

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ashley LaMagna 6/1
 Marilyn Maas-Jones 6/1
 Violet Holman 6/3
 Arnold Hammond 6/6
 Luella Tingelstad 6/6
 Reese Adrig 6/7
 Cody Warren 6/8
 Sam Ward 6/11
 Ethan Florent 6/17
 Mary Lou Reister 6/18
 Terry Beaudoin 6/19
 Annalise Schielke 6/19
 Sally Winkel 6/19
 Judy Herman 6/21
 Phyllis Koehmstedt 6/22
 Lindsey Carlson 6/24
 Judith McMahon 6/24

Carol Bartlett 6/24
 Rich Gregerson 6/24
 Phyllis Sele 6/25
 Rick Kruse 6/25
 Emilie McMahon 6/27
 Greg Warren 6/29
 John Ross 6/30
 Billie Jo Settle 6/30

Happy Anniversary

Dennis and Denise Deitch 6/4
 Jim and Lavonne Berentson 6/12
 Vern and Nita Johnson 6/12
 Ed and Lnn Florent 6/14
 Bruce and Lisa Mansfield 6/24
 Carlos and Sherry Gutierrez 6/26
 Chris and Megan Adrig 6/27
 Bob and Willy Stuhmiller 6/29



prayer of our hearts....

SAVIOR FATHER,
 Thank you for your
 immense Generosity and
 Grace, that we are
 endowed with
 a *Believers' Freedom*
 to live by your
 example. That through
 your Holy Spirit,
 blessings of loving-
 Goodness and Mercy
 become available to all.
 Amen

Sharon Schmid

JUNE 2016

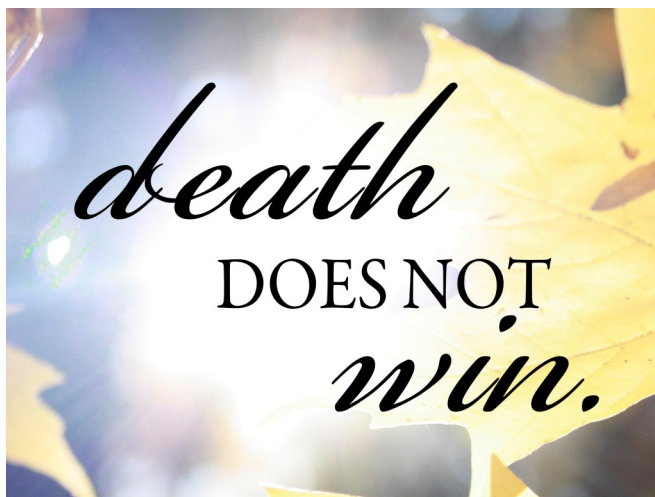
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the VINYARD

Vinland Lutheran Church June 2016

“Listen, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, we will be changed- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be imperishable, and we will be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

This post-Easter season has been busy with way too many funerals. In the span of six weeks, I will have presided at four funerals, all with graveside services. Death is something almost all of us deny, dread, and are deeply disturbed by. Ernst Becker in his classic, “Denial of Death”, argues that our fear of death runs so deep in our psyche and our souls, that we expend an inordinate amount of energy fleeing and/or pretending that it will never be our turn. Becker points to the cultural rush for plastic surgery, non-stop distractions, and sanitized funeral homes as evidence.

By denying death so vigorously, ironically, we expend a great deal of our energy and emotion running away, instead of trying to find peace with our mortality. We are mortal, that’s a fact. The bible declares we are like grass, flowers, and vapor. Each of those analogies are to help us realize and accept how temporary we are. For Christians, Paul points to the mystery of the resurrection, “For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be raised imperishable”.

It shouldn’t surprise us that death is more of an inconvenience than an obstruction for God. You wouldn’t know it, given the way so many Christians fear death. In my experience, believers don’t have much of a problem trusting the resurrection, intellectually and biblically. What is hard is the leap from in your head to in the ground. Maybe that is why as a pastor, I like graveside services. Every time I stand at the grave of one of God’s saints for a committal, I begin, “None of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, if we die we died to the Lord. So then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.”

I guess I feel like I am practicing for my own committal, though someone else will have to preside and say those words. When the bible speaks of such mysteries, we don’t so much get answers as promises. Promises are preferable, like “whether we live or whether we die, WE ARE THE LORD’S”. My prayer for us is that God would give us the faith to trust the death & resurrection of Christ is sufficient. And to have confidence that in your baptism this great salvation is yours. You cannot be anymore saved than you are right now!

Your name is written in the Book of Life!

Pastor Chuck: Serving, Studying, Munching, Reaching Out

thank
you!

Thanks to Judy Wales and WOV for hosting the funeral reception for Harold Haaland on May 14. Good food and gracious hospitality.

Thanks to Vinland Preschool for hosting the Tacoma Rainiers game on May 15.

Thanks to Tina Bigelow and the WOV for hosting the Martha & Mary lunch on May 18. A good time was had by all.

Thanks Confirmation students and families for a good year.

Lunch Bunch @ Thai Kitchen: Monday, June 6, 11:30 AM

In June we try the new Thai restaurant next to Central Market. Join our seniors for a nice lunch. Pastor Chuck will bring an article to peruse.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, June 4, 8:00 AM @ Vinland Our gathering of hungry brothers will feature lots of carbs, coffee, and conversation around a current topic.

Dialogue on Draft: Monday, June 27, 5 PM. Watch for details on topic and location.

Pastor Chuck Away June 15 at a Candidacy Meeting.



APOCALYPTIC DONUTS

Sundays, 8:30 – 9:15, begins June 5! With the summer sermon series on REVELATION (thus the donuts are apocalyptic), you're invited to join us for discussion, donuts, & dispensationalism (one way of reading Revelation). As we study Revelation, we will also focus on the sermon theme of the day.



June 27-30 10:00-11:30
Haugen Hall

“From Catechism to Koran”. We will explore Lutheran Christianity as compared to Islam, Hinduism, and Evangelical Christianity. We may even take some field trips to experience our neighbor's faith as we seek to better understand different faiths.



Family Camp 2016

July 22nd to July 28th

Come win *More Than GOLD* at our Olympic Games in Rio

Please return to church by **July 9th** to help us with purchasing supplies for camp.

Children:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Adults:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email Address : _____

OVERNIGHT CAMPERS:

___ RV Site (RV type/length) ___ Lodge Room ___ Tent Site ___ Cabin ___

CHECK IN DATE: _____ CHECK OUT DATE: _____

DAYCAMPERS:

DATES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

ALL CAMPERS:

Camp Meals — please circle each meal your family will be attending **Food Allergies:** _____

Saturday	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Sunday	Breakfast	Potluck	Dinner
Monday	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Tuesday	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Wednesday	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Thursday	Breakfast	Lunch	

Questions -please email Kristine Clucas at kristineclucas@yahoo.com , Kelle Horn at kellehorn@gmail.com, or Karyn Crawford at karyncrawford73@gmail.com. Join our Facebook group Vinland Family Camp or find more information on the bulletin board in Grace Hall.

Mandatory Meeting

Sunday, July 17th following worship.

One representative from each “family” must attend.

We will hand out T-shirts, assign lodging, pass out schedules, sign up for dish duty, and review camp rules.



Class of 2016

MARTHA RABURA, GRADUATES FROM KINGSTON

“Next year I will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and hope to eventually go on to grad school and earn my master’s and doctorate degrees. For my bachelors I am currently thinking of double minoring in Spanish Language and Education with an interdisciplinary major between Women’s rights and politics. I plan on using my degree to work as a human rights activist. My dream is to work for United Nations or another global activism organization in their women’s rights and global education department. Wherever I end up in the world, I want to use my education to make a difference in others’ lives. Having a mom as a teacher has taught me the importance of spreading knowledge in the world and I plan on spending my future in pursuit of this goal. One way I will do this is by joining the Peace Corps after I earn my degree, I believe this will be an opportunity for me to help give back to the world. Living and experiencing other cultures is such a crucial part of an education and of life. I furthermore hope to study abroad while in college in a Spanish speaking country in pursuit of becoming fluent in the language and discovering their culture. While I do not know where my future will lead, I know it will be filled with the quest for knowledge and sharing the gift of education with the world.”

ERIKA RABURA graduated from University of Nevada, Las Vegas on May 14th with her Masters of Elementary Education Instruction and Curriculum Design. She has finished her position with Teach for America as a third grade teacher in North Las Vegas. In July she will leave for Colombia where she will be an English Teaching Assistant and Social Development Project with a Fulbright Fellowship at the Universidad Pedagogica y Tecnologica de Colombia in Tunja, Boyaca Colombia.

MYA SCHULTZ GRADUATES FROM NORTH KITSAP

“My plan for next is to go to OC for either 2 years and transfer to a university or stay there and go through their nursing program. I haven't decided yet though but I know for sure that I'll be attending OC. I hope to become a NIC-U nurse.”

JIMMY PREHM, the NSWT graphics operator, has graduated from Olympic College with an Associate Degree in Business. His immediate goal is to find a position in a business where he can gain some real world experience. His intermediate goal is to obtain a four-year degree in business. Jimmy is looking forward to getting into the real world and away from academia for a while.

KAYLIN OSTER has completed her Associates Degree at Olympic College, as well as playing two years of collegiate golf on the OC team. She will be attending WWSU in the fall. She is interested in Environmental Science. She has worked at the Bangor pool for the past year as lifeguard and swim and aerobics instructor. She hopes to work in Bellingham in a similar capacity

KYLE OSTER GRADUATES FROM NK.

He will attend OC in the fall and would like to transfer to WSU or South Dakota State University within the next year or two. He keeps himself busy mowing lawns and doing odd jobs.

MELISSA WARREN graduated on May 6 from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. She earned a BS in Bioengineering, and plans to start working in the SLC area in a few months. She is very thankful for the support she received from VLC in accomplishing this goal.

LISA MASFIELD will graduate from the UW with a Masters in Music Education on June 11. She is currently interviewing for music jobs in local schools. The school who chooses her to be on staff will be very lucky indeed!

news for and about women

Women of Vinland will meet on June 15 for their regular meeting, devotions and lunch. Always a fun time for ALL WOMEN of the church. These women keep busy dreaming up ways to help in the church, community and around the world.



Women of Grace

MONDAY, JUNE 6 @ 5:30PM

We will gather at the home of Phyllis and Galen Sele for our end-of-year summer salad potluck. This wonderful group of women will reconvene for regular meetings on September 19.

Quilters are now meeting EVERY Tuesday from 9-noon. They hope to get more consistent participation with the shorter and more frequent gathering times.

Women's Breakfast Group meets on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month at 8:30 at Envy Grill. All women welcome!

Busy Moms will be re-locating to Wildcat Lake once school is out. Bring the kids to the picnic side around lunch time. Stay as long as you want.



Sisters

*share childhood memories
& grown up dreams.*

Phyllis Sele, Beachie Wishart and Lynn Florent have each lost a sister in the past few weeks. May sweet memories bring them comfort.

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

*THANK YOU to Sunday School teachers:
Suzie Banzer, Sherry Gutierrez, Lynn Florent
and Lisa Mansfield
for sharing God's love with our Vinland
children all year long.*

kids and LOFT news

LOFT Is the acronym for Living Our Faith Together, our middle/high school youth program. They get to meet in their own Loft in Grace Hall!

JUNE LOFT WEDNESDAYS

JUNE 1 LOFT POTLUCK

JUNE 8 Annual Walk to YoG's. Dress for the weather, wear walking shoes and bring \$4. Meet at church at 6pm and pick up will be at YoG's at 7:30.

JUNE 15 LOFT 80's Prom Murder Mystery. You MUST RSVP TO THIS EVENT BY JUNE 8 to get a character. Start collecting your 80's attire.

LUTHERHAVEN WEDNESDAYS begin June 29.



Roller Skate-ebration!

JUNE 5, 5-7pm; \$5 each if you skate—\$20 max for family!!

We have reserved the whole rink! This is for ALL Vinlanders..kids and adults.

Invite friends to come!

Bring something for a potluck; dessert and beverages provided.



LOFT ADVENTURES Day Camp June 27—July 1

Registration forms are in the LOFT outbox. We will volunteer in the morning at Kids on the Move VBS and go on our own adventures in the afternoon. (incoming 6th graders are welcome!!) \$40 per person.

VOLUNTEERS

We need lots of volunteers this summer, especially drivers. We need at least two drivers every day during VBS and two drivers each week to carpool to Lutherhaven. Sign-up sheets are in the LOFT outbox. Sign up now to get your preferred dates.



SPECIAL "SCHOOL KIDS PARENTS NIGHT OUT"

**ON JUNE 10, 5-10PM
KINDERGARTEN-FIFTH GRADE**

**\$5 PER CHILD TO COVER
DINNER
COME & PLAY WITH FRIENDS.**

(office use) CHILD'S NAME _____

LAST

FIRST

REGISTRATION FORM AGES 4 YEARS – ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP

Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30 9am-noon

Church Contacts: 360-779-3428

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Child's Name

Child's nickname, if any

Parent/Guardian

Contact Address

E-Mail

Phones: Home

Cell

Work

Child's Date of Birth

Age

Grade Completed

Home Church, if any

Child's T-shirt: Kid's x-small(4/5) small(6/7) med (8/10) large(10/12) xlarge(14/16)

Persons authorized to pick up child:

Anything you want us to know about this child?

***Suggested donation of \$15 per child or maximum of \$50 per immediate family is requested.
Make checks to Vinland Lutheran Church. Thank You!***

kids on the move 2016



JUNE 27-30

4 years-5th grade

NEEDED for this camp:

- **Preschool leaders**
- **Snack prep people**
- **Friday lunch helpers**
- **Small group leaders**
- **Drivers for afternoon LOFT adventures**
- **Food donations**

There will be lists on the bulletin board in Grace Hall.

This day camp is an evangelism outreach into the community.

It takes many volunteers to make a great week of faith and fun.

Karyn Crawford has afternoon adventures for our middle and high school kids.

These kids are indispensable helpers with the morning activities.

We will once again have a run/walk on Thursday. Our servant focus this year will be on "HUNGER", both in our community and in the world. We will be collecting food for local pantries and money to send to the school in Tanzania sponsored in part by the Nelson family.

NEW

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
TOGETHER**

Lisa Mansfield is offering a fun musical experience each day of Kids on the Move for the preschool group. Kids younger than 4 are welcome to come with their caregiver for this part of the day. Younger kids and caregivers can join the big group for the opening rally in the sanctuary (about 9:15) and then enjoy the "music and movement" segment of our camp before leaving.

miscellaneous

*Thank
You*

On behalf of the family of Harold Haaland, we would like to thank the many members of Vinland who sent cards, offered kind thoughts, and words of support on our father's passing. We appreciate all who made the service a loving celebration of our father's life, Pastor Chuck, Bonnie Debar, and Nita Johnson. The Ladies of Vinland under the direction of Judy Wales, outdid themselves with a beautiful luncheon. It was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who attended the service.

Many thanks, Carol and Rand Hein

FATHER'S
DAY
B.B.Q



Bring dad and the family to Lutherhaven on Father's Day, June 19, for food, fun and good music from the Hometown Band!

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish to share potluck style.

Weather permitting...great swimming & boating.

**Picnic lasts from 12:30-3:30
Lunch served around 1pm**

SUNDAY, JUNE 19



We will serve cake in honor of all our graduates and have them come forward for a blessing during worship.

Kyle Oster, Martha Rabura and Mya Schultz will graduate from high school.

Lisa Mansfield, Kaylin Oster, Jimmy Prehm, Erika Rabura and Melissa Warren will receive college degrees.

preschool news



Honoring God by nurturing children's relationships.

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

Vinland Lutheran Church's preschool ministry is working to share Christ with children and their families. We teach the stories from the Bible and try to be vessels of Christ's love.

We invite you to Sunday worship, vacation bible school (Kids on the Move), Parent's Night Out, Olympic Lutherhaven and our own family fellowship events at church.

Many tell us they are looking for a home church after years away. We welcome these little children their families into our community of Christ. Over the summer, if you see new young families, please offer your hello and warm welcome.

Important Dates:

Thursday, June 2

Last Day for Dragonflies and Honeybees at Olympic Lutherhaven

Friday, June 3

Last Day for Grasshoppers

Saturday, June 11

Preschool at the Poulsbo Farmers Market...come say hello!

Openings for 2016-17

Our Dragonfly and Honeybee classes for 3-5 year olds are full. We are taking students on the waiting list. The Friday Grasshopper class for 2-3 year olds has 2 openings.

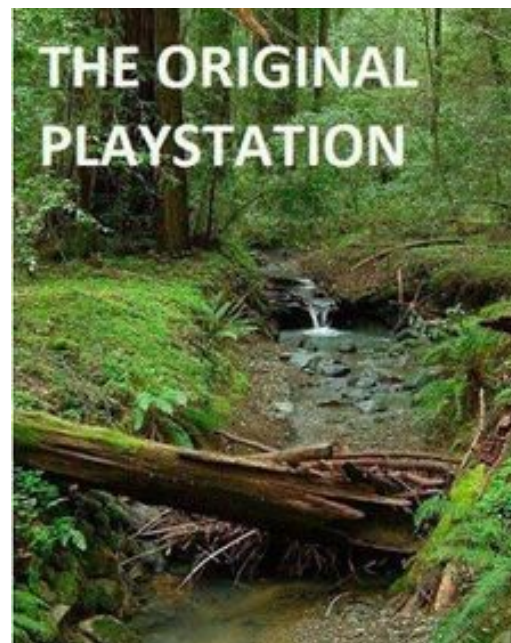
Contact: Janean Moriarty, director
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ENJOY THE DISCOVERY GARDEN THIS SUMMER!

Meet some friends for coffee...bring the kids or grandkids to play...take a stroll through the woods. We all need a dose of fresh air each day to keep us sane and healthy!

We are blessed to have a beautiful place to unwind right on our property!

Just remember to shut the gate and clean up after yourselves.



Barb's backyard by Barb Erickson



“A jellyfish!” one little boy gleefully shouted out

“We found one on the beach!” “YES!” I answered.

“They have no bones, but no shell, either, do they? So they can’t stand up or move like we do – they just float around in the water.” Once again, I was filled with the wonder of children who are awe-struck by creatures that are built so different from us, yet manage just fine in their various niches in the world. I also wondered – why aren’t we all equally enthralled with these wonders of life?

Seated on logs in a circle at the edge of a vast, sandy beach, these preschoolers were active, inquisitive, and anxious to get moving. I needed to keep them engaged while I could. Holding up two large shells of the horse clam, I explained how these soft-bodied creatures live inside, digging into wet sand and extending a part of their bodies to suck in water that contains their food and oxygen. I quickly moved to another large shell - some knew that it was a snail shell, but none knew what kind. Large, round, and pale, the huge moon snail bull-dozes its way through mud searching for clams; when it finds one, it uses its tough, jagged tongue to drill a perfectly round hole in the shell and suck out its lunch. To protect itself, it can withdraw its body into the shell and shut the opening with a “door”. I held up what appeared to be a very dead, dry crab. Only it wasn’t. Dead, that is. In the simplest terms, I explained how the crab wears its “skeleton” on the outside of its body as a hard skin. It has a problem in that the skin doesn’t grow larger; when it needs to grow it pops this skin open, removes its entire body, and crawls away to hide so that its new soft skin can harden. The old skin (or molt) remains behind and is often mistaken for a dead crab. I explained how you could tell whether it was dead or a molt, then showed a few more examples of clues left behind by sea creatures. As they examined the shells and dry body parts, we shared tidbits of information about each. I offered a few words about beach safety and respect for the animals’ home – then we were off.

As a volunteer beach naturalist for WSU Kitsap Extension, the part I enjoy the most is sharing my knowledge with others – especially children. Most children are curious, honest, and uninhibited. They eagerly lap up new knowledge and let you know whether or not they are enjoying the experience. With parents close at hand, this lively crew spread out across the beach, searching for whatever they could find that grabbed their attention. The small shore crabs were an instant hit, as they always are, with the kids turning over rocks and empty shells in search of them. After a reasonable amount of time, I asked them what else they could find. As parents and children searched together, the many wonders of the salt-water beach began to be discovered: clams, oysters, snails with eggs, sand dollars galore, crabs (dead and molts), different seaweeds, limpets and chitons. Seagulls searched the nearby stream, a kingfisher chattered by, and some of the kids splashed in the surf in their high-top boots, laughing and squealing. Several children followed me around and brought me numerous things they found, asking again and again what those were. What a wonderful time we all had!

We are all surrounded by small, everyday wonders; many are things so common that we take them for granted or simply overlook them. When we slow down, breathe deeply, take our noses out of our various devices and take the time to intentionally observe, we, too, can discover that child-like wonder of this world. It is the only world we have, after all, and it deserves our undivided attention.

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:20-21