

# The Quill

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## Queen Anne

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *From the Cantor . . .*

What a marvelous Hymn Festival last Sunday. Many thanks to Dr. Karen Black from Wartburg College who designed the worship, chose the hymnody, wrote the commentary, led the Hymn Festival as organist and choir director. Karen did fantastic work, and we were so blessed.

Thanks to those who served in the choir: Pastor Doug Stensby, Erich Patten, Emmett Pritchard, Pastor Paul Hoffman, Joel Matter, Spencer Nagley, Susan Evans, Cat Ray Rugg, Meg Shaw, Pastor Nancy Winder, Donna Hoffman, Beth Ann Bonnecroy, Virginia Stamey-Johnson, and Karen McCullough. The choir sound was beautiful and powerful, even in the soft moments. Thanks to Pastor Doug for his role in worship leadership; to Deepa Patten for flute music, to Dan and Deb Squires for reading; to Amy Nagley, Shirley Flory, and Diane Wearne for taking care of the greeting, ushering and offering counting tasks; to Karen McCullough for the beautiful flower arrangements both in the worship space and at the reception in the Fellowship Hall; to Barbara Bash for bulletin design; Katie Chapin and Sarah Slothower for hosting our reception; and for all those who brought goodies for the reception.

It was a marvelous Sunday afternoon Fine Arts Ministry event, once again. Singing together in our space is a joy. The theology in the hymn texts and in the commentary was inspiring, as we thought about the saints in our lives and living our lives for others, all to the glory of God. It is about community, being together in God's presence. Here is a small part of Dr. Black's commentary words shared with us:

*This great cloud of witnesses surrounds us, singing an eternal alleluia, reminding us of our communion with the one family of God, and calling us to a life of faith and purpose.*

*When we sing the songs of the church from all times and all places, we are given a glimpse of the great Alleluia sung by the great cloud of witnesses. We join our voices with all the saints in singing the resurrection song.*

In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Life Together*:

*Sing unto the Lord a new song, the Psalter enjoins us again and again. It is the Christ-hymn, new every morning . . . the hymn that is sung by the whole Church of God on earth and in heaven, and in which we are summoned to join. God has prepared for Himself one great song of praise throughout eternity, and those who enter the community of God join in this song.*

*On earth it is the song of those who believe, in heaven the song of those who see.*

*It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together. It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing, and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song.*

I look forward to singing and worshipping with you.

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

## **President's Report**

The obvious headliner for this month is that we are in bitter sweet times as we say Goodbye and Thanks to Pastor Doug and Welcome to Pastor Peterson.

We celebrated Pastor Doug at the ice cream social on May 22 and formally bade him farewell on May 29, sending him off with a framed copy of the memorial bell with many heartfelt notes. Thanks again Pastor Doug!

In the first few weeks of June, there will be lots of activity in preparation for Pastor Peterson including sprucing up his office and the reception area. There are work parties on June 5 and 18 as well as painting parties the week of June 6—please sign up in the narthex, contact Rich Mathes or email the church office to volunteer.

Pastor Peterson will be formally welcomed at the summer picnic on June 26; please save the date! And yes, you can sign up to help with that one too!

We are also welcoming guests from Mary's Place beginning June 7<sup>th</sup> for one week. This is another great Stewardship Opportunity, so please consider signing up—there are still a few spots open—either in the narthex or online here: <http://queenannelutheran.org/897new/serve/homebase/>

There's a theme here: Please sign up wherever and whenever you can. These are all Stewardship Opportunities. Invite friends!!

Speaking of Stewardship, you may have seen the banner in the Sanctuary (thanks to Deb Squires). That's a fine example of inspired stewardship! (Now we just have to make sure it doesn't throw off the acoustics!) This is the latest expression of Stewardship coming from the council. The next one coming up is the 24-hour Prayer Vigil June 18–19 (do I need to say “look for the sign up sheet in the narthex”?). This will give us all an opportunity to ready ourselves for Pastor Peterson and to discern what stewardship can be for each of us and as a congregation. This month, Council will be developing a calendar to organize quarterly stewardship themes and activities designed to help us interpret the ELCA's “Down/In/Out” tenets, make them our own, and respond financially and with all that we have received. As a reminder, the ELCA guidebook on stewardship can be downloaded here: <http://www.elca.org/growingstewards>.

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

In Christ,

Marc Oplinger, Council President

## **THANK YOU for your generous support of our General Fund.**

Because of your support of the General Fund,

- we were able to support staff and youth in our cooperative Lutheran youth ministry, LYONS, as they created and performed a Really Great Show!
- we are able to join other congregations in providing quilts, soap, personal and baby care kits to those in need around the world.
- we were able to send delegates to join with other congregations in the work of the larger church at the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly in May.
- we are able to support our Cantor's position, as she provided music for our Sunday worship services, led choir rehearsals for service in worship, and as she and the Fine Arts Committee organized a Hymn Festival and its reception.

**Total offerings so far through the end of May: \$203, 665.**

**The expected Budget amount for the same time: \$206,046.**

*—Thank you from the Congregation Council*

## **A Brief Summary of the 2016 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly**

**The 2016 Synod Assembly** was held in the Edward D. Hanson Conference Center at the Xfinity Arena in Everett, Wash. on Friday May 20 and Saturday May 21. Over 400 voting members, observers, visitors, presenters and volunteers gathered for worship, fellowship, education, and business. Partners from the ELCA Churchwide's Glocal Team (Global + Local = Glocal) led us in music, worship, and workshops. GLOCAL takes the best of what we have learned from our Global Missions ministries and applies those same principles of companionship and accompaniment to our local ministries. We pondered how we engage those around us, heard concrete examples of how our congregations can meet our neighbors, and were inspired to join in God's work already taking place in our neighborhoods. We welcomed the Rev. Sunitha Mortha, Director for Mission Formation of the ELCA, as both our keynote speaker and our Churchwide Representative. During our festive worship service we collected nearly \$4500 in offerings for these ministries: 45% to Refugee & Immigrant Children's Program, 45% to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan, 10% to our Companion Synod, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia. Read more about these partners on the Synod website.

**We elected the following people to serve as Synod Council Members:** Pr. Esau Cuevas, Pr. Joan Beck, Pr. Elizabeth Rawlings, Diaconal Minister Jan Cherry, Kay Edgerton, Joanne Hinkle, Curt Eidem, Jasen Frelot, David Horton, and David Salzer.

**We were able to discuss and approve four resolutions** that came before the assembly. Resolution A, regarding our Native sisters and brothers, was received prior to the April 30 deadline and was automatically included in the business agenda. Resolutions B (Supporting Muslim Neighbors), C (Support of Congregational Education Measures Regarding Transgender Individuals), and D (Black Lives Matter) were received at assembly and were approved to be discussed by the assembly. Each of them were subsequently approved. You may read the full text of each of these resolutions at [www.lutheransnw.org/2016-Synod-Assembly](http://www.lutheransnw.org/2016-Synod-Assembly) on the right sidebar, under Resolutions. Encouragement was given to all assembly members who wish to submit a resolution in the future, to do so as early as possible each year. Turning resolutions in by April 30 ensures that they are included in pre-assembly information, and that adequate time and proper placement is given in the agenda to consider them.



*Pastor Doug with Sophie Pritchard  
and Erich Patten, our delegates  
to the Synod Assembly.*

**Additionally,** we approved a dozen amendments to our constitution and bylaws (Amendments 74-85) received officer reports, enjoyed live and video greetings from a number of ministry partners, passed our synod budget, and had the opportunity to share our stories with each other and with synod staff at “the listening post.” Thank you to all who were able to attend—for engaging in the proceedings and sharing with your congregations what you learned and what inspired you from our time together. The next assembly is scheduled for May 19-20, 2017 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

*—From the Northwest Washington Synod website*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **This is it! Mary's Place families arrive June 7 and volunteers still needed**

As a participant in the Mary's Place Rotating Shelter Project, QALC hosts homeless moms and kids twice a year. We will be receiving families on June 7, and they will be with us through the morning of June 14. As I write this, we are not quite fully staffed to care for our guests. At press time, we have volunteer openings for:

- 2 dinner hosts for Saturday, 11
- 1 female overnight volunteer on Sunday, June 12
- Saturday and Sunday daytime hosts, morning or afternoon

Please commit to helping and sign up online on the church website (click on SERVE, then HOMEBASE) A paper sign-up sheet is also available in the narthex. With your help, we can avoid asking folks who have already volunteered once to sign up for additional shifts. This prevents volunteer burnout and makes our participation in this ministry sustainable!

The orientation/training for volunteers will be on **Sunday, June 5, after the 10:30 service in the Conference Room.** A tour of the Fellowship Hall kitchen for dinner and overnight hosts will follow that orientation/training.

Volunteers will also need a current (two years or less) background check with the Washington State Patrol database. Barb will contact you if that is needed.

Questions? Contact any of the Coordinators: Pam McIlroy; [pammcilroy@gmail.com](mailto:pammcilroy@gmail.com); Peggy Morgan; [Pmorganxyz@comcast.net](mailto:Pmorganxyz@comcast.net); or Sophie Pritchard; [sophiepritchard@gmail.com](mailto:sophiepritchard@gmail.com).

And thank you!

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Sallie Villaluz  
Vicke Pugil  
Jessica (Wearne)  
Beckton  
Cat Ray Rugg  
Jean Oplinger  
Jackie Bacus  
Michelle Pihl  
Paul Abodeely,  
Aaron Rugg,  
Elsa Petersen  
Chris Margard  
Eric Beaty  
Juliet Beckton  
Gideon Manahan  
Camille Pahl  
Katie Schade  
Finnian Wieland  
Larry Pihl

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

## **24 Hour Prayer Vigil: Saturday, June 18-Sunday, June 19**

This is an exciting time as we reach the end of our transition and the beginning of our new era under the leadership of Pastor Peterson! We believe the best way to prepare ourselves for this change is to pause and pray. We will pray to recognize all of the blessings bestowed by God on us and on our congregation. We will reflect on how these gifts are carried through into our ministry. And we will pray for the next phase of our church life as we embark on our journey together with Pastor Peterson. Where will we go together?

Scripture verses will be included in our guide for the prayer vigil. Guides will be printed and available in the Narthex as well as sent by email. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex and online for hourly times between 7:00 AM Saturday and 7:00 AM Sunday. Prayer will take place both in the chapel and virtually through prayer at home. We are asking all congregation members to consider participating as we ready ourselves for our new Pastor. Please direct any questions to Mark Dibble or Carol Ann Davis.



## Summer Choirs

### June 26 – Men's Choir

Anthem: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, arr. Bruce Trinkley

### July 24 – Intergenerational Choir

Anthem: *I'm Going on a Journey*, arr. Mark Hayes

### August 28 – Women's Choir

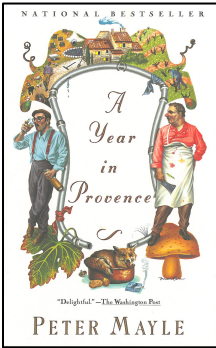
Anthem: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*,  
arr. William Bradley Roberts

Summer Choirs serve at the 10:30 service on the date listed for each. Rehearsal is on Sunday at 9:40am. For those of you would like to learn more about the music to be sung, or if you desire more than one rehearsal, Arletta will be at church on the Thursday before each of the above Sundays at 7:00pm to go through the music for worship with anyone who shows up.

Thank you for your stewardship of time and talent in making music for our worship together.

—Arletta Anderson

## June Book Group: *A Year in Provence*



For the month of June, you are invited to read *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle.

In this witty and warm-hearted account, Peter Mayle tells what it is like to realize a long-cherished dream and actually move into a 200-year-old stone farmhouse in the remote country of the Lubéron with his wife and two large dogs. He endures January's frosty mistral as it comes howling down the Rhône Valley, discovers the secrets of goat racing through the middle of town, and delights in the glorious regional cuisine. **A Year in Provence** transports us into all the earthy pleasures of Provençal life and lets us live vicariously at a tempo governed by seasons, not by days.

We will meet on **Monday, June 27** at 7:00 pm in the narthex. The discussion will be led by Sharon Longaker, and absolutely anyone is welcome.

On **July 25**, we will meet at Cathi Unseth's to set the booklist for the coming year.

And we will meet on **August 29** in the narthex to discuss *Shoe Dog* by Phil Knight, his memoir of the founding of the Nike empire.

## Amazon Smiles Again

In May we received a donation of \$22.29 from the Amazon Smile program. Anyone who orders from Amazon may select Queen Anne Lutheran Church for a donation through the "Amazon Smile" program—Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Queen Anne Evangelical Lutheran Church, and this does not affect the price of your purchase! Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0677057> and support us every time you shop!

## Wanted: A Hospital Bed

Someone dear to our congregation is in need of a hospital bed as she cares for a family member at home. If you would be able to help with that need, either by having such a bed, or if you would like to help financially with that need (used beds on Craigslist go for around \$400), please contact the church office.

## Community Yoga Schedule Changes

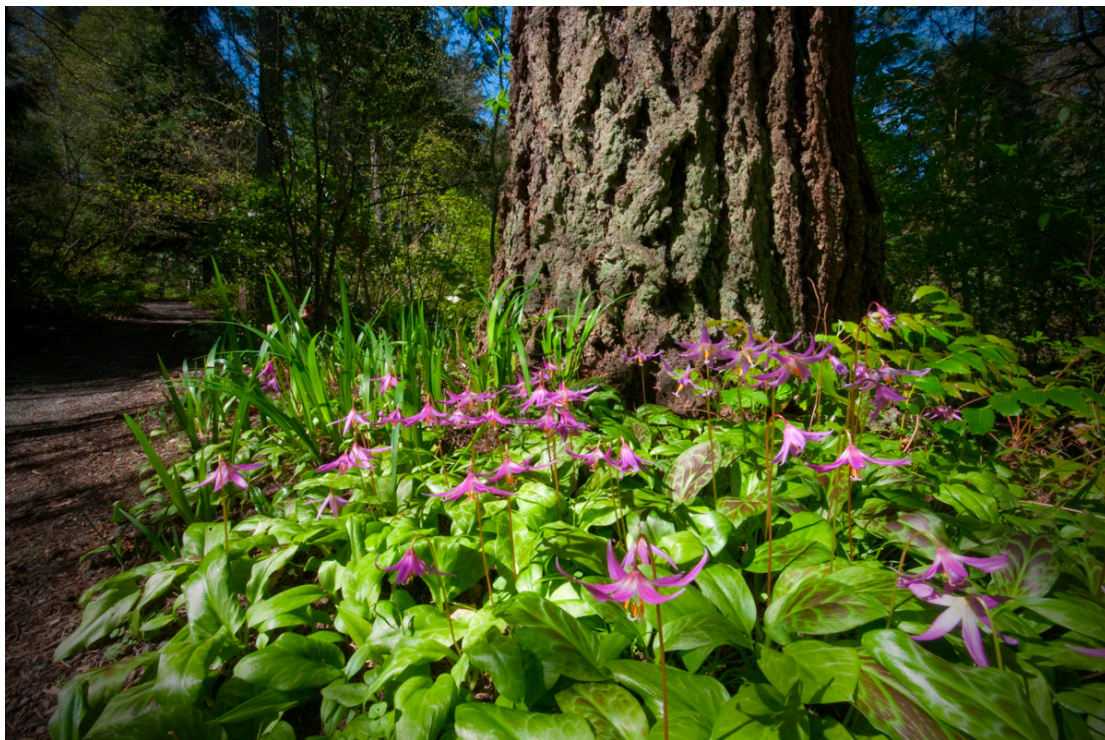
Community Yoga, led by Amy Nagley, will be moving to a Wednesday evening meet time. After its final Monday meeting on June 6, the group will meet on Wednesday evenings starting June 15 and continuing through July. Please contact Amy Nagley for the start time; at press time it was not yet determined if it would be 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm.



# **We Are All Invited for a Tour of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden**

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 12:30 PM**

Rowland Adeniyi will be our tour guide to the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden in Shoreline, Washington at 12:30 PM on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Drinks and dessert will be provided. No need for hiking boots or change of clothes after service for the tour. Rowland has lived in the Garden, which he considered a gem and a paradise (and you will see why), since 1978. He should be able to answer any questions that you may have about the Garden



or its history. The four-acre garden was started in 1958 by Dr. Arthur (Art) Kruckeberg, who sadly passed away this May at 96 years old, and his late wife Mareen. The garden has over 2,000 species of plants that Art and Mareen collected from all over the world. The Garden is now owned by the City of Shoreline and operated by the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation (KBGF), a nonprofit organization. Visit its website at <http://kruckeberg.org>



*Philadelphus lewisii*— Lewis' Mock Orange

The KBG Executive Director is Cynthia Welte, who oversees 5 staff members and several volunteers. KBG is unique in that it has an on-site [MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery](#) that carries native plants and hardy exotics that you will see in the garden. Which means you can buy any of the plants, or their cultivars, that you will see during the tour. MsK Nursery propagates most of the plants it sells on the premises. This means you will be able to see the plants at different stages of their life in the nursery and in the garden.

The garden is located at 20312 15th Ave. NW, Shoreline, WA 98177.

From I-5, take Exit 176 and go west on 175th Street, across Aurora Avenue (Highway 99), until you reach the stop light at Fremont Avenue N.

Turn right to go north on Fremont Avenue to 185th St., then west (left) on 185th (which becomes Richmond Beach Road). You will travel through a commercial area and down a long, winding hill.

Turn north (right) onto 15th Avenue NW, just after the Richmond Beach Coffee Company, and the garden is about 1/2 mile up the hill, on the right.

There are only 10 parking spaces in the garden, including 1 ADA space, but there is plenty of street parking. Call Rowland at 207-713-7765 for any questions that you may have.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> century lives, and what we can do to live as Christians in the world; those meetings will resume in September.

**Sunday, June 26—Church Picnic welcoming Pastor Peterson.** We will need a few cooks, servers, help with condiments, set up chairs/tables. See signup sheet in Narthex.

**First Four Wednesdays in August—Jazz on Grass.** We will need cooks, food preparers, setup/takedown. Signup will be posted in Narthex.

Many thanks to all who helped load quilts and kits at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church on May 6/7. The weather was really nice.

And thanks to Mark Dibble for organizing the May 22<sup>nd</sup> ice cream social farewell for Pastor Doug, and Marc Oplinger, and others who helped out.

*No regular Saturday discussions until September.*

—Rich Mathes

## Project: Painting and Preparing Pastor Peterson's Pad! (PPPPPP)

**IMMINENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** During the three weeks between Pastor Doug's departure and the arrival of Pastor Peterson, we will be painting and carpeting the offices. Please contact the office if you would be **AVAILABLE**

### TO HELP

**PAINT** next week, June 6—11; we will contact those who sign up, to nail down a final schedule.

**WORK PARTIES:** Sunday, June 5 and Saturday, June 18, respectively, we'll also need volunteers to help move furniture to the library and then back to the offices. (Note that on Sunday, June 5, volunteers will be moving the office AND setting

up tents in the Fellowship Hall for the HomeBase shelter—we'll need lots of people to pitch in!)

We also need the help of **SOMEONE WITH GOOD CARPENTRY SKILLS** to remove counters and relocate mailboxes—talk to Marc Oplinger, or to Barb in the office, if you are skilled with saw and hammer.

And when all is ready, it will be time for Pastor Peterson to move in on June 21. We will officially welcome him on Sunday, June 26 at worship, and after worship at our **ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**. The Picnic is sponsored by the Men's Group. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up in the narthex for those who would like to help with set-up at 9:30 that morning, manning the grills, supervising the serving tables or helping with cleanup.





The QALC Women met in May for lunch.

We discussed supporting education in Africa. Instead of sponsoring another student at the MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School, we are interested in supporting CORE Tanzania, a non-profit organization created by Jeannette and Michael Banobi. The mission of CORE Tanzania is to increase access to quality education in rural Tanzania, equipping children with the academic foundation, practical and technological skills, self-confidence, and global consciousness that will allow them to become leaders in the sustainable development of their community and their country.

The plan is to create a second primary school in Bushasha village, Michael's home village. Tweyambe Primary School will provide high quality education and will be open to all, without need to pay fees.

The Banobis would be happy to provide more information at another meeting.

—Lisa Ondrejcek

Women's retreat ideas, enthusiasm, and opinions are being solicited. We welcome any energy toward a gathering, big or small. Several of us have expressed interest and desire in a local overnight get together. Some have volunteered to take on a light load of manageable tasks. Please speak to (Sophie, Pat, Gretchen, Candy, Sallie, Diane, or Lisa?) with questions, comments, and concerns. We would love your talent and to see if this is even something you all would like to pursue.

—Sophie Pritchard

Items currently needed for Lutheran World Relief:

- DARK-colored FLAT sheets—unstained
- Flannel is always loved both for quilts (4 yard pieces) and making blankets (42") for the Baby Care Kits,
- Baby items: (size 6 month to 2 T) t-shirts, pants, sleepers w/o feet, layette gowns and cloth diapers

Through the grapevine we hear that Westside Baby (St. Joseph's Baby Corner) needs blankets and quilts for older children. The quilts should be 60" x 80".

—Candy Mathes



## 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:** June 13 at 7:00 PM. For location & questions contact Dolly Smith.

**Katie's Table:** Third Saturday at 9 AM. For location & questions please contact Carol Ann.

**Sewing and Service:** Wednesday mornings. Contact Lois Unseth or Shirley Flory.

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

## From the Northwest Washington Synodical Women's Organization:



*"Hello sisters in Christ,  
If you already have your room, that tells me you were quick to get in,  
and that is good news. There has been a rumor out, that there was no  
room available at Embassy Suites / Lynnwood for the weekend of our  
Regional Gathering. BUT I am here to tell you that for you there is  
room—lots of room!"*

*You need to use the Group Code XSO when you book your room. With  
the use of this Group Code you will have a nice price for a very large  
room: a room big enough for one, two, even three friends if you are  
real friendly.*

*So invite your friends to join us to listen to our great panel of speakers as they reflect on  
being called, empowered and what it means to be equipped to tell their stories, in a format  
similar to television's "The View:"*

*BISHOP JESSICA CRIST (Montana)*

*BISHOP SHELLEY WICKSTROM (Alaska)*

*THE REVEREND NANCY WINDER  
(Assistant to the NW WA Bishop for Candidacy)*

*THE REVEREND SUSAN KINTNER (Assistant to the Bishop of OR)*

*THE REVEREND LIV LARSON ANDREWS (Parish Pastor)*

*SISTER CLARE JOSEF-MAIER (Deaconess and Mental Health Counselor)*

*STUDY: "Our Bible" under the directions of JAN CHERRY, Diaconal Minister and President of  
the Church Council of Greater Seattle. She will lead us to "Sing Our Way to Justice" and  
examine our expression of faith through vocal praises. Remember—No singing talent  
required!"*

There is still time to register for the Gathering. Contact Sallie Wilson or the church office to obtain a  
registration form

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



### **LYONS News**

The LYONS Board is actively **searching for a Director!** If you, or someone you know,  
may be interested in this position, please find the job description on the LYONS website  
([roaringlyons.org/career](http://roaringlyons.org/career)). Resumes, questions, and inquiries can be sent to the search team  
at [lyonsoffice@roaringlyons.org](mailto:lyonsoffice@roaringlyons.org)

**End of the Year Picnic** will be 5:00-7:00pm Sunday June 12 at St John United. Join us as we celebrate the  
year, honor our seniors, announce Bergstrom Scholarship recipients, and say goodbye to Jon.

**After School Time on Wednesdays.** We will resume our normal 2:30-4:00pm Wednesdays at  
Soundview Playfield on June 8. See you there!



## Thanks from Pastor Doug

Let me say one more time what has long been in my heart. Thank you. For all your gifts, and cards, and remembrances, thank you. For all your visits, and conversations, even when you just stop by, thank you. For all your support, and encouragement, and hard work in our mission together, thank you. For all the times that we spent in worship, and music endeavors, and just enjoying the good things of life together, thank you.

As I leave, I take with me a drawing of a bell; but even more, the pride and joy of having been your pastor at Queen Anne Lutheran Church. Thank You. Peace be with you.



Pastor Doug Stensby





## Annual Counters' Meeting and Dinner

On Sunday afternoon, May 1st, the Counters gathered for their annual meeting under a beautiful, sunny sky. All were present except Joel Matter who was attending a meeting at Holden Village.

Queen Anne Lutheran is blessed to have a faithful and skilled group of Offering Counters whose job it is to handle and process all of the church's offerings and miscellaneous income. Each Sunday, one of the five teams stays after church for an hour or so to prepare the documentation and then take the checks to the bank for deposit.

And, it's an important part of our internal controls that only the Counters are authorized to handle the church's offering receipts, not the Treasurer, and not the Financial Secretary.

This once a year meeting provides an opportunity for conversation, and often there are fresh ideas and process improvements that result. The meeting was followed by dinner (thank you, Al Mangold, Candy Mathes and Ellen Hockman) as a way for the Finance Committee to thank the Counters for their gifts of time and expertise in caring for the church's offerings. We give thanks for these individuals.



Pat Sobeck, Head Counter  
Don Sobeck, Head Counter Emeritus  
Sally Ghormley and Cathi Unseth  
Sallie Wilson and Vicke Pugil  
Bridget Boysen and Susan Evans  
Rich Mathes and Joel Matter  
Shirley Flory and Diane Wearne

—Myra Dittes

*Above, back row: Susan Evans, Sally Ghormley Villaluz, Sallie Wilson, Vicke Pugil, Rich Mathes, Diane Wearne; Front row: Pat Sobeck, Cathi Unseth, Shirley Flory, Bridget Boysen. At Left, Aaron Boysen takes the shot.*



## Sci-Tech and Work Week at Holden

Holden Village was able to obtain a special permit from the U.S. Forest Service to allow non-staff people to come for special meetings and accomplish work in and around the village in the spring and summer of 2016. In the month of May, four “work weeks” were conducted to help get the village property back in running order.

*Fire damage along the road to Holden, with burnt trees cut for safety reasons.*



The boat trip on Lake Chelan revealed the extent of last year’s fire along the south shore. The first four miles of the road from the Lucerne dock to Holden Village displayed the most damage from the fire. There are several small areas where the fire was so hot that all vegetation was consumed and the ground is bare. Between milepost 5 and milepost 8 there are several large burn areas along the road with several trees cut down post-fire as a safety precaution. Grasses and vine maples are growing in several parts of the burn areas; there were even a couple dogwood trees in bloom.

Around the village there is plenty of evidence of the back-burning efforts made to fight the fire. The Ten Mile Falls Trail is closed with red “Do Not Cross” tape; the viewing platform is a charred ruin. Upslope from Chalets 9 through 12 is a back-burn area; so is the area upslope from Winston Camp. A mosaic of wildfire burn areas of varying degree and untouched stands of trees on Buckskin Mtn., Copper Peak, and Martin Ridge can be viewed from the village; they are not as severe as those down valley and near Domke Lake. Upslope from the ball field are some burn areas, and into the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area some wildfire burn areas even involved the trail itself.

Safety is a big concern, greater than in previous years. Holden sends buses down to meet the boat at Lake Chelan only on a limited schedule. Whenever it rains in the Railroad Creek valley, there is the potential for the road to be wiped out by a mudslide in the afternoon, so any transportation is done in the morning. The village is deemed to be safe from mudslides for now. Fire is still a concern, given the trend of annual lightning strikes in the area and the general trend of climate change.

I attended the Science and Technology Committee meeting held at Holden from April 29 through May 1. The Sci-Tech Committee is a voluntary advisory body that researches and helps find technical solutions to issues facing the village. The committee was given a short tour of the mine remediation work still in progress. The cost for Rio Tinto to complete the project has risen from an estimated \$120 million to around \$500 million. They are behind schedule, but hope to complete the job this year. The mill structure ruin has been removed and the third level rock piles have been reshaped to match the surrounding mountain slope. The tailings piles have been re-contoured with shallower slopes, and preparations are being made to plant 90,000 trees on them. The water treatment plant is operational on mine portal water outflow only with fine-tuning the lime mix process ongoing. Issues facing the village include the need for qualified staff: licensed electrician, plumber, structural engineer, and people as mavericks to assist in landscaping to restore the historic stonework on walls and the drainage ditch on Chalet Hill, pave all walkways, roofing Lodge 2, Narnia and the Village Center; need to figure how to do composting in the future; maintaining the drain field,

*Holden’s new water treatment plant is operational.*





especially with the Caterer ESS releasing high levels of grease on a daily basis; restoring the Chalet 1 automobile garage; and the need to plan for what buildings to construct on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level (around the garage) after mine remediation is completed.

I, and some of the Sci-Tech Committee members, stayed on to participate in the first Work Week. I was assigned to Lawns & Gardens / Landscaping. My first task, though, was to help clear out the historic items from the room in back of the pool hall and move them up to the Loft, where the museum is temporarily located. Five mavericks and I took down the items off the walls and out of cabinets and carried them up. The mine remediation people will use the room as an exercise gym.

Then I was part of the crew that picked up walkway bricks off the 10 Mile Falls trail, dusted them off, and set them on pallets. Each brick was 6.5 lbs. A couple days was spent on this task. Later in the year this and other paths will be paved in concrete.

Wednesday was Blitz Day, where the pool table, ping-pong table, coat rack, and winter village furniture in the Dining Hall are moved out and stored away and the dining tables are brought out of storage and reassembled for the summer. My task was to clean all the wooden molding around windows, doors, baseboards, and other apertures, as well as the columns. All the work got done before lunch was served.



*Joel does  
"needlework."*

True lawns and gardens activities prevailed the rest of the week. I did some transplanting, and watering recently sown lawn grass. But most of my time was spent on "needlework" – removing pine needles from flowerbeds located between Chalet 1 and Chalet 2. On Friday I helped rake leaves from the Narnia playground.

My other activities while at Holden included leading worship of Vespers '86 (AKA Holden Evening Prayer), showing the Bollywood film "PK", and reading a selection from "Creation Untamed" by Terrence Fretheim for a weekday morning First Word (the new term for what used to be the short matins at breakfast).

This summer Holden is offering Forerunner Weeks from June to mid-August, where participants spend half the day working on village tasks, and the remaining hours are spent on program offerings. This is much less intense than the Spring Work Weeks. To apply, please check the Holden Village website for further information

(holdenvillage.org) Some weeks are already filled so send your application early.

It was a great time for renewing long-standing friendships and making new friends. It was wonderful to be up at Holden.

Please talk to me if you have any questions. Check out my FaceBook postings for other photos from my time there. —Joel Matter



*Sunday Matins  
on the Ark*

*As we enter into another week of hosting our Mary's Place families, I thought that the ideas from a recent talk I gave at my home church, Wallingford United Methodist, were worth sharing with you:*

## **Suffering, Compassion, and the English Language**

I teach English to an Eritrean refugee twice a week, and about a year ago when I first started meeting with him I noticed he used the word “suffering” a lot.

For instance he said, “A woman at the park threw Frisbee and it hit my son. Accident. She kept saying ‘Oh, sorry, sorry’—she was really *suffering*.”

Once when I mentioned to him that I was really bad at some things—like dancing—he nodded sympathetically and said, “Oh, yes, you *suffer*!”

After a while I figured out that he understood that “to suffer” means “to feel bad,” and because there are so many ways to feel bad, there were many ways to suffer.

I must say though, the whole thing made me feel differently about suffering—I suddenly saw that *everyone* suffers. I became aware of the many small aches we all carry around all the time: emotional and social pain, feelings of regret, meanness, sadness, inadequacy—we *do* all suffer. This idea made me feel more at one with my fellow suffering humans. Instead of a divide between those who don't suffer and those who do, I felt that I was a part of a world of suffering souls, and each person's individual suffering then becomes a matter of kind, and degree.

Now, some of us certainly suffer a lot. I stay overnight at a homeless shelter twice a month, and the guests at the shelter—they lack a home, yes, but also are sometimes hungry, wet, or cold, often have health problems, are estranged from their family, and they have little support or encouragement from friends. Not to mention all the other kinds of human pain that I mentioned before, that we all carry around. So, I want to be compassionate—and “compassion” means to “suffer with”—

So, how do I do that, exactly?

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Well, teaching English without formal training as I am, I've had to teach myself about English grammar, and so I've been doing some reading. One interesting essay I read said that, “The English sentence demands a subject, even when there is none.” For instance, to describe the weather this past winter, the past continuous verb “was raining” would be perfectly clear to us all, but grammar demands we say, “**It** was raining.” It. Nothing happens in an English sentence without something, or someone, *doing* it. Every effect demands an agent, a cause—someone to blame.

The essay also said that *doing* is important in English. When we meet someone, we say “How do you do?” and then we ask, “What *do* you *do*?” At the altar, we say, “**I do!**” — And when we see a problem, we look for something to *do* about it. Our grammar compels us to act in a linear way: effect/cause, problem/solution. This framework can be useful, but it's NOT a universal way of seeing the world—not even necessarily Christian (Jesus, after all, didn't speak English) and the essay argues that the grammar of our English language reinforces linear thinking and actually changes the way we think and act.

So sitting at the homeless shelter on a morning, having coffee with a fellow suffering person, there's that impulse to find the *cause* of the suffering. Who or what is to blame for this person's situation? Likewise, there's a temptation to search for a *solution* to their problems—suggest a fix, a better course of action. But these linear impulses are not the most compassionate acts.

A weary soul embarking on another hard day might just need a simple moment of safety, warmth, and comfort. So, I stifle my questions and suggestions. Instead I offer up an undemanding silence. Oh, stories bubble up within it sometimes; I might hear about hard times, big plans, small disappointments—but often, morning's quiet instead. ►►

The profound thing I have discovered is, that it is *in* this small quiet moment, that a space is made for the presence of Christ. Here we are, two people—two suffering souls—drinking coffee, remarking on the rain, and God sits with us! Jesus knew how to heal with a bit of bread, a touch to the eyes, by calling someone by their own name. And in that friendly threesome, I discover that Christ heals us *both together*, my own small sufferings also, and we *both* walk away changed and warmed by the moment. *That's* compassion.

So, today my prayer for All-Of-Us-Who-Suffer is that we seek out compassionate moments with other suffering souls, and that we too may discover Christ sitting there with us.

Immanuel, Alleluia, Amen!

— Barb Bash



### *Bishop's Message*

## **When Strangers Become Friends**

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

There is a golden thread that has been woven through my life. It is the thread that moves me from being a person who is usually frightened and uncomfortable to a person who is blessed with new friendship.

I can tell you countless stories beginning with my childhood family. My father worked for the Easter Seal Society which is a non-profit advocating and providing services for people with incredible physical and mental challenges. It was my dad's habit to invite the people he was working with to our home. Imagine how my eyes lit up as a little boy when Harold Wilke, a man with no arms, was able to sit at the dinner table and use his feet as effectively as I use my hands. This once strange man became a highly respected family friend.

I remember in High School participating in a week long exchange program with Cleveland High School. We are talking about my nearly all white high school visiting a very integrated city school. It began with a parent orientation where the anxiety was off the charts. It took the parents from Cleveland to correct the many misperceptions and fears that the suburban parents held. I was so fortunate to have been selected as one the students to participate in the exchange. Yes, I was afraid and it would take weeks for the fear to turn into another great blessing in my life. Not to mention I developed a crush on a Chinese girl whose parents would not allow me to talk to her on the phone.

Moving to my internship year in Bellevue, I discovered the opportunity to take a group of High School kids to a group home in Renton where the residents were children who were mostly bed confined and with no speech skills. This was not only challenging for me but a brand new experience for most of the kids in the youth group. When I run into these kids who are now adults they often comment about how significant this ministry was.

Fear has often been a show stopper in my life and every time I give into it my life becomes constrained and limited. This is not to say fear doesn't have its rightful place. One of our daughters had a scary encounter with a large dog when she was quite little and developed a real fear of dogs. When we discussed this with our pediatrician she said, "She should be afraid of dogs. It will help protect her until she learns the necessary judgment skills to know when it's ok to engage a dog." It is a lesson I have not forgotten. ►►



I am still trying to learn to honor the rightful place for fear in my life without letting it trump the golden thread of blessing that comes when I learn to welcome the stranger.

Friends, this has been one of the great gifts of serving the office of bishop. It continues to afford me the opportunity to be in the presence of people who first appear to me as strangers, often creating discomfort but almost always ending up as being gifts in my life.

It should come as no surprise that one of the most repeated admonishments in scripture is, "Do not be afraid!" Fear that surprises us with blessing is one more expression of God's grace.

## the Last WORD

*Karen McCullough recently returned from her second trip to the Camino de Santiago in Spain. In our transition between pastors and the absence of their words for us, Pastor Doug invited Karen to fill this spot with her reflections:*

### A PILGRIM'S PONDERINGS

A downtown Bellevue church has a large and colorful sign declaring, "God is still speaking." I sit at that stop light frequently, watching the people pass by and wonder, "Is anybody listening?" Oh, yes, they are listening—to whoever is on their cell phone or to whatever device they are plugged in to. And I wonder, can the wired ones ever hear the still small voice, God speaking?

I thought of that church sign again on my recent return to the Camino Frances, the ancient pilgrim path from St. Jean Pied-de-Port, France to Santiago De Compostela, Spain. All had been much the same as the former experiences, basically a quiet, contemplative, meditative walk across northern Spain, with an increase in the number of pilgrims from Sarria on, but without a drastic change in the character of the Camino, or its impact personally. (Sarria is the starting point for many pilgrims. It's about 115 kilometers from there to Santiago. An on-foot pilgrim must walk 100K to receive a *compostela*, the document certifying one as having completed a pilgrimage.)

This time was very different. First, we couldn't get a room in our favored little Sarria hotel, or even in bigger ones in the city center. We ended up on the entry outskirts of the city, and as we walked through the city the next morning the first omen of a changed walk appeared—a large bus with motor running in the parking lot of one of the hotels where we had tried two days earlier to book a room and had failed. We were to see this bus (and others) often in the following days. Now we would experience what I called "bus pilgrims," a different breed from the longer-walking regular pilgrims. My immediate thought was "The hordes have arrived, joy has fled." ►►



These busloads of pilgrims were noisy, did not walk single file or two abreast, but filled the Camino path whether narrow or wide, surging ahead at a fast pace while carrying little or nothing. Stepping aside to let faster paced pilgrims pass easily was no longer a nicety but a necessity. As I watched and listened to these large chattering groups, I wondered: "Where are the contemplatives? Who is hearing the different birds singing their praises? Are there any among the rushing crowd seeing the tiny flowers along the path, or the snails in their beautiful shells creeping to their destinations? Are any among them praying for God's guidance regarding a life-changing decision they are considering?" I wondered too, what would they as individuals mark on the sign-in sheet at the Pilgrim Office in Santiago where all pilgrims go to get their *compostela*? When checking in, one fills in their name, age, and reason for walking the Camino, the choices being: 1) religious, 2) spiritual, or 3) other.

Fortunately, the big groups normally would pass quickly and alone time, peace, and the quiet of nature (and joy) would return. Some time later resentment would rear its ugly head when arriving at a longed for bar in hopes of a cold Coke, a bit to eat other than the day-old bread in my pack, and a much needed restroom, only to find the place packed with a large group of "bus pilgrims," nowhere to sit and rest, plus a long line-up to the single restroom. The question then became whether to wait until they left or walk on in hopes of another bar before too many more kilometers. Sometimes it was simple gratefulness a little further on for a rock high enough to get back up from, that day-old bread, and the no longer cool water in the bottle a regular pilgrim always carries. The restroom would just have to wait until the next bar. (Note: No public restrooms, customers only.)

How different the large groups are from the individuals, couples, or little family configurations I met and had opportunities to exchange first names and converse with. There was little if any interaction with the groups other than to get out of their way and wish an occasional "*Buon Camino*" to. Among the others I think of the young professional woman who was praying for God's guidance as she walked, to decide whether to leave her country which is being ruined by its government, in order to provide better opportunities for herself and her family. I think of another young woman who professed to have "a very active spiritual life," but "doesn't want to be involved with organized religion." I had to wonder how a spiritual life without involvement in the communion of saints works? I think of the man who celebrated his 80th birthday on the Camino, walking with his adult daughter and their graciousness, inviting me to join them in praying the rosary as they walked, publicly sharing their religious faith. I think of another young woman from Korea who left her stone with a prayer at the Cruz de Ferro and was reminded of how God speaks in many languages. I think, too, of two men near me in the Cathedral in Santiago conversing in normal volume during communion and wondering if they were among the unchurched to be so insensitive to this part of the worship service even if they weren't Catholic or communing. In contrast to those two, I think of the devout Catholic couple about to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary who had written prayers as part of their preparation for their Camino pilgrimage, and each day at a designated hour would stop and spend quiet time praying together.

We are all pilgrims in life, whether walking ancient pilgrimage paths or sitting in our easy chairs at home. As the sign says, "God is still speaking." Is anybody listening? Do we make enough quiet time to hear? Are we making too much noise, so we or others cannot hear? Do we purposefully wait and listen for the "still, small voice?"

*"Buon Camino!"*

Karen McCullough

# SERVING IN JUNE

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

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

5 TBD  
12 TBD  
19 TBD  
26 TBD

## **Offering Counters**

Sally Ghormley and Cathi Unseth

## **Lectors (8:00 AM)**

5 Katherine Knorr  
12 Harold Robertson  
19 Dan Squires  
26 Jan Olson

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

5 TBD  
12 Georganne Robertson  
19 Deb Squires  
26 Linda Olson

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

5 Tim Porter  
12 Kristi Houle  
19 Meg Shaw  
29 Jacqui Darroch

## **Altar Guild:**

Jennifer & Chloe Jones

## **Flowers on the Altar**

5 Aaron and Cat Rugg  
12 Pat Sobeck  
19 Lisa Ondrejcek  
26 TBD

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

5 Katherine Knorr  
12 Smith family  
19 TBD  
26 TBD

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

5 TBD  
12 Sallie Wilson, Seville Moulster,  
& Shirley Flory  
19 Cathi and Lois Unseth  
26 All-Church Picnic

## **Staff:**

Pastor (*beginning June 21*) Rev. Daniel Peterson  
Cantor Arletta Anderson  
Parish Administrator Barbara Bash  
Sexton John Bryant  
Counselor, Lutheran  
Counseling Network Sister Clare Josef-Maier  
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**Deadline for the July Quill is Tuesday, June 21.**

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## June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:15am Sewing and Service 2:30pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Shalom and Cherub Choir Party 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen	<b>2</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> John Bryant out until 6/6 10:30am Alanon Women
<b>5</b> 8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Work Party - Office Move-Out 12:00pm HomeBase Volunteer Orientation 12:00pm HomeBase Set-up	<b>6</b> Office Painting this week 6:00pm Mutual Ministry Committee 6:30pm Yoga 7:00pm 12-Step FA	<b>7</b> HomeBase June 7-14 7:00pm Executive Committee	<b>8</b> HomeBase 9:15am Sewing and Service 2:30pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon	<b>9</b> HomeBase	<b>10</b> HomeBase	<b>11</b> Chancel Choir Party on Whidbey Island HomeBase 10:30am Alanon Women
<b>12</b> HomeBase 8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Lunch for Youth Choir 1:30pm Choristers' Guild WA Chapter Board Mtg. 5:00pm LYONS Picnic	<b>13</b> HomeBase Office Carpeting this week 10:00am Julia Circle 7:00pm 12-Step FA 7:00pm Northern Lights	<b>14</b> HomeBase 7:00pm Church Council	<b>15</b> Community Yoga--start time TBD 9:15am Sewing and Service 2:30pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A.	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00am 24-hour Prayer Vigil 9:00am Katie's Table 9:00am Work Party - Office Move-in 10:30am Alanon Women
<b>19</b> 8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Kruckeberg Botanical Garden Outing	<b>20</b> 7:00pm 12-Step FA	<b>21</b> Pastor Peterson's First Day 5:30pm PDQ	<b>22</b> Community Yoga--start time TBD 9:15am Sewing and Service 2:30pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm Alateen 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm A.A.	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Men's Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> NW ELCAW Gathering	<b>25</b> NW ELCAW Gathering 10:30am Alanon Women
<b>26</b> NW ELCAW Gathering 8:00am Worship 9:40am Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 12:00pm All-Church Welcome Picnic	<b>27</b> 7:00pm QA Book Group 7:00pm 12-Step FA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Community Yoga--start time TBD 9:15am Sewing and Service 2:30pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm A.A. 8:00pm Alanon 8:00pm Alateen	<b>30</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts		