

The Quill

A P R I L 2016



Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inside this issue

| | |
|---|----|
| From the Cantor | 2 |
| Stewardship Note; Call Committee Update | 3 |
| Announcements, Birthdays | 4 |
| QALC Women's News | 6 |
| Men's Ministry | 7 |
| Lutheran World Relief | 7 |
| Hymn Festival | 8 |
| Fine Arts Ministry; Book Group | 9 |
| LYONS Dinner Theater | 10 |
| Lutheran Campus Ministry Event | 11 |
| Living Deeply, Dying Well | 12 |
| Bishop Unti's Message | 13 |
| The Last Word | 14 |
| Serving in April | 15 |
| April Calendar | 16 |

The Quill is available in the narthex and at www.queenannelutheran.org. If you would prefer to have a copy mailed to you each month, just contact the church office!

From the Cantor . . .

Exciting events are coming up in the life of our Lutheran Church. In the year 2017, October 31 will mark the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, which is an opportunity for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) “to bear witness to the hope and joy we have through Jesus Christ. Many people will be asking about the significance of what happened 500 years ago when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses. This action started a dialogue that changed the way we receive and share the gospel which continues today.”

One of the joys of my call serving in the ELCA as an Associate in Ministry is the opportunity to experience larger church gatherings of the ELCA, as well as those of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Experiencing our church at work with so many members of other congregations and synods is most inspiring and brings even more of an awareness of the ministry that we can do together as a whole church. Did you know that the ELCA has a Churchwide Assembly every three years when delegates, elected from each Synod, meet for a week to worship, learn, and conduct the business of the national church body?

This summer the ELCA is offering an additional and new opportunity, the **Grace Gathering**, to be held in New Orleans, August 10-13 during the last four days of the ELCA’s Churchwide Assembly. Elected delegates attend the Churchwide Assembly, but any ELCA member is welcome to register to participate in the **Grace Gathering**. Might you be interested?

More information is posted on the hallway wall by Pastor’s office at QALC . . . or check out this website: www.ELCA500.org/grace-gathering. Who may be interested? “1) anyone who wants to be an active participant in worship, learning, community, service, and celebration; 2) lay and rostered leaders who have not previously attended a churchwide assembly; 3) synodical and congregational leaders, council members and staff, communicators, and event planners who are leading 500th anniversary activities; 4) family and friends of voting members attending the assembly.”

Grace Gathering participants will have an opportunity to “1) participate in faith-inspiring worship, Bible study, a service and learning activity and fellowship; 2) observe and participate in churchwide assembly-related activities; 3) attend workshops and presentations, including a report from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; 4) be introduced to resources that assist in preparing for local and regional observances of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. For details and updates on this event, please visit www.ELCA500.org or the ELCA Reformation 500 Facebook page.” These conferences are faith building and life changing opportunities.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Easter Season,

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

DOWN-Words . . .

This is a “Down word” but only in direction, not in enthusiasm or spirit. Our celebration of Easter is wonderful proclamation of God coming down to us to redeem us from ourselves. It would take Jesus’ own death, but God raised him from the dead and has given to us all the promise of new life. There are no limits to the graciousness of God, not even the limit of death. “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

—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:

By now, all members should have received a letter from the Call Committee and Council President about some important upcoming meetings. A copy of the letter is posted on the Call Wall. We hope you can join us for the following meetings:

April 3, 9:30-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall: Meeting with Call Committee to Answer Questions About the Call Recommendation and the Call Process

April 3, 2:00-3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall: Opportunity to Meet the Call Candidate

April 24, immediately following the 10:30 service: Congregational Meeting to Vote on Call and Salary/Benefits

If you are not able to attend these meetings, please feel free to speak to any member of the Call Committee. Our contact information is below.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Kirsten Erickson | misskirsten77@hotmail.com |
| Jim Margard | jrm952@gmail.com |
| Erich Patten | erichpatten@gmail.com |
| Lori Lynn Phillips | seattle.phillips@gmail.com |
| Emmett Pritchard | emmettj45@gmail.com |
| Harold Robertson | gwrhcr@msn.com |
| Dolly Smith | dollysmith61@gmail.com |
| Dan Squires | squiresd4@hotmail.com |
| Virginia Stamey | stamey.v.a@comcast.net |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Letter from Richard & Joan Crummett:

To our beloved friends of Queen Anne Lutheran Church:

With the decision of the Candidacy Board last year not to endorse Richard in continuing on his path to be ordained within the ELCA, we are now looking at other opportunities outside the ELCA to make ordination become reality. Joan is also beginning to look at new avenues of ministry and vocation. Unfortunately, this means that we will need to leave QALC.

Since Richard's Ministerial and Theological Integration (SU Internship) in 2007, we were welcomed and loved by the members here at QALC, so much so, that we decided to remain as members. We delight in the ability to have served you as members of the Altar Guild and to be a part of the music and worship life of QALC. We are blessed by the reverence and praise in acknowledging God's gift to us in worship, which is a strong part of QALC's personality. We hope to take some of that with us wherever we go.

This means that we have resigned as the Altar Guild co-chairs. It has been fun (and hard work) while serving as Co-chairs of the Altar Guild. With our resignation, it means that a new chairperson(s) and new Altar Guild members will need to be found. The Altar Guild chairperson(s) will be responsible for coordinating the Altar Guild and be a part of the Music & Worship Committee. If anyone is interested in the job (or want to help out for Sundays) let any current Altar Guild members, the Pastor or Arletta know (hint hint). Ask them what is entailed in what it means to continue a legacy in making worship special at QALC.

For now we want to acknowledge that although we might not be coming to QALC on a regular basis we will drop by on occasion. We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We leave you with this last thought that, *"Duty makes us do things well. But love makes us do them beautifully"* ~Elizabeth Peabody

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

Richard & Joan Crummett

Did You Miss Getting a Photo for 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 the transition and get to know members as easy as possible. The Men's Ministry is coordinating this effort.

If you missed our photo frenzy on Easter Sunday, there will be opportunities on April 17th and 24th to take photos of church families 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 first-class reproduction quality in JPG or TIFF file format of 300 dpi or higher. Please email photos to Barbara at admin@queenannelutheran.org. 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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Grace Manahan

Lee Duty

Annika Lundsgaard

Alice Rosenthal

Lisa Kjaer-Schade

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

THANK YOU for Your Generous Support of Our General Fund.

From that support, we had everything we needed to plan, practice, and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, culminating in the Easter services.

We had eight different Worship services during Holy Week.

Total offerings so far through the end of March: \$151,769.

The expected Budget amount for the same time: \$157,072.

—Thank you from the Congregation Council.

Adventure Group Ministry Invites You to Our April Outing!

Come join us on a trip to **Desert Wildflowers and Gemstones at Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park** for a fun day of sun, wildflowers, and petrified wood on Saturday, April 30th. We will leave from Queen Anne Lutheran Church at 9:00 and return by 5:00. Bring sunscreen, water, and hiking boots, but also warm clothing in case it gets windy. Talk to Emmett Pritchard for details, and sign up in the narthex!

Holden Village Update

Holden Village will not host regular guests this year, but there are one-week work camps in May. And there are nine one-week work camps June 19th–August 20th. The only May dates still open are May 22–28 and May 29–June 4. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old; Narnia will not be available.

From the website: “You will have **work** sessions that cater to a wide variety of skill sets in many areas including landscaping, gardening, carpentry, painting, sewing, and general sprucing up. There will be several Village projects that have particular needs if you have specialized skills. You will also want to join in the rhythms of **recreation** sessions in the Holden Store, Snack Bar, Craft Cave, Pottery Shop, variety shows, and more. Teaching staff will be on site for **study** sessions focusing on the two major transformations Holden Village and the Railroad Creek Valley ecosystem are experiencing: post Wolverine Fire and mine remediation.”

You must go in on Sunday, leave on Saturday to minimize use of the road to Lucerne—the Forest Service is worried that some of the hillsides might be unstable. Some hiking near the village will be off-limits. Applications are online at holdenvillage.org; go to “Coming Events” and then “Spring Work Weeks 2016.” The later work camps are on the next tab, “Forerunner Summer 2016,” starting June 19th. “Forerunners” was originally used as the name for the first volunteers who helped clean up Holden Village back in 1961. Contact Rich or Candy Mathes if you have questions.

Faith & Film Returns: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Please join us on Saturday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall to view the classic film “*To Kill a Mockingbird*.” We will meet at 4:00 for Libations and appetizers; we’ll view the film at 4:30 with a discussion to follow. Pastor Doug is hosting this month.

To Kill a Mockingbird is a 1962 American drama film directed by Robert Mulligan. The screenplay by Horton Foote is based on Harper Lee's 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name. It stars Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch and Mary Badham as Scout. Scout Finch (Mary Badham), 6, and her older brother, Jem (Phillip Alford), live in sleepy Maycomb, Ala., spending much of their time with their friend Dill (John Megna) and spying on their reclusive and mysterious neighbor, Boo Radley (Robert Duvall). When Atticus, their widowed father and a respected lawyer, defends a black man named Tom Robinson (Brock Peters) against fabricated rape charges, the trial and tangential events expose the children to evils of racism and stereotyping.

In 1995, the film was listed in the National Film Registry. It also ranks twenty-fifth on the American's 10th anniversary list of the Greatest American Movies of All Time. In 2003, AFI named Atticus Finch the Greatest Movie Hero of the 20th Century.



QALC Women's News

How things change in a month. Rich and I have been living in the world of PICU where nothing else but the hospital world seems to matter. It is a world where we enjoy playing with the grandchildren—Wii, activity pads, games. We want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers as we wait for our newest grandson, Jeremiah, to learn to eat enough to sustain himself.

April is the month for getting quilts and kits ready for shipping. We will be packing Baby Care Kits during Sewing and Service on April 6. If you would like to help assemble the kits, please talk to Cathi Unseth or Shirley Flory. We always need help tying quilts either in Sewing and Service or PDQ's. Blessing of the quilts is May 1. We will be taking a special offering to help pay for shipping. We will be packing quilts following the 10:30 service. Everyone's help packing quilts is appreciated.

Babies are such a wonderful thing! We are going to celebrate the birth of Maeve Alyce, daughter of Sister Clare and Ryan Josef-Maier, following the congregational meeting on April 24. Bring a card or small gift to help celebrate. QALCW will be the coffee hosts.

All women are invited to the next Annual QALC Women's Meeting on Sunday, May 15 with a light lunch following the 10:30 service. Watch for more information. This will be a great way to get to know other women at QALC. If you would like to help with lunch, talk to Sallie Wilson or Pat Sobeck. We will discuss supporting another student, learn about estate paperwork, and make plans for 2016.

Don't forget to register for the Gathering. The Region 1 Gathering is June 24, 25, 26 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 2016. The theme is "Empowering Women by Grace through Faith." The Gathering will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, WA. Look for registration forms in the Narthex, check with Sallie Wilson or Pat Sobeck, or go to lutheransnw.org/synod-women for information.

Circles continue.

"God is great all the time."

—QALCW Coordinating Committee,

Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard, Lisa Ondrejcek, Pat Sobeck, and Candy Mathes AM



We (the women of QALC) are helping Sister Clare and Ryan Josef-Maier celebrate the birth of their daughter, Maeve Alyce, during the coffee hour following her baptism on Sunday, April 24. Bring a card or small gift to help us celebrate!



THANK YOU!—

A huge shout-out to all the people who helped make our Easter Breakfast happen: setting up, cleaning up, frying bacon, providing food, being attentive table runners and servers—many of you jumped in at the last minute to give a home to our Easter joy, and we are all grateful!

Women of QALC: Ongoing Groups



Come join us at a circle this month! Please check with the circle leaders or the church office 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: April 4th at 7:00 PM. For location & questions contact Dolly Smith.

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

Sewing and Service: Wednesday mornings. 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.

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 April 16, 8:30 AM–9:30 AM for both our regular meeting and assembling LWR Kits.

Advance notice: **Boxing Quilts** after the 10:30 service May 1st; Spring LWR Ingathering Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th.

Advance notice: **QALC Summer Picnic** June 26th after the 10:30 service—we will need cooks and servers!

—Rich Mathes, Richard Crummett

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

The spring Ingathering (collection of quilts and kits) will be May 6th & 7th, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. **Loaders**—please mark your calendars. Hours are 8 AM–3 PM on May 6th; 8 AM–noon on May 7th. We do need **Traffic Directors**—you can wear a stylish bright yellow vest, the job requires no lifting, and you can talk to everyone who drives in!

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—since 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 to QAELC Women. Our goal is 100 personal care kits.

Blessing of Quilts Sunday will be May 1st. We pack the quilts immediately after the worship service, and volunteers are always needed. Even if you cannot lift a quilt, each box needs a counter to ensure that we know how many quilts get packed into the box.

—Rich Mathes, 206-384-1183

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.



Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

2400 8th Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119

www.queenannelutheran.org 206.284.1960

Fine Arts Ministry

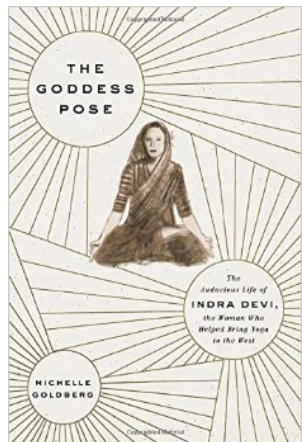
It soon will be time for another fabulous Fine Arts Ministry event . . . another of our exciting Hymn Festivals, this time led by Dr. Karen Black of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Karen is a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and has extensive experience as a worship music leader and professor of church music at one of our ELCA colleges. We, as a congregation, have sung her music for the last two years on Transfiguration Sunday. Pastor Paul Hoffman, who many of you remember from the multiple times he has been a supply pastor or supply organist here at QALC, served many years at Phinney Ridge Lutheran. Paul authored the text of Dazzling Presence on the Mountain, a new hymn for the Festival of the Transfiguration. After substituting for me the Sunday before Transfiguration in 2014, Paul left the manuscript of this hymn on the organ for me to find when I returned. I was thrilled! We sang it in worship the next week! Karen wrote the music, and this last year Augsburg published a hymn concertato, which will be part of our Hymn Festival.

In addition to the hymn, the Chancel Choir has also sung a very well-loved anthem, *Shine Like the Sun*, written by Dr. Black, and that anthem also will be part of the Festival. Such a treat for our Shalom and Chancel Choirs to sing a piece under the direction of the composer, and a blessing for the community to experience.

Save the date . . . May 22 at 4:00 PM *From the Heights of New Creation*. A freewill offering will be received at the Hymn Festival and a Reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the Hymn Festival. You can support our Fine Arts Ministry by designating your financial gift to *the Fine Arts Ministry* in the offering at the event, or on any Sunday's offering at QALC, or through our website. If on the website, please specify in the comment box that your gift is intended for the Fine Arts Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

—Arletta Anderson

March Book Group: *The Goddess Pose*



Come join us Monday, April 25 in the Narthex at 7 PM to discuss *The Goddess Pose* by Michelle Goldberg. Sophie Pritchard will lead the discussion. Absolutely anyone is welcome to join us.

Yoga's arrival and dramatic transformation on American shores led the journalist Michelle Goldberg to write *The Goddess Pose*, an elegant and richly drawn biography of the yogini Indra Devi, born Eugenie Peterson in Latvia in 1899 to a Russian aristocrat and a Swedish banker. Goldberg, who was introduced to yoga as a 24-year-old backpacker in India, first encountered Devi in her 2002 *New York Times* obituary, which credited her with introducing body-centric hatha yoga to Kremlin leaders, Hollywood stars and even some Indians.

Goldberg cleverly describes Devi as “an esoteric female Forrest Gump” who managed, unwittingly, to find herself in the thick of things, and indeed *The Goddess Pose* canters through landmark events from India's independence to the American invasion of Panama. (*The New York Times*)

Indra Devi was born in Russia in 1899, when yoga was virtually unknown outside of India. By the time of her death, in 2002, it was being practiced everywhere, from Brooklyn to Berlin to Ulaanbaatar. In *The Goddess Pose*, *New York Times* best-selling author Michelle Goldberg traces the life of the incredible woman who brought yoga to the West—and in so doing paints a sweeping picture of the twentieth century. (*Amazon*)

—Sophie Pritchard

LUTHERAN YOUTH OF NORTH SEATTLE PRESENTS...

Waiting for Luther

It's a show... within a show!

SHOW DATES

Fri, April 29 – 7:00pm

Sat, April 30 – 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Fri, May 6 – 7:00pm

Sat May 7 – 2:00pm & 7:00pm

TICKET PRICES

7:00 Dinner Shows

Adults: \$30; Ages 5-18 & 65+: \$20

2:00 Dessert Matinee

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

Children under 5: Free

Tickets available at www.roaringlyons.org



ALL SHOWS AT

Queen Anne Lutheran Church

2400 8th Ave W Seattle WA 98119

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

Investing
in the



Common Table

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**

Living Deeply . . . Dying Well

You are invited to 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 3rd, 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 3rd from 7:00–8:30 PM. Please RSVP to 206-632-7400 or by e-mail to rsvp@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 3rd are partially matched by the Foundation. Your gift is tax deductible and will help Columbia build four 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 49th and Dayton, generously provided by the Emmanuel Bible Church.





Bishop's Message **Surprised by Grace**

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

Your Synod Staff has been engaged in a robust conversation about what is the role of the Synod in the midst of all that is changing. It is critical for us to be clearer about who we are because like many of you we are relying on fewer and fewer resources to do the work. This is true both in terms of dollars and people power. Our Staff has graciously agreed to take a 2.5% salary cut to make ends meet. Being clearer about who we are will help us to know to what we can say YES, and to what we will need to say NO.

One of my dear friends in the Renton business community was Pat Newbury. Pat owned four McDonald's restaurants. He put the identity question this way, "You have to know what business you are in?" He then went on to clarify that McDonald's is NOT in the hamburger business. There are lots of people in the hamburger business—but what has made McDonalds successful is that they are in the Three C's Business: Convenience, Consistency, & Cleanliness. You should be able to go into any restaurant in the world and order a Big Mac quickly, that taste like a Big Mac and enjoy it in a clean surrounding. This is pretty true of McDonald's. Howard Schultz has a similar story to tell. Starbucks is more than coffee. It is community. It is a "third place."

Do you know what your identity is as a congregation or ministry site?

Do you know what business you are in?

I left for Chicago this year to attend the March Conference of Bishops with this question of identity hanging over me. I found myself thinking about it on the airplane, during break times, and when my mind would wander from the presentation at hand. (This happened frequently!)

It dawned on me: I know what business Lutherans are called to be in. We are called to constantly be discerning where we can surprise the world with God's grace. I believe this is the best gift we have to offer the world.

We Lutherans have no monopoly on it. I think of the wonderful people of Mother Emanuel (Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC) who surprised the world with God's grace when they refused to respond with hate to a young Lutheran man who murdered blood of their own blood.

I think of the growing attention that Pope Francis is gaining as he continues to surprise the world with God's grace as he responds with compassion rather than condemnation—when he reaches out to touch and kiss the poor and forgotten.

This is who Jesus is for me. The one who over and over again responds in ways no one would predict—turning the cheek, forgiving his enemies, and dying on a cross.

The surprise of the gospel is the very reason I cannot turn my back on it. It just continues to intrigue me and disrupt the normal tendencies of my life.

So what does this mean for the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA? What does it mean for us to be in the business of surprising the world with God's grace? I can promise you this will be preoccupying my heart and mind as I go about the business of serving this office.



the Last WORD

Planting, Watering, and Harvesting

We knew that this would show up someday, and that day seems closer than ever. The recent announcement of a candidate marks the beginning of the end of my time here. Certainly, there are steps to be taken before that comes, but having dates for meet and greets, for a vote to call, preliminary plans for the candidate's beginning, all these give a firmness to events.

I am somewhat used to this, by now, having come and gone in a number of congregations, and all long before I have worn out my welcome. This is the ministry that I have chosen, and it comes with both great joy, and some days of sadness. But I am not alone. Others have done it long before me.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."

It is a good thing that for all my planting of seeds among you, someone else will water, see the growth, and harvest the crops. I know this because I have also benefited from the work of those who have gone before me. All your good and faithful pastors of the past have left their fingerprints of prayer and toil all over this place. Queen Anne Lutheran Church has been around for 100 years. If it lasts another 100, a few of the fingerprints will be mine. I leave them with joy, pride, and thanks to God for the privilege of having been here.

Paul reminds us all that for all of our work and effort, the growth comes from God alone. We become partners together in God's work. All the pastors who were here before me, and all who will come after me, and the ever-changing river of saints who make up the congregation across decades and centuries, all are my partners. All these are gifts to me that I do not deserve.

If all things fall into place so that the candidate becomes your next pastor, that person will be different from me, and will work differently from me. All this is as it should be. Planting is not the same as watering. The Seahawks will not have a successful team if everyone were a guard, or if you had a whole team of Jon Ryans, as much as a good punter is worth a lot at the right time. I brought the gifts that I possessed, and the next pastor will do the same, although they are a different set of gifts. And all who look for the blessings of God to come, will find them by God's grace.

With joy and confidence in God's leading,

Pastor Doug Stensby
Interim Pastor, Queen Anne Lutheran Church.

SERVING IN APRIL

Interested in being an usher or worship leader? Contact Arletta Anderson to volunteer.

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

3 Amy Nagley
10 TBD
17 TBD
24 TBD

Offering Counters

TBD

Lectors (8:00 AM)

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

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

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

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

3 Joan Kavanaugh
10 Kristi Houle
17 Carol Ann Davis
24 Kirsten Erickson

Altar Guild:

Jan & Linda Olson and Pat Sobeck

Flowers on the Altar

3 Jan Slawson
10 Virginia Stamey-Johnson
17 Rich & Candy Mathes
24 Mark & Susan Dibble

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

3 Deb and Dan Squires
10 Ken & Ellen Hockman
17 Katherine Knorr
24 Smith family

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

3 Altar Guild
10 Louie family
17 Houle family
24 QALCW

Staff:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. Doug L. Stensby |
| Cantor | Arletta Anderson |
| Parish Administrator | Barbara Bash |
| Sexton | John Bryant |
| Counselor, Lutheran | |
| Counseling Network | Sister Clare Josef-Maier |
| Missionary to China | Rev. Dorcas Wang |
| LYONS Director | Jon Ross |
| LYONS Program Assistant | Megan Hundley |
| Campus Pastor—UW | Rev. Elizabeth Rawling |

Deadline for the May Quill is Tuesday, April 26.

CONTACTS for QALC STAFF:

Interim Pastor Doug Stensby
Cantor Arletta Anderson
Parish Administrator Barb Bash
Sexton John Bryant
Counselor Sister Clare Josef-Maier

Office Phone 206/284-1960

pastor@queenannelutheran.org
cantor@queenannelutheran.org
admin@queenannelutheran.org
sexton@queenannelutheran.org
clare@lutherancounseling.net
206/364-1046 x4

April 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 9:00am Katie's Table 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jam |
| 3 8:00am Worship 9:30am Call Committee Forum 10:30am Worship 11:45am Reception for Crummetts 2:00pm Meet & Greet Call Candidate 6:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal | 4 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 5 7:00pm Executive Committee | 6 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen | 7 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 8 | 9 10:30am Alanon Women |
| 10 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship 12:00pm AA Board Meeting 6:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal | 11 10:00am Julia Circle 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 12 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 7:00pm Church Council | 13 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen | 14 12:00pm Cluster Meeting 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 15 | 16 8:00am Church Council Retreat 8:30am Men's Group 10:30am Alanon Women |
| 17 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal | 18 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 19 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 4:30pm Worship and Music Committee 5:30pm PDQ | 20 9:15am Sewing and Service 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A. | 21 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal | 22 | 23 10:30am Alanon Women 4:00pm Faith and Film |
| 24 Bishop's Convocation 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship with Baptism Meeting 11:45am Congregational Meeting 12:00pm Baptismal Reception & Baby Shower 6:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater Rehearsal | 25 Bishop's Convocation 6:30pm Yoga* 6:30pm LYONS Tech Week Rehearsal 7:00pm QA Book Group 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 26 Bishop's Convocation 12:30pm Lunch & Learn 6:30pm LYONS Tech Week Rehearsal | 27 9:15am Sewing and Service 12:00pm Sunshiners 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:15pm Cherub Choir 6:30pm LYONS Tech Week Rehearsal 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm A.A.* | 28 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm LYONS Tech Week Rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 29 5:00pm LYONS Call Time 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater | 30 10:30am Alanon Women 12:30pm LYONS Call Time 2:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater 5:00pm LYONS Call Time 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater |