



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Greg Gilbert 9/2  
 Myrt Jodry 9/3  
 Erika Rabura 9/6  
 Brandy Weir 9/6  
 Ken Ray 9/7  
 Dave Bigelow 9/9  
 Mya Schultz 9/11  
 Alyssa Banzer 9/12  
 Spencer Weir 9/12  
 Kris Bonholzer 9/13  
 Rich Wendt 9/3  
 Anne Stock 9/13  
 Jimmy Prehm 9/14  
 Chris Adrig 9/17  
 Lynn Florent 9/17

Lonnie Swanson 9/19  
 Katelyn Barnhart 9/21  
 Ray Kobeski 9/22  
 Ed Stock 9/23  
 Emma Banzer 9/25  
 Walt Elliott 9/27  
 Sharon Schmid 9/28  
 Ava Adrig 9/29  
 Lisa Mansfield 9/29

*Happy Anniversary*

Floyd & Karen Oster 9/3  
 Bob & Mary Lou Reister 9/4  
 Don & Marilee Mills 9/5  
 Rick & Marsha Wright 9/12  
 Michael & Judith McMahan 9/26



## PRECIOUS SAVIOR

Help us to find the unity that will enable us to continue as your beloved community. Grant through your Grace a smooth transition for Pastor Chuck from Vinland to Peninsula Lutheran. Prepare the hearts of our sisters and brothers in Christ to cherish this dear family as we have.

Open Vinland hearts to receive the Pastor you are preparing to serve here. Make of this change an opportunity for renewal and commitment for us, your people, toward a thorough understanding of our call. Thank you for all who answer your call. Amen

Sharon Schmid

## SEPTEMBER 2016

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**Worship Schedule**  
**Two Services Begin Sept. 18**

It takes a big  
**heart**  
 to help shape  
**little**  
**minds.**

*"The LORD BLESS you and KEEP you;  
the LORD make his face SHINE on you  
and be GRACIOUS to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you PEACE."  
NUMBERS 6:24-26*



***“The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace”.***

That is the familiar blessing that we often utilize to conclude worship. In a world that is loaded with hostile words that accuse and condemn and berate and scold, we need blessing. Worship is sacred space that confers pure blessing. Blessing is part prayer, we ask for God to be with (keep) each person. It is part reminder; God is, in fact, with us forever. It is part longing, speaking aloud the reality we want to be true. Blessing is a gift, that we are to carry with us into the world, in the midst of all the other words, conversations, encounters, and greetings we will have.

My hope and prayer as our family moves to Gig Harbor to serve another church and Vinland prepares for the interim that we might mutually bless each other. When I moved on from my first call in Silverton to Seattle, I specifically asked this retired pastor there to bless me. Yes, think of Jacob and Esau looking for their father’s blessing before his death. To be sure, Vinland has blessed me already in so many ways, growth as a pastor, parent, and person, friendships I’ll carry with me, many instances of experiencing the grace I hope I preach, and, most of all, a caring community for our family. Thank you for all that, we have definitely been blessed.

At the conclusion of Psalm 90 that tradition credits to Moses, there is this prayerful plea, “May the blessing of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands- yes, establish the work of our hands”. The Message has a slightly different version, “And let the loveliness of our Lord, our God, rest on us, confirming the work that we do. Oh yes, affirm the work we do!” If ever there was a pastor’s prayer it is that, asking God to maintain and, hopefully, multiply the work done. So I ask Christ to have his grace and mercy rest upon Vinland. And may the Holy Spirit somehow use sermons preached, visits made, leadership shared, as well as, bible studies, preschool chapels, mission trips, confirmation classes to bless you.

***“The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s favor shine on your with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT!!!!”***

# Fall Sunday Schedule

Begins September 18

9:15 Worship & Sunday School

10:15 Youth Mingle

10:45 Worship & Kid's Church



## DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

is looking for a new venue. Whiskey Creek closed suddenly after our last gathering there!

We'll keep you posted through weekly E-Flash and bulletin as to the next meeting.



**PINOCHLE** September fjdkla;  
Sign up if you want to play!

**CRIBBAGE** players meet on the second Friday of the month at 1pm for a friendly game and a root beer float! Just show up in Haugen Hall!



**SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at the Hakanson home on Sept. 12 at 11:30 for an Italian feast...antipasto, spaghetti, lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and spumoni ice cream cake for dessert. This will be a

fundraiser for a church project determined by the Women of Vinland. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please sign up in Grace Hall so we know how many to plan for. Car-pooling strongly recommended. All seniors are invited...we always have a great time together. Usually we meet on the first Monday of the month, but because of Labor Day we pushed it back a week. Hope to see you on the 12th.



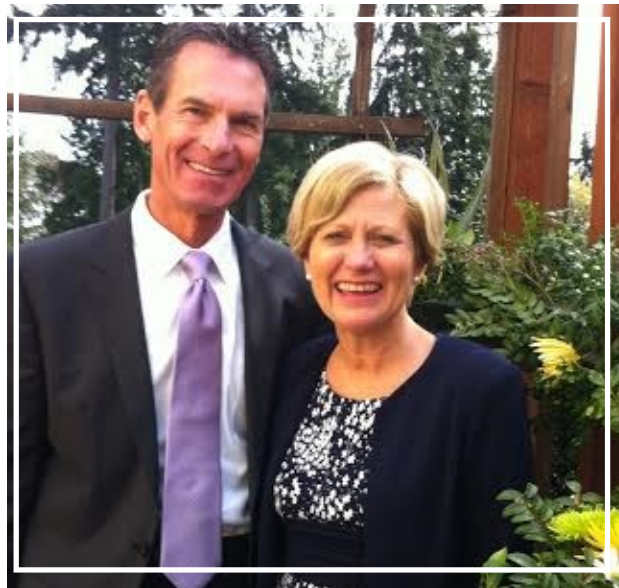
**ALL MEN** are invited to a great breakfast on SEPTEMBER 10 at 8am at church. We will meet ON THE SECOND SATURDAY because of the Labor Day holiday. Hearty Food and Healthy Conversation! Bring a friend along.

# What's happening

## Vinland...We Have Interim Ministers!



Claire and Marty both grew up in the Midwest in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They met at Concordia Teachers College, a Lutheran school to train parochial school teachers. They married in 1972 just before Marty went on an internship at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Portland. Marty returned to Seminary, graduated and was ordained in 1974. They returned to Resurrection in Portland and were part of the formation of the ELCA in 1988. The Dasler's remained at Resurrection until 1992 where Marty was the lead pastor with a large staff. Marty served Bethany on Bainbridge from 1992-2008 and Amazing Grace in Anchorage from 2008-2014. Claire taught at Breidablik School from 1992-2008 and in Anchorage until 2014. Both Marty and Claire retired in 2014 and are now living in Poulsbo. They have 2 children, Erin and Josh and 2 grandchildren, Mohan and Anna.



Meet Pastor Sigi and Dave Helgeson, currently living in Bremerton, and have lived on the Peninsula for over 20 years. Dave is a State Farm agent in Port Orchard and Pastor Sigi has served several churches on the Peninsula, and Tacoma area during her 32 years of ministry.

They have four grown children and are delighted to be grandparents, their first grandson born last October and a second, a granddaughter due in September! Both enjoy biking and running, and enjoying the beautiful Northwest!



# What's Happening

**DO  
SOME  
THING**

**SEPT. 11, 11AM  
GRACE HALL  
FOOD, FUN,  
INFORMATION**

Get Connected at the  
**MINISTRY FAIR**

If your group wants to have a space, please sign up in Grace Hall.

We won't have a Bite of Vinland Fundraiser at the fair this year, but you are encouraged to provide a small "bite to eat" or "bite of information" to give out to your visitors.



**PEACE  
Poles  
at Vinland**

**"May  
Peace  
Prevail on  
Earth"**

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the language of the country where it has been placed. Often there are 3-5 additional translations written on the pole. The message is referred to as a peace prayer.

The first peace poles outside Japan were constructed in 1983. Since then, an estimated 200,000 have been planted around the world in over 190 countries.

On Sunday, September 11 we will plant the three Peace Poles that were decorated at Family Camp. Gather in the Discovery Garden right after worship for a brief dedication.



**Vinland Women** gather on the third Wednesday of the month for lunch, Bible Study, singing, praying, business and fun! Next meeting is Wednesday, September 21 from 10am-noon.



## Women of Grace

Looking forward to gathering in September! I have some new ideas for our Monday evenings, but with the same great opportunity for prayer, laughter, lively discussion, tea and treats. ALL women are invited to this group. We are an eclectic mix who thoroughly enjoy each other's company and always welcome new friends to the group! If you have any questions, call Marsha

**Quilters** meet EVERY Tuesday from 9-noon. Snacks & Coffee!

*Women's Breakfast*

Meet on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of each month at 8:30 at Envy Grill. All women welcome!



Did you enjoy the fall and spring lunches where all the women of Vinland gathered for good food and good conversation? Would you like to be part of a planning team for coming events such as those? Talk to Marsha Wright. How about a fall gathering around Thanksgiving or Advent, a winter warm-up and a sunny spring lunch? Let's share ideas soon.

# what's HAPPENING

## Annual Back-to-School Mini Golf Tournament!



Sept. 7 Meet at church  
at 5:30; bring \$5



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 4-8PM

Sign Up! Kids must be potty-  
trained. \$10 per child

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

### SEPT. 18 DURING THE 9:15 SERVICE

Begin worship with your family in  
the sanctuary. Kids will be dis-  
missed

at around 9:30 and return in time for  
communion.

It may take a few Sundays to work  
out the kinks, so be patient!

There will still be Kid's Church dur-

**L.O.F.T** 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!

**WED, SEPT. 14** "God's Work. Our Hands" service. Meet at church from 6-8pm

**Confirmation** for Second-Year Students will begin in October.

**Mingle in the Loft** on Sunday mornings between the 9:15 and 10:45 worship services beginning Sept. 25.

**Youth and Confirmation Parents Meeting** between services on September 18.

**High-School Hangout** every Sunday evening at 6:30. Bring a friend or two.



**SPECIAL "Martin Luther Sunday" in October in honor of Reformation Sunday!**



'Sundae'  
School

**SEPTEMBER 18**

# WHAT'S ON MY MIND...

Marsha Wright

micah.  
six:eight

DO JUSTICE  
love mercy  
walk humbly!

This is what God **REQUIRES** of us. I claimed this verse during another time of transition at Vinland. Pastor Carol Plummer was our interim pastor prior to our calling of Pastor Ken Robinson. This was her favorite verse, and it became mine also. This was only one of many good things that came to me and all of Vinland during her time with us.

Television writer and producer Norman Lear, who recently turned 94, was asked how he made it so long and so well. He responded, ***"By knowing the difference between what is over and what is next."*** This is also why Vinland has made it so long and so well. Our season with Pastor Chuck is coming to an end...as all things must. We have been through a lot together in these 16 years. With Pastor Chuck came the bonus of wonderful Elizabeth. We were privileged to know Mark and Caroline from birth...to stand with them as they were baptized and promise to support and pray for them as precious children of God. We smiled and laughed at all their "cuteness" and have watched them grow into wonderful young people. Of course, we will continue to pray for Pastor Chuck and Elizabeth and Caroline and Mark, but it is their time for new beginnings.

What's next for Vinland? Let's all think of the coming months as the beginning of something, not the end. We've gotten used to a certain "normal", if there ever is such a thing. Now, Vinland can shake up all its offerings of time, talents and possessions and move on to what God has in store for this church. We can all be beginners together, poised at the starting line with good memories to cherish, and rich new dreams to bring to fruition.

We have a council, staff, interim ministers and the Holy Spirit to give us a framework, to keep the ball rolling, to keep us on track doing the good work we are destined for. Keep your minds, hearts and hands open to great possibilities. Let's think of the future as a great big beautiful present waiting to be opened!

Magnetize us, O God, to our required course. Amen.



Coming Soon



## Preschool begins Sept. 6!

The 3-5 year old classes are full with a waiting list and there is only one opening in the Friday morning 2-3 year old class.

Parents, kids and teachers gather for an Ice-Cream Social on Sept. 1 from 6-7pm.



VINLAND LUTHERAN  
PRESCHOOL

Check out their booth at the Ministry Fair on Sept. 11. You can sign up to be a prayer partner to one of these precious preschoolers at the fair.

## One-Day Quilt Retreat

### Saturday, Oct. 9, 8-6

Bring your machine and cutting board and have fun sewing with some great people! We will be all set up in Grace Hall.



Stay tuned for  
More Details.  
It will be one of the  
first 2 Sundays in  
October.

SUNDAY OCT. 30 3:30PM

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY**

**9/11/2016**

**Cookie  
Sunday  
with a  
Purpose**

**God's Work. Our Hands.**

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This year’s dedicated day of service will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. This year, we are asked to especially serve first responders in remembrance of the attacks.

*The world can be a dangerous place. But there are some who, when disaster strikes, run toward the danger. These are the first responders, firefighters, police and EMTs, who live out their baptismal vocation in service to their communities in times of intense need. They do God’s work with their hands. In baptism we have been marked with the cross. We are the ones who go into the broken places of the world. We are the ones who, by showing up on ‘God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday, shine the light of the cross in our communities,” – ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton*

**We will package cookies and make cards during the Ministry 11. They will then be distributed to fire and police stations in cities.**

**You can help by bringing in one or two dozen cookies.**



## SOCK TEMBER

Since everyone needs **SOCKS**, September is going to be **SOCK TEMBER** at Vinland.

We are collecting all kinds of **SOCKS**: heavy-duty men’s **SOCKS**, sturdy women’s **SOCKS**, lighter-weight men’s and women’s **SOCKS** and kid’s **SOCKS** suitable for school.



# Barb's Backyard by Barb Erickson



*They are superb hiding places - rock-hard, camouflaged, with a maze-like interior. Lying beneath the water, it's hard to tell what's inside, if anything. You must pick them up, peer inside, and even then it's hard to be sure. As I often tell children, when the shell releases easily, there is likely a hermit crab inside. If it is firmly attached, it's probably a snail.*

The snail, of course, is the original owner, having formed the shell with its body from calcium, carbon, and other elements of the sea. It was not born with the shell, having begun life as a bit of microscopic, free-swimming plankton. Only later, when it had grown to be barely visible to the human eye, did it begin to resemble a snail and form the shell. Securely fastened to the smooth interior, it can never leave - it simply makes the shell larger and larger to accommodate its growing body. When threatened by a predator, or left high and dry by the ebbing tide, it can pull its entire body up into the shell. Then as an added measure of protection, it closes a special "trap door", sealing itself inside until it is safe to come out. This hard, flat, dark brown piece of shell is otherwise carried atop the rear of the fleshy foot that it crawls on.

The hermit crab has a different situation altogether. It, too, begins life as microscopic plankton, but as it grows it eventually forms a hard exoskeleton just like other crabs do - except for its tail, which remains soft. This wimpy, sideways-curved little body part needs protection, so the hermit crab goes searching. An empty snail shell fits the bill perfectly; its spiral shape allows the soft little tail to bend to its curve and hold on tight! With its otherwise hardened body, the hermit crab easily lifts the shell, toting it along wherever it crawls. But whenever it grows too big, it must go in search of a new shell. When it feels threatened, it also can withdraw its body inside, but has no door to seal itself in. Not to worry - it has another method. It blocks the door with one or both of its nasty little pincers, easily repelling most would-be attackers.

When life gets tough, and hurts, some people also retreat into their own kind of "shell". Being cold and standoffish is one way; acting belligerent and hard-to-approach is another. Some become hardened and picky; others simply slam the door shut and refuse to let anyone in. We all know people we can never get close to, no matter how hard we try. Bill's only brother, seven years his junior, abandoned the entire family over 40 years ago. No explanation was ever given and, although we knew where he was, every attempt at communication was rejected. Everyone was wounded by this - his parents most of all. Only last year did Bill learn that he had died - homeless, penniless, and alone. It took the authorities three years to find Bill, his nearest living relative. Being human, we always want an answer. None has come.

I can see what a good hiding place a shell is - satin smooth inside, hard and formidable out. But I think it's not a very comfortable or healthy place for us to be, heavy, hard and cold as it is. There is only room for one inside a shell - perhaps that's why we were never meant to live in one.

*You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.  
Psalm 22:7*

*Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord,  
For I hide myself in you.  
Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God;  
may your good Spirit  
lead me on level ground Psalm 143:9 - 10*