

The Quill

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the Pastor's WORD

The Story Is Our Salvation

It's unfortunate.

Shortly after the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, Bibles began to appear with verses. The addition of numbered verses allowed for greater convenience and ease of citation. Now that people were reading the Bible for themselves thanks to the printing press along with rising literacy rates across Europe, verses would help them navigate it.

But verses had another purpose. The sixteenth century was a time of great dispute over church doctrine between Roman Catholic and newly emerging Protestant sects and denominations. The addition of verses to the Bible made it easier to cite specific, isolated units of text to support various theological positions, causes and agendas.

It also ruined the way we read/approach the Bible.

I've read various books of the Bible many times. I can cite lots of verses in discussion and even in debate. You might say I put the "evangelical" back in Lutheran! But whenever I do this, whenever I become a text-termite, gnawing on tiny splinters of sacred Scripture for the sake of advancing my view, *I miss something*. I miss the story, and that's unfortunate because, as I have been learning recently, the story has the power to save.

Consider Exodus 17, which we heard in church on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. There we met a weary band of Israelites who ran out of water in the wilderness. Then they began to wonder: Did Moses, who rescued us from slavery in Egypt, bring us here to die? Maybe Egypt, which in Hebrew means "the narrow places," wasn't so bad!

Who among us doesn't do the same? In times of transition or change, particularly those we take for the sake of finding freedom or new life, how often do we think of turning back when things become difficult? Because we cannot see what lies ahead, we lose faith. The familiar calls to us, even if it was life-denying and constricting. And then we do the unthinkable.

We long for Egypt.

But God has something different in mind. He nudges us out of narrow places, calling us to new life and freedom, to the Promised Land. The wilderness, it turns out, is a sacred space. It's the place where God gives the covenant, where God pledges himself to the people, inviting them to trust forward as they leave a narrow form of life for something more expansive and free!

We are the Israelites whenever we find ourselves in a similar situation. Imagine what would be lost if we focused exclusively on the units of text that comprise the story rather than the story itself! We'd miss, as the old saying goes, the forest for the trees. We'd miss the power this story has to change OUR perspective in the midst of difficult and sometimes painful transitions. We'd miss the call to new life and with it the reminder that God accompanies us especially when times are difficult and we can't yet see what lies ahead!

Obviously, benefits exist to having verses in our Bibles, and sometimes we need to analyze the bits and pieces of a passage to make sense of its greater meaning. Yet single verses rarely change our lives. Stories, on the other hand, do.

This Lent, let's live in to the story. Let's see what it can do.

Pastor Dan

From the President:

Dear Friends in Christ,

The recent installation of the Church Council was a wonderful occasion for me. It was awe-inspiring and humbling to stand before God and you, making some rather bold promises to build each other up in faith and in our commitment to proclaim God's love for all people in Jesus Christ. With the help of God and you, may it be so!

For this regular 8 AM worshiper, sharing the peace at that service felt like an extended lovefest. What a pleasure to collect hugs, shake hands and add to the general buzz. Communion together was seasoned by warm smiles and a few hijinks from the toddler set—a true family meal.



Which brings me to our cottage dinner meetings. Dan and I had the privilege of hosting one recently. I hope you will not miss this chance to gather with friends and others you may not know as well, to share stories of our past and hopes for our future as a congregation. There is something about breaking bread together that breaks down barriers and builds fellowship. It may also lengthen our sharing of the peace time on Sundays—a good thing!

One thing I want for us is a deepening of our spiritual lives individually, with God, and with each other. Over the past two months I have had the chance to talk to a number of people about challenging myself to a more active and mindful prayer life. I hope you'll join me, and please add to your conversation with God prayers for the Council, pastor and staff, and our congregation.

I also challenge you to prayerfully consider getting engaged in our worship and church life in a new way this year. Could you team up with a teen and teach a Sunday School class a few times a year? Would you like to build on our cottage meetings by hosting a small group for dessert and sharing? As we look ahead to our 100th anniversary next year, what do you dream for our life together? Your Council wants to hear!

Joy in Christ,

Deb Squires
Council president

squiresd4@hotmail.com

P.S. I like to use “the Daily Dig” from Plough.com. I receive a free daily email with a short quote, a bible verse and a prayer. Altogether, about 3 minutes for a daily dose of inspiration and wisdom.

P.P.S. For after April 17: Blessed Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! So glad to have the alleluia back!

From the Cantor . . .

This summer, June 25-July 23, Mei Le plans to be at Valparaiso University to attend the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival with high school youth from all over the country. Queen Anne Lutheran, through the Worship & Music Committee, has become part of a growing network of congregations who support LSM. Phinney Ridge Lutheran of Seattle and Gloria Dei Lutheran of Olympia have strong histories of sending youth to this Academy. Mei Le is the first youth to attend LSM from Queen Anne Lutheran.



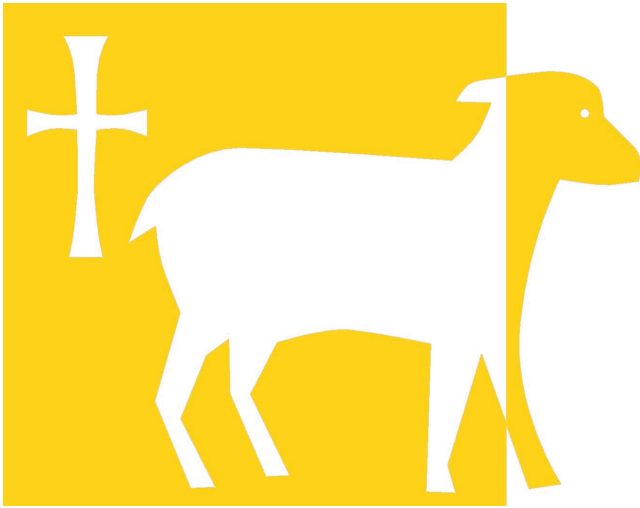
Founded in 1981, LSM has offered high school students the opportunity to explore faith and experience musical growth while grounded in an environment that values cooperation over competition, creating a place where all students can thrive and feel valued for their unique gifts and talents. This program is a four-week residential training and performance program for band, orchestra, choir, organ, and composition students in a supportive, intentional community. In addition to musical ensembles, students are part of small groups led by counselors who reside in the dormitory with them. Counselors support students and plan fun activities that offer a balance during a busy musical schedule.

Worship is central to daily life at LSM. A chaplain provides spiritual leadership and creates a supportive community where faith—regardless of religious background—can be explored and the Lutheran church's tradition of musical excellence is celebrated. Pastor Paul Hoffman was the chaplain for LSM during the summers of 1992, 1995, and 2013.

If anyone from our congregation is inclined to assist Dolly and Mac in financially supporting Mei Le on this journey, please speak with myself or with her family directly.

We wish Mei Le a wonderful and blessed time this summer at LSM.

Arletta Anderson, Cantor and Deacon
cantor@queenannelutheran.org



Walk Through Holy Week With Us!

We hope you can join us April 5 for our *final Lenten Wednesday*. Lenten worship is held in the chapel **each Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the chapel**. In the evening as well, we gather **in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM**, beginning with a simple meal of soup and bread. Pastor Dan will present our topic, **“500 Years: The Luther We Never Knew.”** The meal and discussion is followed by a beautiful, 10-minute sung liturgy called “Compline” or “Night Prayer.” All are welcome to either service.

Wednesday Lenten offerings for both services help support Queen Anne Food Bank.

Sunday April 9 is *Palm Sunday*, the beginning of Holy Week. Join us for Holy Week services:

Maundy Thursday

April 13:

10:30 AM

Solemn Eucharist (*chapel*)

7:30 PM

Solemn Eucharist (*sanctuary*)

Good Friday

April 14:

7:30 PM

Adoration of the Cross with Septem Verba
for Organ and Violin, Chancel Choir

Easter: Feast of the Resurrection

April 16:

8:00 AM Festival Eucharist
with Trumpet

9:00 AM Easter Breakfast

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16 • 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Easter Breakfast Time

Although the Men's Ministry will host this event in the Fellowship Hall, we would appreciate help from others in the kitchen, or supplying egg dishes or pastries. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex—please take a look at what is needed and jump in to help if you can!

Holden Village Dates Are Set

Queen Anne Lutheran will have a group going to Holden Village Aug 12/13–Aug 19th. If interested, call or e-mail Rich Mathes. For a one-week stay, individual rates are \$80/day and group rates a bit less than \$65/day. We need 15 people for a group.



Lyons Dinner Theater: "The Church Office"

LYONS Presents its 2017 Dinner Theater: "The Church Office"! This production is about transitioning in a new pastor and the changes that happen . . . sound familiar? Our own Mei Le Smith will be playing the role of a quilter in the congregation. Please come join us in supporting the Lutheran Youth of North Seattle.

Performances:

Friday, March 31	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 1	2:00 PM Dessert Matinee
	7:00 PM Dinner Theater
Friday, April 7	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 8	2:00 PM Dessert Matinee
	7:00 PM Dinner Theater

Ticket Prices:	7:00 PM Dinner Shows	= \$30.00 and age 5-18 or 65+ = \$25.00.
	2:00 PM Dessert Matinees	= \$15.00 and age 5-18 or 65+ = \$10.00

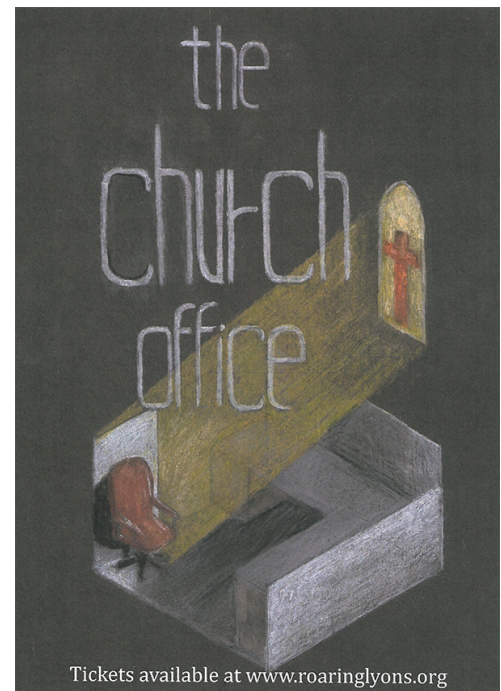
Tickets are also available from the main church office or online at the LYONS website. Dinner Theater volunteers are still needed: for more information on how you can serve, visit roaringlyons.org



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Grace Manahan
Lee Duty
Annika Lundsgaard
Alice Rosenthal
Lisa Kjaer-Schade

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



Tickets available at www.roaringlyons.org

A Revision of Our Sunday Worship Schedule

After thorough review, careful deliberation and prayer, the Worship and Music Committee unanimously recommended the following to the Council, which approved the following changes:

1. **During the summertime (6/18-9/3)** we will move to **ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM.**
2. Throughout the rest of the year we will **RETAIN** two worship services, with a slight modification:

8:00–8:45 AM	WORSHIP (a slightly shorter service, beginning April 23)
9:00–10:00 AM	ADULT FORUM (note earlier start time, beginning April 23)
10:00–10:25 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL (see note below)
10:30 AM	WORSHIP (as before)

An explanation and summary of the why these adjustments were made have appeared in our Sunday worship bulletins during the season of Lent. If you would like to obtain a copy of the explanation, please contact the church office.

Sunday School Notes

Until further notice, Sunday School will run from 10:00 until 10:25 AM, and will start and end in the upstairs classrooms. Sunday School is off April 9 (Spring Break) and 16 (but come to Easter Breakfast and the Egg Hunt!), and ends for the year on May 21. All children Pre-K through fifth grade are welcome.

Adult Forum in April:

Sunday, April 2: Beth Adams: **"Leaving a Legacy"**

Your passion ... Your plan ... Your gift for those you love, and God's work in the world! How can you make a difference to ministry locally and globally, both now and in the future?



We welcome guest speaker, Beth Adams, Regional Gift Planner with the ELCA Foundation, here to share with you a process that can help you answer four basic questions:

- *Which ministry do I want to help?*
- *How much should I give?*
- *Which resources should I use?*
- *When should I make the gift?*

As a resource from the ELCA, Beth will give an overview of how to make informed decisions which consider both your current needs and your loved one's future needs. One-on-one

follow-up appointments can be made to answer your personal questions confidentially.

Sunday, April 9: **No Forum this week**

Sunday, April 16: **Come to the Easter Breakfast!**

Sunday, April 23: Pastor Dan Peterson: **Social Justice Statement**

The past several months have seen an increase in hate crimes against members of Muslim and Jewish communities of faith here in the Northwest as well as throughout the rest of the country. How are we as followers of Jesus called to respond? Join us as we explore the possibility of endorsing a public statement of solidarity as a congregation with our brothers and sisters of these faith traditions.

Sunday, April 30: Jeanette & Michael Banobi: **A New Venture to Promote Education in Rural Africa**

Come hear about Jeanette and Michael's new nonprofit, their vision to build a school in the village of Bushasha, Tanzania, and ways that we can participate in this endeavor.

"Beyond Faith" Plans Afoot

Plans are underway for our next Wednesday evening series. While the dates are still being determined, I invite you to purchase our next selection—Lloyd Geering's *Reimagining God: The Faith Journey of a Modern Heretic*. Described by the BBC as "the last living heretic," Geering has spent much of his life

wrestling with God. These days, however, he finds himself struggling with the absence of God. The rise of nonreligious, secular culture around the world testifies that he is not alone, that the concept of God has become a problem. Should God be abandoned altogether? Can God be reformed, so to speak? This series will invite you to accompany Geering in his struggle and probe with him one of the greatest questions of them all—the question of God. Watch for more information soon. —Pastor Dan

Care and Upkeep of Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? You can always write a request on the blue pew cards during worship, and place them in the offering plate or give them to the pastor. You may also call or email the church office at any time to leave a prayer request, and it will be given to Pastor Dan. When we receive a prayer request, it is helpful to know if you would like this prayer to be included during Sunday worship in the weeks following, and/or if you would like the request sent out to the church e-mail Prayer Chain.* Pastor Dan will reach out to you when he sees your request, and he will not make it public unless you ask to do so.

Please help us keep prayer requests up to date. You can renew or discontinue the requests by contacting Pastor Dan or the church office. If not updated, prayer requests will be removed after four weeks.

Please obtain permission from the person concerned before publishing his/her name.

*What is the Prayer Chain? It is simply an e-mail group of members who have asked to receive prayer requests, so that they may each include them in their personal prayers at home. If you would like to become part of our Prayer Chain, simply call or email Barbara at the church office and she will add your name to that group.

Reformation 500

Join Us as Queen Anne Lutheran Celebrates the Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, all the year through!

March 8–April 5	500 Years: The Luther We Never Knew Wednesdays at 6 PM: Meal, Discussion & Compline
March 5 & 12	Reformation 500 Bookstore (<i>see note below</i>)
May 7	Enduring Faith, Abiding Grace, Abounding Love: A Festival of Hymns (<i>see page 10 for more information.</i>)
May 13	Faith and Film, facilitated by Pastor Dan: Rick Steve’s “Luther and the Reformation,” made for PBS
June 4	Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue: Lunch at QALC with friends from St. Anne’s Parish
September 29	National Lutheran Choir Hymn Festival at St. Mark’s Cathedral
October 22	Oktoberfest
October 29	Join us for worship on Reformation Sunday
We have also been invited to join:	
April 30	Hymns & Hops at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Bellevue (<i>see page 10 for more information.</i>)

***THE BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!** Your order from the [Reformation 500 Bookstore](#) is here. Payment is requested at pickup (check or cash). Please contact Carol Ann Davis if you have not yet picked up your order. Have a good read!

Dr. Steven Wentze to Lead Our May 7 Hymn Festival



Please join us on **Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4 PM** for a Hymn Festival led by Dr. Steven Wentze of Concordia University. The title of the Festival, “Enduring Faith, Abiding Faith, Abounding Love,” is meant to encompass the spirit of the Lutheran hymnody—and attending the hymn festival will be yet another way for us to honor the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Dr. Wentze teaches applied organ, music history and church music at Concordia University in Illinois. In addition, he serves as department chair and coordinator for the graduate music programs. Among his research interests are organ music from the baroque period and the role of music in the liturgy.

He has performed numerous organ recitals and presented workshops and hymn festivals. Additionally, Dr. Wentze contributed to *Key Words in Church Music* and *Thine the Amen: Essays on Lutheran Church Music in Honor of Carl Schalk*. He has been a member of Concordia’s faculty since 1984. He earned his DMus in organ performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and his MCM in church music from Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, Illinois.

We Are Invited to Participate:



In preparation to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Bellevue has started early—now it is time for the . . . **“499.5 Anniversary:” Hymns and Hops, on April 30th at 4:59 PM.** St. Luke’s Lutheran Church is on 3030 Bellevue Way NE. Bellevue, WA.

Have you ever wondered what pastors talk about when they are together eating? We will be able to listen in on their table talk while we are enjoying the food, and the fruits of the Brew Unto Others group effort.

St. Luke’s will provide the brats, sauerkraut, (hot dogs and garden burgers also provided). All you have to do is come, and if you are able, bring a side dish if your last name is A—J or dessert if your last name is K—Z and enjoy the fellowship of this event. There might even be a little competition between the brew masters.

If you know you are coming, please let the St. Luke’s church office know so they have enough food for all (425) 822-7907—but last-minute guests are welcome, too!



FINE ARTS MINISTRY PRESENTS . . .



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A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM

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RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW



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WestSide Baby Appeal

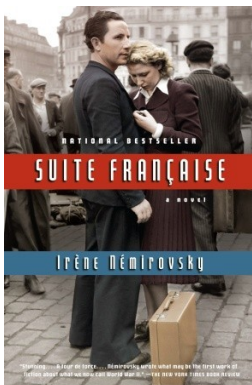
This month I received an appeal from WestSide Baby highlighting the need for clothing that will make a difference to struggling families trying to keep their children warm and dry in our wettest weather. Many of the families served are homeless, transitioning, or have recently come from other countries with only the clothing on their backs and not prepared for our climate. In 2016 requests for 146 children needing boots, 123 children needing winter coats and 858 children needing rain jackets went unfilled by WestSide Baby.

In addition to the ongoing need for diapers, hygiene items and equipment, the current specific needs are size 12 (Yes, size 12 since WestSide Baby helps the entire family), pants, long sleeve shirts, winter coats (size 5T and up, rain jackets, size 3T and 4T pants, size 8 pajamas and 0-3 month pants and sweaters. But, any outgrown, lightly used kids clothing up to size 12 is welcome. Please either place your donations in the drawer in the Narthex or drop them off at Childish Things at 10002 Holman Rd. N.W., Seattle, WA (206) 789-1498. More information may be found online at www.westsidebaby.org.

Thanks for your continuing support of the work WestSide Baby does to provide “basics for children in need” in the Seattle area.

—Ellen Hockman

April Book Group: *Suite Française*



On Monday, April 24, the Queen Anne Book Group will meet at 7 PM in the narthex to discuss *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky. All are welcome.

Beginning in Paris on the eve of the Nazi occupation in 1940. *Suite Française* tells the remarkable story of men and women thrown together in circumstances beyond their control. As Parisians flee the city, human folly surfaces in every imaginable way: a wealthy mother searches for sweets in a town without food; a couple is terrified at the thought of losing their jobs, even as their world begins to fall apart. Moving on to a provincial village now occupied by German soldiers, the locals must learn to coexist with the enemy—in their town, their homes, even in their hearts. When Irène Némirovsky began working on *Suite Française*, she was already a highly successful writer living in Paris. But she was also a Jew, and in 1942 she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz, where she died. For sixty-four years, this novel remained hidden and unknown.

May Book Group: *The Turner House* (All Seattle Reads Selection)

On May 22, (the Monday BEFORE Memorial weekend), the Queen Anne Book Club will discuss the “All Seattle Reads” 2017 selection from The Seattle Public Library: *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy (Mariner Books, 2015). Since the meeting is a week earlier than usual, you may want to get a head start on finding and reading the book!

Fifth Annual Blessing of Bicycles & Other Wheels

In celebration of National Bike Month, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Queen Anne will offer blessings to anything with wheels on Saturday, May 13 at 11 AM. Bring your wheels—bicycles, skateboards, wheelchairs, wagons, walkers, trikes, or strollers—to the parking lot of St. Anne School’s playground to receive Queen Anne Interfaith Ministries’ blessings for a safe summer, and extend the blessing to everyone on your path. St. Anne School is at 101 W. Lee Street. Information: 206-282-0223.

Interfaith Ministries of Greater Queen Anne is a group of clergy and nonprofit leaders in the Queen Anne neighborhood, who meet every other month at our church to collaborate around issues of common concern.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Queen Anne Lutheran to host the Women and Children of Mary's Place May 16 - 23, 2017

Mary's Place, a ministry of the Church of Mary Magdalene, operates day centers and emergency night shelters for homeless women, children, and families in King County. Mary's Place also partners with faith communities to provide shelter through its Rotating Shelter Project. Queen Anne Lutheran is one of 21 local congregations (churches, synagogues, and mosque) who have committed to providing safe overnight shelter that allows women and their children to be housed together. These congregations host families overnight for a week or two at a time.



Our next week to host will be Tuesday evening, May 16, through Tuesday morning, May 23.

We need lots of volunteers— please help! Volunteers are needed to put up tents in the fellowship hall (to provide some privacy for families while sleeping); to cook (or help cook or serve) dinners; to sleep overnight at the church; to be an on-site “host” for a few hours on Saturday and Sunday; and to take down tents and do laundry on Tuesday, May 23.

If you're considering volunteering for the first time and would like to be assigned to work with an experienced volunteer, let us know and we'll make sure that happens. If you've volunteered before, consider asking a friend or family member outside our congregation to volunteer with you, so we can grow our volunteer base.

Please sign up now online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ba9a828abfb6-homebase1> or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Two options for volunteer training/orientation have been scheduled: Sunday, April 23 and Sunday, May 7; both at 11:45 AM in the conference room. Attending one of these training sessions is mandatory for first-time volunteers. (Past volunteers are encouraged to come as well, to go over new material in the Volunteer Handbook.) All first-time volunteers (or past volunteers who have not done so for two years) must fill out a SecureSearch background check form. Parish administrator Barb Bash can help you with the background check.

Questions? Email admin@queenannelutheran.org or Peggy Morgan at pmorganxyz@comcast.net or call 206-282-1369. Thank you!

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.



Thanks to those who assembled and boxed 125 LWR Personal Care Kits on March 18th !!

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

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 AM — Easter Breakfast—sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Spring LWR Ingathering May 5/6 at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church, located at 2500 NW 85th St. If you can load boxes or just direct cars and trucks, let Rich know. lwrmathes@aol.com

—Rich Mathes

QALC Women's News

In reading the WELCA website, I came across a blog that included, "You're my friend, aren't you, Chuck? You should have been a better influence on me." Are you a good influence on your friends and family? Or have you lost your saltiness? I challenge each of you to check out the site to see what is relevant to you—try the Daily Prayer App, or check out the Women of the ELCA blog, to see what issues concern other Women of the ELCA.

Our **Tenth Triennial Gathering** theme, **All Anew**, calls us to look at life in a new way. Our Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement calls us to be there for each other. God calls us to make a difference in the world.

Engage our gathering theme in new and different ways before you even leave home. Working alone or in groups, you can make a quilt, create a finger labyrinth, color the All Anew coloring sheet, worship with our free downloadable devotions or gather in-kind gifts.



Make a finger labyrinth

To prepare for the Tenth Triennial Gathering, fiber artists will unite in making finger labyrinths. Quilted, knitted, embroidered, felted or crocheted, there's a pattern for everyone. WELCA is hoping to collect more than 5,000 finger labyrinths. Check out the WELCA blog for links to patterns!

Julia Circle is taking a break. We are discussing whether to go back to meeting Monday evenings or to choose a different night. Northern Lights continues to meet. And there has been discussion about forming another group, for dinner fellowship. Look for updates in May.

If you missed the Lenten Breakfast, put it on your calendar for next year; it should be on Saturday, February 17. My thanks to all who helped make this such a wonderful way to begin Lent—"A Season to Slow Down."



Sewing and Service continues to meet on Wednesdays and **PDQ's** meet the 3rd Tuesday Evening. It is always a delight when Pastor Kristi and her husband Esau join us for PDQ's. Finally someone who is willing to iron the quilt backs has appeared! We can never thank Esau enough.

— *Candy Mathes* for the Women's Committee:
Sallie Wilson, Sophie Pritchard, Lisa Ondrejcek, Pat Sobek



**Women of QALC:
 Ongoing Groups**
*Come join us at a circle
 this month!*

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

Julia Circle: Currently reconsidering its meeting time. Contact Georganne Robertson or Candy Mathes.

Northern Lights: Monday meetings as announced at 7 PM. This is a north-end group. Contact Dolly Smith.

Katie's Table: Third Saturday at 9 AM. This is a south-end group. For location & questions please contact Carol Ann Davis.

Sewing and Service: Wednesday mornings at the church. Contact Candy Mathes or Sallie Wilson.

PDQ's (Pizza, Damsels, and Quilts): Third Tuesday of most months at the church, sometime after 5:30 PM. Contact Karen McCullough.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

This is it! This is the month for the **Blessing of the Quilts**, the kits, the quilt makers, the kit makers, those who box things up, truck loaders and traffic directors, AND those who contribute financially to make it all happen.

Mark your calendars for **April 30, following the 10:30 service**. Everyone is invited to help box the quilts, weigh the boxes, and label the shipments. We should be able to get it all done in half an hour with many helping hands.

The Spring Ingathering (regional collection of quilts and kits for shipping out) will be May 5th & 6th, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church at NW 25th St. & 85th Ave. NW. Loaders and traffic directors—please mark your calendars.

Everyone is also invited to contribute to the costs of shipping the quilts and kits. It costs QALCW about \$1,500 each year to send the quilts and kits. If you would like to help QALC pay for shipping to Baltimore, and overseas, or just pay for kit materials, please donate to QALC Women and indicate "for LWR Shipping." Although each type of kit or quilt has many cost components, assume materials are \$5 per item, and total shipping is \$5—so \$50 buys and ships 5 items. We will send 125 Personal Care Kits, and more than 50 Baby Care Kits and quilts.

In 2016, your support of Lutheran World Relief reached:



3,467,823
 People



32
 Countries



118
 Projects

—*Rich & Candy Mathes, 206-384-1183*

THANKSGIVING FOR TIME, TREASURE, & TALENT

The Kitchen is Clean!

Many thanks to the participants in our recent work party to deep-clean the Fellowship Hall kitchen: Jackie Thompsen, Jennifer Jones, Peggy Morgan, Candy Mathes, Myra Dittes, and Sallie Wilson!

We cleaned the burners on the Wolff stoves, including the tray underneath which was such a mess. We also cleaned the trays under the griddle, which were full of dirty grease. The inside of the convection oven is cleaner now, too. We washed shelves, the stainless steel tables, and all bowls, pans, trays, etc. on the shelf below the tables. We voted, and it passed, that next time



we should pay someone to do what we did (unless some of the men show up, too!)

—Sallie Wilson

Eleanor Pahl Wins Archery Honors

In March, Ellie Pahl, daughter of Lisa Ondrejcek and Darryl Pahl, competed in the 2017 JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) Indoor Nationals in Salt Lake City. She placed first in the country for the junior female division! Ellie took up archery in 4th grade and has loved shooting ever since, with a goal of reaching the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She'll be competing April 6-9 at the Arizona Cup in Phoenix. Go Ellie!



Thanks—To and From

Thanks to Ben Matter and Rich Mathes for hanging two pictures in the parsonage.

Thanks to Deb Squires, Joel Matter, John Bryant, Rich and Candy Mathes, and Barb Bash for helping unload and store our sudden delivery of ten new round tables for the Fellowship Hall, just in time for Lenten Supper.

Queen Anne Lutheran Church received thanks from:

Queen Anne Helpline for a donation of \$225.

The Church of Steadfast Love for a donation of \$4,000.

Dorcas Wang for our support of the ELCA Global Mission.



Easter Lilies *for the Sanctuary*

The time has come again to decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter season.

The Altar Guild will be using lilies to decorate the altar area.

If you would like to contribute one or more plants, please fill out the form below. Detach it and mail it to the church office, or leave it in the offering plate on Sundays in Lent. Cost per plant is **\$12.00**. Checks should be made payable to QALC with "Easter Lily" written on the memo line. If you are giving the lilies in honor or memory of anyone, please print that name very clearly. Donations and commemorations will be noted in the church bulletin for the Easter services.



Name (please print clearly!) _____

Number of plants _____

In memory of: _____

OR

In honor of: _____

My check is enclosed or attached for \$ _____

Bishop's Message



Called to Speak Up

by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop

These are difficult days when it comes to knowing how to navigate the world of politics as a Christian. I had the privilege of meeting with Governor Jay Inslee a few weeks back and he said in his three decades as a public servant he has never seen greater interest or concern than what we are now experiencing. People of every stripe are asking the question, "What can we do?"

The challenge is made more difficult because many of us were raised not to speak in public about religion or politics. Obviously we didn't get the clue from Jesus on this as he was quite outspoken on both.

Adding to the challenge in the United States is the confusion we have around the separation of church and state. The bottom line is the church is prohibited from completing the following sentence, "Vote for Candidate _____." We do not compromise our non-profit status by speaking out on issues.

The Lutheran Church has a long history of speaking out on public issues. We certainly are following Luther's practice. Luther was very outspoken about public education and providing a community chest for the poor. He saw this as both the responsibility of the church and of the state.

It is okay to be political while striving not to be partisan. When it comes to party politics there is plenty of blame to go around on both sides of the aisle.

This is why it is important to me to hold the Office of President in high regard just as we hope people would respect the office of pastor, teacher or bishop. The office is to be respected even when you disagree with the politics.

When Lutherans speak out in the public square we do so from the point of our deepest held values. This is why, when the travel ban was first placed in front of us by executive order, many Lutherans spoke out regardless of which political party they supported. Lutherans know our own story of immigration and we have been key players in resettling people from around the world. We have been formed by countless stories in scripture that remind us of what it means to "welcome the stranger."

Today I learned from Lutheran Social Services to be aware of the impact that a reduction of Medicaid might have on our parents who are receiving care in a nursing home. 75% of our elders need Medicaid to access this care. Yes, I will speak out if I see this happening. Caring for our elders is embedded deep in my bones because of my Christian formation.

In our Social Statement on Church & Society we are reminded of our responsibility to

- speak out on timely, urgent issues on which the voice of this church should be heard;
- expect its pastors, bishops, and lay church leaders to pray for and to exhort those in positions of authority on the basis of God's prophetic Word;
- work with and on behalf of the poor, the powerless, and those who suffer, using its power and influence with political and economic decision-making bodies to develop and advocate policies that seek to advance justice, peace, and the care of creation;
- mediate to achieve just and peaceful solutions to social conflicts;
- participate in local, national, and international ecumenical organizations, and interfaith and ecumenical partnerships in the service of common goals.

Friends, these are challenging times but my spirits are lifted knowing the gospel has something extremely relevant to say. Let's listen and act.

SERVING IN APRIL

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!

Note that 10:30 Ushers and Coffee Hosts are sorely needed!

Ushers: (8:00 AM)

- 2 Ken Hockman
- 9 Katherine Knorr
- 16 Katherine Knorr
- 23 Ken Hockman
- 30 Ken Hockman

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 2 TBD
- 9 TBD
- 13 TBD (*Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM*)
- 14 TBD (*Good Friday, 7:30 PM*)
- 16 Jim Margard, TBD
- 23 TBD
- 30 TBD

Lectors (8:00 AM)

- 2 Jan Olson
- 9 Jacqui Darroch
- 16 Jacqui Darroch
- 23 Dan Squires
- 30 Ken Hockman

Communion Servers (8:00 AM)

- 2 Linda Olson
- 9 Jacqui Darroch
- 16 Jacqui Darroch
- 23 Deb Squires
- 30 Ellen Hockman

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 2 Kristi Houle
- 9 Rich Mathes
- 13 Deb Squires (*Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM*)
- 14 Joan Kavanaugh (*Good Friday, 7:30 PM*)
- 16 Kristi Houle, Kirsten Erickson
- 23 Meg Shaw
- 30 Jean Oplinger

Offering Counters

Sally Villaluz Ghormley and Cathi Unseth

Altar Guild:

Jan & Linda Olson

Flowers on the Altar

- 2 (*No flowers during Lent*)
- 9 (*No flowers during Lent*)
- 16 *Altar Guild*
- 23 Virginia Stamey-Johnson
- 30 The Dibbles

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 2 Deb & Dan Squires
- 9 Katherine Knorr
- 16 Easter Breakfast
- 23 Dolly Smith
- 30 TBD

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

- 2 Joan & Bill Kavanaugh
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 TBD
- 30 TBD

Staff:

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson
Cantor	Arletta Anderson
Parish Administrator	Barbara Bash
Sexton	John Bryant
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Deadline for the May Quill is Thursday, April 20.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30am Cherub Choir-Eastside 10:30am Alanon Women 2:00pm LYONS Dessert Matinee 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater
2 8:00am Worship 9:15am Adult Forum 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Cherub Choir	3 7:00pm 12-Step FA	4 5:30pm Stewardship Committee 5:30pm Morgan Sound Training 7:00pm Executive Committee	5 9:15am Sewing and Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Shalom Choir 6:00pm Lenten Supper/Worship 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	6 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir	7 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater; cast here at 5PM	8 10:30am Alanon Women 2:00pm LYONS Dessert Matinee 7:00pm LYONS Dinner Theater 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
9 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Davis's Cottage Meeting	10 7:00pm 12-Step FA	11 7:00pm Church Council	12 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:30am Worship 7:30pm Worship	14 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30pm Worship	15 HOLY SATURDAY 9:00am Katie's Table 10:00am Men's Ministry - Easter Set-up 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
16 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00am Worship 9:00am Easter breakfast and Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship	17 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm 12-Step FA	18 5:30pm PDQ	19 9:15am Sewing and Service 3:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen	20 5:00pm Girl Scouts	21	22 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm A.A.-Shanty Trudgers
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30 BLESSING OF THE QUILTS 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Staff Support 11:45am Newcomers Coffee						