

# The Quill

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## Queen Anne

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Reception of New Members, Sunday November 13!**

We will be receiving new members during our worship services on Sunday, November 13. If you are interested in membership at Queen Anne Lutheran, please contact Pastor Daniel Peterson at [pastor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org), or contact Barb in the church office at 206.284.1960.

If you are interested in joining, please also consider the following two opportunities:

First, Pastor Peterson will be hosting an evening gathering —recommended for any prospective new members— titled “Why Lutheran in Secular Seattle?” at 7 PM Thursday, November 10 in our Conference Room. Refreshments will be served. Please let us know when you contact us if you will be able to attend that evening.

Also, on Sunday, November 27, we will host our monthly “Visitors and Newcomers’ Coffee” after the 10:30 service. You are invited to join Pastor Peterson in the Conference Room then to get any questions about our faith community answered, and to meet current members and other newcomers to the church.

## **From the President:**

'Tis the season to give thanks, and there are many thanks to be given on behalf of the Council for what's happened in the last month or so.

Thanks to Pastor Peterson for working so hard to focus and integrate all his talents, and all the feedback he's receiving, into serving our congregation!

Thanks to all the hard work by the parsonage prep team (Rich and Candy, Myra, Sally, and the Executive Committee) to prepare and install Pastor into his new home!

Thanks to the Nursery team (Pat, Meg, Erich) for finding new caregivers for our kids every Sunday!

Thanks to the Sunday School team for finding creative solutions to educating and guiding our young ones in their faith journeys!

Thanks to the HomeBase team (Peggy, Aaron, Diane, Virginia) and all the volunteers for doing the incredible amount of legwork and planning to assure another successful week for our guests!

Thanks to Sister Clare for serving our congregation and our community so beautifully!

Thanks to the Quilters and LWR team for producing and delivering another large shipment to lift up those in need!

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for having the critical conversations with candidates to assure the vibrant life we enjoy so much continues to grow in the coming years.

Thanks to our Staff (Pastor Dan, Arletta and Barb) for so diligently and cheerfully leading and supporting us all!

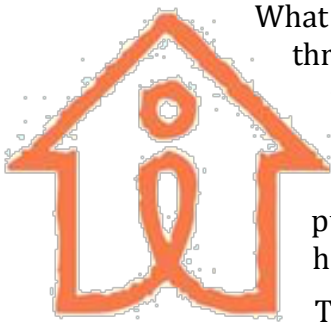
Thanks be to God!

Please be sure to read all the reports in the Quill and Sunday Bulletins to witness the great works happening in our church. And as a reminder, please share your thoughts with Staff, Council, or Committee leaders about growing and executing our mission at Queen Anne Lutheran.

Blessings All,

Marc Oplinger, Council President  
marcoplinger@comcast.net

## **“NO SLOTS AVAILABLE. SIGN UP IS FULL.”**



What a great message to see on the sign-up sheet for our week of hosting families through the Mary's Place Rotating Shelter Project (a/k/a "HomeBase" at QALC) October 4 through 11!

We learned that we would be hosting four families with a combined group of ten children under the age of 11—six of them below five years old! We immediately put out an S.O.S. for additional evening volunteers to help the older kids with homework and to play with the younger kids.

The congregation stepped up to meet the need and—this is important—several congregation volunteers drafted friends and family to come with them to volunteer, adding to our overall volunteer pool and enabling us to meet the need for over 50 volunteers for the week. We strongly

encourage this type of “beyond the congregation” recruiting for the next time we host, which will be **May 16 – 23, 2017**.

Three of our families were from East Africa. One family with three children came from the Marshall Islands. Communication was sometimes challenging, but the children were willing and skillful interpreters; smiles and gestures went a long way. The moms were fasting from meat, eggs, and dairy on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and prepared their own dinners—which they shared with church hosts—on those nights. Our dinner volunteers were flexible and enjoyed tasting the food the moms prepared.

On the last night the families were with us, Gebrela said, “This has been a happy week—like family!” What better feedback could Queen Anne Lutheran possibly receive?

Many thanks to our volunteers for their time, energy, creativity, and kindness. Special thanks to our Core Team Leaders:

Our very own super-efficient parish assistant **Barb Bash** heads up the **Admin Team** and ensured that we were in compliance with the requirement of State Patrol background checks for all volunteers, as well as handling the dozens of administrative steps that kept our week of hosting running smoothly, from door codes to triaging communications among the core team.

**Aaron and Bridget Boyson** lead the **Facilities & Set-Up Team**. With baby Ethan secure in a sling on his mom, they got those tents in the Fellowship Hall set up and taken down in a flash! They coordinated closely with the Property Committee and others to keep track of all the moving parts needed to have our building and amenities available to make our guests feel cared for.

Ably filling in for **Kitchen & Laundry Team Lead Diane Wearne**, who was out of the country, **Virginia Stamey-Johnson** kept the grocery staples replenished during the week.

It takes *many* volunteers to cover just one week of hosting. Please talk to the folks listed below about their volunteer experiences, and please mark your calendars and consider volunteering the next time we host: **May 16-23, 2017**.

Michael & Jeannette Banobi  
Sue Bream  
Amanda Brynn  
Eduardo Cajavila  
Kirsten Erickson  
Ann Evans  
Mary Beth Howard & Abby  
Jennifer Jones  
Lisa Kjaer-Schade  
Katherine Knorr  
Sara Macha  
Jim Margard  
Rich & Candy Mathes  
Karen McCullough

Chad & Emily McFadden  
Mike Mulligan  
Spencer & Amy Nagley  
Lisa Ondrejcek  
Marc & Jean Oplinger  
Nolan and Lorena King  
Palmer  
Erich Patten  
Lori Lynn Phillips  
Magdalena Phillips  
Svend Phillips  
Jenny Porter  
Emmett & Sophie Pritchard  
Vicke Pugil

Allen Shabino  
Meg Shaw  
Rochelle Short  
Pat Sobeck  
Deb Squires, Dolly Smith &  
the Northern Lights Circle  
Virginia Stamey-Johnson  
Jackie Thomsen  
Sallie Wilson

*Thanks especially to the  
12 people new to our pool of  
volunteers, and to those who  
helped invite them into service!  
Thanks be to God!*

*—Peggy Morgan*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Community Lunch Program Resumes on Capitol Hill in November

QALC is continuing our many years of service in providing lunches to those in need, typically about 200 guests, at Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, 1710 11th Ave., each of the five Tuesdays in the month of November (November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29). QALC was one of the founding churches of this wonderful organization, which has been serving the community for well over 20 years.

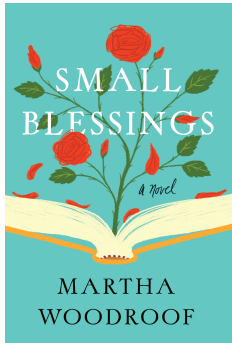
Please join! No experience necessary! There will be opportunities to help in any of three shifts: the cooking and preparation of the meal for 2 to 2 1/2 hours in the late morning; the serving of the meal from just before noon to 1:00; and the breakdown and cleanup from about 1:00 to 2:00. We have generally provided a lead chef, with the guidance of CLCH director Don Jensen. Candy Mathes, Don Thomas, Harold Robertson and Jim Margard have been lead chefs in recent years, and we invite others to try their culinary hand.

More detail is provided on sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Questions can also be directed to Jim Margard at [jrm952@gmail.com](mailto:jrm952@gmail.com). Additional information is available at the CLCH website, at [www.communitylunch.org](http://www.communitylunch.org).

## LWR Seattle Ingathering (truck loading) Nov 4 & 5 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church in Ballard - NW 25<sup>th</sup> & 85<sup>th</sup> NW.

Are you available to help load boxes Nov 4 & 5 for Lutheran World Relief? Or just direct traffic? Or help distribute fabric samples? Hours 8 AM–3 PM Friday; 8 AM–NOON Saturday. Friday is when 80% of the loads arrive, so that is the busy day. If you cannot heft a 30-pound box, we need five traffic directors—you get to wear a yellow or orange vest!! Free food! If you can spare one or two hours, let Rich Mathes know. Contact Rich at [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com).

## Queen Anne Book Group: *Small Blessings*



The QA Book Group will meet Monday, November 28 at 7 PM in the narthex to discuss *Small Blessings* by Martha Woodroof. Karen McCullough will lead the discussion, and all are welcome to join the group. The group doesn't meet in December.

From Amazon: "An inspiring tale of a small-town college professor, a remarkable new woman at the bookshop, and the ten-year old

son he never knew he had. . . A heartwarming story with a charmingly imperfect cast of characters to cheer for, *Small Blessings*'s wonderfully optimistic heart reminds us that sometimes, when it feels like life has veered irrevocably off track, the track shifts in ways we never can have imagined."

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Leslie Brown  
Barbara Bash  
Emily Shabino  
Diane Wearne  
Al Mangold  
Mac Smith  
Barbara Gayotin  
Gretchen Richey  
Eleanor Pahl  
Peggy Morgan  
Jodi Coney  
Paul Whitfield  
Virginia Stamey-Johnson  
Geoff Saunders  
Phoebe Porter

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



## FALL BACK!

**Daylight Savings Ends  
Sunday, November 6**

**Sleep an extra hour—  
but do come to worship!**

# Explore the Intersection of **Faith & Film**

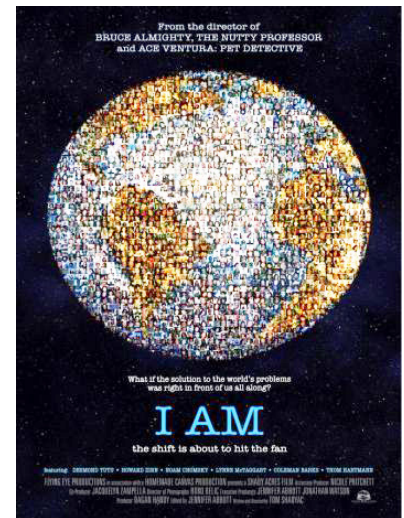
## “I Am”

**DATE:** Saturday, November 19 in the Fellowship Hall  
(led by Carrie Kargel)

**TIME:** 4:00 PM           Appetizers and drinks

4:30 PM           Watch the movie together

6:30 PM           Discussion . . . and refills of the drinks & snacks



**I AM** is an utterly engaging and entertaining non-fiction film that poses two practical and provocative questions: **what's wrong with our world, and what can we do to make it better?** In **I AM**, filmmaker Tom Shadyac steps in front of the camera to recount what happened to him after recovery from a serious cycling accident left him with a new sense of purpose, determined to investigate how he as an individual, and we as a race, could improve the way we live and walk in the world.

Meeting with a variety of remarkable men and women from the worlds of science, philosophy, academia, and faith—including such luminaries as David Suzuki, Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lynne McTaggart, Ray Anderson, John Francis, Coleman Barks, and Marc Ian Barasch—Shadyac appears on-screen as character, commentator, guide, and even, at times, guinea pig. The result is a fresh, energetic, and life-affirming film that challenges our preconceptions about human behavior while simultaneously celebrating the indomitable human spirit.

If you have questions, contact Carrie Kargel at [kargelc2@gmail.com](mailto:kargelc2@gmail.com).

## **Adventure Group Ministry Seeks More Adventures!**

Our Adventure Group Ministry has taken us to the Petrified Ginkgo Forest, the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge, the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, and the Center for Wooden Boats. We are interested in new ideas for monthly adventures—interesting outings, strenuous or gentle hikes, or other ways to explore the natural world. If you are inspired with an idea, contact Sophie Pritchard at [mailto:sophiepritchard@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:sophiepritchard@gmail.com)

## ■ *Vocab Corner*

A few months ago, the vocabulary words explained in this corner were rooms of the church: Nave, Sanctuary, Chapel. This month, we add to that list, **Narthex** and **Sacristy**.

*“Let’s meet in the Narthex . . .”* The **Narthex** is the gathering space when you first enter the front doors of the church . . . a very inviting and welcoming space with comfortable couches, coffee tables, a round table at which to sit and drink coffee and visit, announcement screen, a reader board, art, pamphlet holder, and the inviting fireplace. It is a great space, and one of the wonderful results of our large remodel in 2009-10.

The **Sacristy** is the room next to the Chancel or Altar area of our worship space. The worship leaders gather before worship in the Sacristy, and the Altar Guild does its work from this room. Many of the items needed for worship are stored in the Sacristy, including banners, albs, communion ware, and linens.





## Community Music Jam—You're Invited!

On Saturday, November 12, a Community Music Jam session will take place from 3:00–5:00 PM in the chapel. If you like to play an acoustic instrument, sing, or just like to be in the same room where fun music is happening, then be sure to join us. Bluegrass, gospel, country, folk, blues, and other roots music styles will be played. All skill levels are welcome. The Jam meets on the second Saturday of each month. For more information about the jam, contact Emmett at emmettj45@gmail.com.

## Community Yoga At Queen Anne Lutheran

Community Yoga is canceled for an indefinite period of weeks, as Amy Nagley undergoes a surgery. She will be in touch when she is ready to lead these Monday sessions once more.

## WestSide Baby Launches JOY!

This month as you take time to give thanks for the blessings in your lives, please take a moment to remember WestSide Baby, our local charity for providing “basics for children in need”. **GIVING TUESDAY, November 28, 2016**, marks the launch of **JOY!**, an effort to collect or fund 80 car seats, 600 bags of clothing and 110,000 diapers.

WestSide Baby will distribute these items in December 2016 to help keep 2800 children in King County Safe, Warm and Dry.

Items especially needed are pajamas, warm coats, diapers (NB, 5, 6) hygiene products such as diaper cream and wipes. Monetary donations made to them at their website are always welcome.

Check out the website at [www.westsidebaby.org](http://www.westsidebaby.org) and please take a moment to give thanks for the good things in your life and share the abundance with the newest and smallest residents in our county.

Items may be left in the drawer in the Narthex or smaller items may also be taken to Childish Things at 10002 Holman Rd. N.W., Seattle, WA (206) 789-1498. If you have larger items such as a car seat or portable crib, please contact Barb in the office to find out where to leave them, and get them to church before December 15.



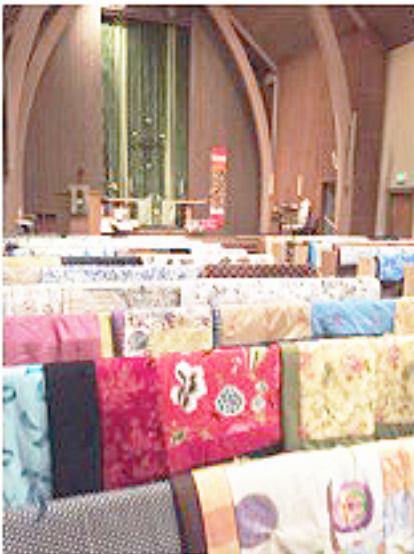
*Thanks for your help!*

—Ellen Hockman

## Thanks-Giving for Quilts, Kits and All Those Who Help Make Them Happen

It is wonderful to see how our congregation can work together to get things done. It was delightful to see all the people who pitched in to make sure the quilts were folded and boxed, all the boxes labeled and weighed, and then everything moved to the chapel. LWR quilt boxing and loading can seem overwhelming, but it is great when so many pitch in to help—whether it is tying quilts, buying pencil sharpeners, cutting batting, putting cording into backpacks or donating money to make the “operations” work.

**Thanks to all who responded with pencil sharpeners** (or cash for



pencil sharpeners). Men's Group assembled 100 school kits.

And **thanks to Candy** for making lots of beautiful school bags and our house guest Muriel for putting all the cording into the backpacks.

And **thanks to all who contribute to the freight costs.** We (and many churches) pay for both the cost to ship our boxes to the Baltimore warehouse, plus the cost to ship the quilts and kits overseas. Total cost is 75 cents a pound; QALC ships 1,500 to 2,000 pounds each year. If we collect "more than we need" we still send the "excess" to LWR for shipping, since some churches cannot afford to pay the entire shipping cost.

**Thank you to each and every one of you who make LWR an integral part of this church.**

Many years ago the church council told Ken Helling (the Seattle Ingathering Coordinator before 2006) that LWR could use the QALC mailing permit for sending out the LWR newsletter. Little did we know how that decision would affect The Mathes's lives and the life of QALC, as many of you not only help at QALC, but help load the trucks as well, and help "share" the wealth of recycled fabrics from the Design Center.

This year at QALC we donated 36 Baby Care Kits, 100 School Kits, 12 Fabric Kits, 15 pounds of soap and 103 quilts. That is a LOT of work—a lot of collecting and a lot of assembling! Thank you to all who helped make it happen! Do you know our quilts and kits and soap have gone to India, Mali, Tanzania, Ukraine, Angola, Georgia, Lebanon, Serbia, Angola, and Nicaragua?

Contact Rich or Candy Mathes if you have any questions about Queen Anne Lutheran's support of Lutheran World Relief, or want to find a way to participate. [lwrmathes@aol.com](mailto:lwrmathes@aol.com)

## Women of the ELCA QALC Women's News:

**Thankoffering**—What in your life do you have to be thankful for? The Women of the ELCA will be collecting money in November for Thankoffering. Thankofferings are used by WELCA to help fund ministries and programs. From the WELCA website, "Every year, individuals, units, conferences, clusters and synodical women's organizations forward their offerings and gifts to the churchwide organization. In 2015, we gave a total of about \$1,429,000 to our churchwide organization—*thank you!*" **Watch for the blue envelopes in November labeled Thankoffering.**

**The Tenth Triennial Gathering** will be held July 13-16, 2017, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, in Minneapolis, Minn. "All Anew" is the theme. Register now! To register, go to [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org).



Paul might have told the Corinthians that he'd given up childish ways once he became an adult (1 Corinthians 13:11), but that adage doesn't apply to coloring books. That's right—many adults have reclaimed the childhood joy of coloring. Hopping on the adult coloring bandwagon, Women of the ELCA has created five devotionals incorporating meditative coloring. You can find these "coloring Devotionals" online at [welcatg.org/coloring-devotionals](http://welcatg.org/coloring-devotionals).

**Advent is coming!** The Women of the ELCA and the Sunday School is having an Advent Celebration on December 4 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to help and participate! There will be crafts and food galore!

*"Resilience—the stickiness to keep going."*  
—from the WELCA *Gather* magazine. Somehow I thought it seemed appropriate today.

—The Women's Committee  
Candy Mathes, Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Sophie Pritchard, and Lisa Ondrejcek



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## 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.

**Northern Lights:** Next meeting is November 21 at 7 PM. Contact Dolly Smith.

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

**Sewing and Service:** Wednesday mornings. Contact Candy Mathes or Sallie Wilson.

**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. Service projects happen at many times.

**Thanks to Dennis and Rich** for assembling 100 school kits for the November 4<sup>th</sup> LWR Ingathering! And thanks to all who provided the materials for those kits—scissors, pencil sharpeners, etc.

**Remember Nov. 4 & 5—LWR Quilt/kit loading at Our Redeemers' Lutheran—**  
See details in Announcements, page 3.

—Rich Mathes



## Lutheran Youth Of North Seattle News:

**Sunday Night Live: WhirlyBall!** Bring your game face and your friends and get ready for the most fun you've had in a bumper car in a while.

Sunday, November 6 • 12 PM –4:30 PM • Leave from St. John United • Cost \$30

**High School Fall Retreat** is Friday, November 11–Sunday, November 13. Join us for a weekend in Hoquiam relaxing and reflecting with friends! Please sign up by November 9. Cost is \$110.

**Wednesday November 16**, join us after school from 1:30-4:30 PM at Ballard First Lutheran for pizza and a movie!

**Friendsgiving** will be **Sunday, November 20** from 6:00-8:00 PM at Queen Anne Lutheran. Please sign up so we know how many people to expect, and bring a side dish to share.

**LYONS welcomes** our newest congregation to our collaborative ministry: University Lutheran Church!

**Note:** There is a new 3-ring binder in the narthex for signing up for LYONS events. Youth can also go online to sign up. A complete Fall Calendar is available at [roaringlyons.org](http://roaringlyons.org)!



# Grow in Faith This Fall!

**Sunday School:** All children are welcome Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders—come when you can! Our Sunday School will begin in the chapel at 9:30 and then move to the upstairs classrooms, ending for pick-up at 10:15. This November, Sunday School will be in session on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Forum: Envisioning a Path.** On November 6 and 13, Forum attendees will be asked to discuss and brainstorm possible topics and directions for Adult Education in the year ahead. On November 20, Pastor Peterson will be out of town, but Pastor Kristy Daniels from the Church of Steadfast Love will present a forum and preside during services. There will be no adult forum on November 27, which is Thanksgiving weekend.

## Wednesday Evenings: Beyond Faith? Spirituality In A Secular World

What does it mean to seek God in an increasingly secular culture like ours? Must we go beyond faith, “God,” or even religion itself to affirm the existence of Something More in our lives? Join Pastor Peterson Wednesdays through November 16 from 7-8 PM in the Conference Room as we consider a new way of finding “the Beyond in our midst.” An optional pub gathering follows.

**Lunch & Learn! Bible Study: Martin Luther reads the Psalms:** Join us for Bible study in December as we emulate Luther’s unique and radical way of reading Scripture as we begin a study of the Psalms. Bible Study will be led by Pastor Peterson in the Conference Room. Please bring a lunch and arrive at 11:30 AM if you would like to eat together beforehand; discussion begins at noon. All are welcome! Session 1: Tuesday, December 6 Session 2: Tuesday, December 13

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00. Both the **Shalom Choir** (high school) and **Cherub Choir** (grade school) are also up and running. Please contact Arletta at [ajp724@comcast.net](mailto:ajp724@comcast.net) for more information about their schedules in November and December, and to express interest in taking part.

# RUSSIA 2017

## *Exploring the Life, Faith and Ongoing Challenges of the Lutheran Church in Russia*

*Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."*

—Mark Twain

The ELCA NW WA Synod Team Russia Committee is pleased to announce a projected Mission trip to Russia for ten days, plus two travel days, during March 2017 in which NW WA Synod Bishop Unti plans to participate. These are challenging times in the former Soviet Union. Russia is a land with a challenging history that goes back for centuries.

Times in Russia are still tumultuous and changing, with periods of instability and economic hardships due to sanctions. The crisis in Ukraine and Syria, increase in the military, and concerns about human rights, have brought the country into the spotlight again.

Trip participants from partnered churches will want to spend a few days visiting their partner congregation in Russia. High school youth may want to visit Vera Tkach, the Russian Youth worker from Smolensk, who visited the Synod last year and attended the National Youth Convention in Detroit. Those traveling from non-partnered congregations in our synod may choose to join someone going to another place of interest, in addition to Moscow and St. Petersburg. There may be trip participants who wish to return earlier to Seattle.

Join a journey to the world's largest country, and witness modern Russia in the nation's sacred and profane capital, Moscow. Visit St. Peter and Paul Lutheran Cathedral, Red Square, the Kremlin, and other historic sites and museums. St. Petersburg, Peter the Great's city on the Neva River, is a world-class beauty. Russia's most elegant city is home to St. Peter and St. Anne Lutheran Church (the swimming pool church), splendid tsarist palaces, the sites of the revolution, and the treasures of the State Hermitage.

Reservation forms are available. For further information, interested participants are to contact Team Russia Chairman, Ken Grigsby, at [island66@comcast.net](mailto:island66@comcast.net). High school age youth are encouraged to participate. They will need a notarized letter from their parents or legal guardians giving permission to travel to Russia. For U.S. citizens, a valid passport and Russian visa are required. The Team Russia Committee will be working with Alexander (Alex) Vilkevich at East-West Tours, [alex@east-west-tours.com](mailto:alex@east-west-tours.com). Information, visa application, and costs can be found on the web site for [east-west-tours.com](http://east-west-tours.com). Round trip airfare, Seattle to Moscow, St. Petersburg to Seattle, is about \$1100, including tax. A Pastor who had made a number of trips to Russia says he budgets \$2500 for a trip (that's with home stays), but with a March trip and the value of the ruble, that would be lower.

### **Informational Meeting for RUSSIA 2017 Synod Tour**

There will be an informational meeting for people interested in the proposed trip on Sunday, December 4, from 11 AM to 2 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 9625 NE 8th St., Bellevue. High school youth are encouraged to participate.

Contact Ken Grigsby, Team Russia Chairman, at [island66@comcast.net](mailto:island66@comcast.net) if you plan to attend the December 4th meeting.

Geographically, Russia is the largest Lutheran Church in the world.

Former Archbishop Kretschmar spoke of "new life from old roots".



## *Bishop's Message* **The Spirit's Gift of Imagination**

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

Kim has been taking care of kids in our home for over three decades. Every day she plans some form of art project, science experiment, or puzzle that requires solving. It is a joy to see these children light up and dive into the challenge of the day.

Kim is a wonder at being able to set them free to enter into the experience while at the same time offering them the necessary encouragement or just the right question if they start to feel defeated. Teaching children to trust their imagination and to follow their own wonder enriches their sense of life and value.

I have always believed that one of the gifts that comes from being created in the image of the creator is to be blessed with imagination. It takes imagination to navigate life. It takes wonder to venture off in new directions.

There are a zillion examples of how imagination is at work. One fine example that I marvel at is the new Evergreen Point Bridge. I have been equally amazed at how it has been staged and built as I have been by the demolition of the old bridge. How in the world can someone figure out how to do either of these tasks?

Kim's father was the chief engineer for Boeing on the Apollo project. I loved to hear him tell stories of how they put a man on the moon without knowing how to do it. They literally were figuring it out as they went.

I love when I see the handiwork of another and can stand back and say, "Now isn't that clever" or "Why didn't I think of that."

Kim loves to use her imagination in preparing a meal and presenting it for consumption. She puts a lot of thought and care into how the table is set, how the food is arranged on the table, right down to what place settings and serving pitchers to use.

There is something that happens when we become a recipient of another person's imagination and care. It adds a measure of life to our person.

While serving the office of bishop, I have become keenly aware of how important the roles of imagination and care are with respect to the vitality of our churches and leaders. Churches, regardless of size, experience vitality when they invite imagination from their members and put a level of care into all that they do. This contrasts sharply with doing what we have always done and not varying from it. Leaders who lose their sense of imagination often lose a sense of hope.

I am convinced that imagination is the work of the Holy Spirit - breathing new life into all that we do.

The author of Ephesians says it well: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)

My prayer for you - and the whole church - is for the Holy Spirit to stir deeply our imaginations that we might invest great care into the challenges and opportunities we face.

—BKU



# the Last WORD

## The Good News of God's Death

At the heart of Lutheran Christianity lies a concept of God worth recovering as we near the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017. Consider these stunning words from Martin Luther: "Now God made a testament; therefore, it was necessary that *he should die*. But God could not die unless he became man. Thus the incarnation and the death of Christ are both comprehended most concisely in this one word, 'testament.'"

A testament, as you know, involves a promise. When someone leaves a "last will and testament," that person promises to bequeath his or her property to other people. For that transfer to occur, the person in question must die. So it is, Luther says, with God—but for God to die, God must take on the flesh of a human being, which God does in Jesus Christ (John 1:14).

Luther, it turns out, was the first person in Western Christian history to affirm explicitly that God could die. Because of the incarnation, Luther insisted, the Christian could speak of "God's passion, God's blood, God's death." The phrase "God is dead," in other words, comes from our religious tradition! Long before its meaning was changed by philosophers like Friedrich Nietzsche, Lutherans were singing hymns praising the *God who died* for us in Jesus Christ.

Theologians before Luther had long insisted that Jesus suffered and died only according to his human nature. But if that were the case, Luther countered, how could God save us? How could God *transfer* to the flesh qualities like holiness and immortality that belong to God? As we receive things like immortality and holiness, things that belong to God, Luther reasoned, God takes on what belongs to us—namely, sin and death. The relationship is reciprocal; God is affected.

God, in short, cannot die since death is foreign to His nature, but God experiences death by becoming human.

It's a fascinating concept. But what difference does it make?

Consider the implications for yourself: do you worship a God who cannot feel as you do, a God who cannot weep as you do, a God who cannot know or understand what it is like to experience pain or face death as you do? That God can do these things (and does do these things in Christ), should be good news! God walks with you. He is, as one philosopher calls Him, "the fellow-sufferer who understands."

As we approach Advent and the Christmas season, not to mention the quincentennial of the Protestant Reformation, let us live into and out of the radical Lutheran theological heritage, one that claims, as no other version of Christianity ever has, that ***to walk with us, God suffers and dies, only to conquer death through the resurrection.*** No greater love has ever existed!

Rev. Dan Peterson, PhD  
Pastor



# SERVING IN NOVEMBER

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

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

6 Katherine Knorr  
13 Ken Hockman  
20 Ken Hockman  
27 Ken Hockman

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

6 Vicke Pugil, Amy Nagley  
13 Don Thomas, Dennis Alfson  
20 Jim Margard  
27 TBD

## **Offering Counters**

Sally Ghormley and Cathi Unseth

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

6 Dan Squires  
13 Jan Olson  
20 Ken Hockman  
27 Harold Robertson

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

6 Deb Squires  
13 Linda Olson  
20 Ellen Hockman  
27 Georganne Robertson

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

6 Carol Ann Davis  
13 Joan Kavanaugh  
20 Jean Oplinger  
27 Tim Porter

## **Altar Guild:**

Lori Roozen

## **Flowers on the Altar**

6 Shirley Flory  
13 Dolly and Mac Smith  
20 Virginia Stamey-Johnson  
27 Altar Guild (Advent)

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

6 Jan & Linda Olson  
13 Katherine Knorr  
20 TBD  
27 TBD

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

6 Seville Moulster and Shirley Flory  
13 Virginia Stamey-Johnson and Meg Shaw  
20 Oplinger family  
27 TBD

## **Staff:**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson
Cantor	Arletta Anderson
Parish Administrator	Barbara Bash
Sexton	John Bryant
Missionary to China	Rev. Dorcas Wang
LYONS Director	Bryant Williams
LYONS Program Assistant	Megan Hundley
Campus Pastor—UW	Rev. Elizabeth Rawling

**Deadline for the December Quill is Tuesday, November 22.**

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# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Community Lunch on Capitol Hill P <b>7:00pm</b> Executive Committee	<b>2</b> P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Shalom Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Beyond Faith <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon	<b>3</b> P <b>5:45pm</b> Worship & Music Committee <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> LWR Ingathering (8-3)	<b>5</b> LWR Ingathering, (8-noon) <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>6</b> <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>7</b> <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>8</b> Community Lunch on Capitol Hill P <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council	<b>9</b> P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Shalom Choir <b>6:15pm</b> Cherub Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Beyond Faith <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>10</b> P <b>5:00pm</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Why Lutheran in Secular Seattle?	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>3:00pm</b> Community Music Jam <b>6:00pm</b> Alanon District 20 Event
<b>13</b> Reception of New Members <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>10:30am</b> Worship	<b>14</b> <b>10:00am</b> Julia Circle <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>15</b> Community Lunch on Capitol Hill <b>12:00pm</b> Interfaith Community <b>5:30pm</b> PDQ	<b>16</b> P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Shalom Choir <b>6:15pm</b> Cherub Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Beyond Faith <b>7:00pm</b> Alanon/Alateen/AA Event	<b>17</b> P <b>7:00pm</b> Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> Pastor Peterson out until 11/26	<b>19</b> <b>9:00am</b> Katie's Table <b>9:30am</b> Sat. Alanon Holiday Event <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women <b>4:00pm</b> Faith and Film
<b>20</b> Welcome Rev. Kristy Daniels <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>6:00pm</b> LYONS Friendsgiving Dinner	<b>21</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Northern Lights <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA	<b>22</b> Community Lunch on Capitol Hill	<b>23</b> <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> A.A. <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:30am</b> Alanon Women
<b>27</b> First Sunday in Advent <b>8:00am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Worship <b>12:00pm</b> Newcomers' Coffee	<b>28</b> <b>7:00pm</b> 12-Step FA <b>7:00pm</b> QA Book Group	<b>29</b> Community Lunch on Capitol Hill	<b>30</b> P <b>9:15am</b> Sewing and Service <b>2:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Shalom Choir <b>6:15pm</b> Cherub Choir <b>8:00pm</b> Alateen <b>8:00pm</b> Alanon <b>8:00pm</b> A.A.			