

Kristine Clucas 10/1
 Bob Reister 10/3
 Spencer Gillespie 10/4
 Katie Pringle 10/4
 Katie Magnuson 10/7
 Don Danielson 10/10
 Lisa Journey 10/13
 Bev Puhn 10/14
 Elsie Booth 10/16
 Chuck Rabura 10/18
 Fiona Gillespie 10/19
 John Banzer 10/22
 Marilee Mills 10/22



Marie Halferty 10/23
 Glenn Schechert 10/24
 Marissa Wendt 10/25
 Matt Clucas 10/27
 Linda Carlson 10/28
 Aimee Cotey 10/28
 Don Moriarty 10/28
 Karly Lanphier 10/29
 Geoff Wendt 10/30
 Scott Puhn 10/30

Happy Anniversary

Jim and Lorna Abbott 10/4
 Peter and Beckie Hanson 10/10
 Ed and Jan Hakanson 10/12
 Ray and Vicki Kobeski 10/19
 Greg Warren and Susan Thiel 10/21
 Tim and Amy Munns 10/23
 Steve and Brandy Weir 10/26
 Phil and Julie Swenson 10/30

**BRAVE BAVARIAN
 5K ON OCT.14 HAS
 BEEN CANCELLED.
 It will be held at a
 later date..**

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WELCOME PASTOR NELS OCT. 15

TRUNK OR TREAT CARNIVAL OCT. 29



I came of age, as the saying goes, in the late 60's and I love the vocal rendition of this Bible passage as sung by The Byrds. I realize this is dating me, but remarkably I now find myself IN my 60's! Sometimes I have to stop and think about just how old I am, since I feel so much younger in my mind!

Another thing that is equally remarkable is how I have spent the last 39 years of my life either volunteering wholeheartedly or working as a staff person at this church. I'm not good at keeping track of dates, but I have been part of a Vinland paid staff for 20 or so years! How did that happen and along the way, how did I become a grandparent??

Well, ever since Rick retired in January, we have been talking about a good time for me to step back at Vinland. We've had so much change and transition that the time has never seemed quite right. Vinland has a remarkable staff and it has been a joy to work as a team. The season of change for me is now and, as of the end of September, I will give up my 32 hour a week position. At least through a time of transition with Pastor Nels, I'll continue to work on Vinland communications—website, newsletter, e-flash, bulletin board announcements and give graphic support as time allows. We are looking at 10 hours a week for this.

As summer morphs into fall, Vinland will also be entering a new season. The season with Pastor Chuck ended a year ago, Pastors Marty and Sigi have completed their transitional season with us and now it is time to welcome Pastor Nels and his family on October 15. It will be good because God is good.

Many new opportunities for folks to use their talents and skills to guide Vinland into it's new season will open. We live in a growing community, a much more diverse community than I entered at my baptism here in 1950. Aren't we so lucky to have all these new people to welcome through our doors! I am committed to embrace change and enter this new season of my life and Vinland's life with grace and good humor.

With a grateful heart, Marsha Wright





WELCOME

PASTOR NELS FLESHER, DARICE AND JUNIPER

Pastor Nels will officially begin his ministry at Vinland on October 15. We are all excited to get to know him and his family.

We'll wear name tags that Sunday.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

We will have a service of installation for Pastor Nels on Sunday, November 19 during the worship service. Pastor Kim Latterell, Bishop's Associate, will preach and install.

There will be a reception following the service. Watch weekly bulletins for additional information.



North Kitsap

Fishline A note of thanks

Hi, Allison,

What a wonderful, fun-filled and sweet fashion show you put together last evening! It is so inspiring to see a group of people that enjoy each other so much. Thank you for including us in your evening and for doing all you're doing to support Fishline!

I wanted to let you know that your folks donated more than 40# of needed items (lots of TP – thank you!) and many bags of clothing items. Please pass along our gratitude for these needed items. (\$145 was also part of the donation). We look forward to our ongoing partnership!

Mary Nader, Executive Director



FALL HAPPENINGS

Win a Dream Vacation To Hawaii!!

As a fundraiser for Living Stones Prison Ministry, there will be a raffle for a \$5,000 trip to Hawaii tailored personally for the raffle winner. The winner may choose their island, accommodations, airfare, activities and how many people go on the trip—all within the \$5,000.

ALL proceeds will support and benefit Living Stones Ministries.

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.

They will be on sale at church through the end of September.

Bishop Rick Jaech will draw the winning ticket on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 1pm in the SWWA Synod Office.

More details on the church bulletin board

CHOIR PRACTICES from 6:30-7:30

on Wednesday evenings

CHIMES RESUME PRACTICE on

Sept. 27 from 5:30-6:15

NEW SONG practices on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

A Music-Filled Reformation Sunday service is being planned. Please

contact Bruce or Lisa if you would like to be part of this event.

There will be ONE SERVICE on that Sunday, Oct. 29. at 9:30am.



Microbrews for Martha & Mary / October 1 - 31

Inspired by 500 years of faith and Martin Luther’s wife Katie, who was purportedly the best brewer in Wittenberg, beer-loving Lutherans across Kitsap are uniting in October to support Martha & Mary with a special event called Microbrews for Martha & Mary.

From October 1—31, 2017, participating Kitsap breweries will contribute a portion of their profit from each drink purchased by “Here I

Drink!” Passport holders. All donations will benefit a new quality of life program for Martha & Mary senior residents called It’s Never 2 Late ® (iN2L).



iN2L helps older adults realize the full benefits of today’s technology, regardless of their physical or intellectual abilities. Built on a picture-based, touch-screen interface, iN2L allows users to simply “touch” their way to find engaging, educational, spiritual and personalized content. This system provides an opportunity for Martha & Mary residents to experience and learn new life skills that can improve their quality of life.

Pastor Kent Shane of Poulsbo First Lutheran and Pastor Paula Burchill of Silverdale Lutheran are the champions behind this celebratory fundraiser. Their hope is that this event will mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with congregational fellowship and community support for both Martha & Mary and Kitsap’s craft breweries.

Participating breweries include Downpour (Kingston), Hales (Bremerton), Lovecraft (Bremerton), Slaughter County (Port Orchard), Slippery Pig (Poulsbo), Sound Brewing (Poulsbo), Valhöll (Poulsbo) and Western Red (Poulsbo).

Participating churches include Bethany Lutheran (Bainbridge Island), Peace Lutheran (Bremerton), Our Saviour’s Lutheran (Bremerton), Port Madison Lutheran (Bainbridge Island), Poulsbo First Lutheran (Poulsbo), Silverdale Lutheran (Silverdale), Spirit of Life Lutheran (Port Orchard) and Vinland Lutheran (Poulsbo).



Microbrews for Martha & Mary “Here I Drink” Passports and Drink Cards will be available for a \$10 donation starting September 10. They can be purchased at Martha & Mary in Poulsbo, online at www.marthaandmary.org and at all area breweries and churches participating in this event.

For more information, please visit: www.marthaandmary.org or call 360.626.7879

WOMEN'S groups

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

*please
join us*

All women are invited to the October 18 meeting at 10am. Jan Hakanson and Robyn Prehm will be our Hostesses and Judy Herman will bring a devotion to share. Come and check out the study on The Apostles' Creed.



SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED: 70-sheet notebooks, ball point pens, crayons (18 or 24) Bring supplies to church and the women will assemble them into school kits.



Women of Grace

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will begin October with an interesting study of Luther's Small Catechism and the ins and outs of Lutheranism.

Watch for meeting date and time details.

Quilters meet EVERY Tuesday from 9-noon. Snacks & Coffee!
They always helping hands as they put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Women's Breakfast

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 8:30 at Envy's
at the Poulsbo Junction



Youth & Family

What's happening in the LOFT?

Sunday Mornings, head upstairs between services.

Wednesday nights: Watch for your e-mails from Allison!

Sunday Senior High Nights: E-mails will be coming your way!



TRUNK OR TREAT

CARNIVAL GAMES, BOOTHS AND A HOT DOG DINNER

SUNDAY, OCT. 29 AT 4PM

Sign up to Decorate a Trunk, Organize a Game, Bring Food, Set Up/Clean Up
Invite friends & neighbors; this is for the community!

Allison and Lisa Mansfield are putting their two creative heads together to come up with some monthly sun events that would appeal to all ages. How about Mom and Daughter Craft Night? Men and Boys Nerf Battle: An evening at the Arcade? Roller Skating? Flashlight Tag? Laser Tag? If you have any great ideas, talk to either Lisa or Allison. To help finance some of these events, there will be a Bake Sale on Oct. 22. Please consider donating and buying something to take home and enjoy while watching the 1:35 game.



IDEA

GAME DAY

BAKE SALE

OCTOBER 22

Get your sweet and savory snacks for the afternoon football game **AND** support FUN EVENTS at Vinland!



Fall Sunday Schedule

9:00 Worship & Sunday School

10:15 Youth Mingle

10:45 Worship

9:30 Single Service on Oct. 29



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

MONDAY, OCT. 23.

Location to be determined, but it will probably be a local pub/

brewery that is accepting the Martha and Mary Passports. Watch for details!



PINOCHLE October 20. Potluck at 5:30; cards dealt at 6pm. Sign up in Grace Hall.

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

Oktoberfest meal at the Swenson's home on Oct. 2! Judy Wales is cooking.

Cost is \$12 per person.

Please sign up in Grace Hall.



Meet for Breakfast

ALL MEN are invited to a great breakfast on **OCTOBER 7 at 8am at church.** Hearty Food and Healthy Conversation! Bring a friend.

ALL WOMEN gather for breakfast on **OCTOBER 7 at 8:30am at Envy Grill.**



Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

During a recent trip to Montana, many of the surrounding hills and valleys were clouded with smoke. For the most part, distant mountains were not visible at all and the sun played hide and seek. Although we have concern for those affected by hurricanes in the South and Southeastern part of our country, in the west we have massive wildfires. We've

known the extent of the burning, which has decreased somewhat in the past weeks; as of September, more than 21,000 firefighters were assigned to wildfires in 10 western states: 21 separate fires in Montana, 3 in Idaho, 8 in Washington, 17 in Oregon and 7 in California. At that time, favorable weather conditions were helping firefighters make progress toward containment goals. Still, one might have thought the entire west was on fire.

It was bound to happen, of course. With much of the country experiencing a long, hot, dry summer, thousands, if not millions, of acres of dead and dying trees throughout the west due to insect infestations, and years of well-meaning fire suppression, it is all a huge tinder box just ripe for burning.

Fire has been a part of earth's natural systems for eons. While we may see nothing but devastation, many ecosystems, such as prairie and conifer forests, have evolved with fire as a natural and necessary contributor to the vitality and renewal of habitats. Many plants have developed traits that allow them to regenerate after a fire. Some store energy in their roots for recovery and regrowth afterward; some are killed outright, but over years have accumulated long-lived seeds in the soil which are stimulated by fire to germinate and grow. In some cases, it is the heat of the fire that breaks down or cracks an impervious seed coat, allowing the seed to absorb water and grow when the rains start. Smoke or charred wood sometimes produces a biochemical effect on a seed that facilitates germination. Some evergreen cones remain tightly closed on the tree for years (sometimes for the life of the tree) unless they are stimulated by the heat of a fire to slowly open and release their seeds. Spectacular spring displays of wildflowers and verdant carpets of seedling trees often appear the year following a fire.

Just as numerous wildfires move through the west, we are each, in our own way and time, inundated with troubles. Loss of a job or loved one, money or relationship/family problems, separation, divorce, illness, disability, aging, and looming death take their toll. The damage can be staggering; some of us will ultimately survive longer than others, but in the end, we all will succumb. Until then, most of us will survive and somehow muddle through. We were created with the ability to adapt and are more resilient than we may think, but during difficult times, especially, we need to be there for each other. It is what we are meant to do.

Remember the burned fields and forests - after the worst has passed, new growth does appear and life goes on. Much will have changed and some places may never look the same within our lifetimes, but the land has been swept clean and nourished. Time passes, and with it the old ways of seeing and being. Damage has been done, but that does not mean that there won't be a new beginning - and new beginnings can be stunning.

*For misery does not come from the earth, nor does trouble sprout from the ground,
but human beings are born to trouble just as sparks fly upward.*

"As for me, I would seek God, and to God I would commit my cause.

He does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number." Job 5:6-9



90 Bike Riders Raise OVER \$13,000 for Refugee Resettlement

On a warm Saturday August morning, 90 bicycle riders gathered at Silverdale Lutheran Church, Silverdale Washington for a 10 mile- “Mini Martin”, 30 mile- “Brave Bavarian”, or 50 mile- “Wittenburg Warrior” ride to raise funds and awareness for refugees and immigrants. Rider registrations, sponsorships, grants, and generous individual donations helped the Ride profit \$13,000, \$3,000 over their targeted goal. This impressive total for a first time, all volunteer lead event will support the mission of two local agencies: Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center (KIAC), and Lutheran Community Services Northwest Immigration and Refugee Resettlement program (LCSNW).

Representatives from five area churches: Silverdale Lutheran, Poulsbo First Lutheran, Vinland Lutheran in Poulsbo, Bethany Lutheran on Bainbridge Island, and Our Savior’s Lutheran in Bremerton, and KIAC and LCSNW banded together in this 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation to partner with the community to do something positive and impactful for our global neighbors. A core group of volunteers including a teacher, stay-at-home mom, and Lutheran pastors got together last September and decided to put this event on to create unity and a shared mission. As the year developed in the planning process the world changed and the need for financial dollars and public awareness about refugees and immigrants got stronger. ***Pastor Sigi Helgeson reflected, “We began to plan this Reform: Ride for Refugees a year ago before the presidential election, before the travel ban and reduction on refugees being resettled, and before the immigration policy changes that have taken place in the last year. With DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals being rescinded by executive order; it seems now more than ever we need to do this work.”*** In the end it started with five volunteers and concluded with over 40 volunteers helping with the planning, organizing and carrying out the vision of the race. Along the way sponsors also joined in the cause including State Farm Insurance, Martha and Mary Health and Rehabilitation Services, Red Apple Market, Central Market, Thrivent Financial, Kitsap Tri-Babes, Silverdale Cyclery and Fuelrz muffins and bakery.

Riders commented that they enjoyed the ride because it was not only challenging and scenic on the Kitsap peninsula, but it was well organized, ended with a beer garden, and raised money for a worthy cause. A refugee family originally from Iran that resettled in Bainbridge Island through the support and help of Lutheran Community Services Northwest participated in the event and several riders commented that this was the first time they have seen a refugee and brought a connection and awareness that they found profound and impactful. Riders reflected that it was important to see the local connection. KIAC has served over 800 people from 34 different countries from clothing needs to legal help and LCSNW has welcomed more than 35,000 refugees over the past 40 plus years in Washington and Oregon.

CO-DIRECTORS Sigi Helgeson and Allison Pringle both agree that the monetary donation was a huge boost for the cause, but the impact of connecting people, congregations, and the larger community was the best measure of success.

THIS AND THAT

GUEST COLUMN

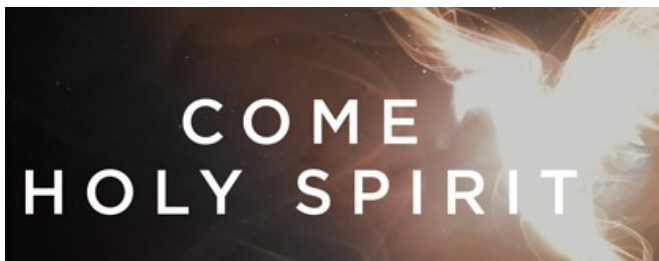
—Marty Dasler

Why can't we have absentee ballots at church?

Over the years I have been asked that question many times. It seems like a reasonable request and most Americans are quite accustomed to that provision on their elections ballot. Why is the church different?

The quick answer is that we believe in the Holy Spirit. The longer answer comes from a precedent set in Acts 15. This is the story of the first big church meeting sometimes called the Jerusalem Convention. The meeting was called to resolve a difficult conflict in the early Christian Church. The first Christians were arguing about how to incorporate all the Roman newcomers into the growing followers of the Resurrected Jesus. Many thought that they should become Jews first, educated in the Torah and follow the "laws of Moses". Others felt that it was a new day and everyone should begin at the starting point of grace. The assembly seemed evenly divided until Peter got up and told how the Holy Spirit had changed his heart and mind on this matter. So the whole early church shifted to the side of grace for all.

The spiritual authority of the gathered assembly is important to Lutherans and we want to make room for the Holy Spirit to move among us every time we gather. I hope that is something you expect as you come to every meeting with an open heart to this exciting possibility.



Clara Rose has moved to a adult care home, Later Years, in the Ridgetop neighborhood of Silverdale. Her address is [12325 Skymont Place NW](#), phone [360-698-5724](#). She's one of just six residents in this home and has her own room. No doubt she'd love visitors.



Kai Anthony Case was baptized on Sunday, July 23 in Wildcat Lake with Pastor Sigi presiding. It was a glorious day with others affirming their baptisms as well.

Amelia Marie Carlson, daughter of Sean and Lindsey Carlson, was baptized on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Vinland by Pastor Marty.

Welcome to the love of God and the love of Vinland people Kai and Amelia.



Rick and Marsha Wright welcomed grandchild #4 to the family.

Marit Marie joins big brother Harry in the Fletcher family.



Honoring God by nurturing children's relationships

Vinland Lutheran Preschool began its 13th year this fall. We thank everyone who has supported us with donations of supplies, help in the Discovery Garden and prayers of love. We are blessed with a talented, committed and loving staff: Lori Moshier Van Vlerah, lead teacher, Lynn Florent, assistant teacher, and Janean Moriarty, director. Here's your chance to get to know us a little better.

Lori

I am delighted to say that I have had the pleasure of working with children in Poulsbo for over 30 years.

I have worked 11 of those years here at Vinland. When I'm not working, I am spending time with my daughter Kari and our Siamese cat Cocoa. Other things I like to do include beach-combing, walks, flower gardening, watching romantic comedies and eating milk chocolate. I am looking forward to getting to know the children and families at preschool this year.

Lynn

This will be my sixth year at Vinland Lutheran Preschool, and I love it! I have so much fun working with kids. Speaking of kids, my husband Ed and I have four of our own, and a one year old puppy to add to the chaos! When I have some downtime, I love reading, baking, hiking, and running. I have done some traveling, and hope to do lots more in my future. Finally, I love sports... either playing them, or watching them. I usually root for Seattle teams, but I still love my hometown Boston teams. I am looking forward to another great school year with Lori, Janean, and all the kids!

Janean

I came to Vinland Lutheran Church in 1998 when we moved to the area. I am grateful to be raising my family here and to have the opportunity to work in the preschool ministry with so many wonderful children and families. At home, I have my husband of 17 years, Don, and our 2 teens, Morgan and Dylan. I love to try new things, run, play violin, cook, get outdoors and connect with my friends. I am eager for the new adventures this year will bring.

We are seeking *Prayer Partners* for each child in preschool. Currently we have 34 students and 15 prayer partner volunteers. Could you fill one of our 19 spots? Maybe your family would like to volunteer for this ministry together. As a partner, we ask that you pray for the child and his/her family during the school year. We encourage you to visit preschool, attend Preschool Sundays in the fall and spring, and send cards for holidays or birthdays to build relationships with your preschool partner's family. We have a mailbox in the narthex to make this easy. Each spring we host a fun luncheon for all of the preschool families and prayer partners, where each child receives a special Christian gift book from their prayer partner. We request a \$25 donation to offset costs for the luncheon and book. Please consider connecting with a young family through this ministry. Volunteers can sign up in Grace Hall or contact Janean.

Preschool Sunday

will be November 5th at 10:45 service, followed by an Open House in the preschool classroom. Please welcome our visitors and come check out what's going on in preschool. We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of the Vinland congregation.

Please get connected with our preschool by LIKE-ing us on Facebook. Search for Vinland Lutheran Preschool. www.facebook.com/vinlandpreschool

We have one opening in our 4-day afternoon Honeybee class for 3-5 year olds. Please let your friends, neighbors and coworkers know about us! Contact Janean Moriarty at preschool@vinlandLC.org or (360)865-0510.