

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Nita Johnson	2/2	Nancy Ray	2/17
Tom Booth	2/4	Daemion Dixon	2/17
Susan Thiel	2/6	Jillian Florent	2/18
Lyn Gillet	2/8	Muriel Dodge	2/19
Linnea Barnhart	2/10	Martha Rabura	2/19
Jason Becker	2/10	Andy Cotey	2/21
Chad Gillespie	2/11	Steve Weir	2/24
Audrey Bates	2/13		
Aimee Becker	2/16		
Aaron Schielke	2/16		

“God”

Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today you and I together cannot handle. I give you this day and evening for you to guide me to what you want me to do as your servant. I thank you in your son's name.

Amen and Amen.

Submitted by Bob Reister



Happy Anniversary

John and Sirpa Brock 2/2

Art and Ginger Ceraldi 2/4

Greg and Susan Gilbert 2/5

Rich and Ersle Gregersen 2/6

Arnold and Delores Hammond 2/14

Ernest and Jan Janzen 2/14

Tony and Diane LaMagna 2/18

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Try out the fairly new monthly podcasts from the ELCA

"I listened to parts of a couple of them and find them to be really informative." - Marsha Wright

Three Sides is a monthly podcast featuring stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together, Three Sides will present diverse voices from across the ELCA. Listen as we share unique stories from the many expressions of this church.

- From our members whose lives are grounded in faith, love of God and neighbor.
- From our congregations that work every day to share the love of Christ with all God's people. From our global companions and partners that join us as we work to build up Christ's church throughout the world.

There are two sides to every story, the saying goes. But what about when an unexpected third side is revealed, giving the story even more dimensionality? The ELCA's new monthly podcast, *Three Sides*, offers a fresh way to tell the unique, compelling and sometimes surprising stories of this church.

Three Sides presents diverse voices from across all expressions of the ELCA. The podcast is hosted by Shanna Crawford, director for accounting with the [ELCA Mission Investment Fund](#); Phil LaDeur, program assistant for hunger education with [ELCA World Hunger](#); and Andrew Steele, director of [ELCA Global Church Sponsorship](#).

Even the hosts have found themselves learning about ELCA initiatives and experiences through the stories *Three Sides* explores. "I had no idea that the church was at work in so many different places and in so many ways," LaDeur said.

Crawford agreed: "I've been able to take a deep dive into all things Lutheran and hear the stories of some amazing people." She enjoys "being part of lifting up these stories and issues and adding a bit of commentary along the way."

Steele hopes *Three Sides* "becomes a platform for good news—something I think we all could use a bit more of. Positive stories are happening throughout our congregations, synods and church-wide ministries."

Three Sides is available at livinglutheran.org/podcast and via iTunes, Spotify and Stitcher. Follow *Three Sides* on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
 1 John 4:16

Vinland Lutheran Preschool is abounding in love! We use the Valentine season to emphasize the love God has for each one of us and our responsibility to share His love with each other. Our preschoolers are generous with their love, hugs, affection and helpfulness. They shine bright with God's love.



Thank you for your support of our annual Sack Lunch Fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your lunches before the Annual Meeting this year. The preschool families and board donated all of the food and prepared the lunches lovingly for you. We were able to sell 82 lunches and bring in \$697 to purchase supplies and equipment

for the preschool ministry. THANK YOU!

At the end of January, we had a very snugly Pajama Day to wind up our studies of Winter and Camping. The children learn through dramatic play, movement, art, and sensory exploration; making learning part of their own experience. Every day we incorporate math, science, pre-writing and pre-reading through hands-on, engaging activities. Plus, we always get out into the Discovery Garden and play!

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year opens for current families and congregation members on February 1st. We will open registration to the public at our Open House on Saturday, February 23rd, 10am-12pm. We will offer morning, afternoon and Friday classes, taught by Lori Van Vlerah and Lynn Florent. Please like us on Facebook and share our event with your friends.

Contact: Janean Moriarty at preschool@vinlandlc.org or (360)865-0510.

CLASSES	DAYS	TIMES	AGE BY 8/31/19	REG. FEE	TUITION
Morning	T, W, Th	9:15-12	3-5 years	\$75	\$2300/year
Afternoon	T, W, Th, F	12:45-3:30	3-5 years	\$75	\$3070/year
Grasshopper	Fridays	9:30-11:30	2-3 years	\$75	\$800/year



Coming this spring:

Sunday, April 14 at 5pm Flowers & Showers Olé Spring Fundraiser
Mexican Dinner, Basket Raffle, Spirits Wall, and Live Auction

Thursday, April 25 at 11:45am Prayer Partner Luncheon in Grace Hall
 VLP families and their prayer partners enjoy lunch.

Sunday, May 5 at 1:35pm VLP Day at the Tacoma Rainiers
 Watch for discount ticket sales in March.

WOMEN'S



groups

Women of the ELCA

Women of Vinland

Next meeting will be on Wednesday February 20. We begin at 10 am with coffee, devotions, a short Bible Study, and meeting and then enjoy a delicious lunch. All women and their friends are always welcome!

BOLD
WOMEN'S
DAY 2019

Sunday, February 24

Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Are there ways that we can celebrate bold women at Vinland?



Women of Grace

Encouraging and Supporting One Another

Women meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00pm. We laugh, pray, learn and support each other. We will continue our discussion of Ecclesiastes for the next 2 meetings. Read all 12 chapters and we'll dive into 4-6 on Feb. 4 and finish the study on Feb. 18.

Bring your thoughts, questions and ideas to share with the group.



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

They can use helping hands as they put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



Youth & Family

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

Saturday, February 2 8am-10am

Buy a ticket for \$10. Invite friends and family; the youth are excited to serve you and they will earn \$5 per ticket sold. Raffle tickets for 3 baskets are also on sale for \$1 each.

FEBRUARY IN THE LOFT

Friday, Feb 1st. Holden Registration opens. We'll need a firm count of who will be attending. Look for more information from Karyn Crawford. This event is for high schoolers only.

Wednesday - Feb 6th - Fishline - look for an evite for this event

Sunday, Feb 10th - High School Hangout with Pastor Nels - look for an evite for this event

Wednesday, Feb 20th - LOFT -- we are looking for a family to volunteer to host this Wednesday

Dear Parents,

"I'll be teaching a communion class during regular Sunday School on Feb. 3rd. This will be for all the Sunday School aged kids whether they have been sharing communion for years, are maybe still a year or two away from it, or are just ready to begin taking communion now. I'm also going to send home some activities for you to do as a family (like make a really simple version of communion bread – don't be scared, even I've done it). Those activities are especially important for kids who are going to start receiving communion the following week, but are open to all the kids. On Sunday, Feb. 10th all kids will be invited to come to the altar as a group and receive communion. This will be the first time for some and not for others, but I hope it helps them all experience communion in a deeper and more meaningful way.

If you're not sure if your kid is ready to begin sharing the sacrament, please talk to me and I can help you make a decision. The ELCA (our version of the Lutheran church) doesn't recommend any particular age or grade level for this. If they are old enough for Sunday School I believe they are old enough to take communion, but will respect any choices made by parents. The class won't be about "who's taking communion for the first time" but about communion as a part of Christian life for everyone, so I hope no kids feel left out who are still on the younger side and whose parents want to wait.

On another note, for any that begin receiving the elements of communion (bread and wine, body and blood) I sure will miss giving those blessings. Your kids are all a huge blessing to this church and I hope this exploration of communion helps them grow into a fuller and richer understanding of their faith."

Peace to all of you, Pastor Nels





good stuff



DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

Monday, Jan. 29 at 6pm at Western Red Brewery in Poulsbo. The Sin of the Month is RATH!!

You can get pizza from next door, bring your own food in, or just get a beverage. By all means, invite a friend to come!



THURSDAY LECTIONARY LUNCH @11:30

Bring your lunch and chew on more than a sandwich! Pastor Nels will have a "sermon playback" where everyone joins in to discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday.

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

**Eat Breakfast at Applebees
on Feb. 2. Buy your Ticket!**

The Men's Breakfast has cancelled their regular breakfast gathering in Grace Hall in February. They are encouraging everyone to have Breakfast at Applebees. Buy a \$10 per-person ticket from our youth group members and pop in anytime between 8am-10am on Saturday, Feb. 2. The kids will be serving and they get \$5 from each ticket sold to use for their outings and expenses.

It's a great breakfast. Come with a group or come by yourself. Invite friends and family to join you.

There are also 3 great raffle baskets, Tickets are only \$1 each. There is a Seahawks Basket, a Dog-Lover's Basket and a Movie Basket (complete with tickets). You can purchase tickets at church or at the breakfast. Need not be present to win.



Women's
BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast at Applebees on Feb. 2!



Barb's Backyard by Barbara Erickson



I often think of them as coming from another world and I'm not far wrong in thinking that. For most of their lives exist underground in the dark, secretive, cracks and crevices totally unknown to most of us. It's only on those rare occasions, when conditions are perfectly matched to their individual specifications, that they burst forth into the world that we know and their time there and in that form is extremely brief.

In this part of the world, wandering about the woods, especially during the damper parts of the year, we are bound to come across them. Fungi, in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes, pop up seemingly overnight from the forest floor, moldering leaf piles, or rotting tree stumps. Unlike green plants, fungi do not need sunlight and are unable to make their own food, drawing nutrients instead from other rotting vegetation. What we see of them belies what we cannot see—a vast, complicated underground support system responsible for their colonization and reproduction. In the case of a mushroom, tiny seed-like spores are carried by wind and water to the soil, where they burrow in and grow into long, multi-celled strands. Different types of these strands are produced, and the exact right ones need to meet and combine to form longer entwined strands that carry the full component of genes necessary for that specific type of mushroom. These strands gradually form a small, tight ball of cells which grow upward and finally emerge into the air, taking on the shape of a mature mushroom. This adult fungus then forms spores and the entire cycle repeats itself.

The underground system of a fungus is truly amazing. Before logging roads cut through it, a 2,400-acre site in eastern Oregon had a contiguous growth estimated at 1,665 football fields in size and 2,200 years old. This one fungus has killed the forest above it several times over, and in so doing has built deeper soil layers that allow the growth of ever-larger stands of trees. Mushroom-forming forest fungi such as this are unique in that their underground growth can achieve such massive proportions.

Human support systems might be compared to this. So much of what we do with and for others is not obvious; myriad small acts of assistance, kindness, and compassion combine with others, branch out and spread, often far from the original source. Surfacing and becoming apparent occasionally, this support system really is the life blood of any community. Behind every successful grown child, there are years of effort from caring adults; behind every recovering addict, there are miles of accompanying encouragement and intervention; behind every healing of a body, mind, or spirit, there are thousands of helping hands, loving hearts, and prayers.

But we are only the vessels, for beneath all this and deeper than any of us can fathom, lies a force greater than the combined efforts of all. We are each a small link in a vast system which surpasses all understanding. We need only trust and act. Yes, and celebrate the end results as they emerge out of the detritus of life. For this is the ultimate love.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity

~ Colossians 3: 12 - 14



Super Bowl Party



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEB. 3 in Grace Hall

The game starts at 3:30 on the big screens, but doors open at 2:30 for pre-game snacking and chatting.

Bring a side dish, dessert or appetizer to share. Brats and burgers provided!



LUTHERHAVEN ANNUAL MEETING

FEB. 10 at Our Saviour's in Bremerton

All voting members are welcome to attend , but only our 4 delegates will vote. Come and hear what is in store for this gem of a camp on Wildcat Lake.

FEBRUARY SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH



Keep your eye on the bulletin board and the weekly bulletin and E-Flash for details! It will surely be a "sweet" lunch!



PINOCHLE

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

Hostesses are
Anita Puzon and
Marilynn Maas-Jones

Please sign up!



Mike and Lisa Michael, Daemion and Gracelynn

"My family and I have lived in the Poulsbo area since June of 2017. We moved from Shelton Washington. Mike is an Engineer Manager for the City of Bainbridge Island and I am a Stay at Home Mom.

We have five children, Kyle & Mike, Melissa, Daemion and Gracelynn.

We love family activities and are big into Drag Racing, camping, and doing fun outdoor things, as well as having lots of game nights, movie nights and just hanging out together.

When I am home, I love being a homebody. I enjoy baking, sewing, reading, and knitting. My "current" job is mastering the art of Etsy, where I sell the fun things I make, such as knitting markers, hand dyed yarns, and project bags.

Currently, we are renovating our new house that we bought this last summer. It has had its challenges and

Lyn Gillet

I was born at Camp LeJeune, NC because my dad was a career officer in the Marine Corps. I went to college at Trinity College, Burlington, Vermont. I have two children in their 40's and two grandchildren. My grandchildren live in New York; one is in high school and one in the 8th grade. After 13 years of marriage I divorced my children's father. I was married to my second husband for 8 1/2 years before he died. I lived on the East Coast until 2003 when I moved to Poulsbo to be with my son. In 2008, I moved to Colville WA with a friend. My daughter-in-law and son built a home with an in-law apartment, so I moved back to Poulsbo, because I will eventually live with them. I still go to Colville for extended visits.

Christy Black and sons, Kieran and Grayson joined as well as Mark and Jane McDowell . Look for their stories in our next issue!!

Matthew and Rebecca Moore

"Matthew and Rebecca hail from very different parts of the USA. Rebecca was born and raised in the Los Angeles area and Matthew's family lived a nomadic lifestyle in Washington, California, Nevada and Texas. Our love of all things green, mountainous and oceanic brought us to live in Poulsbo. Because Matthew telecommutes to his Engineering job at a Medical Device Manufacturer, we can live where we like.

Rebecca is a outdoorsperson who loves to hike, garden, travel and relax outdoors with our Anatolian Shepherd, Mari. As a Fightin' Texas Aggie, Matthew loves to watch Texas A & M play football, read and watch movies.

Our diverse church backgrounds include membership at American and Southern Baptist churches, as well as Assembly of God, Foursquare and Episcopal congregations. We enjoy being involved in a welcoming community and Vinland has offered us a warm welcome! "

Matt and Claire Campbell, Alden (5) and Mathis (3)

"We're happy to have found Vinland, it is an active and warm congregation with an inspiring sanctuary and contemporary message in a liturgical setting. We're a Navy family and have moved around a bit the past 10 years, so have spent time in several Lutheran and Episcopalian churches, as well as a few non-denominational ones.

This is the first time we've really settled in a church since college. Matt grew up in San Diego, CA and met Claire in her hometown of Alexandria, Virginia. We moved to Kitsap on military orders a few years ago and have loved how open the Poulsbo community has been, the beautiful views and small hikes nearby. Claire loves to sing and learn anything, Matt is a family man and faithful Chargers football fan, Alden is never more content than when walking in the woods, and Mathis loves his brother."