

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Kate Cotey 4/1
Laurie Mansfield 4/2
Sam Horn 4/2
Jean Danielson 4/3
Megan Adrig 4/3
Bing Debar 4/3
Willy Stuhlmiller 4/4
Anita Puzon 4/8
Karen Beers 4/8
Mike Mansfield 4/9
Robyn Prehm 4/11
Ben Gutierrez 4/11
Henry Becker 4/12
Eleanor Beer 4/13
Lorna Abbott 4/13
Jack Nelson 4/14
Michelle Holman 4/15
Julie Swenson 4/16
LaVonne Berentson 4/16
Delores Hammond 4/17
Susan Gilbert 4/17
Marj Kallem 4/17
Shauna Becker 4/19
Camille Journey 4/20

Kathy Price 4/20
Kurt Peterson 4/20
Marci Becker 4/21
Sharon Wendt 4/22
David Schielke 4/23
Mike Desmond 4/25
Phil Swenson 4/25
Bev DeBroeck 4/25
Chuck Slocum 4/27
Bill Beaudoin 4/27
Karen Mattick 4/28
Carolyn Hibbard 4/28
John Bartlett 4/29
Judy Wales 4/29
Jack Clearman 4/30
Tina Bigelow 4/30
Tony LaMagna 4/30

*Happy
Anniversary*

Walt Elliott and Bobbie Moore 4/7
Chuck and Bev DeBroeck 4/11
Linda and Dan Carlson 4/12
David and Karyn Crawford 4/12
Corey and Kelli Oster 4/12
Don and Janean Moriarty 4/15
Bill and Terry Beaudoin 4/24
Don and Jean Danielson 4/25



prayer of our hearts....

PRAYER OF OUR HEARTS

Beautiful Savior,
Infuse in us your *SAVING*
GRACE throughout this
Eastertide.

May we *LISTEN* for
your *BENEDICTION* upon
our motives that we may
utter *BLESSINGS* only.

Amen

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*hooray for
April*

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the VINYARD

Vinland Lutheran Church April 2016

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast’. None of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.”
John 21:12-13

The Gospel of John brings us this surreal episode of the risen Christ preparing breakfast for his disciples. Peter and the boys have retreated to Galilee to do some fishing, perhaps to get used to the idea that Jesus is resurrected from the dead. Out on the water, they had just hauled in a record-setting catch, thanks to Jesus. And now, they are invited to breakfast courtesy of the Savior. There is something about God, food, and fellowship in the bible. Whether it is the Lord’s Supper, breakfast on the beach, or Wedding Feast of the Lamb at the end of time, God likes a party.

This sure works out well for our congregation, because we enjoy a tasty meal with good company and we get to do that a lot in the name of the Risen Christ. At such gatherings around food and fellowship, it is so much more than just satisfying your appetite. It is also a time to quench your spirit and commune with the Trinity. If your household is like ours, we have lost the art of family meals. All the more do we need to intentionally gather together for soup suppers, lectionary lunches, men and women breakfasts, Family Camp meals, and celebrate being God’s people.

Having said that, I would like to invite you, your family, and the whole congregation to join our Mexico Mission team for our Stockholders’ Dinner on Sunday, April 17th at 5 PM. This is a FREE DINNER for all. Our intention is to simply say THANK YOU for your prayerful and financial support on this venture. Plus, we want to share our experience with you through stories, slides, testimonies, and with some delicious Tammy Rabura enchiladas!!!

This is NOT A FUNDRAISER! This is a THANKSGIVING GATHERING!!



Mexico Mission Stockholders Dinner!!

When? Sunday, April 17 @ 5 PM

What? Slides, Stories, and Enchiladas

Who? Vinland Congregation & Friends

Pastor Chuck: Serving, Studying, Lunching, Confirming

THANKS to Phil (the Vintner) and Julie (the Chef) for hosting and feeding our Lunch Bunch crew in their relaxing home.

THANKS to Bruce and Lisa Mansfield for their on-stop music ministry among us. Holy Week was an absolute joy. THANKS!

THANKS to the Confirmation Students and the hearty volunteers who worked HARD at the all-church clean up!

LUNCH BUNCH @ The Olive Garden Monday, April 4, 11:30 AM Can you send endless breadsticks and salad? We gather in Silverdale for a tasty lunch and lively fellowship. Join our rousing seniors for a nice lunch.

LECTIONARY LUNCH RESUMES Thursday, April 14th at 11:30. After our Lenten break, we are back with sack lunch/bible study to prepare for the coming Sunday's sermon. Come and wrestle with scripture with us.

4/14- Psalm 23

4/28 – Acts 16:9-15

4/21- Revelation 21:1-6

5/5 – John 17:20-26



MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, April 2, 8:00 AM @ Vinland
Our gathering of hungry brothers will feature lots of carbs, coffee, and conversation around a current topic. Always an adventure!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT @ GLENN & BEACHIE'S! Fri, April 15 – Sat. April 16. Once again, our beloved friends, the Settles, will open their home to us as we have a retreat around the Lord's Prayer. We come for dinner at 6 pm, eat well, study hard, play lots, sleep some, and build up our faith together.

MEXICO MISSION (March 31-April 8, 2016)
We have 27 students and adults for our house-building trip.

Vamos!

DIALOGUE ON DRAFT Monday, April 25, 5pm at Campanas. Come meet friends in the faith for informative and informal conversation

CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT: SATURDAY, April 30
Please keep our council and staff in your prayers as we spend a day together planning and discussing the mission and ministry of our congregation!



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with Sympathy

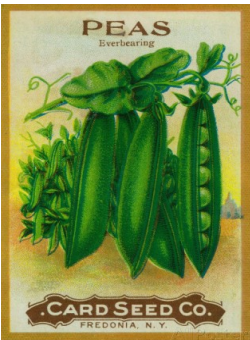
Pastor Don Moore passed away March 19 surrounded by family. He leaves his wife Hazel, daughters Cheryl and Tammy and son Doug. He was a pastor at Vinland for about 20 years.

He will be remembered by the youth from his Greasy Kids group that met on Saturdays. They even made an electric car which was driven in the Viking Fest parade one year. Please remember his family in your prayers. There will be a memorial service on Friday, April 8 at 1pm at Silverdale Lutheran Church.



How to Plant Your Garden

First, "You come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses."



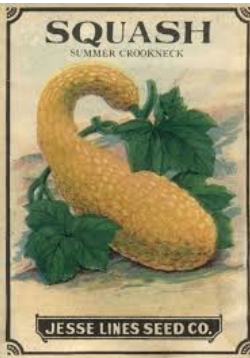
Plant **THREE** rows of **PEAS**:

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul



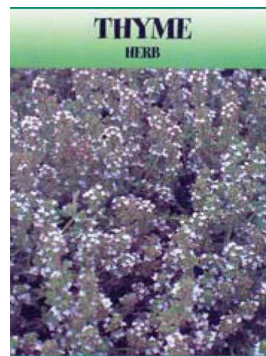
No garden is without **TURNIPS**:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another



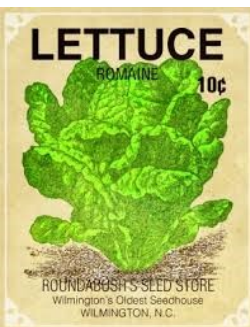
Plant **FOUR** rows of **SQUASH**:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness



Our garden must have **THYME**:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends



Plant **FOUR** rows of **LETTUCE**:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

Instructions:

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much produce in your garden because you reap what you sow.

miscellaneous



LET THERE BE (MORE) LIGHT!

The council has approved a very well-researched plan to add additional lighting to Grace Hall. This will encompass discreet fixtures along the beam facing the large window. The fixtures will, in no way, detract from the appearance of the hall, but will provide wonderful lighting for events.

Thank you to a donor who has already pledged \$1200.00. Only \$700.00 more is needed to begin and complete the project. Many thanks to Steve King for writing an excellent proposal. If you care to donate, designate "Lighting Fund" on your check or on an envelope containing cash.



Dear Congregation.

Many thanks to all those who participated in the 2016 "Cookies & Carnitas" fundraiser for the Missions Team and the preschool this past February, your financial support has

been greatly appreciated. What a grand afternoon it was. After the paddles were raised, the bidding was done, the plates washed clean and the last cookie crumb picked up the dollars were counted and you all deserve a huge shout out of praise as you collectively raised nearly \$9,500. The Missions Team earned enough finances for their vehicle insurance, and the preschool will finally get a powerful and mighty vacuum cleaner.

This fundraiser could not have happened without the mighty warriors at the helm. Thank you Amy Munns and Karyn Crawford for all the hours and creativity you poured into the auction. The organization, the layout and the decorations were outstanding. The teams who helped set up and clean up for the event, you rocked it and it looked great. Registration and check in was cheerful and welcoming as always thanks to the wonderful Ms. Lori VanVlerah; you are the best. Thank you Matt Clucas and Kelle Horn for your enthusiasm and humor as the auctioneer-extraordinaires.

All the hands that went into the preparation into making this a successful auction made all the difference as well; special thanks to Amy Hochhalter and Tammie Rabura for leading the kitchen crew and serving the attendees so efficiently; Alauna Sallis for all your phone calls, driving across the county and procuring so many items for the auction, well done; Pastor Chuck and Janean Moriarty for all your procuring and support; many thanks for the preschool parents who baked dozens upon dozens of cookies; an extra special thanks to Marianne Strum and Tirza Shaffer for representing the preschool so proudly and being the team behind securing the adorable ceramic pieces for the silent auction. Diane LaMagna, Ashley, Kelli Oster and Kaylin for all your patience and diligence at the check out table. You all are totally appreciated.

As I finish up my last season as the Chair for the Preschool Board this June it has been humbling and a privilege to sit alongside each one of you during events like this and to join in prayer for over the lives of these ministries that we serve and in turn serve us. Thank you congregation for showing up and supporting both the Missions Team and the sweet and beautiful preschool with your financial resources as well as your faithful heart. Your time and generous donations have made all the difference. Blessings to you and yours.

With a Grateful Heart,

Pamela Schneider, *Chair* Preschool Board

news for and about women

Women of Vinland will meet on April 20 for their regular meeting, devotions and lunch. Who knows what wonderful projects they are dreaming up for the church! The kitchen project is a huge improvement. Thank you workers and donors.

The one-day whirlwind rummage sale takes place Saturday, April 23 in the basement of Grace Hall...bring your donations and come and shop!



Sunday, May 1, noon, Second All-Women Gathering
Dust off your old or new aprons...or ones your mother or grandmother wore. Bring them and we'll share "apron stories", enjoy a nice lunch, listen to the Vinland "chimers" and visit! Invite a friend.

Please sign up if you plan to attend. There is information on the bulletin board in Grace Hall.

We will have 5 table hostesses who will decorate their tables with different flower centerpieces, napkins, etc.



Women of Grace

First & Third Mondays of each month at 6:30pm

This is a mixed-age group of interesting, fun-loving women who gather on the first and third Mondays for tea and cookies, prayer and discussion.

Newcomers always welcome. Call or e-mail Marsha Wright for details. 360.621.6983 or randmwright@gmail.com

We will meet on April 4 and 18.

Quilters are now meeting EVERY Tuesday from 9-noon. They hope to get more consistent participation with the shorter and more frequent gathering times. Bring a sack lunch and we'll eat before we leave.

Women's Breakfast is now being held on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month at 8:30 at Envy.



Busy Moms are currently gathering in Grace Hall during the Sunday School hour for "around the table" conversation. Come and find the group!

kids and LOFT news

APRIL in the LOFT

APR 6	NO LOFT—SPRING BREAK
APR 13	Meet at 6pm POTLUCK!
APR 20	Meet at 6pm
APR 27	Meet at 6pm Earth Day Fun



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are in the entry to the sanctuary. The deadline to return completed applications to church is Friday April 22.



MARCH PARENT'S NIGHT OUT SAT. APR 30, 5-9pm

Plan an evening out! Bring your kids to church for dinner and lots of play-time. Cost is \$10 per child. Kids MUST be potty-trained. There are sign-up sheets in Grace Hall and the Preschool Welcome Room.

FAMILY CAMP 2016 We will discover “More Than Gold” at our Olympic Games in Rio! Mark you Calendar now! July 22-28.

May 22 is our last day of Sunday School and we will have a party at church.

PLEASE keep bringing your kids to Sunday School; we know there are many activities vying for your time, but we love your kids and want to immerse them in God's love here at church!

ROLLER SKATING PARTY JUNE 5—SAVE THE DATE!!



JUNE 27-30

PRE-K THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Our second year of high energy fun for kids! We are looking for volunteers to make this an incredible week.

preschool news



Honoring God by nurturing children's relationships.

Happy Spring! We love the warm weather and exploring the change of seasons. It was fun acting out Holy Week with our students and teaching them of God's great love and miraculous ways. We look forward to seeing the new life of spring and remembering that Jesus offers new life to all of us. Thank you for your loving prayers for our preschool



We're thrilled to announce we are part of The Kitsap Great Give, a national day of local giving that will be held on May 3, 2016. A partnership between Kitsap Community Foundation

and local nonprofits, donors from every neighborhood in our community will come together to raise significant funds for local needs—all on a single day.

This is a big, bold opportunity for our community. We're joining more than 100 communities across the country to raise millions of dollars for the greater good. And every gift given to local nonprofits will be increased by a national pool of matching funds.

We're partnering with area nonprofits, businesses and community members to raise funds for local needs. The giving website makes it easy, safe and fun to give to organizations already doing essential work in our community--like Vinland Lutheran Preschool.



Please mark your calen-

Prayer Partner Luncheon

April 27th 11:45 a.m.

We invite our prayer partners to a luncheon with the preschool families in Grace Hall. We will have a short program and opportunity to visit with your preschooler.

Preschool Sunday

May 1st 10:30 a.m. service

Day With the Tacoma Rainiers

May 15th 1:35 p.m.

This is not a fundraiser, but a thank you to our families and congregation for supporting the preschool this year. Our discounted group rate of \$12.50 includes admission and a Ballpark Meal (hot dog, Tim's Cascade snack and water bottle). There is a throwback promotion at this game and the first 1,000 fans get a Rainiers hat, plus, kids can run the bases post-game. **Purchase your ticket by Sunday, April 17** to join us for a day of family fun. Look for forms in the narthex and in Grace Hall. Return to Janean or the church of-

Scandinavian Celebration!

SUNDAYS
at **TWO**

complimentary concert series
at Vinland Lutheran Church

April 24, 2pm



**Scandinavian Music
and Dancing**

**Reception featuring
Norwegian delicacies**

2750 NW Finn Hill Rd, Poulsbo 360.779.3428
monetary donations to Fishline are appreciated

Music is Blossoming by Lisa Mansfield

Psalm 150: 3-5 states: "Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre. Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe. Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals."

Often when people find out that I'm a musician, they say things like, "I wish I could sing" or "I used to play an instrument." Music is something that you can start at any point in your life or return to at any time. But, if that's not an option for you, musicians always need people in the audience to enjoy the music being played. If you are looking for ways to enjoy some local music and praise the Lord in the next few months, here are some sacred and secular music opportunities.



April 3: Poulsbo Community Orchestra is playing *The Silk Road*, a musical journey from Asia to Italy with guest musicians Naomi Kohl, soprano and Madelyn Aman, mezzo-soprano and Larissa Freier, violin. Pieces include works by Borodin, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky. The 3 pm concert will be at North Point Church 1779 NE Hostmark St. Poulsbo, WA. See Vinland's own Jane-an Moriarty and Bruce Mansfield perform. Donations are appreciated.

April 17: The Independents Chorus is offering a musical cantata called *Footprints in the Sand* with narration, slides, and songs by Joseph Martin. Take this "musical journey about the life of Jesus. Come and walk in His footprints. Travel the dusty roads from Galilee to Golgotha to Emmaus...and leave with a renewed sense of peace, hope, and faith." The concert takes place at 3:30 pm at Silverdale Lutheran Church, 11701 Ridgepoint Dr. Silverdale, WA. A free-will offering will be collected at the conclusion of the concert.

April 17: Navy Band Northwest is having a 2 pm chamber concert at Keyport Auditorium 1 Garnett Way, Keyport, WA 98345. Small ensembles will be playing Mozart's C minor Serenade and Beethoven's Octet in Eb.

April 24: Celebrate Scandinavian Heritage at Vinland Lutheran Church for the Sundays at Two concert with the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Leikarringen Dancers and Vestre Sund Mannskor (Men's Chorus). This is an event for everyone, with even some participation dancing for children, adults, and seniors followed by a reception of Scandinavian treats. See some of VLC's youngsters dance their shoes off! Donations will be accepted to benefit local groups and charities.



May 22: Local guitar students, including VLC's Doug Barnhart, will be performing an afternoon of wonderful musical works. The concert will take place at 1:30 pm at Vinland Lutheran Church's Grace Hall with musical selections to warm your heart and entice you to jump out of your seat with joy.

Barb's backyard by Barb Erickson



I'd been watching for her, so when the tall, long-haired woman walked across the small parking lot, came in through the door, and immediately approached me, I was not surprised. "Are you Barbara?" "Yes, you must be Kristin?" And so it began.

We all know about internet dating, but this was something different. Still, with my age and experience, it is not something I ever could have envisioned myself doing. But I've learned to never say never, and in this instance it was a sort of modern day miracle – and yes, thanks to the internet.

We climbed the stairs to the second floor and settled ourselves into the only couch in this small, cozy, eclectic coffee shop. It was the idea place to meet – casual, easy to find, and centrally located. After a bit of small talk to acquaint ourselves with each other, I pulled my treasure from the large bag I had carried in. Before us lay the white, hand-crocheted coverlet that my mother-in-law had painstakingly made back in the 1940s, lovingly created of thin cotton thread with a variety of intricate stitches. "I lied" I said. "Instead of four or five areas to fix, there's more like twelve..." Kristin studied it carefully. "That's OK" she said "let me go get my kit."

I had packed this coverlet away, safety pins marking and holding in place the areas that had unraveled. I had considered repairing it myself, even buying a "how-to" book on crocheting, but decided this was not something I wanted to attempt. After months of asking around, I submitted my request to a local group via the internet, along with a couple of photographs. My pleas reached Kristin, who responded immediately: "... I have experience repairing vintage crochet and knitting work and it's something I really love to do. I love that you value the piece for sentimental reasons and I would be happy to help you keep it around for many more years...I will bring my kit, if the picture shows the full extent of the damage it's possible that I can fix it then and there for you." She included some references, we discussed her charge, and agreed to meet.

Her repair kit included spools of cotton thread in various shades of white and a selection of crochet hooks. Carefully, she held the different threads against the coverlet and crocheted a few stitches, meticulously comparing the different shades and sizes of the work – asking me what I thought – until we were both satisfied with the results. For the rest of the morning she worked, while I sipped my coffee and visited with this most interesting and talented woman. When she was done, the final results were more than satisfactory – the heirloom looked as if it had never been damaged at all. I expressed my gratitude, paid her what we'd agreed upon, and we went our separate ways. Perhaps our paths will cross again – perhaps not – but we agreed that we'd enjoyed the time together and we are both richer for that brief moment we shared.

Our lives are much like this aged coverlet, intricately stitched together in different patterns, textures, and subtle colors. Often, we experience a closeness and tight-knittedness which strengthens and melds us together; in-between spaces allow for variety, independence, and breathing room. There is a rhythm and a beauty which fulfills us and keeps us warm. Some relationships are delicate and can break on minor issues and simple misunderstandings; some breakups are major. When damage occurs, it threatens to destroy all that holds us together. We must admit the relationship is broken, slowly start to rebuild it by tackling each small problem, and create a stronger foundation. Mending broken relationships is never quick or easy, but over time it can be done. Sometimes, we can do the mending ourselves – and sometimes we need help. Trust that it's out there...

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Colossians 3:1