

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sam Horn	4/2
Tom Settle	4/2
Jean Danielson	4/3
Megan Adrig	4/3
Sigi Helgeson	4/3
Bing Debar	4/3
Willy Stuhlmiller	4/4
Anita Puzon	4/8
Karen Beers	4/8
Robyn Prehm	4/11
Ben Gutierrez	4/11
Henry Becker	4/12
Eleanor Beers	4/13
Lorna Abbott	4/13
Bob Winkel	4/13
Jack Nelson	4/14
Julie Swenson	4/16
LaVonne Berentson	4/16
Delores Hammond	4/17
Susan Gilbert	4/17
Shauna Becker	4/19
Camille Bothe	4/20

Kathy Price	4/20
Kurt Peterson	4/20
Marci Becker	4/21
Sharon Wendt	4/22
David Schielke	4/23
Kaylin Oster	4/25
Bev DeBroeck	4/25
Bill Beaudoin	4/27
John Bartlett	4/29
Judy Wales	4/29
Jack Clearman	4/30
Tina Bigelow	4/30
Tony LaMagna	4/30

*Happy Anniversary*

Walt Elliott and Bobbie Moore	4/7
Chuck and Bev DeBroeck	4/11
Linda and Dan Carlson	4/12
David and Karyn Crawford	4/12
Don and Janean Moriarty	4/15
Bill and Terry Beaudoin	4/24
Don and Jean Danielson	4/25



## Easter Sunday is April 21

Once again we will have joyful worship, a wonderful breakfast and a fun egg hunt for the kids!

As usual, we will need bags of small, wrapped candies for the egg hunt.



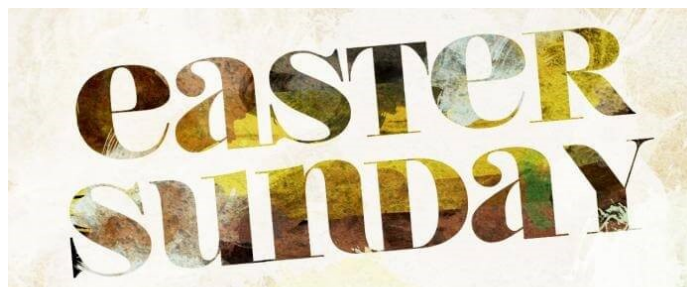
## APRIL 2019

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**WORSHIP @ 8am and 11am**

**Breakfast from 9-10:45**

**Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:45**



# VINLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS FOR APRIL 2019



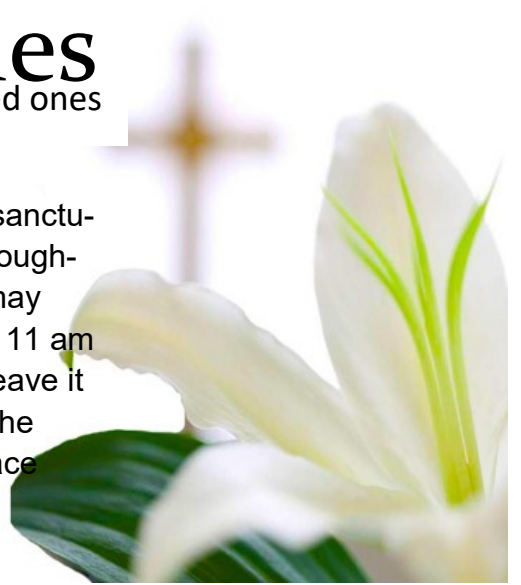
**Last Soup Suppers**  
**April 3, 10**  
**Soup @6**  
**Worship @6:45**

## Easter Lilies

In honor or memory of loved ones

\$10/Each.

They will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter morning and throughout the Easter Season. You may take your plant home after the 11 am service on Easter Sunday or leave it for the season. Forms are in the entrance to the sanctuary, Grace Hall., or the church office.



### HOLY WEEK and EASTER

#### **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP APRIL 14 @ 9 and 10:45**

We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem waving cedar branches. Bring some from home and we'll also have some at church!

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18 @ 7:00 PM**

The mood is somber as we contemplate Jesus' last night before the cross.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19 @ 7PM**

#### **EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 7PM**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21**

#### **8AM AND 11AM WORSHIP**

**Easter Breakfast is served by our youth  
from 9am-10:45**

**Kid's Egg Hunt in the Discovery Garden at 9:45am**





# *What's Going On?!?*

## *Council Chatterings April 2019*

Our March Council meeting was just like Halloween: thrilling, a bit scary, and downright terrifying. We spent most of the meeting discussing the Youth Director position. Many of you are aware that we continue to operate without a Youth Director, and have had an on-going challenge in attracting a suitable and qualified candidate. As a prelude to restarting our search, we discussed the fundamental problem that the position is only part time and limited in scope. And we talked about continuity and consistency of another function that needs our attention: our Children's Education ministry. Which naturally led to an "Aha" moment – combine these two functions into a full time Director of Youth Ministry position.

Here's where the thrilling part of the meeting happened. Combining the functions into a full-time staff position obviously would be a big plus in reinvigorating our youth program and providing a focus for supporting our children's spiritual growth throughout their time with us. But wait, there's more! Our conversation then took a decidedly Christian mission turn, kind of like what it's supposed to do every now and then. Can we go beyond a strong vibrant program for VLC youth, extending it by consciously coordinating it with other programs in the area, sharing resources and opportunities, and most importantly offering an inclusive outreach opportunity for youth in the community who are in need of positive comradery and guidance. This expanded vision for youth ministry not only would be an important service for the community, it would also enrich the experience for our "in-house" children. Lots of thrills in this discussion.

And then the meeting turned scary. The reality is that this vision is just a twinkle in our eye; we don't even have a part time Youth Director much less a Director of Youth Ministry charged with the success of our own program. Other congregations have yet to embrace the idea. Vinland not only would have to rebuild our own strong program but also eventually take on a leading role in starting up some form of outreach to community youth in need.

And now the terrifying part. Even if we just focus on rebuilding our own program, a major issue is the financial one – is our congregation of mind to fund a full time Youth Director? We currently budget a half-time position at \$20/hour. Expanding that to full-time would cost roughly an additional \$30,000 when the cost of benefits is included. Our 2019 budget for recurring expenses is about \$365,000. What the Council is discussing would amount to an additional 10% increase in our operating costs. There is no question that there is fiscal risk in being deliberate and boldly reinvigorating our youth ministry.

The Council is hearing a call, but needs your help in more clearly discerning the way forward for our youth programs. We cannot approve a full-time Youth Ministry position without buy-in and commitment from the congregation.

So, talk it up with your church friends. Ask Council members questions. And let us know what you think.

John





Spring  
is  
Here

## VINLAND LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL DAY



### A DAY AT THE BALLPARK

SUNDAY MAY 5TH

FIRST PITCH 1:35 PM

GATES OPEN 12 PM

Join in with Vinland Lutheran Preschool for an afternoon of baseball and family fun at Cheney Stadium. Participate in pregame autographs on the concourse and postgame Kids Run the Bases. Deadline to order is Friday April 5th.

The Tacoma Rainiers take on the Albuquerque Isotopes.

#### GROUP EXPRESS PRICE- \$14 PER PERSON

- RESERVED SEAT TICKET
- BALLPARK MEAL (HOT DOG, CHIPS & BOTTLED WATER)

#### GROUP DOUBLE PLAY PRICE- \$19 PER PERSON

- RESERVED SEAT TICKET
- BALLPARK MEAL (HOT DOG, CHIPS & BOTTLED WATER)
- LIMITED EDITION RAINIERS HAT



**THIS IS  
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TO RSVP CONTACT:  
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Flowers & Showers  
*Olé!*

Dinner, Raffle, & Auction

Sunday April 14, 2019

5:00 pm

Vinland Lutheran Church



CLASSES	DAYS	TIMES	AGE BY 8/31/19	REG. FEE	TUITION
Dragonfly	T, W, Th	9:15-12	3-5 years	\$75	\$2250/year
Honeybee	T, W, Th, F	12:45-3:30	3-5 years	\$75	\$2980/year
Grasshopper	Fridays	9:30-11:30	2-3 years	\$75	\$800/year

# WOMEN'S groups

Women of the ELCA 

## Women of Vinland

Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 from 10am-noon. Lunch is included, along with a short Bible Study, devotion, singing, laughing and praying!



Women meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00pm. We laugh, pray, learn and support each other. On April 1 (no kidding), we will continue with weeks 6 and 7 of our Lenten Study. On April 15 we'll gather around a table and share meaningful readings, table graces, stories of Easter and an Agape Meal. All women are welcome!



Some of the M.O.M.s have been participating in an on-line Lenten study called "Us, Them and the End of Violence" and gather to discuss it during coffee hour on Sundays.

They have taken charge of filling hundreds of Easter eggs for the big hunt on Easter Sunday.

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

good news™



## SPRING OUTREACH PROJECT

The Let's Eat Smile Packs project for Children of the Nations brought in 44 smile packs and \$220 to cover shipping and program expenses. Thank you to all who contributed.



### JEANETTE KYSTER

*We want to thank all our friends in Christ for your prayers and good wishes during Jeanette's journey to be with our Lord and Savior. She passed peacefully and painlessly the morning of March 21 with Bonnie at her side.*

*Our loss is great, but our memories are plentiful and joyous. She will be truly missed.*

*A service will be held at Vinland on Saturday, March 30 at 1pm.*

*Memorial donations can be given to the Vinland Scholarship Fund.*

*In the love of Christ,  
Bonnie and Bing Debar*

### OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH

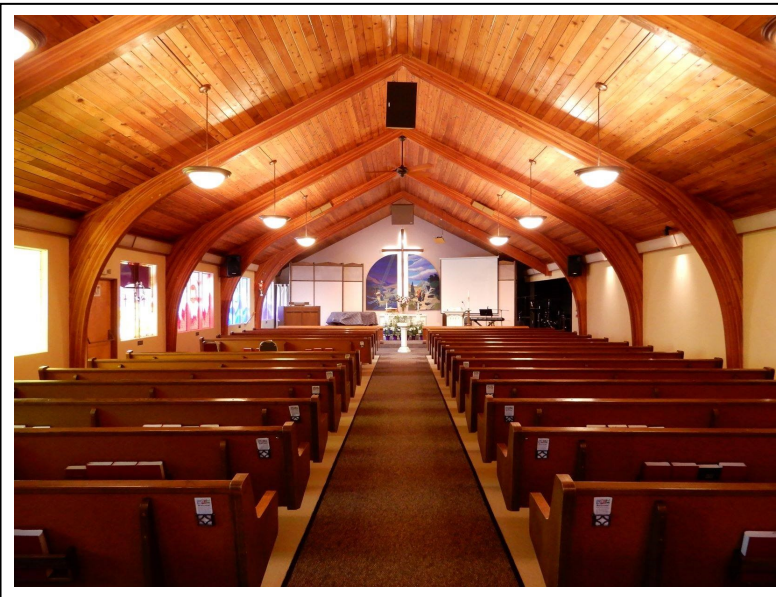
Peter and Beckie Hansen following the passing of Beckie's mother.

The Rabura family following the death of Chuck's mom. A service will be held at a later date.

May pleasant memories bring peace and comfort to these families.



# VINLAND LUTHERAN WEDDINGS AND EVENTS



## JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE MAY 11 . 1PM

Tour the church, reception halls, and outdoor reception and ceremony spaces.  
Meet a dozen of the best wedding vendors in Kitsap County.

Food and cake samples, small give-aways, wedding/event planning, an actual bride and groom with their professional photographer on site, and great music!

Mark you calendar and bring a bride along!

## TEAM UP to CLEAN UP LUTHERHAVEN SATURDAY APRIL 27 8-NOON

### We own it, now let's clean it up!

That's right folks it is time to get Lutherhaven ready for another summer of sun, swimming and fun!

#### The Schedule

8:00-9:00AM A

Hearty breakfast provided

9:00-12:00PM

Our many hands clean up camp

12:00-1:00PM

Lunch provided while we finalize clean-up

Please RSVP Don Dungjen for headcount for meals at [ddungjen@yahoo.com](mailto:ddungjen@yahoo.com)

#### What to bring?

Can do attitude

Work gloves

Garden tools

Rakes

Shovels

Your friends

## VINLAND FAMILY CAMP JULY 12-18

CHURCH PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 14



# KICKIN' IT

OLD SCHOOL

# good stuff



## DIALOGUE ON DRAFT

April 29 at 6pm at Western Red Brewery in Poulsbo. 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! The last deadly sin we will discuss is SLOTH!



## THURSDAY LECTIONARY LUNCH

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.

**Starts at 11:30 in Grace Hall**



These two breakfast gatherings are open to all ages of men and women. Feel free to bring friends along. The men cook up a hearty meal and have a lively discussion .



The women meet at Envy Grill for good food and great conversation. Friends are always welcome to join in.



# WORSHIP CONVERSATION

Dear Church,

During a recent conversation on worship – a good thing to discuss among friends – I promised a few of you that I would write down some of my definitions of terms that keep coming up. I didn't get to all of them. Some of these are my additions to the list. I entrust my thoughts to you and ask that they be received with a spirit of charity.

## *Liturgy:*

- a public procession or festival celebrating the success of the state or its rulers.
- the duties of a magistrate performed on behalf of the people. (For example: footing the bill for the above festival).
- in church, something God does for and among us for the life of the world. Not something we do for God.

## *Tradition:*

- a thing received. That is to say, something handed to us, as in the words from the apostle Paul: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took a loaf of bread..." (1 Corinthians 11:23).

Other examples of tradition alive in our congregation include Sunday morning as a time of worship, the Lord's Prayer, the greeting of Peace in the midst of the assembly, the Gospels which were handed down from the Apostles to those who eventually wrote them, the Aaronic blessing, the sermon (a highly contextualized event, with a traditional form and purpose), and some of our hymns. What makes a thing traditional is its continuity within the great march of witnesses from the cross to the throne of glory at the Last Day. Some things that look traditional to us are seen as innovative in the eyes of others. When one presides at the altar at Vinland Lutheran Church, one faces the congregation. The physical reminder that it was not always this way is the asymmetry of our altar itself: it is decorated in front and open at the back because it was once attached to the wall of a church. To face that altar was to have one's back to the congregation. Now the altar is between us. I am convinced by archaeologists and historians that our way of standing around the table is in keeping with the oldest traditions of the church that were changed during the Middle Ages and only changed back in many places in the mid-twentieth century. Which is traditional? Both. Which is in keeping with the Gospel? Both, but our recovered old way more so. Women preaching is innovative to some, though I believe women preached in the apostolic age, and always have however rarely in some denominations.

### *Contemporary:*

- of our time. Carpeted floor. Microphones. A digital projector. The sermon (within a traditional form, the contents are new every week. No repeats yet...). Most of the language we speak, including the language of the creeds, the Lord's Prayer, and the scriptures read on Sunday are faithful modern translations of ancient texts. Some of our music is contemporary. So is the music of Phillip Glass and Logic. This could mean it was written by one who is currently living, though that is a rather subjective test. It could also mean that it is in a style or idiom that is familiar to many or most people in our time. However, that too is very subjective. The casual way in which we interact during the Peace seems to be contemporary, though I suspect it has been this way before and I know that some people younger than myself long for a rediscovery of formality in our worship. After all, many children know their grandparents to be more interesting than their parents.

### *Worship:*

- kneeling, according to the Old and New Testaments (and one of our beloved worship songs). Not that the scriptures don't describe David leaping for joy before the Ark. There seems to be room for both. One thing absent from scripture to my novice ear is anything resembling compulsory feelings in worship. People are overcome by God's majesty in scripture, but nobody goes around frowning at others for not looking a certain way or goading them into joviality. Be yourself, I guess.

### *Rote:*

- memorized, with a connotation of arbitrariness and effort. Things that are new need to be memorized because we don't know them instinctively or by long experience. If we are unable to memorize, we rely on a script.

### *By heart:*

- spoken or enacted from a deep memory and familiarity. Layered with experience and repetition.

### *Perspective:*

- the ability to see depth and dimension in a thing that is otherwise flat. Without a pretty well defined horizon there is no change, but only random nonsense. Without unique features in the landscape the horizon becomes abstract and meaningless. We need constants and variables.

I could go on and on. I used a dictionary. I used my experience of worship which is still changing thanks to the Holy Spirit and everyone else in the room. I used my memory of lectures by scholars steeped in the wisdom of the ages and still curious for what's next. But I shouldn't go on and on. That's for us to do together.

*In Peace,  
Pastor Nels*