# The Quill

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# Queen Anne

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# the Pastor's WORD

## Life in the Spirit

The short duration of human life—about 28,000 days on average—raises a crucial question. How do we want to spend it? What kind of life is worth living?

Answers vary. Consumer culture tells us to gobble up what we can. The more we have, the happier we will be. Hedonism offers another option: eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.

Christian answers regarding the kind of life worth living vary as well. For some, following Jesus' advice to take up one's cross (Luke 9:23) means to live a life of rigorous self-denial. Others insist that God calls us in Christ to a life of submission. After all, the argument goes, Jesus himself was "obedient"—even to the point of death on a cross (Philippians 2:8). We should be also.

Personally, I am quite wary of anyone who demands my submission, even Paul (as evident in Philippians 2:8). And while self-denial may have some validity in a culture of self-indulgence, I think Martin Luther was right to reject it as a "work," which is to say, as a way of trying to prove ourselves to God and earn God's love.

Fortunately, when it comes to the kind of life worth living from a Christian perspective, we have a third option: life in the Spirit.

What is life in the Spirit? For Paul, life in the Spirit is synonymous with freedom. *God loves us first*, and such love sets us free—free from being possessed by the things we desire, and free from needing to prove ourselves to God.

This freedom, in turn, gradually bears fruit. It appears in joy, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity (see Galatians 5:22). In each of these examples, a person finds her or himself opening up to others rather than "hunkering down" or turning in on oneself. Is this not the kind of life you want to live? Is this not *genuine* freedom?

This Advent, I invite you to join me as we explore ways to become more patient, more generous, more kind, more free—I invite you to *Life in the Spirit*, the Christian answer to the type of life worth living.

Pastor Dan

## **Stewardship -** *Living Life in the Spirit*

**Advent** is the beginning of the church year and the end of the calendar year. As we think about this year and next, it is an appropriate time to reflect on stewardship. This advent we look to Paul's letter to the Galatians (5) "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

At Queen Anne Lutheran our mission is "We are called to proclaim God's love in Christ for every person." We walk this mission together with our staff by preaching, teaching and reaching out to the community. This is who we are called to be and your support of QALC through your donations and volunteer work makes this happen. More than half of our annual budget supports direct staffing costs for our ministry, about a third is related to the ongoing property costs and much of the remainder is benevolences. Detailed financial statements are posted monthly in the narthex hallway.

We have been able to thrive because of you. With a new Children's Ministry Coordinator in place and a new permanent Cantor on the horizon in 2018, we continue to evolve and grow. This is all possible because of your love, joy, kindness and faithfulness expressed in your stewardship of Queen Anne Lutheran. Please consider the blessings you have received and your personal giving plan for 2017. As the year ends, and the year begins, this is the time to fulfill your plan this year and prayerfully consider growing your 2018 stewardship as we grow. Many members prefer electronic giving and some choose to donate appreciated stock to avoid paying tax on the gain. Information on giving is in this issue of the Quill on page 6, and is also available online at the QALC website, or by asking any council member.

Paul teaches us that living life in the Spirit brings joy. Thank you for your continued support of our church community and the joy it brings for all of us!

—*Mark Dibble*, on behalf of the Church Council

## Grow in Faith with Our December Adult Forums

**Join us for the first of a three-part series :**
**SIMPLETONS, FOOLS AND SAGES:** Wisdom Writings of the Bible

*Led by* ***Caralyn Holmquist, MDiv***

"In times like these, how shall we live?" Many of us turn to our own traditions, or search traditions new to ourselves, looking for wisdom and guidance. Come and explore the lively wisdom writings in the Hebrew scriptures. Meet a cast of characters who show us wisdom in action, and a few "you're doing it wrong" cautionary episodes. Wisdom's practical and down-to-earth way of living is a call to discipleship - a life of cooperating with God's healing and redeeming action throughout creation.

***Cara Holmquist*** graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 2011, and served as pastor to her first call in the Northwest Washington synod. She is currently serving the church and the world as a layperson, preaching and teaching when granted the opportunity. (Thanks!) Cara works full-time as a middle-school librarian, moonlights as a server at a French restaurant, is an aunt to three children under the age of 4, cycles uphill for fun, and appreciates fine coffee in the fellowship of fine Lutherans.

# For**KIDS** *December Happenings:*

## For**KIDS on Sundays**

Four or five people are needed to teach Sunday School each Sunday since we adopted the Safe Haven Policy, and we never know for sure how many children attend any given week. Our goal is to have enough people so that they will teach once a Month, and four to seven more volunteers could make that happen.

Three cheers to the following amazing people who helped with Sunday School September through December: John Reese, Rich and Candy Mathes, Meg Shaw, Lori Roozen, Kathleen and Jim Fink, Deb Squires. We're off to a great start with dedicated people!

### SAFE HAVEN Training

All people who work with children will attend one of two Sunday 9:30- 10:20 trainings with Sarah Tatterson **on** January 14 and 21. It involves seeing a video and short discussion. Those involved will be contacted with details.

## For**KIDS Giving Project**

Jimmy Porter and his family organized the giving project for November/December, reported to the Sunday School during the opening, and the information was received by everyone with enthusiasm.

Donations are welcome each Sunday morning to buy goats, chicks and roosters through ELCA Good Gifts for those in need, and there is a bucket in on the coffee table in the Narthex for this purpose. The children will count the money each Sunday, organized in a fun way by Myra Dittes, and post results in the FOR KIDS bulletin board area. Thanks is you can help the children with the project.

### Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 am worship, those in attendance will be treated to **Emmanuel, God With Us**, the children's Christmas Pageant. Twelve children, three teens and one adult will present the story of Christ's birth, and the bulletin cover is also designed by children.

### Godly Play

On November 18, Rich and Candy Mathes and Terry Anderson attended a workshop on Godly Play. We are in the process of discussion how to move ahead, so if you have taught Godly Play and/or are interested in helping to organize this at QAL, please contact Terry Anderson.

—*Terry Anderson,* Children's Ministry Coordinator

## 2017 End of Year Giving Information

If you are planning to make a gift at the end of the year to support the ministry of Queen Anne Lutheran Church, the information listed below may help you with your planning and ease some of your stress.

### Closing of Financial Secretary's Record of Giving

IRS regulations do not allow for any checks or gifts, received or postmarked after December 31, 2017, to be recorded as a contribution for calendar year 2017.

To be included on 2017 Giving Statements, **contributions for 2017 must be in the church office by 1 PM, Sunday, December 31, 2017. Offering envelopes mailed to the church office must have a postmark date of December 31, 2017, or before to be included.**

### Would You Prefer to Simplify Your Giving?

Queen Anne Lutheran accepts online donations. Just go to the church's website, www.queenannelutheran.org, and click on the "Donate" tab. The "Donate Online" button will take you to a secure server using PAYPAL where you can make a donation through an electronic fund transfer, debit card or credit card.

### Gifting Stock for 2017

Another piece of information you may find useful: Queen Anne Lutheran is also able to accept gifts of stock in lieu of cash contributions. In some situations this may yield tax advantages to the donor. While QALC's Treasurer and Finance Committee members are not qualified to provide tax advice, we can provide you with the information you need for making a gift of stock. See the Finance Committee bulletin board for details or speak to the Treasurer, Myra Dittes.

### Looking ahead to 2018

Please consider using "Simply Giving". This is an electronic transfer (EFT) program that provides a safe and simple way to make automatic payments from your checking or savings accounts to QALC. This helps QALC by ensuring that your offering is received, even when you may be unable to make an offering in person. Additionally, the more predictable income helps QALC pay its regular recurring bills like utilities, insurance, and salaries. Other benefits include less chance for error and saving paper. To enroll or change your EFT authorization, simply contact Ken Hockman, our Financial Secretary. You can also pick up a brochure in the church narthex.

### 2018 Offering Envelopes

2018 Offering Envelopes will be available on a table in the narthex throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. QALC provides the offering envelopes to help you become and remain a faithful giver supporting our ministry and mission. The envelope packets contain regular offering envelopes as well as envelopes for special offerings. Please pick up your individually labeled set. If you don't see a set with your name on it, and would like one, please contact the church office or Ken Hockman, Financial Secretary.

Thank you!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Carew
Carol Ann Davis
Ryan Saunders
Joelle Nausin
Linda Carlson
Gordon Storey
Devin Patten
Joan Hoover
Timothy Porter
Aaron Boyson
Lindley Torbenson
Warren Conner
Michael Banobi
Karen Erickson
Nina Roozen
Emmett Pritchard

*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*

## Greening of the Church

Come to church **at 10 AM this Saturday, December 16, —*NOTE DATE/TIME CORRECTION!*** —and we will gather to decorate the Christmas tree and hang the greens, wreaths, set the candles in place, and all the things we do to make our worship space ready for the celebration of Christmas. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome—kids, youth, adults . . . save an hour of your time for this project. Please come join the fun and lend a hand. **(If you can help pick up or set up the big trees, please contact Emmett Pritchard at 206-288-9433.)**

A **GREENING OF THE PARSONAGE** will also take place, following lunch; help prepare the parsonage for: **HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES!** Please join Pastor Dan at the parsonage, 209 West McGraw Street, on Thursday, December 21 from 4 to 7 PM for merriment and refreshments, as we celebrate the approach of the Christmas season!

## Two Cookie Events for Any and All

**December 10** - (Following the 10:30 service) **Annual Boxing of Cookies for Friends Who Can't Make It to Church**, after the 10:30 AM service. We will meet in the Conference Room. Bring approximately two dozen cookies or special items for the cookie boxes. If you would like to help deliver cookies, please talk to Candy Mathes or Pastor Dan. It's always a treat to visit with these church members.

**December 17** – (Following the 10:30 service) All are welcome to come help **decorate 150 Christmas Cookies for Community Lunch on Capitol Hill's Christmas treat bags.** (The Sewing and Service women will cut out and bake those cookies on December 6.)

## QALC's First Annual Christmas Crèche Display

This Advent season we celebrate the birth of Jesus with sixteen nativities from around the world on display on the narthex mantel. We invite you to pause and enjoy their beauty. Some are familiar looking, but many are from other countries where faces are different from ours. They reflect different cultures and different art forms, but each is a celebration of and a reminder of Christ's humble birth.

Also, many of the pieces bring with them a personal or unusual story as to how they came to be acquired. Several families have offered up their nativities for the display this year: Terry Anderson, Michael and Jeannette Banobi, Paul and Donna Hoffman, Rich and Candy Mathes, Don and Pat Sobeck, and Lois Unseth. Each of them would be happy to share the story of how or when their nativity came to them.

## QALC's Giving Tree:

QALC is once again participating in the Mary's Place Giving Tree! We are collecting toys and gifts for children and moms. The Giving Tree is now in the narthex, so please stop by and pick up a tag. We need to act quickly; **gifts need to be returned to church by SUNDAY, December 10.** Please contact Lisa Ondrejcek (lisa@dfnetresearch.com) with any questions.

## Shop Amazon Smile to Benefit the Church!

You can help support Queen Anne Lutheran when you shop this holiday season:
If you buy gifts or holiday essentials through Amazon, you simply begin shopping at **smile.amazon.com,** designate Queen Anne Lutheran Church as your recipient of choice, and 0.05% of your purchases will then return to the church. It adds up!

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

## Welcome, New Altar Guild Members!

We are very happy to welcome Magdalena Phillips, Barbara Bach and Matt Boysen to our Altar Guild in the coming year. Thanks to the entire Altar Guild for your service in preparing our space for worship each week—worship is at the heart of all we do!

*—Emmett Pritchard*

## An Invitation to Sing for this Season

The Advent and Christmas seasons are full of song, and anyone who feels so moved is welcome and invited to participate in the Chancel Choir this December. It's okay if you can only add your voice for these few weeks! Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Talk to David Lepse, our Interim Cantor, about ways to join in.

## *Christmas at Queen Anne Lutheran*

**CHRISTMAS EVE DAY**

**Sunday, December 24** • 10:30 AM •A Christmas Family Service

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Sunday, December 24** • 11:00 PM • A Festival Candlelight Eucharist

*Pre-Service music begins at 10:40*

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Monday, December 25** • 11:00 AM • Nativity of Our Lord

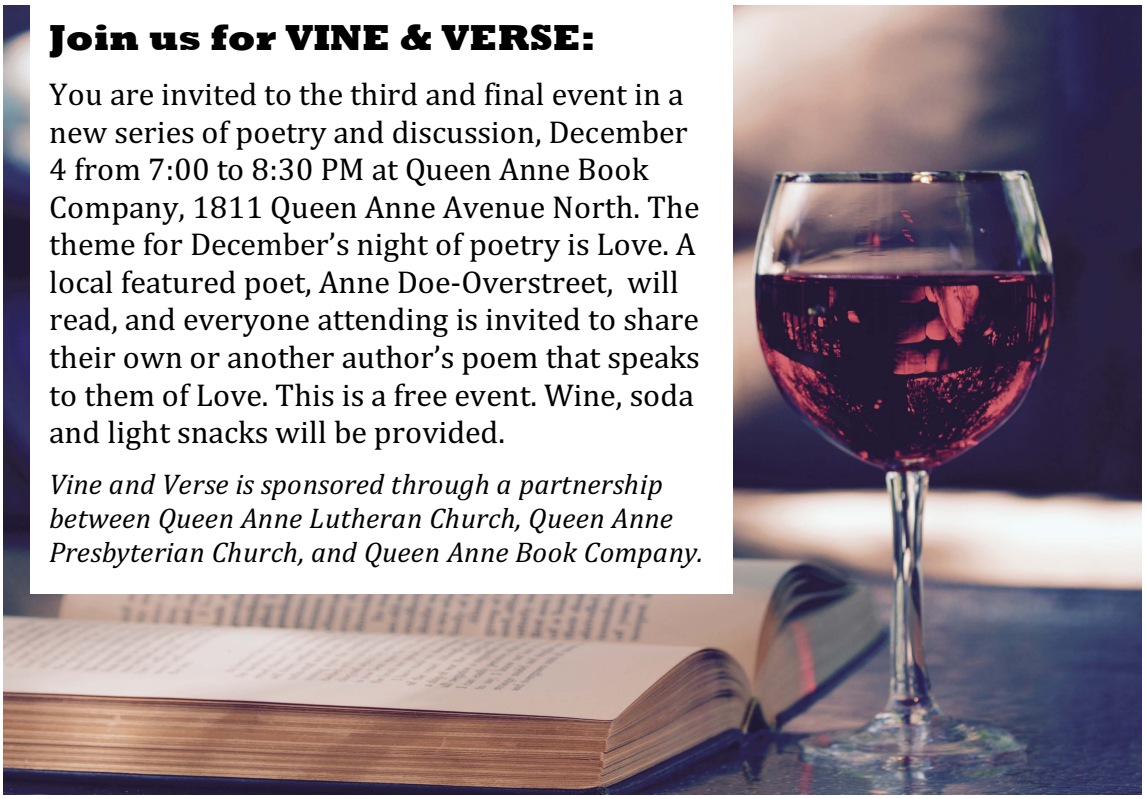
**NOTE: There is no 5:30 PM Worship service this year on Christmas Eve!**

**Nursery Schedule for Christmas Worship Services:** Please note that the nursery will not be staffed on December 24 and December 25. Children of all ages are invited and encouraged to worship with their families for all services on these dates.

## Join us for VINE & VERSE:

You are invited to the third and final event in a new series of poetry and discussion, December 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Queen Anne Book Company, 1811 Queen Anne Avenue North. The theme for December's night of poetry is Love. A local featured poet, Anne Doe-Overstreet, will read, and everyone attending is invited to share their own or another author's poem that speaks to them of Love. This is a free event. Wine, soda and light snacks will be provided.

*Vine and Verse is sponsored through a partnership between Queen Anne Lutheran Church, Queen Anne Presbyterian Church, and Queen Anne Book Company.*



## Wanted: A New Organizer for the 2018 QALC Holden Group

**Would you like to be the Holden Group organizer for QALC in 2018?** The group organizer can get the week paid for, and in return, the organizer must submit all the registration materials directly to Holden Registrar and collect all fees. The group rates are cheaper than the "regular individual" rates of $80–$90 per day per person. **Getting this done sooner is better; note**: If the preliminary registration form is sent during December 2017, the rate for the group will be only $65 per night per person; if the form is sent in after December 2017, the rates increase to $70 per night per person. $250 is the initial deposit. Please talk to Rich if you can step into this role.

**Going to Holden Village, 2018:** Please sign up in the Narthex and indicate when you prefer to go. This past year, many people were interested in an earlier week in July. Why go as with a group? It's cheaper. If you have never been there, it is an easy way to get oriented. There are about 450 people in the village each day from June 1 to August 31. Limitations: Group members need to arrive same day, and leave the same day.

**Holden is great for kids and families:** Besides being safe, and directly in God's creation, morning classes are available in the village school, so kids can meet other kids. Holden's facilities include a sauna, children's playground, bookstore, post office, ice cream snack bar, historical museum, library, Hike Haus, pool hall, craft, loom & pottery studios, and a bowling alley. If any of our families are interested in this opportunity, please sign up.

**Hiking into Holden**: Rich is considering organizing a couple of Holden-area hikes. One is the 18 mile "Chelan Lakeshore Trail" that starts at Prince Creek (take *Lady of the Lake* to Prince Creek) and ends at Stehekin. Looking at the week of May 6–13 (or maybe 13–20). Flowers are great then, and rattlesnakes are not active yet. I will research if you *piscators* can go angling.

Or, we could hike from Stehekin into Holden, over Martin Ridge or Cloudy Pass, when we go as a group in July. Anyone with potentially similar interests, please let Rich know.

*—Rich Mathes, 2017 Holden Village Coordinator*

## Queen Anne Book Group Will Not Meet in December

We welcome all at our monthly book group! There is still time to **ask for these books for Christmas** so you can participate in our last-Monday-of-the-month discussions. The group will convene again in the narthex at 7 PM on Monday, January 29, 2018, and we hope to see you there!

### 2018 QALC Book Club Selections

| Monday Date | Title and Author | Discussion Leader |
|---|---|---|
| **January 29** | **The Orphan Train**<br>Christina Baker Kline | Sallie Wilson |
| **February 26** | **A Tale for the Time Being**<br>Ruth Ozek | Jackie Thomsen |
| **March 26** | **They Are All My Family**<br>John P Riordan | Candy Mathes |
| **April 23** | **Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking**<br>Anya von Bremzen | Barbara Koziol |
| **May 21** | ***"All Seattle Reads"*** *Selection TBD* | Barb Bach |
| **June 25** | **A Gentleman in Moscow**<br>Amore Towles | Sharon Longaker |
| **July 30** | ***2019 Book Selection Gathering*** | at Cathi Unseth's |
| **August 27** | ***TBD*** | - |
| **September 24** | **Hidden Figures:** The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race<br>Margot Lee Shetterly | Cathi Unseth |
| **October 29** | **The Invention of Wings**<br>Sue Monk Kidd | Georganne Robertson |
| **November 26** | **The Little French Bistro**<br>Nina George | Karen McCullough |
| **December** | **No Book Club** | |

## THANK-YOUS

**QALC received thanks from:**

Pastor Elizabeth at The Sanctuary/Lutheran Campus Ministry for a gift of $2, 487.61.

Rev. Rick Reynold of Seattle nightWatch for our donation of socks.

# Community Lunch on Capitol Hill:

**QALC concludes another successful year with Community Lunch on Capitol Hill.** As a founding supporter of the Community Lunch on Capitol Hill, we have helped to provide nearly a thousand lunches during the four Tuesdays this November, in keeping with our tradition of serving hungry guests for more than 30 years. Together with other volunteers, including middle school students and volunteers from Seattle University, we have both provided needed meals and been the fortunate recipients of deep and sincere gratitude from CLCH guests. We expect to continue in this tradition next year, so please consider volunteering.

Thanks to volunteers Rich Mathes, Georganne Robertson, Joel Mather, Cathy Unseth, Jim Margard, Deb Squires, Steve Burdick, Katherine Knorr, Peggy Morgan, Mac Smith, John Reese, Don Thomas, Dan and Kim Heffernan, and other friends. Also, hats off to lead chefs Candy Mathes and Harold Robertson, who also volunteer during other months of the year. *—Jim Margard*

# Women of the ELCA QALC Women's News:

Good News, from Joan Crummett:

"Hoping you would pass this on please. Heard from **Einoth** (*the Tanzanian student we sponsored through school —Candy*). After getting her master's degree & getting married in 2016, she just had a baby girl a little over one month ago. Her name is Divine Charity. Our little girl has grown up."

I want to thank each one of you that helped on the **Advent Celebration**.

**Sallie Wilson** baked Stollen and potato sausage, **Jackie Thomsen**, with help from **Candy Mathes**, made Yulekaka. **Sebille Moulster**, with **Shirley Flory's** help, made Norwegian Waffles with homemade strawberry jam and sour cream. **Jean Oplinger**, using an old family recipe, made lefse with **Virginia Stamey's** help. Kitchen helpers were **Chloe Jones, Jennifer Jones, Susan Evans** and **Jacqui Darroch**. **Cathi Unseth** was in charge of kids' crafts. Craft helpers were the **Houle family**, who also provided music; **Lori Roozen**, **Barth** and **Ann Olsen**, and **Rich Mathes**.

**COMING UP IN DECEMBER:**

**December 10** - **Annual Boxing of Cookies for Friends Who Can't Make It to Church**, after the 10:30 AM service. We will meet in the Conference Room. Bring approximately two dozen cookies or special items for the cookie boxes. If you would like to help deliver cookies, please talk to Candy Mathes or Pastor Dan.

**December 13 -** The Sunshine Circle and Sewing and Service group are meeting at Jean McLauchlan's at noon for their **annual Christmas lunch**. If you would like to attend, please let Jean or Candy know.

**December 17** – (Following the 10:30 service) **Decorating 150 Christmas Cookies for Community Lunch on Capitol Hill's Christmas treat bags.** The Sewing and Service women will cut out and bake those cookies on December 6.

**December 19** - **PDQ's** are meeting at Jackie Thomsen's home for their annual Christmas Dinner.

We hope each one of you have a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas.

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

***Come join us at a circle this month*! Please check with the circle leaders or the church office if you would like to attend.**

## Women of QALC— Ongoing Groups

**New Circle:** Will meet at church the third Monday of each month beginning January 15, 2018. All are welcome. Contact Candy Mathes.

**Northern Lights:** This north-of-the-city circle meets in homes. Contact Dolly Smith.

**Sewing and Service:** Meet Wednesday mornings at church to work on LWR quilts and kits, and socialize. All are welcome. Contact Candy Mathes or Sallie Wilson.

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

## Queen Anne Men's Ministry (for men of all ages):

**THANKS!!** to those who helped direct traffic and load 5,000 quilts, 5,600 school kits, 1,700 personal care kits, and 1,260 baby care kits on November 3 & 4 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church during the LWR Ingathering.

Men's Ministry will have no Saturday meetings in December or January.

—*Rich Mathes*; richmathes@aol.com

## Lutheran Youth of North Seattle News

You are invited to the LYONS Stay at Home Tea! Instead of inviting you to another fundraising event during this busy time, we're inviting you to relax, have a cup of tea, and consider giving to Lutheran Youth of North Seattle. This year's funds will go toward our trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. Envelopes with tea bags and a letter from us will be available after worship through the end of the year.

### December Events:

Sunday, December 3: The Great Christmas Cookie Bake Off (All LYONS)

Sunday December 10: Middle School Christmas Party

Sunday December 17-18: High School Christmas Lock-In

### Great ways to connect, find event details, and learn more!

Website: roaringlyons.org
Facebook: Lutheran Youth of North Seattle
Instagram: roaring_lyons

# Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

The time has come again to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas season. The Altar Guild will be using poinsettia plants 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 December. Cost per plant is $12.00. Checks should be made out to QALC and marked "poinsettias." If you are giving the poinsettias in honor or memory of anyone, please print that name very clearly. Donations and commemorations will be noted in the church bulletins for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

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Name (please print clearly!) _____

Number of plants_____

☐ In memory of: _____

_____

OR

☐ In honor of: _____

_____

My check is enclosed or attached for $ _____

## *Bishop's Message*

# Longing for the Light

*by Kirby Unti, NWWA Synod Bishop*

We are living during the wet and rainy winter of the year that longs for the light to return to the world. A cold world that has seen far too many mass killings, sexual assaults, bullying, war and murder.

One of the things I admire most about Luther was his capacity to embrace the winter of his own life by acknowledging his own personal depravity. It was in coming face to face with his own shadow that he discovered the light of God's grace.

I have always counted it a great gift that I had the privilege of doing my Clinical Pastoral Education under the supervision of Dr. William A Miller. Bill wrote the book, "Making Friends With Your Shadow" where he makes the case that all of us have a shadow side to our lives. The classical understanding is that our shadow side is opposite and equal to what we display in public.

This is why it is so shocking when we discover the shadow of someone we hold in high regard.

When people refuse to own their shadow and reveal it to the light it grows in intensity. We see this in the "goody two shoes" types who are often the most critical of their neighbors while appearing to be without fault. Such people work over time suppressing the full truth of their lives and often act in secret.

Jesus was very clear about the importance of knowing your own shadow. He would say things like, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Or he would say, "Remove the log from your own eye before you remove the speck from your neighbors."

The church ought to be the one place in the community where we can struggle more honestly about the challenges of being human. It ought to be a place that both helps us come to grips with the all of what it means to be human and holds us accountable for addressing our whole lives in healthy ways.

If acknowledging one's shadow improves the likelihood that one will not act on isn't it equally true that church and country must do the same?

I think the answer to this is Yes.

This is why the churches of the Northwest issued a letter of apology to the tribes for the horrible and unjust ways we have treated these brothers and sisters.

This is why the 500th Commemoration of the Reformation was a time for Lutherans to confess the horrible ways Luther depicted the Jews and for contributing to the violence that spread across Europe.

It is why delegations from the United States have gathered at Hiroshima and Nagasaki to commit to one another that never again will we unleash such deadly force upon another.

If we take seriously the Lutheran understanding of Saint and Sinner than we need to take more seriously how this same tension manifests itself in corporate ways as well as individual ways.

These are challenging times that we are living in. If we want to change let's begin with ourselves and own the truth of our own short comings. It is not just the other who needs to see the light. We all do.

The light came into the world and the darkness could not overcome it.

This is the true gift of Christmas.

Come Lord Jesus!

# SERVING IN DECEMBER

*Interested in being an usher or worship leader? Contact Pastor Dan or Barb in the office to volunteer. New altar flower and coffee-hosting sign-up sheets for 2018 are now out in the narthex.*

**Altar Guild:**
Jennifer and Chloe Jones

**Offering Counters**
Rich Mathes and Joel Matter

**Ushers:** (8:00 AM)
3 Ken Hockman
10 Ken Hockman
17 Ken Hockman
31 Ken Hockman

**Ushers:** (10:30 AM)
3 Jim Margard, children
10 Don Thomas, Denny Alfson
17 TBD, TBD
Sun., Dec. 24, 10:30 AM TBD, TBD
Sun., Dec. 24, 11 PM TBD, TBD
Mon., Dec. 25, 11 AM TBD, TBD
31 TBD, TBD

**Lectors** (8:00 AM)
3 Mei Le Smith
10 Jan Olson
17 Dan Squires
*No 8:00 AM service on Dec. 24*
31 Jacqui Darroch

**Communion Servers** (8:00 AM)
3 Dolly Smith
10 Linda Olson
17 Deb Squires
*No 8:00 AM service on Dec. 24th*
31 Jacqui Darroch

**Assisting Minister/Acolyte** (10:30 AM)
3 Carol Ann Davis/Svend Phillips
10 Marc Oplinger/Elliott Oplinger
17 Jean Oplinger/Maddie Houle
Sun., Dec. 24, 10:30 AM
Bryant Williams/Natalie Houle
Sun., Dec. 24, 11 PM Kirsten Erickson/TBD
Mon., Dec. 25, 11 AM Tim Porter
31 Rich Mathes/TBD

**Flowers on the Altar**

*(Flowers through Advent and Christmas will be provided by the Altar Guild. Fill out a form (page xx) for a Poinsettia plant if you would like to contribute to the decor; they may be taken home after Christmas.)*
31 Deb & Dan Squires

**Sunday Coffee Hosts:** (8:00 AM)
3 Hockmans
10 Smiths
17 TBD
*(No service at 8:00 AM on Dec. 24)*
31 TBD

**Sunday Coffee Hosts:** (10:30 AM)
3 Sunday School Children
10 Lisa Ondrejcek
17 TBD
24 TBD
31 TBD

**Deadline for the January Quill is Tuesday, December 26.**

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# December 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | **1** | **2**<br>**10:00am** Alanon Women<br>**7:00pm** AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| **3**<br>Advent I<br>Family Sunday<br>**8:00am** Worship<br>**9:00am** Adult Forum<br>**10:30am** Worship<br>**12:00pm** Centennial Committee<br>**4:00pm** LYONS Cookie Bake-Off | **4**<br>**7:00pm** Vine & Verse @QA Book Company<br>**7:00pm** 12-Step FA | **5**<br>**7:00pm** Executive Committee | **6**<br>**9:15am** Sewing & Service<br>**11:00am** Piano Tuning: Chapel, Nave<br>**3:00pm** Staff Meeting<br>**8:00pm** AA/Alanon/Alateen | **7**<br>**5:30pm** Cantor Search Committee<br>**5:30pm** Girl Scouts<br>**7:00pm** Chancel Choir | **8**<br>**2:30pm** Girl Scouts | **9**<br>**10:00am** Alanon Women<br>**7:00pm** AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| **10**<br>Advent II<br>**8:00am** Worship<br>**9:00am** Adult Forum<br>**9:30am** Sunday School<br>**10:30am** Worship<br>**12:00pm** Cookie-Boxing | **11**<br>**7:00pm** 12-Step FA | **12**<br>**7:00pm** Church Council | **13**<br>John out until 12/29<br>**11:30am** Sewing & Service Luncheon<br>**1:30pm** Girl Scouts<br>**3:00pm** Staff Meeting<br>**8:00pm** AA/Alanon/Alateen | **14**<br>**5:30pm** Cantor Search Committee<br>**6:30pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br>**7:30pm** Choir Christmas Party | **15** | **16**<br>**10:00am** Greening of the Church<br>**10:00am** Alanon Women<br>**12:30pm** Greening of the Parsonage<br>**7:00pm** AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| **17**<br>Advent III<br>**8:00am** Worship<br>**9:00am** Adult Forum<br>**9:30am** Sunday School<br>**10:30am** Worship<br>**12:00pm** Cookie Decorating for CLCH | **18**<br>**7:00pm** QA Book Group<br>**7:00pm** Northern Lights<br>**7:00pm** 12-Step FA | **19**<br>**5:30pm** PDQs | **20**<br>**9:15am** Sewing & Service<br>**3:00pm** Staff Meeting<br>**8:00pm** AA/Alanon/Alateen | **21**<br>**4:00pm** Christmas at the Parsonage<br>**5:30pm** Girl Scouts<br>**7:00pm** Chancel Choir | **22** | **23**<br>**10:00am** Alanon Women<br>**7:00pm** AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| **24**<br>Advent IV/ Christmas Eve<br>**10:30am** Worship<br>**11:00pm** Worship | **25**<br>Christmas Day<br>Pastor Dan out until January 6<br>**11:00am** Worship<br>**7:00pm** 12-Step FA | **26** | **27**<br>**3:00pm** Staff Meeting<br>**8:00pm** AA/Alanon/Alateen | **28** | **29** | **30**<br>**10:00am** Alanon Women<br>**7:00pm** AA-Shanty Trudgers |

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| **31**<br>**8:00am** Worship<br>**10:30am** Worship | | | | | | |