

The Quill

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Our Week of Snow: February 5-12, 2019

Thanks to John Bryant, sexton, who shoveled and salted the walks several days. Thanks to Dennis Alfson (who showed up for the Men's Group) & Jan Olson (Altar Guild) who on Saturday, Feb.9 shoveled a lot—all the walks. Getting around was difficult, but the pretty white stuff was nice if you could just stand and look at it. On Sunday, Feb.11, worship felt cozy, once we Lutherans were coaxed to sit towards the front. The choir had several walk-ons to help fill the ranks.





the Pastor's WORD

A Season for Slowing Down

A few years ago I had a conversation with my aunt about constantly being busy. We agreed that being driven was a value we shared, one we inherited in part from her father (my grandfather), and one he probably inherited from his. I joked with her at the time, saying that on my tombstone the epitaph would read, "Here lies Dan Peterson. He really got a lot done." What I didn't understand fully then was that this drive was itself a kind of death, one that was beginning to curl its icy fingers around me.

You might think I'm exaggerating but I'm not: I eventually left my career as a university professor in part because, as our bishop said to me at the time, my job was "killing" me. My productivity, inspired by an unhealthy perfectionism, had become consuming. I couldn't stop.

As a pastor I continue to struggle with my inability to slow down. I find myself "continuously moving ahead," as the theologian Paul Tillich puts it, without stopping for opportunities of reflection and spiritual growth—opportunities for which I long, yet ones I constantly deny myself. I relate easily to the words of Deborah Butler, the pastor who will be leading our Lenten evening series on Centering Prayer. "The fact is that our days are busy and noisy and stressful," she writes. "We hunger for peace, for calm in the midst of the storms of our life."

The good news is that the Lenten season gives us the chance to regain, at least in parts and patches, the peace we desire, the calm in the midst of life's storms. If you find yourself too busy, too focused on accomplishing tasks, and you know it's undermining your health or quality of life, I invite you to join me this Lent as we embark on a journey toward serenity of spirit and peace of mind by way of contemplative worship and Centering Prayer. You can find information about our series on Centering Prayer, which Pastor Butler will lead as part of our Lenten Soup and Suppers, on Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 in this month's issue of *The Quill*. You are also invited to attend our Wednesday morning chapel services beginning March 6 in the chapel where our focus will be on the Psalms and the calm they promise.

Nobody wants to be remembered for how much they "got done," nor is that ultimately any way to live. True, it is good to be productive and accomplish goals, but sacrificing ourselves on the altar of these desires pays tribute to a god not worth serving, one that can destroy us in the process. Lent gives us the opportunity to pause. It is a season for slowing down. May we use it accordingly.

Pastor Dan

QALC Welcomes New Cantor

“Next to the word of God”, Martin Luther wrote, “Music deserves the highest praise.”

The Cantor is the historic designation for the vocation of the Lutheran Church musician. The role of the Cantor is to ensure that God is glorified, and the gospel proclaimed through the musical life of the church.

The Cantor Search Committee, Personnel Committee, and Council have chosen **Kyle Haugen** as Queen Anne Lutheran Church’s next Cantor. He was one of 34 applicants for the position, one as far away as Australia. We reviewed each application and when doing so, kept our key objectives in mind:

- Ensures god is glorified and gospel proclaimed
- Works together in ministry with pastor, staff and QALC community
- Plans and leads the music for all worship
- Recruits, directs, and provides leadership for vocal choirs of all ages
- Has knowledge of and embraces Lutheran liturgical practices

The Cantor Search Committee was struck by Kyle’s faith, dedication to his profession as a church musician, and musical gifts. He clearly met our objectives.

Kyle is a lifelong Lutheran whose family has deep roots in the Lutheran Church. He has a true calling as a church musician and a solid knowledge of liturgy. He is a gifted musician and uses those gifts to lift up God’s word. His ability to articulate his faith and his commitment to good church musicianship were apparent during his two interviews, along with his outstanding organ and keyboard skills.

He has extensive experience as a Lutheran church musician, choral director, tenor singer, and composer. He uses his talents to work collaboratively in the church and to reach out to the community through music. He has the skills to grow our music program both within and outside the church walls.

Kyle’s references were distinguished church and academic musicians in the Puget Sound area. Each of them enthusiastically recommended Kyle without hesitation, citing his talents, creativity, faith, collaborative personality, organization, and sense of humor. Pastor Stensby was one of his references. When he learned that Kyle was looking into the position, he asked to provide a reference and said Kyle would be a gift to the Queen Anne Lutheran Church community.

The Cantor Search Committee recommended Kyle Haugen as our choice as cantor for Queen Anne Lutheran Church and the Council voted unanimously to extend an offer to Kyle. We are enthusiastic about what Kyle will be able to do as a partner in ministry with Pastor Peterson.

Please join us in welcoming Kyle to Queen Anne Lutheran on Sunday, March 10, at a coffee hour after the 10:30 AM service. We will also be wishing a fond farewell after both worship services to David Lepse, who has been such a faithful servant to Queen Anne Lutheran Church during the interim time. Kyle will be officially on the organ bench on Sunday, March 17.

The Cantor Search Committee was as follows:

Pastor Peterson, Paul Hoffman, Susan Evans, Jan and Linda Olson, Jenny Porter, John Reese and Virginia Stamey-Johnson as Chair.



Kyle Haugen

Vacation Bible Camp this Summer!

The great news for QALC kids from 3 years old to 5th grade is that we're collaborating with Ballard First Lutheran in a Vacation Bible Camp July 29 – August 2, Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:00, with the fun theme TO MARS AND BEYOND. Save the dates on your calendar, and more info will be coming.

We also welcome adult and teen volunteers to help with the VBC. If we pitch in this year, Pastor Elise is open to the possibility of holding it at QALC one year, with Ballard First Lutheran collaborating with us at "our place." What a great way to get families in the neighborhood involved!

You're probably thinking, "But this isn't happening until summer, so there's nothing I need to do now."

Thing is, highlighted dates on your calendars now help families and volunteers to plan summer vacations and other activities around the event. To collaborate, Ballard First Lutheran will let us know the help they need in areas of snack prep, Bible story-telling, games and crafts. Adults and/or teens who MIGHT want to join in can sign up on the clipboard to get updated information. The nice thing is that we're not organizing, but helping this year, and that's fun for everyone!



Clothing Collection in January

The Social Concerns Committee led a clothing collection for Queen Anne Helpline during the month of January, and people donated socks, gloves, and some hats. ForKIDS helped by having a bake sale, and generous QALC members donated baked goods and then bought items with the generous donations.

With the \$497.71 raised, Cathi Unseth used her employee

discount and other discounts to buy socks, caps, gloves and scarves. Then Barbara Koziol donated 130 warm caps that she had made!

Working together as an intergenerational team and counting the Sunday collections, the items bought with Bake Sale money, and the donation from Barbara, the totals ended up being:

- 209 pairs of socks
- 9 scarves
- 157 warm caps
- 38 pairs of gloves.

In addition to these donations, the Social Concerns Committee was able to buy warm jackets to add.

Items were delivered to Queen Anne Helpline during the first week in February, and then...it SNOWED! We pray that the collaboration and generous donations of kids and adults at QALC resulted in people staying just a little bit warmer. Our hands did God's work in the community, so THANK YOU to the many hands that helped!

—Terry Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Sandvik
Rich Mathes
Jennifer Jones
John Fandel
Nathan Pihl
Sallie Wilson
Kelly McCauley
Ken Hockman
Dick Steffen
Mark Dibble
Lena Mathis
Dorothy Duvall
Don Thomas
Pat Sobeck
James McLauchlan
Jessica Cronic
Michael Houle
Edi Watne
Carol Whitfield
Isaac McCauley
Lois Unseth
Paul Hoffman
Andrew Williamson

Come on a Winter Outing!

Our winter outing will be on Saturday, March 2. We'll meet at Alpentel at 9AM at the base of the ski slopes at the lodge. Most of us will be snowshoeing, but some have said they will ski. Emmett Pritchard will lead a group on a three-mile round-trip walk on the Snow Lake trail—an easy-going, beginner-level, kid-friendly outing. The trailhead is located at the north end of the main parking lot. The goal is to get out in the fresh air with friends and have fun. Contact Emmett at emmettj45@gmail.com for directions or information about renting snowshoes.
—Emmett Pritchard

Rescheduled Events, Post-Snow:

Visitation Team Meeting

The Visitation Teams will meet with Pastor Thom Wert and Pastor Dan on Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Cavort Among the Crocuses

A garden work party will take place here on the morning of Saturday, March 23; if it's rainy, we'll meet instead on March 30. Contact Connie Wurm for details at wurmcatchesbirds@gmail.com

Community Music Jam

The bluegrass jam will meet on Saturday, March 9 (note change of date) at 3 PM for bluegrass music-making. All instruments or voices are welcome; contact Emmett Pritchard at emmettj45@gmail.com for more information.



Free Seats at the Table!

Please join QALC members and community friends in celebrating the positive difference Compass Housing Alliance makes in the lives of families and individuals on their journey to a new home. Come to the **Celebration of Giving at the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle, Saturday, March 30, beginning at 6:00 PM.** The event features wine-tasting, a plated dinner, live auction, games of chance, dessert dash, and community recognitions. **An anonymous donor has purchased a table (10 seats) for Queen Anne Lutheran congregation members who would like to attend.** If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Suzanne Sullivan at ssullivan@compasshousingalliance.org or call her at 206-474-1069.

Youth Events: Lutheran Youth of North Seattle

March 3: Sunday Night Live for all LYONS youth at St John United from 6:00-8:00pm. Join us for dinner, games, devotion, and time to see some friends.

High School Third Sunday Adventure: We will be getting together to go see Captain Marvel in IMAX Sunday March 17, meeting 2:30 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran and returning around 6:50pm. Cost is \$25. Please sign up on the LYONS website or Facebook page so we have enough transportation.

LYONS has moved offices! Our offices are now at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church. If you're sending us mail, please use 7500 Greenwood Ave N Seattle 98103 or call our new number: (206) 783-2350 ext. 400



ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6:

Worship will be held at 10:30 AM in the chapel and at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Pastor Dan, along with Pastor Mark Griffith of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, will also be offering "Ashes on the Ave" to the public along Queen Anne Ave. from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (note time change).

8 AM SUNDAY CHAPEL SERVICES: We will continue to experiment with worship in the chapel by holding our 8 AM service there during the season of Lent, from March 10 through April 7. This will give us a better sense of how worship in the chapel feels over several consecutive Sundays. Feedback is welcome as we continue this discernment process.

QALC WOMEN'S LENTEN BRUNCH

This annual event will be held on Saturday, March 9 beginning at 9:30 AM.

All women are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast, followed by a short program facilitated by Rev. Deborah Butler, and by worship.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT:

Morning Worship—

Every Wednesday during Lent, we have a brief worship service in the chapel beginning at 10:30 AM. Our focus will be on Psalms of Praise and Peace. All are welcome.

Evening Soup Suppers and Centering Prayer —

We hope you can join us as we gather in the Fellowship Hall with a simple meal beginning at 6:00 PM. A sign-up to help provide soup and bread each week is in the narthex. The meal will be followed at 6:45 PM by **An Introduction to the Practice of Centering Prayer**, led by Rev. Deborah Butler:

But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:6 (CEB)

Jesus taught that one way of growing closer to the heart of God, where we tap into the love that gives us abundant life, is through a regular practice of prayer. The fact is our days are busy and noisy and stressful. We hunger for peace, for calm in the midst of the storms of life. When we center our minds and hearts in God, who is the ground and source of all life, we find that serenity we desire. The practice of Centering Prayer, a method of silent prayer where we rest in God and are increasingly open to God's presence and action within us, is one way to grow in relationship with God and be grounded in God's shalom.

Lent is the season when we take time to deepen our relationship with God. Beginning to practice Centering Prayer is a perfect Lenten practice as it helps us to draw ever closer to the heart of God. You are invited to an introduction to the discipline of Centering Prayer on the first two Wednesdays in Lent, March 13 and 20 at 6:45 PM, after a simple supper beginning at 6:00 PM. Over the course of the

remaining midweek gatherings we will continue this practice together, and on the final Wednesday, April 10, we will have an opportunity to share our experience of the prayer with one another and consider how we might support one another in the ongoing practice of Centering Prayer.

Pastor Deborah Butler will facilitate our introduction to this ancient practice. She has been commissioned for over ten years as a presenter of Centering Prayer through Contemplative Outreach, an international organization dedicated to fostering the process of transformation in Christ in one another through the practice of Centering Prayer. Pastor Deborah grew up in Brooklyn, NY, moved to San Diego after graduating from Hood College in Frederick, MD. She earned her MDiv at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and has served at Christ Lutheran Church in San Diego and at Hope Lutheran Church in El Sobrante, CA. She is semi-retired, lives in Anacortes with her husband, and serves part time at Anacortes Lutheran Church and at Josephine Care Center.

All are welcome during these Wednesdays in Lent, from March 13 through April 10.

March Forums:

Our Adult Forums meet Sundays from 9-10 AM in the Conference Room from September through May. Our discussions span a variety of topics and issues both theological and current, and a stance of openness and questioning is encouraged. Please feel free to join us on any Sunday.

2/24– 3/10 **“Missing Millennials: Why Aren’t You in Church?”**—The landscape of American religion is changing dramatically. Millennials are dropping out of church, and new experimental types of Christianity such as the Emerging Church are coming to the fore. But what is the future of religion in America, and what role will Millennials play in that? Join us for the first session of this exciting 3-part series as Dr. Michael Zbaraschuk, Associate Professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University and editor of *The Emerging Church, Millennials and Religions*, returns to Queen Anne Lutheran.

3/17–4/07 **“Judaism 101”**—Join us for this exciting 4-part series as Dr. Beatrice Lawrence, Associate Professor of Religion at Seattle University, returns to Queen Anne Lutheran. Dr. Lawrence writes:

Mordecai Kaplan (a 20th century rabbi, thinker and Jewish innovator), described Judaism as “an evolving religious civilization.” This is a useful phrase, as Judaism has a) evolved and developed over time, and Jewish history has a significant impact on identity, ritual and self-understanding even today; b) Judaism comprises elements that are arguably “religious”—sacred text, theology, laws, etc; and c) Judaism also comprises elements that are cultural—food, language, music, ethnicity, and worldview. Each of these elements plays an important role in contemporary Judaism, but no single element is required. For example, a person can be Jewish by birth, but also by conversion. A Jewish person can be an atheist. A person can be Jewish without any religious training, without ever having set foot in a synagogue. Hence, “Jewish” is an identifier that is complex and multi-faceted, and it does not compare easily with other “religions.” For this reason, we will pursue our study of Judaism with a historical framework, beginning with the early biblical period, moving into the modern period. Along the way, we will examine Jewish texts, practices, cultures, and beliefs.

Beatrice Lawrence is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Seattle University, where she also teaches courses in Jewish Studies. Though her research interests are diverse (many centered on the history of Jewish biblical interpretation), she particularly enjoys teaching and talking about the diverse and complicated world of Judaism. She lives in Seattle with her two daughters and high-maintenance dog.

After-Word Continues on Tuesdays

Our “After-Word” Bible Study meets each Tuesday at noon and continues during Lent. Bring your lunch and join us in the Conference Room to ask questions about and deepen your understanding of each Sunday’s Scripture readings and the sermon.



March Book Group — *A Spool of Blue Thread*

Book Group meets in the narthex on the last Monday of each month. We want to make it clear that all are welcome at our meetings, men and women, old or young. Everyone is invited! **Anyone** who reads or wants to listen to the discussion is welcome, and it's okay if you didn't have time to read one month or can't always attend!

The Queen Anne Book Group (open to all) will meet on Monday, March 25 at 7 PM in the church narthex to discuss *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Discussion will be led by Jackie Thomsen.

The novel follows the Whitshank family, a Baltimore clan of four generations—elders Abby and Red and their children and grandchildren—in a narrative centered around the sprawling family home that has always served as their anchor. Their lives, loves, and losses make up the core of the novel. Exploring themes of the ties that bind family, betrayal, expectations, and how far people will go for love. The book was shortlisted for both the 2015 Man Booker Prize and the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.

Reading ahead: April's selection is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. The entire year's picks can be found on the narthex bulletin board and online on the church website; from the home page, go to CONNECT/QALC BOOK GROUP.

CORE Tanzania Update

We've taken some big steps recently on the road to building Twegashe School!

At the end of January our wonderful team of volunteer architects, led by Queen Anne member Marc Oplinger, completed the permit drawings for the school and teachers' houses. And just two weeks later we received the certificate of land ownership from the Tanzanian



government—a step we've been working on for over a year and a half. With these two items in hand we can now apply for a building permit. Our Tanzanian architect has initiated that process, which he expects will take about a month. Meanwhile, the well-drilling is in process, we've ordered the block-making machine (purchased through the generosity of a Queen Anne Lutheran member), and we've commissioned the construction of an on-site storage shed for our building supplies.

Our curriculum committee has been busy as well. Queen Anne Lutheran friend Steven Burdick has been spearheading their efforts. They've designed our kindergarten curriculum, compiled a wonderful collection of culturally appropriate donated picture books, and begun creating a job description for use in the very important task of hiring our first teachers.

The recent progress in our preparations for construction means that absent any big surprises we expect to be able to begin construction on Twegashe School in late May 2019. Yes, that's May of THIS YEAR, only three months away! We still have a significant amount of work to do—and a significant amount of fundraising—but we're committed to moving forward.

Through the marvels of modern architectural software, Marc and his team have created a 3-D rendering of the future Twegashe School. Now we have the wonderful vision of this rendering to accompany our vision of quality education for children in rural Tanzania. Thank you for your support as we move forward to make this vision real!

—Michael and Jeannette Banobi

(Note: A more in-depth article is posted on our website: from our home page, go to SERVE/CORE TANZANIA

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO

There's a Members Area on our website????

Yes! In addition to the public sections of our queenannelutheran.org website, there is a members' section with information you may find very useful.

The Members Area is in the bottom right corner of our website. **It requires a login, which you can get or update by contacting Barb Bash in the church office.**

What will you find in the Members Area?

- The Church Directory of Members and Friends, just updated with photos added to our contact info.
- The QALC Constitution
- Annual Reports of our congregation
- Forms for getting reimbursed or for reserving a room in the building
- And more ...

What's going on at Church Council?

You can always ask any council member (see below) or Pastor Dan! And, you can read council materials yourself. Monthly financial reports, council meeting minutes and pastor's report are posted on the bulletin board near the sacristy and the side door into the sanctuary. Check them out!

Your Council: Dan Squires, Jim Margard, Marjorie Dowd, Myra Dittes, Carol Ann Davis, Mark Dibble, Susan Evans, Pam Harmon, Chris Roozen, Aaron Rugg, and Al Shabino,

What Happens to My Prayer Request?

Do you have a prayer request? Write your request on a blue pew card during worship, and place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. You may also call or email the church office 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 can reach out to you when he sees your request, and we will not make a request public unless you ask to do so.

Please help us keep prayer requests up to date. If not updated, prayer requests will be considered for removal after four weeks. We realize some hardships are ongoing, and renewing a request for prayer in such a case is supported. You can renew or discontinue requests by contacting Pastor Dan or the office.

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

What's 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, and keep apprised of members who have hardships. **If you would like to become part of our Prayer Chain, simply call or email the church office and Barb will add your name to that e-mail group.** (And if you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain but don't use email, let us know and we'll arrange for you to get a call.)



Men's Ministry

We invite men of all ages to join in conversation and service to the community. Our quasi-monthly meetings on Saturday mornings include discussion of scriptural topics, how they relate to our 21st century lives, and what we can do to live as Christians in the world.

Our Feb 9 meeting did not turn out as expected – the snowfall lowered our turnout. Although we did not assemble kits, we did shovel sidewalks—thanks to Dennis Alfson and Jan Olson for shoveling!!

(Dennis, above)

March 16 meeting —08:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Short follow-up discussion on February thoughts. Then we will assemble school kits for LWR ingathering May 3rd & 4th. Assembly starts at 9:00am

April 20 meeting—09:30 AM in Fellowship Hall – set tables, chairs for Easter Breakfast April 21st.

Easter April 21st —We will cook and serve Easter Breakfast.

Spring LWR Ingathering May 3rd/4th at Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church, located at 2500 NW 85th. If you can load boxes or just direct cars and trucks, please let Rich know. lwrmathes@aol.com.

—Rich Mathes

Lent – it seems to come so quickly after Christmas! Even though this year, Easter falls very late in the calendar season. The QALCW Brunch, a tradition here at Queen Anne for many years, focuses on the meaning of Lent. We are looking forward to having Pastor Deborah Butler (who will also leading several evening sessions during our QALC Lenten series on centering prayer) speak to us.

QALCW Lenten Brunch

Saturday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Come share in Food, Fellowship
and Preparation for
the 40 days of Lent

We will begin the brunch with a VERY short QALC Women's business meeting. The QALC Women's Committee would like to allocate \$3,000.00 for Core Tanzania School. We feel that approval is needed from the QALC Women for this funding. The proposal also includes raising \$1,000 per year for the next 3 years in support of the school.

An offering will be taken to cover the costs of the brunch. A portion of all offerings at QALC Women events are sent to ELCA NW Synodical Women to support both the synodical and national Women of the ELCA organizations.

People often ask how they may help at an event or activity and often my answer is, "just take the time to join us. Come!" For a community to be, we need YOU to be a part of it. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Circle and Sewing Groups continue this month. You are welcome to join us at any and all.

In Circles (small groups), we continue to study the Gospel of John: "Meetings with Jesus." For the Lessons, read John 8:1-11. Our theme verse this month is John 15:15.

(Jesus said) "I do not call you servants and longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

Come join us this month. We would love to have you there!

Your Women's Committee,

Sallie Wilson, Pat Sobeck, Lisa Ondrejcek and Candy Mathes

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

QALCW Unnamed Circle meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Barb Bach's home. In March, the meeting is Tuesday, March 26 at 7 PM. Contact bbach4751@gmail.com for info and directions.

Northern Lights, our north-end Circle, generally meets on the second Monday of each month. In March, the meeting is Monday, March 11 at 7 PM. Contact Dolly Smith at ohana3@comcast.net for info and locations.

Sewing and Service meets every Wednesday at 9:30 AM at QALC for quilting. Because the season of Lent begins March 6, quilters will break for worship at 10:30 AM, and have a coffee break afterwards downstairs. Working on quilts after that is optional!

PDQs is a multigenerational, multigender group which meets at QALC on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM for a simple supper and quilting. In March, the meeting is Tuesday, March 19.

REGION 1 GATHERING

SAVE THE DATE

June 21-23, 2019

The Oregon Synodical Women invite you to join us June 21-23, 2019 for a spiritual journey—led by Sharon Garlough Brown, author of the *Sensible Shoes* book series—fellowship and worship.



Check out Sharon's web page at: sensibleshoesclub.com

Registration information for the Region 1 Gathering will be out soon.

**Oregon
Women of the ELCA**



**Fellowship with
women from
Alaska,
Washington,
Idaho, Montana
and Oregon.**

**Oregon is a
beautiful state
and Hillsboro and
its surroundings
offer many fun
things to do!**

**Make it a family
vacation. The
Pacific Ocean is
approximately
1 ½ hours away.**

**Watch a Hops
Baseball game or
go wine tasting.**

**Watch for more
information as we
continue to plan
an amazing 2-day
retreat.**



Bishop's Message

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NWWA Synod

From the March 2019 edition of *The Spirit*

The Power of Dignity

The most frequent question that I am being asked these days is, “What are you going to do next?” I announced in September that I would not be seeking reelection and immediately the question began. Strange as it may sound, I wasn’t prepared for it. In fact, I have given very little thought to what I might do next other than sleep, spend more time with Kim, and get out more on our boat, *Gratitude*.

I am now thinking more seriously about what I am going to do next—knowing that throughout my life God has always disrupted my plans.

One area I know I want to invest more heavily in is my work as a trustee of Renton Technical College. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life’s journey to have a front row seat at the College. I have been tuned into the college for over thirty years. I was first attracted to the college knowing the population of students it serves—primarily those for whom traditional education is not fulfilling, those who cannot afford a 4-year college and more recently those who are new to our country whose primary language is not English.

The faculty at the college is likewise unique. They are people of great passion who believe that every person can learn and succeed. By and large, all of them can find much higher paying jobs in other areas of the economy. They are in it because they receive great joy in seeing students who have little or no confidence discover how smart and capable they are.

I recently returned from a gathering of trustees in Olympia where we hosted the Transforming Lives dinner. It was an opportunity to offer gratitude and praise to 34 students, each representing their school. Each of them arrived with incredible stories of moving from utter defeat to a place of hope.

Five of the 34 were invited on stage to tell their stories. There wasn’t a dry eye in the room. One woman returned to college at 46 after years of abuse nearly ending in her own death. She was a high school dropout and had four children for whom she was responsible. She said to her kids before she entered college, “Don’t grow up to be like your mom.” It took only one counselor to see what potential she had. She went from wanting to drop out of college in the first week to getting her GED and will graduate this Spring with the intention to get her degree in psychology and use her life experiences to help others. At the end of her presentation she said to her four children in the audience, “Be like your mother—never give up.”

Another student had come out of an abusive home from which she ran. She ended up in the horrific world of sex trafficking. She once again ran from the violence, knowing her only hope was in getting an education. It was a hard story, but she said, “I do so because I want others to find the hope that I have found.”

Two other students had been living on the streets and in their cars without shelter. Each had been incarcerated for lengthy periods of time. One was living with HIV and the other had been a child soldier in the war in Liberia. They spoke powerfully of the confidence and hope they have in their futures. Further education and a living wage awaits all of these students.

The final student came from a family of 24 siblings. They lived in incredible poverty. She never dreamed she would go to college. She found a dead-end job and knew that her only hope for a bright future was education. She is now a rising star in her college with a very promising future.

Each one of these students went from being unable to establish eye contact to finding their voices in less than two years’ time.

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There wasn't a dry eye in the room because we witnessed how resilient the human soul is when at least one other person knows you by name, sees you as fully their equal, and believes in your ability to fulfill your dreams.

I don't know all that I will be doing—but I will continue to be an advocate for fully funding our Community and Technical Colleges. +BKU

SERVING IN MARCH

Altar Guild:

Lori Roozen

Offering Counters

- 3 Lindley Williamson and Sally Villaluz
- 10 Cathi Unseth and Michael Banobi
- 17 Rich Mathes and Joel Matter
- 24 John Reese and Vicke Pugil
- 31 Bridget Boysen and Barb Bach

Ushers: (8:00 AM)

- 3 Ken Hockman
- 10 NEEDED
- 17 NEEDED
- 24 NEEDED
- 31 NEEDED

Ushers: (10:30 AM)

- 3 Don Thomas/NEEDED
- with Will Feldmann and Jenna Del Vento
- 10 Don Thomas/NEEDED
- 17 NEEDED
- 24 NEEDED
- 31 NEEDED

Lector/Communion Server (8:00 AM)

- 3 Jacqui Darroch
- 10 Jan & Linda Olson
- 17 Dan Squires
- 24 Lisa Chille
- 31 Mei Le and Dolly Smith

Assisting Minister (10:30 AM)

- 3 Meg Shaw, with Jenna Del Vento as Lector
- 6 (Ash Wednesday, 7:30 PM) NEEDED
- 10 Joan Kavanaugh
- 17 Jean Oplinger
- 24 Kirsten Erickson
- 31 Rich Mathes

Flowers on the Altar

- 3 Rich & Candy Mathes
- 10-31 (No Flowers During Lent)

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (8:00 AM)

- 3 Hockman
- 10 Smiths
- 17 Squires
- 24 NEEDED
- 31 NEEDED

Sunday Coffee Hosts: (10:30 AM)

- 3 John Reese and Jenna Del Vento
- 10 Cantor Search Committee
- 17 Pat Sobeck
- 24 Unseths
- 31 Kavanaughs

Deadline for the April Quill is Wednesday, March 20.

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March 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 9:00am Church Council Retreat 9:00am Winter Outing @ Alpental 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| 3 Family Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship | 4 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 5 12:00pm After-Word 6:00pm Executive Committee | 6 Ash Wednesday 9:30am Sewing & Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 7:30pm Worship 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen | 7 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 8 | 9 9:00am QALCW Lenten Breakfast 10:30am Alanon Women 3:00pm Community Music Jam 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| 10 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 9:30am ForKIDS 10:30am Worship 11:30am Cantor Farewell and Welcome 12:30pm Visitation Team Mtg. | 11 7:00pm Northern Lights 7:00pm ALZ Caregiver's Support 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 12 12:00pm After-Word 6:30pm Church Council | 13 9:30am Sewing & Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 1:30pm Girl Scouts 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Lent Supper/Worship 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen | 14 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 15 | 16 8:30am Men'sMinistry 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| 17 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 9:30am ForKIDS 10:30am Worship | 18 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 19 12:00pm Interfaith Community 12:00pm After-Word 5:30pm PDQs | 20 9:30am Sewing & Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Lent Supper/Worship 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen | 21 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 22 | 23 9:00am Garden Work Party 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers |
| 24 8:00am Worship 9:00am Adult Forum 9:30am ForKIDS 10:30am Worship | 25 7:00pm QA Book Group 7:00pm 12-Step FA | 26 12:00pm After-Word 7:00pm QALCW Circle | 27 9:30am Sewing & Service 10:30am Lenten Worship 1:30pm Girl Scouts 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Lent Supper/Worship 8:00pm AA/Alanon/Alateen | 28 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 29 | 30 10:30am Alanon Women 7:00pm AA-Shanty Trudgers |
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