



Happy Anniversary

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
 Parker Magnuson 6/10
 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
 Rich Gregerson 6/24
 Phyllis Sele 6/25
 Rick Kruse 6/25
 Greg Warren 6/29
 John Ross 6/30
 Billie Jo Settle 6/30
 Art Ceraldi 6/30

Dennis and Denise Deitch 6/4
 Jim and Lavonne Berentson 6/12
 Ed and Lynn Florent 6/14
 Sean and Lindsey Carlson 6/15
 Makai and Katie Magnuson 6/16
 Bruce and Lisa Mansfield 6/24
 Clint and Molly Hurda 6/24
 Matt and April McNamara 6/24
 Mike and Lisa Michael 6/24
 Carlos and Sherry Gutierrez 6/26
 Chris and Megan Adrig 6/27
 Bob and Willy Stuhlmiller 6/29

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Most people, by practice or instinct, know that the middle of a boat is the safest, most stable place to be in bumpy water. It doesn't hurt to be low either, as close to sea level as possible. The edges and



the ends not only get wetter. They move and wear a person out.

There's work to do out there, but it's not an easy place to relax. Maybe somebody needs to grab a mooring, or a crab pot, or even a person in the water – can't do that from the safe middle. It's hard to change sails, hold a fishing rod, or take in the scenery and look for aids to navigation from the bottom. But it's always important to know where a safe place is, to know where to put things that are valuable or people that are vulnerable. On a boat, it's good to know where a person is in relation to center.

I've been thinking about this church's center and the reasons we come and go from the center. The place you feel centered might be spatial – the altar, the baptismal font, the kitchens, the classrooms, the cemetery, the Loft. The center you find in our church life might be in time: Advent, Vacation Bible School, Easter, coffee hour. It could be a place and a time: Family Camp and All-Church Camp are both. The center is not necessarily the most important place and time. It's not even necessarily where we spend most of our time. The center is the place and time that anchors us. We always know where we are in relation to the center. It's where we go when fragile, disoriented, tired. It's where we might bring a newcomer as soon as possible. Or we might just find ourselves naturally telling people about it, because it's always somewhere in our thoughts.

For many in our congregation, Family Camp really is that center. It's a place and time for renewal and to be recharged. It's the place we bring newcomers or folks we don't see often. Even if we meet them in August, we start telling them about Family Camp. It's one of the first things you all told me about when I was being considered as a candidate for the call you did eventually send me. But Family Camp is also boundary space, it's also an edge. Like the rail of a boat, it's where a lot of the fun happens. It's a place to get some of the real "work" of spiritual formation done – through devotion and study, through communion in creation, through meaningful conversation. Most importantly, the place is not solely "ours". We share in the stewardship of Lutherhaven and the traces we leave are only the most intentional and sacred -- like those beloved names gracing the pavilions, playground, and benches.

I don't need to remind most of you that I've never taken part in this event. But being a newcomer myself is a gift I treasure for as long as I can. It's a privilege to hear about something I've never seen for myself. Not only does it put me in touch with the experience of other newcomers, it also lets me see things through your eyes. Soon enough I'll form my own opinions and make my own experiences. Open-minded as I might want to be, my own impressions will be hard to set aside – positive, negative, or otherwise.

I'm looking forward to this Summer with you. Summer might be the central season for this congregation, beyond Family Camp and including all the other festivities like the Holden Village retreat for high-school youth, Vacation Bible School, and our part in Reform Ride for Refugees this August. Let's remember to celebrate the edges as places of encounter with the unexpected and centers as places of strength and dependability. Let's remember that the presence of Jesus Christ is the moving and constant center of our life: at the altar, in proclamation, in service, in fellowship. Let's see where he takes us and where he meets us.

God be with you,

+Pastor Nels

THIS AND THAT



SECOND ANNUAL REFORM RIDE FOR REFUGEES AUGUST 11

Reform Ride for Refugees is a bike ride (not a chip timed event) sponsored by Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) and five Kitsap county churches united to raise awareness and financial support for refugees. There are three different routes: 10, 30ish, and 50 mile courses to appeal to riders new and experienced. Our rides range from an easy stroll through to our 50 mile ride with over 3,600 feet of elevation gain for a scenic and challenging course meant to showcase the best of Kitsap County!

Our goal is to get 200 riders and raise \$20,000. Church advertising was a top of the list when it comes to registration so it is super important. Tell everyone you know. It is a scenic ride with great people to meet and a wonderful cause to support.

Vinland will again host an "Aid Station", with 3 or 4 volunteers handing out water and snacks and directing folks to bathrooms.

For more information go to: <http://lcsnw.org/reform-ride-for-refugees/>

GOOD MUSIC VIBES!



The Celebration Choir will gift us with a stirring rendition of "Shine, Jesus, Shine" on June 3.

The Vinland Chimers will make one last appearance on Father's Day.

We'll be enjoying the Feast and Celebration Service through July.

"God Bless America"

Concert Presented by

'The Independents'

Grace Hall: Sunday – 10 June 2018 – 3:00 PM

Using powerful arrangements of inspiring patriotic songs, combined with compelling narrative, scripture and slides, this special musical presentation will renew your feelings of pride, patriotism, and thankfulness to a loving God who has poured out His blessings on this 'sweet land of liberty'. From well-known folk songs, to America's favorite traditional and contemporary Patriotic selections, this concert includes audience participation and a special tribute honoring our military service members, past and current.

Please join us, and be sure to invite your neighbors, friends, and family members...especially those who have served, or are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces.

'The Independents', directed by Pam Wenter, is an all-volunteer, 4-Part (SATB) Community Chorus, committed to presenting inspirational music that will encourage and uplift audiences of all ages. There is no charge for their performances, but a free-will offering will be collected to offset their expenses.

Vinland Ohana Camp



July 20-26

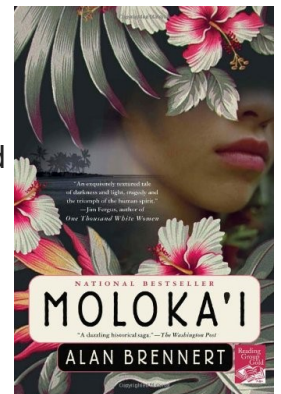


OHANA means FAMILY and FAMILY means no one gets left behind or forgotten!!

Plans are underway for a fun week of camp this year. If you have never joined us at Lutherhaven, we hope you'll consider it this year. We're celebrating and learning all about the "Spirit of Aloha" and we've got a lot of fun planned.

FAMILY CAMP BOOK CLUB

This year we'll be reading *Moloka'i*, by Alan Brennert. Because it is an older publication, the library only has one copy. The Family Camp team has purchased a few copies of the book and can lend them out, now until Family Camp. We'll have copies and a wait list available starting on Sunday and the following Sundays until camp. The book can also be purchased on Amazon and is available on Kindle and as an audio book as well. While this book is not classified as a "young adult", we feel that high schoolers would enjoy the story too. We hope you'll join us!



We just couldn't have a Hawaiian themed camp without learning to play the UKULELE! Open to all ages, we'll be learning a group song to be played together at the talent show. If you have a ukulele, please bring it. The Family Camp team will be ordering ukuleles for everyone with a suggested donation of \$10/each.

Order your T-shirts now! We are currently taking orders for this year's camp t-shirt (designed by Shauna Becker). Deadline for t-shirts and ukuleles is Sunday, June 24th.

If you love to cook and cook for a lot of people - we'd love it if you'd consider volunteering for a dinner one night of camp!

Please join us for our first Family Camp Meeting on Sunday, June 24th for a general Q&A and a mandatory meeting on Sunday, July 15th.



LUTHERHAVEN BIBLE CAMP

August 4-9 (Saturday-Thursday)

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.



what's HAPPENING



Thank you to everyone who helped at Viking Fest - **ESPECIALLY THE BECKER FAMILY!!** It was loads of fun and a great success. The funds are earmarked for summer youth programs

LOFT ADVENTURES JUNE 25TH-28TH

We will volunteer at VBS in the morning and then go on our own adventures in the afternoon (possibly including: Stand-Up Paddle-boarding, Bowling, Mini-Golf, Beach Time) Registration forms are available in the LOFT outbox and adults- please sign up to help drive. \$40 for the week covers all the fun!



SUMMER WEDNESDAYS AT LUTHERHAVEN

Watch for starting date details. Vinland is responsible to lead devotions on two of the summer Wednesdays. These gatherings are a great opportunity for middle and high schoolers to form relationships from kids their age from all area Lutheran churches.



Congratulations to Nick Kobeski, who will graduate from NK this year! We will be honoring him on June 3!



2018-19 VINLAND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS Congratulations to all of this year's scholarship recipients: Sara Bigelow, Andy Crawford, Devin Horn, Ben Kobeski, Nick Kobeski, Martha Rabura, and Cody Warren. Each will receive \$765.10.

"Sundae" Sunday June 10

Summer is Coming and we're celebrating the end of Sunday School with a sundae party for **EVERYONE!!!** We'll need some ice cream and toppings, so appreciate your contributions to the fun!



SPECIAL NOT-TO-BE-MISSED" MEETING ON JUNE 20!

The Women of Vinland will be hosting women from First Lutheran, Bethany Lutheran, and Peace Lutheran for a salad luncheon on Wednesday, June 20.

ALL women are invited. Vinland women coming should bring a large salad to share with our guests. The program will be Barb Erickson's presentation of "Lessons from the Beach". Even if you've attended the previous one at Women of Grace, this will be different, so please join us. See the posters around the church and sign up soon!

The annual Rummage Sale will be on August 4...Save the date and save your stuff!
See Jan Hakanson for more details.



SUMMER KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

Let's celebrate (or mourn) the end of the school and the beginning of summer and spend the evening with our fellow moms before summer starts. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a bottle of something fun to drink too, if you'd like.

We'll gather at Amy Munns' house at 6pm on Friday, June 15th. RSVP to Amy!



SUMMER TUESDAYS AT THE LAKE

Vinland moms & dads and grandparents (with kids in tow) will once again be meeting on the picnic side of the lake at Lutherhaven once school is out.

We usually start gathering around noon. Come when you can; leave when you must. It is a great time to visit and for the kids to play and get to know each other.

No lifeguard is on duty.



Women of Grace

Women of Grace annual POTLUCK SALAD SUPPER:
At Phyllis Sele's home at - 22829 Rulling Ave NE, Poulsbo

Monday, June 11 @ 5:30 pm (CHECK THIS DATE IT'S DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL!)
Bring your favorite salad to share.

lutherhaven news may/june

The Summer season at our beloved Lutherhaven opens on Memorial Day weekend.

Lifeguards are getting trained and work is being done to meet the busy season ahead. On May 5th, twenty-two people came together for a "Vision Event". Every member church had at least one person in attendance. We shared our thoughts and dreams for the cabins and bathrooms, the grounds, the lodge, the picnic side, work parties and maintenance, and ministry and programming.

Your Board Members are taking a look at these thoughts and ideas and determining what actions to take at this time and into the future. The plan is to hold another gathering in a year and continue with the discerning and action-taking. If you would like a copy of the summary, ask your Lutherhaven Board Member to provide one to you.

The Annual Clean-up in April was a grand success with over 65 people in attendance. Don Dungjen from Silverdale Lutheran prepared a delicious breakfast of poached eggs and an equally delicious lunch of pulled pork. Wood was split, the camp side was raked, wood chips were laid, and new mattresses were placed on the upper bunks in all cabins. The cabins also are newly marked with fresh number signs and Luther's Seal, thoughtfully created by Art from Silverdale Lutheran. **Thank you to all the volunteers who served that day!**

The Annual Father's Day Picnic is happening on June 17, 2018.

A BIG Thank You to Larry Burgua and his wife from Our Saviour's for coordinating. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up and food prep; if you are able to help out, let your Board Member know and he/she will sign you up. The Hometown Band will be there again. Lutherhaven provides the burgers and hot dogs and everyone else brings a potluck side dish, salad, or dessert. The waterfront will be open for swimming and boating, too.



Because work party attendance has been slim for more than a year now, the Board is looking into changing up the work party model. At least one idea is percolating and if you have any ideas on how to get the work done, let a Board Member know. Lutherhaven needs more volunteers than the eleven Board Members. If there is an event you would like to see happen at Lutherhaven and you are willing to help make it happen, let your Board Member know and we can work together to help make it so. There is a desire to have events in which members from all churches are invited to come.

All Church Camp is happening August 4-9. Campers are those who have completed grades 3-8 and counselors have completed 9th grade and above. The directors are Chris and Alyssa, who are serving for their 3rd summer in this position. The theme has to do with the light of God. Truly our children and youth are lights of God and growing in relationship with God and each other. Adult volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and in other areas, as well. All forms are online at www.olympiclutherhaven.org.

Lutherhaven is a beautiful place and huge blessing from God to us. Blessings on your church's picnic and camp. We are blessed to be a blessing!

Signed,

Sherry Gutierrez Lutherhaven Board President



4 YEARS THROUGH 5TH GRADE. SUPER CHARGED FAITH AND FUN!

\$15 DONATION SUGGESTED PER CHILD.

ALL AGES OF VINLAND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS WORK.

OUR THEMES ARE :

SUPERHEROES SERVE

SUPERHEROES ARE BRAVE

SUPERHEROES HAVE JOY

SUPERHEROES LOVE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STORY OF THE BOY WHO SHARES HIS LUNCH WITH THE HUNGRY CROWD, WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF FAVORITE SUMMER LUNCH FOODS FOR KIDS...CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, JAM, CANNED SOUP, MAC AND CHEESE. TAKE YOUR KIDS SHOPPING AND LET THEM CHOOSE.

UPDATE

Our Vinland kids, youth, and families have been busy this spring!



Let's start with Viking Fest! Who needs British royalty when we have our very own here at Vinland? Kristen Crawford and Alexis Duncan are both Viking Fest princesses! Make sure you curtsy next time you see them.

Michael and Laurie Mansfield danced their way through Norwegian festivals...appearing at the Ballard Syttende Mai parade and also during Viking Fest. This was their last year dancing at Viking Fest!

We also had several kids and adults participate in the Viking Fest Road race.

For the 1-mile: The Beers Family (Adam, Evelyn, Isaac, and Karen), the Florent boys (Ethan and Joey), the Gillespie boys (Spencer and Ethan), Dylan Moriarty, and Abel and Savannah Hurda.

In the 5-mile, Lynn Florent, Janean Moriarty, Clint Hurda, and Megan Adrig made a strong showing alongside our youth, Jaimie and Jill Florent (who each won their age group!) and Reese Adrig.

All 3 Hurda kids (Gus, Abel, and Savannah), Fiona Gillespie, and several of our preschool kids also participated in the **Kids' Dash**.

Vinland is on the move!



Speaking of being on the move...Once again, Suzie Banzer coached another group of girls in Girls on the Run and Emma Banzer, Savannah Hurda, and Laurie Mansfield were all participants. Laurie won her age group at their recent 5K!

A few of our middle school girls (Evelyn Beers, Kendall Becker, and Ava Adrig) recently qualified for Track and Field Leagues and all did well in their various events.

Kendall Becker and Ava Adrig were also recently inducted in the National Junior Honor Society at Poulsbo Middle School.

Josh Clucas was inducted into the National Honor Society at NK High School.

Nick Kobeski was recognized in April with the Outstanding Musician Award at a Jazz Unlimited event in Pasco.



WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF KIDS AND FAMILIES..

We need some dedicated volunteers to lead our Summer Kid's Church Program each Sunday. It will take place during the reading of the Gospel and the Sermon. Training will be available. There is a sign-up sheet in Grace Hall. Visit with Sherry Gutierrez or Lisa Mansfield to get more details.



Honoring God by nurturing children's relationships.

School's out for summer!

This year has flown by at preschool. Our last day of class is Friday, June 8th. We enjoyed getting to know many new children and welcoming their families to Vinland Lutheran. We look forward to seeing them over the summer at VBS, Sunday services and Tuesdays at Lutherhaven. When you see new young families, please offer your hello and warm welcome into our community of Christ.

Looking to 2018-19

ENROLLMENT

We're happy to report that our classes are full for fall. In fact, we will offer an additional morning class due to demand, allowing us to serve 48 children and their families, up from 35 this year.

We continue to accept students on the waiting list. Spread the word!

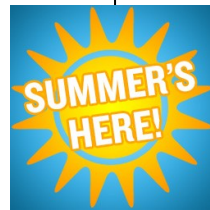
WE ARE HIRING

With another class, we will need 2 part-time assistant teachers. These positions will work Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 9:00-12:15, September-June. Direct anyone interested to Janean Moriarty.



Flowers & Showers

Thanks to our preschool families and the congregation we had a hugely successful spring fundraiser this year. We were able to eclipse our goal of \$6000 and bring in \$12,000 for the preschool ministry. We thank the amazing VLP Spring Masterminds planning committee, generous local businesses and individual donors, Chef Darice Grass, Emcee Matt Clucas and the Vinland Youth for their part in making the event bloom.



SUMMER SPRUCE

Thanks to the huge success of the Flowers & Showers Spring Fundraiser, we are looking to make improvements indoors and out. We are looking to paint the whole education wing, refill the sandbox and playground bark, and organize and update everything inside. Watch for op-



Thank you to everyone who donated to VLP through the Kitsap Great Give. In our fourth year participating, we raised over \$400 for VLP and \$1.42 million for nonprofits in Kitsap County, making a BIG difference in our community.

good stuff



Thanks to all of you for your support and assistance in the on-going Church Clean-Up Project.

We still need to get rid of some old tables and chairs. The council has authorized us to get rid of six (6) eight foot tables and one (1) six foot table, we no longer use. The tables are very heavy. They are made of wood laminate and steel. In addition, there are 16 metal folding chairs we are getting rid of. They are first being offered to anyone in the church who wants them. Please contact Peter Hansen if you wish to see them. You can take all or some if you wish. Peter will assist you or deliver them to your home. After July 31, they will be donated or sold. Peter's contact information is 360-638-6154 or by email, pbsphansen@frontiernet.net

How are God's Angels Active in Carrying Out God's Will? -by Bob Reister

When God created the earth, the angels joyfully cried out together, all shouting in applause. (Job 38:4,7). Throughout the course of history, angels have desired "to peer" into prophetic utterances regulating future events on earth. (1 Peter 1:11,12)

Angels have provided a measure of protection for true worshipers (Psalm 34:7).

1. When God brought destruction on the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, angels helped righteous Lot and his family flee. (Genesis 19: 1, 15-26).
2. In ancient Babylon when three young Hebrews were condemned to die in a fiery furnace, "God sent his angel to rescue his servants." (Daniel 3:19-28).

After the righteous man, Daniel, spent the night in a den of lions, Daniel explained how he had survived because "God sent his angel and shut the mouths of the lions" (Daniel 6:16, 22).

Have you ever felt that God has sent an angel for your protection? I'm sure many have, but not proclaimed I publically or shared it with others. "Show of hands please!" Please share with me and others how God has sent an angel to protect you.

Thank you, Father God for your Son and the Holy Spirit and your protection of an angel or angels in our lives.

Please share with me anytime....I'd like to listen.

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