

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bill Erickson	5/1	Michael Warbois	5/16
Angela Desmond	5/7	Lou Youngs	5/17
Evelyn Beers	5/8	Jan Saenz	5/19
Doug Barnhart	5/9	Frank Schmid	5/20
Jan Janzen	5/10	Kendall Becker	5/21
Dan Carlson	5/10	Jim Berentson	5/24
Ethan Gillespie	5/11	Denise Deitch	5/27
Carlos Gutierrez	5/12	Darice Grass	5/29
Chuck DeBroeck	5/12	<i>Happy Anniversary to...</i>	
Amelia Carlson	5/13	Glenn and Beachie Settle	5/3
Devin Horn	5/14	Matt and Kris Clucas	5/9
Martin Prehm	5/14	Rand and Carol Hein	5/19
Floyd Oster	5/15	Dave and Tina Bigelow	5/23
Bonnie Debar	5/16	Tom and Billie Jo Settle	5/30

At-A-Glance

VINLAND M.O.M.S.	May 3 and 20
MEN'S BREAKFAST	May 5, 8am
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST	MAY 5, 8:30am
DIALOGUE ON DRAFT	CANCELLED
WOMEN OF GRACE	May 7 & 21, 6pm
YOUTH BAKE SALE	May 13
WOMEN OF VINLAND	May 16, Lunch
PINOCHLE	May 25, 5:30
SINGLE SERVICE BEGINS	May 27
SILENT HONORS	May 27

MAY 2018

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HELLO. MAY.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 27
WITH SINGLE SERVICES**



Camp at Church on Sunday, May 6



This will be a “between services” event where we can all learn a little more about the wonderful camp that we share ownership of. Specifically, we’ll highlight **2018 Vinland OHANA Camp from July 20-26.**

Wear a Hawaiian shirt that day!

One of our board members might share some of the ideas gathered at the Visioning Event from Saturday, May 5. This is an exciting time for Lutherhaven; a time we to brainstorm future possibilities and expanded use of this beautiful property.

**LOFT BAKE SALE
MAY 13
Buy a treat!**



Pies and Pentecost May 20

Bring your favorite pie and we’ll celebrate the birthday of the church!



thisSummer @
CHURCH

MAY 27: Single Worship Service Begins



What's Going On?!? *Council Chatterings May 2018*

Perhaps it's a sign of age, but time does seem to be streaking by. I swear we just had a Council Meeting, but it's already time for another one. The meeting is April 19th at 7PM for anyone interested in observing your Council in action.

Work on the Sanctuary Improvement project continues. You may have noticed the acoustic panels that the New Song singers put up to improve their new performance area; they did a fabulous job in making that a visually attractive addition to the alter area. The Facility Vision Committee (FVC) still is working on a plan for the sound system. In the meantime, Peter Hansen has begun making the rounds of church organizations to get thoughts and ideas about what the congregation wants our Sanctuary to be. Mary King and her merry crew will be donating proceeds from the next "Dining with Spirit" dinner to the Sanctuary Improvement fund so sign up for a wonderful meal, excellent company, and an opportunity to help refresh our worship space. That's May 5th, so grab a spot by giving Mary a call.

Just when you thought it was safe to go to the basement of Grace Hall, it is! And you should just to make sure that the VLC Archeologists (Peter and Beckie Hansen and Doug Barnhart) aren't inadvertently exporting your version of the Elgin Marbles to the dump. All material in the basement that needs to be retained must be claimed by labeling it before June 1. If you claim it, please consult with the archeological crew about where they want it to be stored.

The FVC also is focusing on promoting Grace Hall as a wedding venue and community event space. Your Council has approved the development of a job description and contract for a commission-based Event coordinator as well as an update to our rental policies. Scholarship applications are due any day now. Thanks to Marci Becker, Mike Michael, Sirpa Brock and Pastor Nels for serving as the Scholarship Committee this year. Until next time, pull a weed, recycle bulletins left in the pews, bus a coffee cup and invite someone to experience our richness as a community in Christ.

God's Peace be With You.

John

**MANY HANDS MAKE
LIGHT WORK.**



OLYMPIC LUTHERHAVEN NEWS

Board members for the current year through February 2019 are Sherry Gutierrez and Matt Clucas from Vinland; Paul Davis and Steve Holzhey from Poulsbo First; Bob Arper and Don Dungen from Silverdale; Larry Ficca and Glen Adrig from Emmanuel; Larry Burgua and Ron Cleveland from Our Saviour's; and Paul Hokanson from Bethany in Port Orchard.

Help Wanted: A "Party Planner" for the Annual Father's Day Picnic on Sunday, June 17. This is a great event for the whole family and a way to celebrate all the men in our lives.

VISION FOR LUTHERHAVEN

Sat, May 5, 9-12:30 At The Lodge on The Camp Side. All members (teens-adults) invited to share their visions for the future of this gem of a camp.

Vinland Ohana Camp

July 20-26

OHANA means FAMILY and FAMILY means no one gets left behind or forgotten!!

Prepare for an incredible week of food, fun, faith and a wonderful spirit of Aloha!

LUTHERHAVEN BIBLE CAMP

August 4-9 (Saturday-Thursday)

For ALL youth who have completed grades 3-8

Chris Harper and Alyssa Hutchinson are the returning camp directors. Youth and Adult volunteers needed: counselors, kitchen helpers, and craft helpers. Registration and application forms will soon be on the website.

www.olympiclutherhaven.org



did you know?

Cooking With Spirit



Coming Up: The next “**Dining with Spirit**” fund-raiser dinner
Date: **5 May 2018** (Happy Cinco de Mayo!) at 5:30pm.

Keep an eye on the Sunday Bulletin for the next “Dining with Spirit” fund-raiser dinner. The completed menu will be coming soon. Place will be the Kings home: 5880 NE Twin Spits Rd., Hansville, WA 98340

Please mark the date in your calendars. We look forward to serving you an elegant dinner with all the trimmings.



We will gather in the Vinland graveyard after worship on May 27 for a Silent Honors Ceremony. All active and retired military personnel and Boy and Girl Scouts (in uniform) are invited to gather around the flagpole. Many people take time prior to this day to clean around tombstones and plots of friends and family members. This would be a good opportunity to spend some time cleaning our graveyard. Many buried there have no living family or none live close by who can care for their sites.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The word *cemetery* implies that the land is specifically designated as a burial ground and originally applied to the Roman underground catacombs. The term *graveyard* is often used interchangeably with cemetery, but a graveyard primarily refers to a burial ground within a churchyard.

Following is Vinland Lutheran Church policy regarding gravesites agreed to by the Vinland Cemetery Committee. **Questions? Please contact Glenn Schechert, Sharon Schmid, Arnold Hammond, John Rova**

VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY COVENANTS

As mowing and upkeep are expensive, your adherence to following rules is appreciated.

1. No additional cribbed or raised barriers of any kind allowed
2. All monuments shall be flush with ground.
3. Flower receptacle must be in monument (preferred) or in flat concrete perimeter if provided.
4. No shrubs, trees or live flowers planted please.
5. Existing shrubbery is limited to a maximum of three (3) feet, but removal is preferred.
6. Families or friends are responsible for maintenance of gravesite including existing cribbed sites.
7. Remaining gravesite are purchasable only by members of Vinland Lutheran Church.
8. Crematory monuments/headstones cannot exceed 22” by 22”.

WOMEN'S groups

Women of the **ELCA** 

The May meeting of Women of Vinland will be the annual spring luncheon with Martha and Mary residents as our guests. Watch for opportunities to help, either with set-up and clean-up, being a table host and bringing food. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. This is an important venue to extend Vinland hospitality into the community. Many caregivers come along with the residents.

MARTHA
& MARY



Once you get some moms moving, they are unstoppable! Join any of their activities when your schedule allows. Their next meeting will be Thursday, May 3 at 7pm. There will be a "hot topic" to discuss. Invite a friend or two to join. This is not limited to Vinland members.



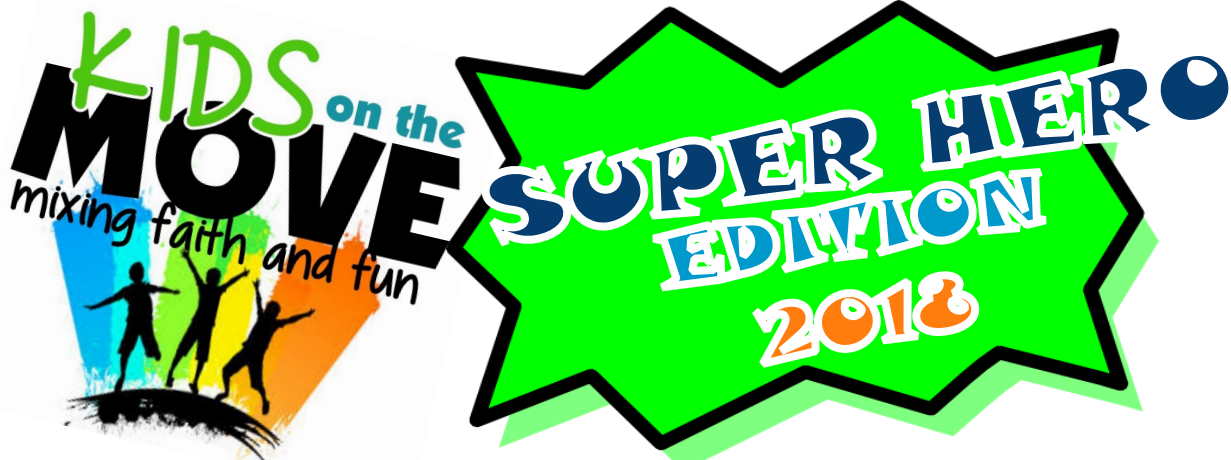
Women of Grace

We meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00pm in Grace Hall. We are a group of mixed-age women who love to laugh, discuss new ideas, share stories and enjoy a cup of tea. We begin with prayer and end with a benediction. Friends always welcome!



WOMEN OF GRACE invite any women interested to the 2nd part of a study of creation from a different perspective - that of sea life on the beach. Barb Erickson leads this study that she did at a Southwestern Washington Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Convention Workshop a few years ago. Through the study of shells, Bible verses, and discussion related to our lives, we'll find reinforcement for the idea that God has a plan and a purpose for all living things (even if we don't know what that is), creates all with

infinite intricacy, promises to support and protect us on our life journey, and that all things change over time. Come and be stimulated in your faith!



Vinland's Kids on the Move will be held the last week of June—JUNE 25-28! The morning belongs to the pre-Middle School Ages and the afternoon is filled with activities for Vinland's LOFT kids. Due to liability and transportation issues, the afternoon activities are ONLY for Vinland's middle and high school kids, but the morning is open to EVERYONE!!

As always, the LOFT kids are instrumental helpers for the morning activities. They provide wonderful, energetic role models for the younger kids.

Watch for details...but think "KIDS ON THE MOVE: SUPERHEROES EDITION"! Once again, we will offer 4 days of high-energy faith, fun and music. We believe that kids need to be outside as much as possible and we have the incredible and safe outdoor spaces to make that happen.

We need lots of people of all ages to make this week happen. If you are retired, we could use you to greet and register folks each morning! Just being a friendly face to all who come showcases our Vinland hospitality.

Watch for more details, but save the dates:

Monday—Thursday, June 25-28. 9am-noon for the pre-middle school group and afternoon activities for the LOFT kids.

5K walk/run on Thursday, followed by the very popular hot dog lunch.



Viking Fest Booth: May 18, 19, 20

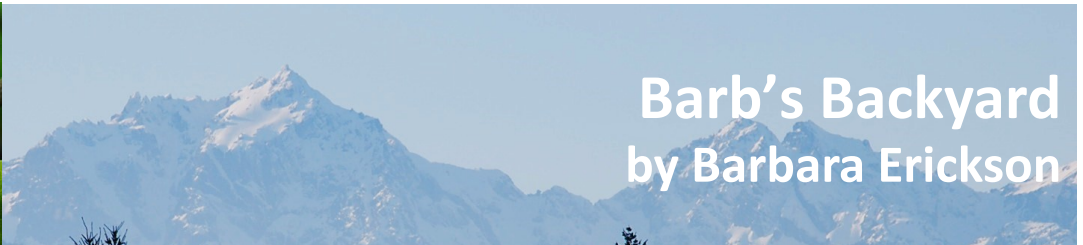
We will be selling Italian sodas again. There will be a large variety of flavors; 16oz for \$2. We will also be selling concession items such as candy, chips and water. Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets coming your way!

Thank You!

EASTER BREAKFAST Thank you to everyone who brought food and donated – we made around \$600 and the youth ran the kitchen like pros. The funds will be used to pay for our summer activities, including Wednesdays at Lutherhaven.

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS AT LUTHERHAVEN Vinland will be continue to share the responsibilities for Summer Nights at Lutherhaven. We still pay for each person attending and help with the food and entertainment. Watch for details.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS will be made May 13.



Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson

Reflected in the pond, the magnolia unfolds its huge, saucer-shaped pink blooms. Planted 30 years ago, it is a bit taller than I am - slow growing, this tree. Quiet, unobtrusive, steadfast - just as she, in whose memory it was planted, was. She's been gone so long I sometimes wonder what I have left of her. Then I remember...

She chose a Weeping birch for the front yard, a flowering crab, an apple, & a Black walnut for the back. Her flower beds edged the yard and over the years she grew countless things I can, and some I cannot, remember. Fresh flowers, lovingly arranged, were a part of every holiday or special family occasion. In the cabin at the lake, or any place where we stayed more than 1 night, there might be a small bouquet of wildflowers. House plants filled the kitchen window. If she could not be outdoors, then she brought some of it in.

She nurtured us as well:

The body needs healthy nourishment - nutritious, made-from-scratch meals, every single day. Fresh fruit is the best thing for snacking. Use as much of the plant or animal as you can - waste nothing. Preserve what you can - for the long winter or the tough times. Risk a little, try new foods & recipes. SHARE your abundance with a neighbor - they will return the favor.

The mind needs stimulation - talk with your family, but more important, LISTEN. Encourage free expression of ideas, hopes, dreams and discussion of issues & events. Read to your children and promote the love of books, an interest in news & a passion for knowledge. Demonstrate creative thinking & dare to express your own view of things, even if it is different from another's point of view.

The spirit needs renewal & revitalization - SEEK moments of peace & quiet to reflect on the greater scope of life. Eliminate excess noise & distraction. Know that you are only one part of the natural world and learn your place in it. Find joy in the small things, awe in the great. Do what you love to do.

Choose your values & value your choices. RESPECT everyone, regardless of age, color, nationality or sex - unless they give you a good reason not to - then steer clear. Learn your manners & use them, they will get you through when nothing else will. Work hard at what needs to be done. If you can't have what you'd like, then make do with what you have - and be grateful for it. There are always others better off - and worse - than you. Find the humor in life and enjoy it to the fullest; laugh 'til your face turns red & tears run from your eyes. Be kind & gentle with all life, but hold your ground when you need to & fight back if necessary. Accept your family & friends for who they are even with their various faults & idiosyncrasies. The good Lord watches over children & fools - and we are all one or the other.

One year, when I was away at college, I had no money to buy her a Mothers' Day card or gift. Instead, I wrote her a poem, which ended with: *Although I am myself, it's true, part of what I am, is you.* Now I know - a mother lives on through her children.

Let your father and mother be glad, let her who bore you rejoice.
Proverbs 23.25



Our preschool year is coming to an end. I want to thank the congregation for its continued support of the preschool ministry. I see this support in the generous giving at the Flowers & Showers Dinner, the 29 Prayer Partner volunteers, the donations of money, toys and school supplies, the welcoming of our preschool families, and the loving kindness towards our staff. Thank you.

We end this year fully enrolled for both this year and next. In fact, we will offer an additional morning class in the fall due to demand. We will be serving 46 children and their families, as well as, hiring 2 part-time assistant teachers for 2018-19. Keep us in your prayers as we prepare for next year.

I thank Lori Van Vlerah and Lynn Florent for always offering up their best selves to our students. They teach with professionalism and love.

I offer thanks to our Preschool Board members for keeping the preschool focused on our mission and financially solvent. This year's board includes, Callie Gillespie, Clint Hurda, Mary Lou Reister, Beckie Hansen, Millissa Riffle, Amber Longworth and Pastor Nels.



APRIL 24, 2018



Prayer Partner Luncheon May 10th 11:45 a.m.

We invite our prayer partners to a luncheon with the preschool families in Grace Hall on Thursday, May 18th at 11:45-1:00. We will have a short program and opportunity to visit with your preschooler.



Rainiers Game: Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 6th. The preschool again offers discounted tickets for this appreciation event. We have great seats reserved on the first base side, near the play structures for kids! **GAME IS JUNE 3**

Important Dates

Sunday, June 3—VLP Day at the Tacoma Rainiers, gates open at noon, game at 1:35pm

Thursday, May 17—Beach Field Trips

Thursday, June 7—Last Day for DF & HB at Olympic Lutherhaven

Friday, June 8—Last Day for GH





Vinland Lutheran Church

M.O.M.S



MOMS ON A MISSION

2018 Schedule of Events

First Thursday of Each Month

7pm—Grace Hall—Hot Topics

May 3—Hot Topics

June 7—Hot Topics

July 5—No Gathering, Summer Break

August 2—No Gathering, See you at Family Camp!

September 6— Hot Topics

October 4—Hot Topics

November 1—Hot Topics

December 6—No Gathering—Stay tuned for details on the Annual MOMs' Christmas Party

Third Sunday of Each Month

Locations and Times Vary

May 20 —4pm—Tour of Fish Park with Barb Erickson, Grab at beer at Slippery Pig after

Friday, June 15—6pm—Summer Kick-off Celebration & Potluck @ Amy M's.

July 15—Family Camp Prep Help

August 19—No Gathering, See you at Family Camp!

Sept 16, Oct 21 & Nov 18— *Tell Me More* (Kelly Corrigan) Book Discussion

December 16—No Gathering—Stay tuned for details on the Annual MOMs' Christmas Party