the office know and child care can be provided.



Maundy Thursday
March 24: 10:30 AM (chapel)

March 24: 7:30 PM Solemn Eucharist

Good Friday March 25: 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Vigil
March 26: 7:30 PM
Lighting of the New Fire,
Affirmation of Baptism,
and Holy Eucharist

Easter: Feast of the Resurrection March 27: 8:00 AM

Festival Eucharist with Trumpet

9:00 AM Easter Breakfast

10:30 AM
Festival Eucharist
with Trumpet and Flute,
Chancel Choir,
Shalom Choir, and Cherub Choir

#### From the Cantor . . .

The worshiping community of Queen Anne Lutheran is blessed to have children and youth giving leadership in our worship on a regular basis . . . maybe not each Sunday, but often.

The Shalom Choir of eighth and ninth grade girls is a joy for me to lead. I love our time together, whether it is in rehearsals at the Houle home in Mukilteo, or at church! These five girls are dedicated to making room in their busy lives for rehearsals and serving in church on Sunday and for that we as a congregation are very grateful. I am thrilled that they enjoy singing hymns and anthems, playing handbells, rhythm instruments, and Orff instruments. They also love to join in singing with the Chancel Choir's anthem, and so I prepare them. It's a win-win.

The Cherub Choir (early grade school children) sing with their precious voices a sound unlike anyone else in our congregation can offer as a gift for our worship. They work hard at rehearsals, memorizing their music, playing musical games, marching with rhythm instruments, and playing the Orffs as well. They are amazing children with dedicated parents who find value in learning music, singing, and worshiping together.

Having the Cherub Choir sing last Sunday and knowing how their presence is so cute, and what they sang, especially at the time of the prayers, was so meaningful, I must say thank you to our congregation for honoring the presence of these singers without applauding for what they sing or how cute they look. They are proclaiming the Gospel and doing the work of the liturgy, as we all are doing. I recently attended a worship service elsewhere where all the music was received by applause and it turned the event from worship into a program. The hour was all about the musicians. I understand worship differently, and I hope this resonates with you ... honoring the holy, honoring God, honoring the gifts God has given that everyone brings to our worship, whether the worship leader be an acolyte, preacher, musician, communion server, altar guild member, or usher, as well as those in the pew. We do this together, not for praise for ourselves, but to the glory of God. Thanks be to God. It is work . . . sharing the preparation for worship, sharing in the work of the liturgy and worship, experiencing together the community gathered in worship. Every Sunday there are some people who show up with very heavy hearts. I've been there. And in the same worship, others might enter with joys beyond measure! I've been there, also. We need to be ready to embrace it all. That is what is so beautiful about the liturgy. It embraces all. In our liturgical style of worship, each Sunday based on the lectionary provided by the church, the feelings and situations of everyone can be respected. Yes, we can have times of a lot of fun, lightening the load, and there are moments when clapping is appropriate for some announcement or greeting, but our overall context of worship is respect and honor to the one who provides all things for us and gives us grace and the will to live each day in abundance and gratitude. It is important work we do. We then leave this worship to be blessings to others, and God's important work continues.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I look forward to worshiping with you.

—Arletta Anderson, Cantor and Associate in Ministry cantor@queenannelutheran.org 425.355.8776

#### **OUT-Words...**

I was on a Seattle sidewalk the other day, walking along with my mind on the things of my own affairs, when a young man, a complete stranger, looked at me with a wide smile and said, "hi." It was hardly the most earthshaking remark in the world, but I could not help but return the favor with a "hello" and a smile of my own. My smile lasted long after he was far out of sight. These can also be outward gifts to others because we have been richly blessed ourselves: a smile, a greeting, the time to ask an acquaintance how things are going, the offer to help as we are able, encouragement for someone facing a challenge, and thanks for a job well done. Our Stewardship is not just caring wisely for our resources, but also lovingly caring for one another.

—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.

#### **President's Report**

The annual congregational meeting in January was so wonderful, I'm recapping it here so we don't need to wait until next year to read the minutes (!).

The theme of the meeting was "Count Your Blessings... (now give them away)". During the meeting, we "counted our blessings;" that is to say, we thoughtfully acknowledged all that we have received by the grace of God. Then we considered how we could serve others, having received these gifts. The fun part involved lots of balloons to send off these gifts so that others could experience receiving unexpected blessings, with a pop!

The "balloon thing" was another way of exploring what Stewardship means to us personally and as a congregation. It also served as the basis for reviewing the proposed 2016 Guidelines for Expenditures, including some major changes. The congregation has been blessed for several years with an annual prepaid pledge that amounted to almost a quarter of the annual receipts. That pledge is scheduled to be reduced to zero over the next few years, beginning with 2016.

The Council recommendation for the Guidelines followed three basic principles: pay the staff (this received much applause), pay the bills (much diligence has resulted in minimized expense and maximized efficiency), then give as much as we can to benevolences (then give even more). As a result, this year's guidelines greatly reduced the scheduled benevolences, commensurate with the drop in prepaid pledges and anticipated giving. This was not popular, but it reflected a commitment by the Council to focus this year's efforts on expanding Stewardship (including financial giving) so that giving to scheduled benevolences can be restored to traditional levels on a sustainable basis.

Further, it was resolved that the Council will continually assess financial balances, with the intent of proportionately disbursing surpluses to scheduled benevolences on a quarterly basis. If you wish to have more detail on our financial status, please find the monthly statements posted in the narthex or request a copy from admin@queenannelutheran.org.

So, this year, please consider all that you have received, and give in all ways so that others may be blessed, and in so doing, we all may be blessed in unexpected ways. For financial giving, please consider giving to the general fund first, so that scheduled benevolences can be restored. The hope is that by integrating good Stewardship practices into our daily lives, our faith community will continue to grow so that others may experience God's love.

Blessings (indeed!),

Marc Oplinger Council President

#### **Call Committee Update:**

The Call Committee has received names of four candidates and is in the process of interviews. The committee is not able to discuss candidates or details around the interviews, but please know we are hard at work. We also continue to welcome input on the leadership qualities that are important to the congregation. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

#### **CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:**

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#### **Endowment Fund Update:**

Many, many thanks to the anonymous donor who donated \$25,000 to the Endowment Fund in February! The QALC Endowment Fund is a perpetual fund—only the earnings from donations will be annually distributed to the QALC General Fund. Some of us may have plans—through a will, or written instructions—to eventually contribute to the QALC Endowment Fund. We are always grateful to those who can contribute at other times. 2017 and future years will be impacted by the earnings from the extra \$25,000.

If you have any questions about the QALC Endowment Fund, please contact a committee member—Lee Duty, Susan Evans, Susan Dibble, Dan Squires, Rich Mathes, Myra Dittes or Pastor Doug—or leave a note in the Endowment Fund mailbox in the office.

—Rich Mathes





Grace enjoyed sharing her spirited rendition of Pastor Doug with him—a good likeness indeed!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Wear Your Easter Best Right Into the Church Directory!

We have started a new project to get updated photos for our online church directory. The photo directory is part of materials we're getting ready for the new pastor, to make his/her transition and getting to know members as easy as possible. The Men's Ministry is coordinating this effort. Rowland Adeniyi has graciously agreed to photograph families on Easter Sunday and deliver photos to Barbara Bash to publish for our congregation use.

It only takes five minutes to have photos taken, and the sign-up sheet is up in the Narthex as well as <u>on our website</u>, or <u>linked here</u>. The Men's Ministry will have a volunteer to help direct families on that day. Photos will be taken between the services during Easter Brunch, and after the 10:30 service into the afternoon. (Men's Ministry members, please sign up on the sheet for a shift to help assist Rowland during this photo frenzy). Smile and say CHEESE!

The Men's Ministry will try to find other opportunities to take photos of church families and various committees and choirs in March and early April 2016 as well. Although we encourage you to get your photo at church, as the directory looks its best when the photo backgrounds are the same, we know there also may be members who are too busy or too far away to have a photo session. For those members, we are asking for a black-&-white or color photograph of



#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

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

first-class reproduction quality in JPG or TIFF file format of 300 dpi or higher. Please email photos to Barbara at <a href="mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org">admin@queenannelutheran.org</a>. You may also mail or deliver an original print to the church office. (Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want us to mail your photos back.) Rest assured, we'll take the utmost care in handling your original photos and ensuring their safe return.

—Mark Dibble & Rowland Adeniyi

#### **Adventure Group Ministry Takes Off!**

As this issue of *the Quill* goes to press, our first Adventure Group outing will be taking place! We will have gone on an urban walk right here on Queen Anne Hill on Sunday, February 28.

#### This group is organized around the following Mission: **To** provide opportunities for...

- Spending time in nature
- Enriching our spirits/rejuvenating
- Communing with God/the divine
- Bettering our health/fitness levels



- Building and expanding our community/ engaging in meaningful conversations
- Engaging in exploration/adventure
- Living out individual gifts and passions such as photography, teaching, etc.
- Engaging children in nature...

**By** planning and engaging in monthly adventures that are open to anyone interested regardless of faith, culture, fitness level, etc.

Once each month, we plan to organize a variety of opportunities ranging from easy walks to vigorous hiking across our beautiful green state—watch your church bulletins and emails for more information. There's a sign-up in the narthex for folks who want to lead an outing. Put on your walking/hiking shoes and get ready for some fresh air and nature. All ages and abilities are welcome to join us. You can direct your questions to the Pritchards or Nagleys.

#### **Altar Guild Needs You!**

Have you ever wanted to be part of something special at church but not necessarily in the forefront? The Altar Guild could be just what you're looking for. It's two months a year with another teammate. We have an exceptional group of people. We can use you too!

Questions? Contact Richard or Joan Crummett 206-261-4448, or email: katrinkaj1@comcast.net.

Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

The time has come again to decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter season. The Altar Guild will be using lilies to decorate the altar area. If you would like to contribute one or more plants, please fill out a form in your Sunday bulletin or contact the church office with your name and the names of those whom you would honor. Cost per plant is \$12.00, payable to QALC, with "Easter Lilies" noted on the check. Donations and commemorations will be noted in the church bulletin for the Easter services.

#### **Big Changes with Equal Exchange**



The price of a chocolate bar has dropped, now \$2.50 instead of \$3. Why? Because the size of the chocolate bars currently being produced by Equal Exchange has been reduced from 100 grams to 80 grams, making a thinner chocolate bar. But, you are asking, what about all that remaining inventory of 100 gram chocolate bars? No problem. They are now available at the same low price of \$2.50, just like the new chocolate bars. What a deal! Also, please be aware that some of the varieties in the current inventory have been discontinued and are no longer offered. So hurry and get in on the savings in chocolate bars from Equal Exchange.

One of the discontinued items is the 80% cacao Panama chocolate bar. This has been a popular item at QALC. But fear not, for Equal Exchange is offering a new 88% cacao Extreme Dark Chocolate bar (80 grams, of course). Please give it a try.

—Joel Matter



#### **QALC Women's News**

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

## 2016 Region 1 Women's Gathering BOLD & EMPOWERED



June 24–26, 2016 Embassy Suites • Lynnwood WA

#### Featuring:

The Reverend Susan Briehl
Bishop Jessica Crist of Montana
Bishop Shelley Wickstrom of Alaska
The Reverend Nancy Winder—Assistant to the Bishop of NW WA
The Reverend Susan Kintner—Assistant to the Bishop of Oregon
Jan Cherry—Diaconal Minister
Sister Clare Josef-Maier—Deaconess

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

More information can be found under women's ministries at www.lutheransnw.org.



Registration forms in Narthex or go to www.lutheransnw.org

Questions? See Candy Mathes

I want to thank each one of you that came to the Lenten Breakfast for joining us in "QALC Community of Women." People often ask how they may help at an event/activity and often the answer is: take the time to join us. For a community to be, we need YOU to be a part of it. Thanks also to all of those who helped with the Lenten Breakfast. We need all of you, too. The office is so organized that the Lenten Breakfast is already scheduled for the first Saturday in Lent next year.

Thoughts for the months ahead:

- Two babies are due to arrive this spring; how can we best support these new moms? Shall we plan some baby showers, and/or is there other support we can offer?
- The Endowment Committee recently approached us, wondering if there would be interest in education about financial planning and investment.

Please talk to anyone on the QALCW Coordinating Committee if you have ideas about either of these items and how best to move forward with them!

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The Gathering this June is really going to happen. Get your reservations in right away—there is a discount if you register by March 15th! It is also cheaper if you register with someone else; the first person is \$175.00 and the second person is \$125.00. Rooms are cheaper if you share them, too. You can get registration forms from Candy, the church office, or online <a href="here">here</a>. (For more information about the Gathering, go here.)

Come join one of the circles this month! Julia Circle is working hard on making the second Monday their meeting date. If you want to join them, check with a member (Diane Wearne, Ellen Hockman, or Georganne Robertson) to make sure they are in town.

This winter's bible study is an exploration of Paul's letter to the Philippians. In our Circles' bible study guide, *Christian Citizenship 101*, the authors write, "Philippians is a wonderful book. Paul had founded the Christian church in Philippi a number of years before and now writes to encourage them. Even though he is imprisoned, Paul does not seem downcast or discouraged. On the contrary, he thinks his suffering might have positive results for the gospel's continued extension in the world."

As you clean up your homes (ask your friends and neighbors too), keep Westside Baby in your thoughts. Clothes, as Ellen tells us, are needed for older children, too—see Ellen's article below.

—QALCW Coordinating Committee, Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard, Lisa Ondrejcek, Pat Sobeck, and Candy Mathes

#### Westside Baby Needs Clothes for Elementary Age Children, Too!

Westside Baby has always been willing to take clothing contributions for larger children to clothe the older siblings of newborns they serve. But I've just received a plea from them for sizes 5T–12 underwear for boys and girls and sizes 5T–12 clothing for boys and girls (pants, shirts, sweatshirts). There are orders going unfiled due to empty bins.

As you approach spring cleaning time and make room for new items for your growing children, please remember those at Westside Baby who are grateful for those gently used outgrown items. You may bring them to church and place them in the drawer in the narthex. You may also drop certain items (diapers and clothing and car seats less than 6 years old) at Childish Things at 10002 Holman Road NW or at other drop off sites throughout the city. Call me at 206-282-2341 or check out westsidebaby.org online for more information on how to help the newest and neediest Seattle residents stay warm and dry.

Thank you!! —*Ellen Hockman* 

#### Women of QALC: Ongoing Groups



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Come join us at a circle this month!
Please check with the circle leaders if you would like to attend.

**Julia Circle:** Second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

**Northern Lights:** March 7th at 7:00 PM. For location & questions 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:** Fourth Wednesday at noon. Contact Jean McLauchlan.

**PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts):** Third Tuesday of most months, sometime after 5:30 PM.

Light supper provided. Contact Karen McCullough.



There were many satisfied guests at the Lenten Breakfast who requested these recipes, generously provided here by the chef, Susan Evans. Thanks for sharing, Susan; Now we can all enjoy these!

#### Arden Forest Inn Blueberry French Toast

Serves 6 – 8

12 to 15 slices day-old buttermilk bread, crusts removed

1 ½ packages cream cheese

1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

1 cup sliced almonds

12 eggs

1 cup milk

1 cup buttermilk or yogurt

1/3 cup maple syrup

1 ½ tablespoons vanilla extract

1 ½ teaspoons almond extract

1 stick butter

#### The night before baking:

- Grease a 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan.
- Cover bottom with whole slices of bread. Reserve enough whole slices to cover the top.
- Cube the remaining slices into 1-inch cubes and spread over the whole slices.
- Sprinkle the cubes with half the blueberries.
- Slice the cream cheese into ¼-inch slices and layer over the bread cubes.
- Sprinkle remaining blueberries over the cream
- Lay the remaining whole bread slices over the top.
- Whisk the eggs and mix in the milk, syrup and extracts; thoroughly blend together.
- Slowly pour the egg batter evenly over the entire top layer of bread. Make sure that all slices are completely covered with the egg mixture.
- Sprinkle the top with sliced almonds and slice the butter and dollop the top.
- Cover with foil and place in refrigerator overnight.

#### Next morning:

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Cook French toast for 40 minutes covered with foil and 20 minutes uncovered until light golden brown.

#### Syrup:

1 ½ cups sugar

3 ½ tablespoons cornstarch

1 ½ cups water

1 ½ cups frozen blueberries

2 tablespoons butter

- In a saucepan, mix together sugar and cornstarch.
- Add water and bring to a boil stir often.
- Reduce heat a little and boil for about 3 minutes until mixture becomes clear.
- Add blueberries and cook down for 20 30 minutes – stir often.
- Reduce heat all the way to low until ready for use.

Remove toast from oven and let cool for 10 – 15 minutes. Slice into 6 to 8 squares. Plate each serving and cover with blueberry syrup. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

#### Bacon, Mushroom & Egg Breakfast Bake From The Junior League Of Omaha Toast To Omaha Cookbook

#### Serves 8

4 cups day-old bread, cubed

1 teaspoon dry mustard

2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

½ teaspoon onion salt

10 eggs

1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled

2 cups milk

½ cup mushrooms, chopped

½ teaspoon salt

½ cup tomatoes, chopped

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 cup colby-jack cheese, shredded

Lightly spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange bread cubes evenly on the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with 2 cups cheddar cheese. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, salt, pepper, mustard and onion salt. Pour mixture evenly over cheese and bread. Sprinkle top with bacon, mushrooms and tomatoes. Cover and chill overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake casserole, covered with foil, for 60 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with Colby-Jack cheese and bake an additional 15 minutes or until brown.

#### 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.

Easter Breakfast setup: Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 AM.

Easter Breakfast: Sunday, March 27th, 8:30 Am-10:30 AM for helpers.

Advance Notice: The Spring 2016 LWR Ingathering will be May 6th & 7th.

Special thanks to those who turned out in February – we assembled 60 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

—Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett







## EASTERBREAKFAST

Sunday, March 27 • 9:00—10:00 AM







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.

FINE ARTS MINISTRY PRESENTS . . .

## From the Heights of New Creation

A Hymn Festival with Dr. Karen Black

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 AT 4:00PM

Dr. Karen Black is the Rudi Inselmann Endowed Professor of Organ at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. She teaches organ and church music, music theory and aural skills, serves as organist for weekday chapel and Sunday worship services, and conducts the St. Elizabeth Chorale. Dr. Black is active as a recitalist and clinician and has performed throughout the United States and in Germany. She has been heard on Minnesota Public Radio's nationally broadcast *Pipedreams* program. The Hymn Festival will include several published compositions by Dr. Black, one of which has a text written by Pastor Paul Hoffman of Seattle.

A Freewill Offering will be received. A Reception will follow the Hymn Festival.



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#### Who Is Here When We Are Not?

When it is not Sunday, our church building is still alive with people! Although you may be generally aware of the many events and activities that are part of our church's ministry, such as Lunch & Learn bible study, PDQ, Sewing & Service, and various committee meetings, there are also many other groups from our neighborhood that use this building. Fostering fellowship and support for others is part of our ministry to the larger community, and we are blessed to have a facility that can provide space for this to many people. Let's walk through a week at the church:

**Community Yoga at Queen Anne Lutheran**, led by Amy Nagley, will celebrate its two-year anniversary this April 7, meeting every Monday evening from 6:30-8:00. The purpose of the class is to provide opportunities to exercise the body, calm the mind, and tune in with the heart. While the type of yoga practiced doesn't fall under any specific category, it draws on a variety of forms to provide an invigorating, yet relaxing practice for individuals of all ages and abilities. Anywhere from 2 to 9 people attend on any given evening. Amy writes, "We are very thankful for the opportunity to use the space at Queen Anne Lutheran Church to come together each Monday evening. As a way of giving back, some members leave small donations that are given to the Queen Anne Food Bank."

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)** meets Mondays at 7:00 PM. Meetings average around 12 people, and the group has been meeting here for two years. FA is a recovery program for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Everyone is welcome to this free meeting. For more information, email <a href="mailto:fa@foodaddicts.org">fa@foodaddicts.org</a>, call the World Service Office at (781) 932-6300 or visit <a href="www.foodaddicts.org">www.foodaddicts.org</a>. The group comments, "Queen Anne Lutheran Church is a very comfortable home for our group. We really appreciate your generosity and openness. We especially value the cozy atmosphere that can be very comforting to newcomers who seek us to find relief from food obsession. Thank you!"

**Lutheran Counseling Network:** Sister Clare Josef-Maier is a Lutheran deaconess and a mental health counselor with Lutheran Counseling Network. She offers mental health therapy services to individuals and couples, including premarital counseling, from an office in our upstairs hallway. 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.

On Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM, three groups meet here. The **AA-Counter Balance Group, Queen Anne AFG (Al-Anon Family Group),** and **Alateen (Courage To Be Me)** groups all provide support for alcoholics, their families and their children. **Queen Anne AFG** is a 12-step recovery fellowship for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts, or any person who has been affected by the family disease of alcoholism and addiction. They also support the Alateen meeting that meets during the same time upstairs at the same time. Participation in the Al-Anon meeting averages about 15-20 each week. Although the group has no official historian, it appears to have been meeting here for several decades now, in conjunction with the AA Counter-Balance Group that also meets at 8:00. One member writes, "We are extremely grateful to QALC for providing us space to meet each week and I hope you can communicate our deep gratitude to the entire church community!! Many people have been greatly helped by the spiritual program of recovery offered by Al-Anon, and the support of the QALC has been critical to the significant and long-lasting change that has greatly affected many individuals and families in our community."

You can link to the <u>Greater Seattle Al-Anon Information Service office</u> for a lot of good information about Al-Anon, including meeting places and times, literature, and other resources.

**Girl Scout Troop #43906** meets here every other Thursday at 5:30 PM. This group of 12-15 fourth-grade Girl Scouts has been meeting here for approximately one year now.

**Alanon–("How Important Is It?")** is an Alanon meeting for women only and has been at our church for at least three years, maybe more. Alanon, an offshoot of AA, is a group for families or friends of alcoholics. Members receive support from each other and the program to help deal with the effects of alcoholism. About 35 to 50 women show up each Saturday at 10:30 AM. One member writes, "We are so grateful to the church for allowing us to meet at your church. We really appreciate the space so much."

The **Community Music Jam**, led by Emmett Pritchard, began here in March 2015. It meets the first Saturday of each month at 3:00 in our chapel. Anywhere from 5 to 12 instrumentalists attend the jam and often several additional singers. Instruments include guitar, mandolin, dobro, fiddle, autoharp, dulcimer, and harmonica, so far. (Still waiting for a banjo and accordion to add to the cacophony!) Singing songs is the focus, and lyrics with chords are provided. Bluegrass, roots country (e.g. Carter Family) and country blues are most often played, along with country gospel. Jammers take turns choosing what song to play. Lots of visiting takes place between songs.

**Pacific Northwest Great Books Club:** The umbrella organization of this group is The Great Books, developed by the University of Chicago. Various Great Books groups have been meeting in Seattle for about 50 years, discussing not only classic literature but also modern fiction and non-fiction. This group has been meeting quarterly at our church for three years and is led by Steve Burdick, Carol Ann Davis's husband. Usually around 15 people sign up. Members of the congregation are more than welcome.

As you can see, there is a lot going on in the building—and we have time and space for other groups as well. If you hear of a group or event that is looking for a space, please have the organizers contact our church office and ask for a Building Use form. The staff, in consultation with the Property Committee, considers, approves, and schedules requests for building use.

—Barbara Bash

#### March Book Group: All the Light We Cannot See

Come join us Monday, March 28 in the Narthex at 7 PM to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Diane Wearne will lead the discussion. Absolutely anyone is welcome to join us.

A few words about this book from *Goodreads*:

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE. From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant *New York Times* bestseller is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.





#### Lutheran Youth of North Seattle: March News

**Dinner Theater rehearsals** are underway! Dates for this year's show "Waiting for Luther" are April 29, 30 and May 6, 7.

**Middle School LYONS** will be meeting Sundays, March 20, April 3, and 17 for a time of games, faith, and friends! These times will be from 6:00-8:00pm at Queen Anne Lutheran (same time/location as Dinner Theater rehearsals).

**Wednesdays after school** we will continue to meet at Holy Grounds Coffee from 2:30-4:00pm. Changes to this schedule will be in the bulletin and our Facebook page.

#### **Every Little Bit Makes Us Smile!**

Queen Anne Lutheran recently received \$16.37 as a donation through the AmazonSmile program. You can help in this way, too! Every time you purchase something on Amazon, pick the *AmazonSmile*® option and designate Queen Anne Lutheran Church as your charitable



organization, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible *AmazonSmile*® purchase to our church. So you can get your favorite books, clothes, gifts, and even groceries while supporting the ministry of QALC. at no extra cost to you. Get started at smile.amazon.com

#### Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

The LWR Spring Ingathering (collection of quilts and kits) will be Friday and Saturday, May 6th & 7th,

at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. **Loaders**, please mark your calendars.

**Personal Care Kits**—we emphasize Personal Care Kits in the spring, since sometimes towels or nail clippers are on sale in late winter. We emphasize School Kits in the fall, because school supplies are usually on sale in summer.

It is more cost effective for me to directly order most of the personal care kit items in bulk, because they are higher quality than what is usually on sale, and cheaper in bulk. If you want to simply pay for all materials for one Personal Care Kit, please donate \$5 per kit. Please make checks out to QAELC Women. Our goal is 100 to 150 personal care kits.

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

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

**Dark-Colored Bath Towels**—as small as  $20 \times 40$  inches, or as large as  $27 \times 52$  inches. Sales prices can be \$2.75 to \$4.00. Hot, humid tropical areas actually appreciate the smaller, thinner "hotel" towels because they dry out faster. If you happen to find bath towels on sale in the \$3 or cheaper range, please feel free to buy some. The white sales at Fred Meyer and other retail chains do not seem to be consistent from year to year.

**Our bulk purchases:** I buy heavy, large combs for 21 cents; individually wrapped soft toothbrushes

for 40 cents; 4-oz. Ivory Soap for 40 cents a bar; and hotel towels for \$2.60. Although I have been paying 60 – 65 cents for bulk nail clippers, so far I have not found a reliable source whose nail clippers actually work consistently. Given that each kit has two bars of soap, the cost per kit using items purchased by bulk is \$5.00.

—Rich Mathes, 206-384-1183

# Investing in the

#### For Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington:

#### **Investing in the Common Table**

Do you remember those significant events and people who helped shape your early adulthood? Of course you do! Are you reflecting on the community, events and space that helped guide you through your formative years?

The board of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington invites you for a complimentary brunch fundraiser catered by FareStart. Learn about how your financial support helps reach students through our Common Table dinners, Sunday evening worship and much more.

WHEN: Saturday, April 9 11:00 am—1:00 pm

WHERE: Covenant House, 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle WA, 98105

We will gather to celebrate the moments that shaped us, meet current UW students, and visit with members of the Northwest Washington Synod's ministry to Chinese scholars to hear what's going on at Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Washington in 2016. Parking: We recommend parking in the large lot adjacent to the Burke Museum - 4331 Memorial Way NE – access the parking lot by turning into the main entrance to UW and taking your first right immediately past the Burke. Parking is approximately \$5 and is free after 12noon on Saturdays. We would like to reserve parking behind Covenant House for those with decreased mobility.

For more information contact Jenny Porter at 206-604-6465 or to RSVP, email UWLutheranCampusMinistry@gmail.com
—Thank you! RSVP by April 1

The following invitation comes from Columbia Lutheran Home. We are running it here as it may be of interest to some of our members.

#### Living Deeply . . . Dying Well

#### Join us for a special conversation about something you may not know how to talk about.

It's one of the most important conversations you can have with loved ones- talking about your wishes for the end of your life. We plan ahead for the important events in our lives- career paths, children, retirement. But we seem to have a difficult time planning for the end of our lives.

Everyone over the age of 18 should have an advanced directive, or the healthcare system has the legal right to make decisions for them in a crisis. The conversation impacts a broad range of ages-Millennials thinking about their parents and grandparents, Baby Boomers concerned about their own future health issues and those of advanced years who may need to update their planning to support their current wishes and conditions.

Most people are unaware of the challenges to dying well or the resources available to them: Hospice and Palliative care, refusing or discontinuing treatment, Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED) and the rights and protections afforded by the Washington State Death with Dignity Law.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Columbia Lutheran Home will host a free screening of Speaking of Dying, a 30-minute film based on compelling interviews and real life experiences of 5 local families. Produced by Trudy James, a Seattle Chaplain who has facilitated more than 60 community based end of life group discussion groups, this film will help you to speak more easily about subjects that have been taboo and will show you some possible questions to ask.

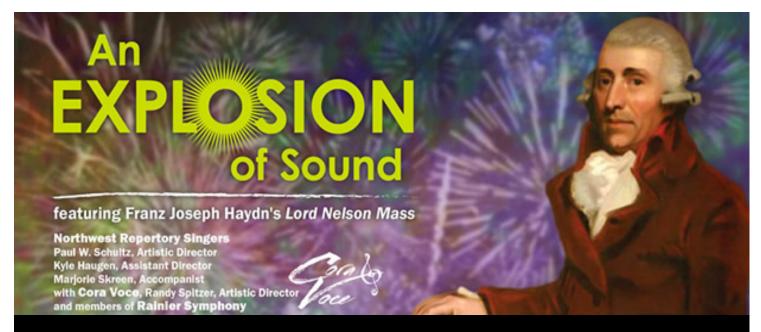
Following the screening we will have a panel discussion with a family member from the film and medical professionals to address your questions. After the panel discussion, we will provide refreshments to keep the conversation going.

Join us for this important evening May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8:30 pm. Please RSVP to 206-632-7400 or by e-mail to mailto:joseel@columbialutheranhome.org.

This special presentation is being held in conjunction with the Seattle Foundation's Give Big annual fund raising event. Donations made to Columbia Lutheran on May 3<sup>rd</sup> are partially matched by the Foundation. Your gift is tax deductible and will help Columbia build 4 specialized Hospice suites to provide families with privacy and comfort at the end of life.

Off street parking is available in our lot at 4700 Phinney Ave N as well as a lot at 49<sup>th</sup> and Dayton, generously provided by the Emmanuel Bible Church.





#### SAT, MARCH 12, 7:30 PM • SUN, MARCH 13, 3:00 PM

Saturday Pre-concert lecture 6:30–7:00 pm Sunday pre-concert lecture 2:00–2:30 pm

General \$18 • Student/Military: \$15 • Under 12: Free
Available at BrownPaperTickets, by calling 253.265.3042 or at the door
www.NWRS.org

Mason United Methodist Church 2710 North Madison St., Tacoma, WA 98407





Bishop's Message
Has the Church Run Out of Wine?

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

In January I had the joy of presiding at the installation of Pastor Tim Feiertag at Trinity Lutheran Church in Everett, WA. The Biblical Story for the day was the Wedding at Cana in Galilee. It was the assigned text and so fitting because in the Book of John the Wedding at Cana was Jesus' Installation service.

I began by telling the story of Johnny Carson interviewing a little boy who had just heard the Cana Story in Sunday school. When Johnny asked him what he learned from the story the little boy said, "If you are going to have a wedding you better invite Jesus!"

You may know the story. It was the third day of the celebration when the news reached Jesus that the party had run out of wine. Jewish weddings were known to go on for days. I can only imagine the number of guests who would have decided to call it quits and head home. I am confident others would have let their disappointment be made known. It must have been crushing for the bride and groom.

Jesus' mother knows that the hour has come for her son to do what he was sent into the world to do—to restore the world to the fullness of life. When she lets Jesus know, "They have no wine," Jesus tells the servants to take the six jars which held between 20 -30 gallons of water for the Jewish purification rites and to fill them. Following the admonition of Jesus' mother, "Do whatever he tells you to do." They fill the jars to the brim. Jesus then instructs them to draw some out and bring it to the master of the banquet who discovers upon tasting it that it is the finest of wine.

This takes the master by total surprise because nobody brings out the best wine near the end of the party. You always serve the best wine first.

Not Jesus.

No, Jesus is at his best when we are desperate. When we finally run out. When we are empty. When our party is all but over Jesus appears. When Jesus comes he not only provides, he provides abundantly—to the brim.

Has it ever dawned on you that the best that life has to offer is still to come?

Risking this possibility—how might it change the way you enter the future?

Imagine how this could change the way we live life in our congregations.

The best is yet to come if we are willing to invite Jesus to the party!



#### **My Investment In Important Things**

I like my house. I like it so much that I have committed myself to paying for it for many years. I put my name on a mortgage as a commitment of myself.

When I thought it might be a good time to get a new car, I went shopping with my income, and my future needs in mind. When I picked out the one that I thought would serve me well, I began signing my name many times on many forms until the finance officer put copies of all the stuff in a folder for me, handed me the keys, and let me drive it home. I could consider it mine, even though it would take another commitment to pay for it over several years.

This is not just about things. I loved a young woman so much in 1982, that I committed myself to her for the rest of our lives. Now, more than 30 years later, I still gladly pay that pledge of myself each and everyday, and I thank God for the opportunity and blessing to do it. Our kids are now 30 themselves, and living their own lives. Yet Gretchen and I still remain committed to them, although the day-to-day rules and expectations change as the years go by. And don't get me started on how much fun granddaughters are. I am looking forward to future commitments of basketball games, school concerts, cheerleading, and graduations.

We commit ourselves to what is important. Sometimes it is a financial commitment, sometimes it is a question of time given, but it always represents a level of our own self.

I have been told, "We don't Pledge here at Queen Anne." Yes, you do. You also have mortgages, and car loans, and insurance premiums. You just have not done it in an organized program for our Congregation. Many here are very committed in important ways to our Congregation, but it might not show up on a Pledge card. I would also imagine that some, not being challenged to commit themselves, have missed out on caring for Queen Anne Lutheran Church as a significant gift to themselves, worthy of our time, support, and tender care. Don't worry. At this point in my stay among you, I will not ask you for a pledge. I have seen pledging used in many different ways in many different congregations. I have even heard of a congregation that would figure out the budget for the year, divide the total by the number of giving units, hand everyone the "dues" for the year, and never mention stewardship again for a year.

Some suggest that the era of pledging is going away, as the patterns for charitable contributions in America changes. Pledging has not been a reliable way to plan on expected receipts in a budgeting process for some time. A pledge is not a binding legal contract, but a heartfelt intention of one's will based on current circumstances. But at its core, it still remains a valuable task for those who do it. It requires time, and planning, perhaps a needed re-evaluation of priorities, and some prayer. It is ultimately our pledge to God. It only runs through the accounts here at Queen Anne for the sake of our mission together. Making an annual evaluation of your "pledge" also allows you to take notice of rich blessings, things to give thanks for, and allows you to learn how to become cheerful in your giving. This, too, is important work that leads to solid and abundant joy, even if you never fill out another pledge card.

In Jesus Christ, God has pledged himself to us. May we learn to more fully pledge ourselves to God.

Pastor Doug Stensby

Interim Pastor, Queen Anne Lutheran Church.

#### SERVING IN MARCH

Ushers and other worship leaders are also needed for Holy Week evening services. Contact Arletta Anderson to volunteer.

<u>Ushers: (10:30 AM)</u>		Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)			
6 13 20 24 25 26	TBD Don Thomas TBD TBD (Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM) TBD (Good Friday, 7:30 PM) TBD (Easter Vigil, 7:30 PM)	6 13 20 27	Squires Smith family TBD Houle family (Easter Brunch)		
	Lori Lynn Phillips <b>g Counters</b> Boysen and Susan Evans	6 13 20	offee Hosts: (10:30 AM) TBD Pat Sobeck Rich & Candy Mathes		
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	Georganne Robertson  ng Minister (10:30 AM)  Deb Squires  Marc Oplinger  Jean Oplinger	Pastor Cantor Parish Adn Sexton Counselor.	John Bryant		

#### Altar Guild:

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Joan & Richard Crummett

Kirsten Erickson (Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM)

Kirsten Erickson, Tim Porter

Georganne Robertson (Good Friday, 7:30 PM)

#### Deadline for the April Quill is Tuesday, March 24.

Counselor, Lutheran

Missionary to China

LYONS Program Assistant

**LYONS Director** 

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#### **March 2016**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 4:30pm Worship and Music Committee 7:00pm Executive Committee	9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Lenten Service 6:00pm Lenten Supper & Service 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A.	3 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir	4	5 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jan 6:00pm Church Council Gathering at Oplingers
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