## The Quill

FEBRUARY 2017



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Should We Consider Having One Worship Service on Sundays?

An article on this topic appeared in the January 2017 *Quill*. Thanks to all who have responded to the Church Office with comments and suggestions. If you are still wanting to respond, please do so by February 15. Send your ideas and comments to admin@queenannelutheran.org—use "Worship Feedback" on the subject line of the email—or call the church office at 206.284.1960, and Barb will pass your comments on to the Worship & Music Committee. The Committee will include the comments in a discussion at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the Church Council at their March meeting. We appreciate all who participate in this discussion. And thanks!

—Pastor Dan and Arletta on behalf of the Worship & Music Committee

#### **Adult Forum in February**

There will be no Forum held on February 5 and 12. Pastor Peterson will be in California with his mother during her chemotherapy through February 17. On Sunday, February 19 and Sunday, February 26 from 9:15–10:15, Pastor Peterson will hold **listening sessions for people to come and share their thoughts and ideas regarding worship and education times** at Queen Anne Lutheran.



#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sydney McGavick
Carol Abodeely
Ruth Ghormley
Tim Nausin
Thomas McLauchlan
Nicholas Macha
Sharon Ray
Chris Lubke
Spencer Nagley
Rowland Adeniyi
Jan Slawson
Jennifer Jones
Matt McGavick,
Karen Saunders
Marjorie Dowd

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

## Feeling Down? Help Clean the Kitchen!

**We Want YOU!** ... To help deep-clean the Fellowship Hall Kitchen! Save the Date:

Saturday, March 11 at 9 AM.

All of us benefit from the delicious fruits of the kitchen. It's time to give back.

Tall men and women welcome, to reach the high places!

Vertically-challenged people whose knees bend are also welcome,
to spot the dust on the low-down shelves! Studies indicate physical labor lifts
spirits! Contact Sallie Wilson (sallie.n.wilson@gmail.com) if you can participate.

### **Beyond Faith?** Continues!

This lively class has been meeting Wednesdays at 7 PM, and will continue through February 22, to discuss philosopher John Caputo's concise and readable book, *Philosophy and Theology*. All are welcome to come to the Conference Room at that time, with an optional pub gathering following. If you wish to participate, please purchase a copy of Caputo's book. Steve Schuh will lead the discussion during the sessions when Pastor Peterson is out of town.

—Pastor Peterson

## Soup Suppers— Wednesdays in Lent:

We hope you can join us as we gather in the Fellowship Hall to focus on "500 Years: The Luther We Never Knew" during five Wednesdays in Lent, from March 8 through April 5, with a simple meal beginning at 6 PM. The meal and discussion will be followed by a Compline Service.

Sign up in the narthex to help provide soup and accompanying bread/sandwiches; or to help with set-up or clean-up. Attendance is usually 20–25 people.

## The Season to Slow Down:

Mindfulness through Prayer and Meditation

QALC Women's Annual Lenten Brunch
For QALCWOMEN - and friends
Saturday, March 4 @ 9:30 a.m.

QALC Fellowship Hall





## What's Up with Our Handicapped Parking Zone?

It took a while, but we are finally where we wanted to be: we have a freshly-painted curb for a handicapped parking, zone, available on Sundays for people with a disability placard. Six days a week, this area has now returned to open parking for anyone. Both signs have now been replaced with a "SUNDAYS" designation.

Mark Your Calendars and Block Out Some Days to Volunteer:

## Mary's Place Rotating Night Shelter Project Returns to QALC May 16 - 23

"Mary's Place is a leading voice for homeless women, children, and families in emergency situations. We empower families to reclaim their lives by offering community, acceptance, hope and dignity. Our work keeps struggling families together and provides practical tools and resources that help them find housing and employment. We inspire the community to support homeless women, children, and families through advocacy, partnerships, volunteerism and philanthropy." See <a href="https://www.marysplaceseattle.org/">www.marysplaceseattle.org/</a>

The Rotating Night Shelter, coordinated by Mary's Place, houses up to 14 (5-6 families) Mary's Place women and children, at 20+ different faith communities, each congregation hosting one week or two weeks per quarter.

QALC is in its sixth year of participating twice a year in this program; we will once again have the privilege of providing shelter, meals, companionship, love, and support to moms and kids who will be staying in the Fellowship Hall May 16 – 23. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to help us take care of these families. If you've volunteered before, consider inviting a friend, neighbor, work colleague, or family member to join you this time around – it helps to expand our volunteer pool! We also need someone to step into a lead role to coordinate kitchen and laundry volunteers. Volunteer training/orientation will be provided for all volunteers, and first-time volunteers can be paired with experienced volunteers. Information about sign-up sheets and volunteer training will be included in future issues of the *Quill* and in the Sunday bulletins. Until then, if you think you might like to help but want more information, please contact Peggy Morgan at Pmorganxyz@comcast.net.

## SAVE THE DATE: FINE ARTS MINISTRY HYMN FESTIVAL

#### with Steven Wente

from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois **SUNDAY, MAY 7** at 4:00 pm

## Explore the Intersection of

I, Joel Matter, who will lead this session of Faith and Film, offered all who attended the January session a choice of three films:

The Lunchbox (which Diane Wearne intended to show and discuss)

The Overnighters

Forbidden Planet

The group abrogated their right to a democratic vote and opted for a dictatorial decision by me. Just for that, this is what will be announced:

## "The Overnighters"

Saturday, February 18 in the Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM Happy Hour • 4:30 PM Watch the movie • 6:15 PM Discussion

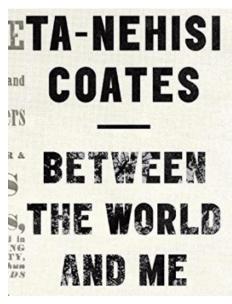


Christian charity collides with human frailty in the documentary "The Overnighters," one of the most beautiful and haunting movies at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival. In the oil-boom town of Williston, N.D., desperate men arrive in search of work but find no housing available. The only place to go is the local Lutheran church, thanks to the pastor, Jay Reinke, who defies his parishioners and neighbors by letting these men sleep in the church or its parking lot. Alas, Pastor Reinke must deal with the troubles of the men he's helping — broken families, drug problems, past crimes — and in so doing

I am still willing to show either of the other two films instead; let me know if you have strong feelings about the choice! Come on Saturday, February 18, 2017, and find out what happens.

—Ioel Matter

#### February Book Group: Between the World and Me



-Come join us Monday, February 27 in the Narthex at 7 PM to discuss *Between the World & Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Sophie Pritchard will lead the discussion. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Hailed by Toni Morrison as "required reading," a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history by "the single best writer on the subject of race in the United States" (*The New York Observer*)

"This is your country, this is your world, this is your body, and you must find some way to live within the all of it."

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies

exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?

Between the World and Me is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world . . . Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, Between the World and Me clearly illuminates the past, bracingly confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward.

#### **Holden Village Is Open Summer 2017**

Have you heard? Holden is officially open this summer for visitors! The theme for the summer will be "Beginning Together." Visitor registration is open online at holdenvillage.org. To go with the Queen Anne Lutheran group (most likely in August), sign up on the clipboard in the narthex, or talk to Rich Mathes.



### **Greetings from Sister Clare**

We are beginning to settle in earnest in Eugene, with Ryan working long hours as the Chef-Manager at 16 Tons Cafe and my working one day a week as a counselor (primarily academic, career, and retention counseling) at Lane Community College. We were fortunate to purchase our first home right across the street from a park and community center, and just a few blocks from both a Lutheran preschool and Maeve's future elementary school.

Little Maeve, now 10 months, is thriving—visibly happy(!), crawling efficiently and pulling to stand, and chowing down solid foods with her one tooth.

We're getting to know the Lutheran churches in the area and I'm still listening for my call here to continue my work as a deaconess. But we feel very affirmed in this move as life-giving to our family and grateful to be closer to our parents and my grandfather.

We miss our QALC family and hope to visit again someday. Wishing everyone all the best.

—Sister Clare Josef-Maier

## 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. Our 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.

March 18th Saturday, 8:30 AM—Discussion group on "My/Our 2017 Lenten Journey" in the Conference Room, featuring healthy snacks. Also, we'll assemble LWR Personal Care Kits from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM.

Saturday, April 15, 10 AM — Easter Breakfast setup in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 AM — Easter Breakfast.

Spring LWR Ingathering May 5/6<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church, located at 2500 NW 85th St.

—Rich Mathes

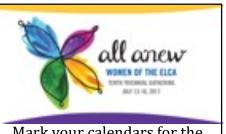


### **QALC Women's News**

The annual Lenten Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 4. We would like to invite all the Women of Queen Anne Lutheran (and friends!) for a morning set aside to get ready for Lent. The Lenten Breakfast has been a long tradition at QALC. Our program this year, "The Season to Slow Down: Mindfulness through Prayer and Meditation," will be presented by Deb Squires, Jean Oplinger and Georganne Robertson. Help will be needed with table set-up, food and cleanup. Please let Candy Mathes know if you would like to help.

We would like to establish a NEW evening Circle. No, it does not have to be on a Monday. If you are interested, please talk to Sophie Pritchard. Julia Circle is now meeting on the second Monday morning at 10 AM. If you are home during the day, come join us.

Our quilting groups, Sewing and Service and PDQ's, continue meeting. We can always use quilt tops (60"x 80") and quilt bottoms  $(65" \times 85")$ . Dark-colored sheets make wonderful quilt bottoms. If you have any



Mark your calendars for the **Tenth Triennial Gathering**,

July 13–16, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration is now open. For more information go to:

www.welcatg.org/
registration-2017.

that you would like to pass on (or see them very cheap at a store), keep us in mind. Any sheets we cannot use, we pass on to Pastor Kristy at the Church of Steadfast Love (Compass Center).

It is not a QALCW "thing" but is a much-needed activity—join in on a Fellowship Hall Kitchen cleaning at 9 AM Saturday March 11, organized by Sallie Wilson. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Especially needed are tall people who can reach the tops of things, and people whose knees bend to reach the lower shelves!

*GATHER* January/February 2017: "Christian Faith and Freedom" In this month's issue of *Gather*, we examine how God's work continues daily in the church, in the world and in our lives 500 years after the Reformation. Take a peek at our digital issue of *Gather*, offered free to subscribers at www.womenoftheelca.org/digital-gather-pages-132.php.

—QALCW Coordinating Committee:

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



Please check with the circle leaders if you would like to attend.

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

**Northern Lights:** Monday meetings as announced at 7 PM. Contact Dolly Smith. February's meeting is February 27.

**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.

#### **Lutheran World Relief Kits**

The spring **Ingathering** (collection of quilts and kits) will be May 5th & 6th, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. Loaders—please mark your calendars.

**Personal Care Kits**—we emphasize personal care kits in the spring since sometimes towels or nail clippers are on sale in spring. We emphasize school kits in the fall—since school supplies are usually on sale in summer.

It is more cost effective for us to directly order some 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 QALC Women. Our goal is 100 personal care kits.

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

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

**Dark Colored Bath Towels**—as small as  $20 \times 40$  inches for "hotel towels", or as large as  $27 \times 52$  inches. Sale prices can be \$2.75 to \$4.00. Hot, humid tropical areas actually appreciate the smaller, thinner "hotel" towels because they dry out faster. If you happen to find bath towels on sale in the \$3 or cheaper range, please feel free to buy some. The white sales at Fred Meyer and other stores vary each year.

**Bulk purchases**: I buy heavy, large, sturdy **combs** for 21 cents; individually-wrapped soft **toothbrushes** for 40 cents; 4-oz. **Ivory Soap** for 40 cents a bar; and **hotel towels** for \$2.60. Because only one toothbrush is used in one kit, each one must be individually wrapped. Packages of more than one must be unwrapped and broken into single toothbrushes, and then sealed.

-Rich Mathes

## You're invited to the Compass Housing Alliance Gala and Auction Saturday, March 18

"In the Lutheran tradition of caring through service, Compass Housing Alliance develops and provides essential services and affordable housing for homeless and low-income people in the greater Puget Sound region." See <a href="http://www.compasshousingalliance.org/">http://www.compasshousingalliance.org/</a>

I am honored to begin serving this month on the board of Compass Housing Alliance (CHA), and I look forward to keeping QALC, which is a member congregation of CHA, informed about the amazing, innovative, and nationally recognized work that CHA is doing to combat homelessness in the greater Puget Sound region. The exciting news I have right now is that CHA's annual gala and auction is on March 18 – and a generous, anonymous QALC donor has sponsored a table at this event. That means eight other QALC members can join Al and me – along with 400+ supporters and influencers for an evening out in support of homeless men, women, and children in our community. Mix and mingle, dine and (dessert) dash, bid on fabulous auction items, and celebrate the powerful changes every day at Compass Housing Alliance. The event is from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Motif Seattle – 1415 Fifth Avenue, Seattle. Please let me know by email or phone if you'd like to attend – first eight responses get the seats!

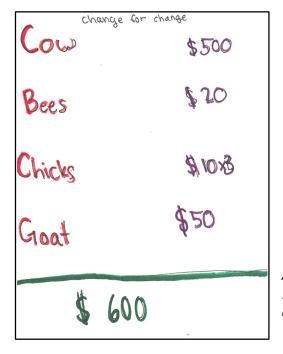
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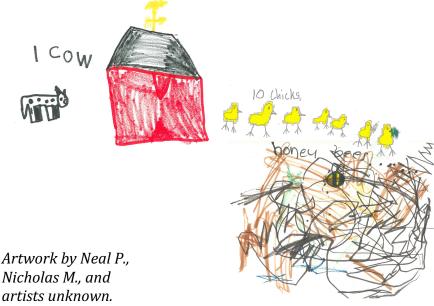
## **THANK-YOUS**

Queen Anne Lutheran Church-received thanks from the Compass Housing Alliance for a gift of \$267.69, and for 2 boxes and 2 bags of household goods that were donated.

Lutheran World Relief sent thanks for our school kits and quilts. School kits have been distributed to more than 28,000 Honduran children by Lutheran World Relief and their partners in 2016. In fall of 2016, LWR sent quilts to Georgia, Angola, Thailand, Pakistan, Mali, and Burkina Faso. A donation of \$31.25 to LWR was also acknowledged.

The Sunday School children of Queen Anne Lutheran thank all those who donated to Change for Change. The children decided to use the funds to donate a cow, a goat, ten chicks and honeybees to families in developing countries, through Lutheran World Relief.





### Bishop's Message



### Companionship

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

What is it about eating together that draws people into deeper relationship? It is true for meals of romance, friendship and even business. Sitting across the table, face to face, enjoying good food and beverage has its own magic. It works whether you start out as complete strangers or you are lifelong friends. The meal is part of the glue that holds friendships together.

When I traveled to Ethiopia I learned how important sharing a meal is the world around. The villagers that we visited spent the entire day—from

before sunrise until dinner—working on behalf of the meal. It began with the women walking for miles to find sticks for the fire. The younger women were sent out to get clean water. Then there was the preparation of the "tef" which is what they call the grain out of which they make their bread. It was back-breaking work to grow, which the men did on the hills that they first had to terrace with rocks. Tef has to be separated and pounded and sifted before it can be cooked. Goat meat was an added treat. The young boys of the village raised the goats by tending them all day long. A life spent preparing for daily meal made the words of the Lord's Prayer come to life, "Give us this day our daily bread."

It was such an honor and a joy to be the guest knowing full well that we were receiving a portion of the meal that they themselves were sacrificing. The meal is how we honor guests the world around. It is how we build lasting friendship.

The English "companion", the Spanish "compañero," the Italian "compagno," and the French "copain" all come from the Latin meaning "with whom one eats bread."

It is no wonder that the Bible is filled with meal stories—breaking bread, sharing fish, feasting, celebrating and huddling around fires.

This past year many of us in the Synod who are a part of the Living Local movement have been dwelling in the story of the "Sending of the Seventy." In the story Jesus encourages the seventy, on more than one occasion, to enter the home of strangers and to eat whatever is set before them. This is what radical hospitality is about. It is one thing to set table for another. It is something else to sit as guest and to receive what is offered.

Living Local is a movement within our Synod that is based upon an accompaniment model. Accompaniment is how we discover God together with our neighbors by breaking bread with them. We have living examples of where this is happening through block parties, barbecues, in-home meals and often at places like Luther's Table.

It is one of the hoped-for outcomes of our Neighbors in Faith movement—breaking bread together with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors.

Jesus was on to something on the night in which he was betrayed, when he took bread and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."

Friends, companions, I continue to believe at my deepest level that this is precisely what the world is hungering for—Companionship!

## **Celebrating 500 Years**

It's a new year! Normally during this time we make resolutions about the future. We plan to eat healthier foods, to exercise more, or to commit ourselves to things that truly matter. We look ahead.

At Queen Anne Lutheran, on the other hand, our year as a congregation begins by looking *back*. This year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. In 1517, Martin Luther set the church of his time ablaze by publishing a treatise called "The Ninety-Five Theses." The result was a crack in Christendom: by the end of 1520 the Catholic Church formally condemned Luther, and several months later the Holy Roman Emperor—a 19-year-old Spaniard named Charles V—banned him as an outlaw of the empire. Add a few more treatises, ten months in hiding, and a courageous return to the town of Wittenberg and you have a volatile mixture that would go by the name we all recognize today: Lutheranism.

Just over 400 years later another new beginning took place, not on the edge of the Holy Roman Empire but atop the hill of Queen Anne. In 2018 we will look back once more to celebrate the founding of Queen Anne Lutheran Church, one hundred years in the making.

As you look back and reflect on *our* faith story as a denomination and congregation, I want to know *your* faith story. What brought you to Queen Anne Lutheran? What have been some of the most exciting times you remember in this church? What were some of your dreams for the church that succeeded and can you name one that did not?

Consider sharing these stories with me. Attend or host an upcoming "cottage meeting" in your neighborhood. Look for further information to come in this regard. Cottage meetings will begin at the end of February.

As you can see, 2017 provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our past. Let's celebrate it. Then let's imagine our future. We are writing another chapter of this congregation's history. What hopes do you have for this chapter—for worship, for community engagement, for education, or for becoming the people God is calling us to be in Jesus Christ? I'm eager to learn from you and listen.

Each of you is an integral part of our story, and all of us together belong to a much bigger story—one that now spans five centuries. May God keep us on this road as we talk together by grace in His name.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dan Peterson

## SERVING IN FEBRUARY

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

Sign-ups are in the narthex for providing flowers, hosting coffee hour, and ushering. Please jump in!

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

- 5 Ken Hockman
- 12 Ken Hockman
- 19 Ken Hockman
- 26 Ken Hockman

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

- 5 Rich Mathes
- 12 TBD
- 19 Rich Mathes
- 26 TBD

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

- 5 TBD
- 12 Jan Olson
- 19 Dan Squires
- 26 Mei Le Smith

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

- 5 TBD
- 12 Linda Olson
- 19 Deb Squires
- 26 Dolly Smith

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

- 5 Jean Oplinger
- 12 TBD
- 19 Joan Kavanaugh
- 26 Tim Porter

#### **Offering Counters**

Rich Mathes and Joel Matter

#### Altar Guild:

**Emmett Pritchard** 

#### Flowers on the Altar

- 5 Karen McCullough
- 12 TBD
- 19 TBD
- 26 TBD

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

- 5 Katherine Knorr
- 12 TBD
- 19 Deb and Dan Squires
- 26 TBD

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

- 5 TBD
- 12 TBD
- 19 TBD
- 26 Lee Mathis and Dorothy Duvall

#### Staff:

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

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